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PEAL RINGING IN 1950

THE statistically minded will find something to contemplate in the Peal Analysis table for 1950, which is published in this issue. Only once in the annals of peal ringing has the total of 2,723 peals been exceeded, and this was in 1949 when special rejoicings added materially to the total. And there is no diminution in the cult of peal ringing; this present year shows the zest for the pastime fully maintained. Comparative figures since the end of the war are as follows: 1945, 1,304; 1946, 1,795; 1947, 2,174; 1948, 2,639; 1949, 2,906; and 1950, 2,723.

Of the 2,361 peals on tower bells the following comparative figures are of interest:—

	1950	1949	1948
Maximus	31	47	17
Cinques	50	43	43
Royal	86	109	92
Caters	89	99	82
Major	938	1,052	957
Triples	297	335	346
Minor and Doubles ...	870	839	821

The most pronounced change is in five and six bell ringing. Perhaps the chances of success are higher, but, nevertheless, it is a branch of the Exercise with increased popularity.

Of Maximus ringing there are two main schools—at Leicester and Birmingham — and of the 31 peals rung during the year 24 were in Surprise methods. From both centres a spirit of enterprise is noted, and Leicester reached Spliced Surprise in four methods. The College Youths had three peals of Cambridge Maximus. There was an advance of seven in the number of peals of Cinques, with St. Martin's Guild scoring 17 and the Archdeaconry of Stafford 8. No fewer than 22 Guilds or Associations scored twelve-bell peals, which in itself is an encouraging feature.

While ten-bell peals did not reach the heights of 1949, a record of 175 peals makes good reading. Thirty-four Associations scored peals, as against 32 in the previous year. The success of the Archdeaconry of Stafford with 16 ten-bell peals will be noted; they outpaced Leicester. Peals of Surprise Royal were rung in 14 different methods and totalled 51. Cambridge (24) and Yorkshire (8) were the two most popular Surprise Royal methods.

More than half the peals of Major were in Surprise methods, the total being 499, against 561 in 1949. The order of popularity of Surprise methods with the comparative figures of last year were: Cambridge 101 (133), Yorkshire 82 (88), London 56 (53), Bristol 53 (62), Superlative 47 (69). The drop in Superlative is difficult to explain. In 1948 it was second to Cambridge and now it is fifth. The Oxford Diocesan Guild gained notoriety by their Spliced Surprise Major ringing, reaching by stages 22 methods. During the year there were 25 peals of Spliced Surprise Major against 38 in the previous year. These were distributed among 14 societies. In all, 52 different Surprise Major methods were rung. Double Norwich Court Bob Major still holds its popularity with 116 peals, of which 17 were rung for the Lancashire Association and 12 for the Kent County Association. Plain Bob Major had 185 and Kent Treble Bob 83. Nevertheless, these figures are a substantial drop on 1949, when Plain Bob had 197 peals, Double Norwich 133 and Kent Treble Bob 98.

While there was a decrease in the number of peals of Triples, Stedman with 120 was an increase on 110 in 1949. For the Oxford Diocesan Guild 15 peals were rung and 10 each for the Midland Counties and Southwell Diocesan Guild. Peals of Grandsire Triples numbered 157, an appreciable drop from 190 and 199 in 1948. Is it a sign of an advance or does it indicate a falling off of first peals on a working bell?

Minor and Doubles peals were more numerous than at any period in ringing history with a total of 870. Leading Guilds in five and six bell ringing were Lincoln Diocesan 80, Bath and Wells 55, Leicester Diocesan 54, Kent County 52, Chester Diocesan 46 and Peterborough Diocesan 41.

Handbell peals numbered 362, against 382 in 1949 and 274 in 1948. While Bournemouth and Leicester were the two main centres, peals were rung for 36 different Guilds and Associations, and the Midland Counties with 30 peals and the North Staffordshire Association with 23 peals are likely to be enthusiastic centres in the future.

Leicester Diocesan Guild for the second year in succession head the list as the most prolific Guild with 194 peals against 267 in the previous year. The order of the leading associations is as follows: 2 Kent County 165 (168); 3 Yorkshire 142 (150); 4 Chester Diocesan 141 (143); 5 Lincoln Diocesan 138 (126); 6 Lancashire 129 (161); 7 Winchester and Portsmouth 121 (148); 8 Oxford Diocesan 112 (94); 9 Bath and Wells 87 (73); 9 Sussex County 87 (87); 11 St. Martin's Guild 82 (62); 12 Norwich Diocesan 79 (94).

The Ancient Society of College Youths rang 20 peals, against six by the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths. Oxford University Society pipped Cambridge University with 14 peals to 11. For two years Cambridge has had the lead. In all 52 Associations or Guilds in affiliation with the Central Council rang peals.

The Exercise is indebted to the Peals Analysis Committee for their painstaking work. It is no light undertaking to maintain these records, year in and year out. Associated with the convener, Mr. Walter Ayre, is Mr. H. Miles and Mr. G. L. Grover.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 19, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN	*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON ..	7
*PAUL L. TAYLOR	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	8
CHARLES McGUINESS ..	3	H. LESLIE PASK	9
JOHN FREEMAN	4	ARCHER T. LOWMAN ..	10
HERBERT LOWMAN	5	GEOFFREY M. MAYER ..	11
RAYMOND F. SMITH ..	6	CHARLES E. BROWN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Cinques.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

JILL BRITTAIN	*Treble*	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	WILFRED WILLIAMS	8
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ..	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
DAVID E. PARSONS	4	ALFRED L. SIMMONDS ..	10
FREDK. W. HOUSDEN ..	5	RICHARD F. DEAL	11
THOMAS G. FOX	6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.
This peal was rung at the request of the Mayor and Corporation for the Saffron Walden Festival Week.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Adapted from C.C.C. No. 12. Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B.

*BESSIE A. CARTER	*Treble*	*CHARLES W. LEE	7
†JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ..	2	*BRIAN HARMS	8
*A. EDWARD REEVES ..	3	‡WILLIAM A. FARMER ..	9
*WILLIAM H. TYLER.. ..	4	*FREDK. G. BEDDOW ..	10
*THOMAS PRICE	5	‡JOHN N. LINDEN	11
*JOHN F. BUTLER	6	†PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.
* First peal on twelve. † First peal of Plain Bob Maximus. ‡ First peal of Maximus. Rung on the day previous to the dedication of the decoration of the church by Dr. E. S. Woods, Bishop of Lichfield.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., July 21, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*CYRIL WRIGHT	*Treble*	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK..	6
*WILFRED L. ROBINSON ..	2	*FRANK REED	7
ERNEST A. THORPE.. ..	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK ..	8
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ..	4	†TERENCE THORNBER ..	9
*GORDON C. BRIGGS ..	5	‡JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of New Cambridge Royal. ‡ 200th peal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor. A Festival of Britain peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Ashton-under-Lyne Society.)
On Thurs., July 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

*ELSIE WALKER	*Treble*	*LEONARD HILL	6
*AUDREY T. SEVILLE ..	2	*RONALD M. EDWARDS ..	7
*JOAN CARTER	3	†DEREK OGDEN	8
†BESSIE A. CARTER	4	JAMES CARTER	9
*JAMES B. ROBINSON ..	5	*CHARLES L. CHEETHAM ..	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by JAMES CARTER.
* First peal on ten. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer. A Festival peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY..	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ..	6
*FRANK E. PERVIN	2	HENRY H. FEARN	7
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ..	3	JOHN PINFOLD	8
*L. MICHAEL CALLOW ..	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
*CHARLES T. RICHARDS ..	5	*LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal. A birthday compliment to G. E. Fearn.

RAMSGATE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE, THANET,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*EILEEN S. WYLES	*Treble*	‡ARTHUR J. SMITH	6
†JOHN A. HILTON	2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ..	7
*WILFRED S. PALIN	3	‡HARRY WOOD	8
NELLIE BRIDGES	4	REGINALD L. SILLS.. ..	9
THOMAS H. HOLMES ..	5	LESLIE E. EVEREST ..	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND GERMANUS,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*JOHN SILK	*Treble*	JACK BRAY	6
*T. HERBERT SLATER ..	2	†LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ..	7
JOHN G. HOBSON	3	FRED TERRY	8
HORACE S. MORLEY ..	4	GEORGE E. FEIRN	9
PHILIP H. SPECK	5	CHARLES BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters 'inside,' also 50th peal. Rung for the Festival of Britain.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*EWART H. EDGE	*Treble*	*RONALD BARLOW	5
*JUNE M. HENSHAW ..	2	ARTHUR PEAKE	6
*MARGARET RIGBY	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ..	7
*CATHARINE M. TRIST ..	4	†FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal for the Association. First peal of London Surprise Major on the bells and for the Association in which resident members have taken part. A birthday compliment to Anne Sherratt, of Stoke.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED CAMBRIDGE AND RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

ELIZABETH LAYTON	*Treble*	NORMAN HOBDEN	5
FRANK E. DARBY	2	ALBERT J. ADAMS	6
JAMES FERNLEY	3	*JOHN HILL	7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	4	DENIS N. LAYTON	*Tenoor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. Peal contains 2,560 changes of each method, with 99 changes of method.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, OXTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Four-part variation. Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	JOHN E. BIBBY	5
HENRY O. BAKER	2	*ERIC J. GILBERT	6
THOMAS R. BUTLER	3	JOHN WORTH	7
RALPH G. EDWARDS	4	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

*FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	*WM. A. KITCHENSIDE	6
ALBERT W. BOND	3	†S. GEOFFREY WATERS	7
FRANK HICKS	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* 50th peal together. † 50th peal. First peal of Cambridge on bells.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

*MRS. G. WHATMORE	*Treble*	‡DEREK W. KNOWLES	5
GEORGE PAGE	2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	6
†DENNIS WHATMORE	3	SAM BIRCH	7
†CHARLES R. GODFREY	4	FRED HOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. DENNIS HOLDEN.
* First peal on eight. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Rev. G. R. Garnham, B.A., and Mrs. Garnham.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

STANLEY B. DOBBIE	*Treble*	ERIC NAYLOR	5
*EILEEN S. WYLES	2	GEORGE NAYLOR	6
DORIS G. DOBBIE	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
JOHN BURLES	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal of Surprise.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

DONALD COOMBES	*Treble*	*GORDON BLOWER	5
VICTOR W. GRIMWADE	2	ERNEST J. BLOWER	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	GERALD FROST	7
FRANK C. MAY	4	FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal 'inside.'

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*JOHN MCKEE	*Treble*	*†JACK ASHCROFT	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	RONALD KENRICK	6
JOHN ROBERTS	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
*THOMAS HORRIDGE	4	†JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. 50th peal by the fifth ringer. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. T. Horridge.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

*ISLA G. RICHMOND	*Treble*	†WALTER H. GLASSPOOL	5
NELIA M. LEAHY	2	MAURICE J. BUTLER	6
ERNEST BROWN	3	A. YORK-BRAMBLE	7
†GORDON CRAINE	4	*DERICK W. LONGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE J. BUTLER.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. A farewell peal to Derick Longman, who is joining H.M. Forces.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 22, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HERMON J. OLIVER	*Treble*	FRANK C. MAY	5
GERALD FROST	2	VICTOR W. GRIMWADE	6
WILLIAM S. MAY	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
ERNEST W. FURBANK	4	†DONALD COOMBES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal on eight bells. † Now circled the tower to a peal.

BICESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Morris's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HATFIELD	*Treble*	CYRIL H. KINCH	5
FREDERICK SHARPE	2	†CHARLES STOCKLEY	6
*JOANNA CHASE	3	EDGAR J. SMITH	7
ALAN R. PINK	4	‡WILLIAM BAGGETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR J. SMITH.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor. A farewell peal to Joanna Chase, who is leaving to work in the Overseas Mission. A Festival of Britain peal.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Tues., July 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

DAPHNE LUKE	*Treble*	HERBERT J. ELDRED	5
THOMAS E. DAVIS	2	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	6
SQUIRE CROFT	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
Rung to commemorate the inauguration of the new parish of Christ the Saviour, and the appointment thereto of the Rev. Prebendary W. H. Aglionby, M.C., M.A., as parish priest.

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GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*FRED ORRISS	*Treble*	*GEORGE A. ANDREWS	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	*GORDON F. CLARKE	6
*ROY DUESBURY	3	*R. ROGER SAVORY	7
*GEORGE N. ORMAN	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal in the method. First peal in method on the bells.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Tues., July 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

JACK G. BROTHWELL	*Treble*	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	5
GORDON C. BRIGGS	2	ARNOLD HILL	6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL	3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	7
*PHILIP COOTE	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Surprise. Rung on the eve of St. James's Day. A Festival of Britain peal.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	5
MRS. MARSHALLSAY	2	FREDERICK PAGE	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	BASIL WHITE	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN E. BIBBY	*Treble*	†WILLIAM ALLMAN	5
*ALEXANDER J. WEBSTER	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
†HUGH F. ROBERTS	3	ERIC J. GILBERT	7
HENRY O. BAKER	4	FRANK VARTY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* 50th peal. † First touch in the method.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

BRYAN F. SIMS	*Treble*	BRYAN S. COKE	5
*STANLEY H. WALLIS	2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	6
†EVELYN STEEL	3	RONALD J. SHARP	7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

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

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5152 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
JOHN R. SMITH	2	*ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	6
*C. WILLIAM HALL	3	*ROWLAND BENISTON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal in method. First peal in method on the bells. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Canon T. W. Walters, who was minister at this church from 1913 to 1937.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

MRS. H. L. PARFREY	*Treble*	EDWARD J. FRY	5
REGINALD G. HOOPER	2	PHILIP W. WEEKS	6
HAROLD L. PARFREY	3	WILFRED F. WEBB	7
*WALTER STARR	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal of Major.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

*DAVID S. VOSS	*Treble*	ROBERT E. COLES	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	REGINALD H. ADDIS	6
THOMAS YEOMANS	3	WILLIAM DARE	7
DONALD G. CLARKE	4	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor and on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. E. Coles, wife of the ringer of the 5th, and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Heather I. Dare, daughter of the ringer of the 7th.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	THOMAS HORRIDGE	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	THOMAS MARSHALL	6
JAMES L. WEBB	3	RONALD KENRICK	7
JACK ASHCROFT	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
A birthday compliment to Mr. W. Santus, donor of the treble bell.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEOFFREY N. PRYOR	*Treble*	†M. JACK PRYOR	5
*A. JAMES HUTT	2	ROBERT BLOND	6
DOUGLAS JORDAN	3	WILLIAM CORDEROY	7
A. R. T. GREENHOUGH	4	DOUGLAS BOSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. James S. Napper.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5152 BURSLEM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

NORMAN R. NICHOLLS	*Treble*	ARTHUR PEAKE	5
JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	*EWART H. EDGE	6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
ERIC NIXON	4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.
* 25th peal (Corrigan's Collection, No. 50). The first peal in the method.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN & LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 34 lb.

*CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	SIDNEY BRIGGS	5
*MRS. J. W. NIBLETT	2	*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	6
*FREDK. A. SALTER	3	*WALTER NICHOLS	7
*JOHN D. NIBLETT	4	*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Spliced Major. also by the Guild. 245 changes of method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	†LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
*RICHARD F. B. SPEED	2	†ALICK CUTLER	6
†MAURICE HODGSON	3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	7
†ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	†CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 200th peal. † First peal in the method.

WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 100 lb. in F sharp.

TONY OWEN	*Treble*	SIDNEY MARSHALL	5
VINCENT R. OVENS	2	NORMAN V. HARDING	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	BERT GOGLE	7
GEORGE P. ADAMS	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

SAM MOORE	*Treble*	PATRICK HARRIS	4
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	EDWARD MOORE	5
RALPH HARRIS	3	*KEN ROLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.
* First peal.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	JOSEPH THORNLEY	4
ANNIE POTTER	2	ALBERT GREENHALGH	5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	ROBERT EASTHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
A wedding compliment to Mr. James William Hampson Lowe (a ringer at the above church) and Miss Mona Green; also to Mr. Roy V. Collier and Miss Dora Hope at Walkden.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent and Oxford, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROLAND REED	*Treble*	JACK CRUMP	4
STANLEY G. ELSEY	2	JOHN E. FOX	5
CECIL V. EBBERSON	3	ERNEST H. MASTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5060 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Consisting of ten callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

RONALD F. COLLIS	*Treble*	FREDERICK WATSON	4
GEORGE A. CHARLTON	2	*WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
GEORGE PICKERING	3	DAVID BISHOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. WOOD.
* First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled in memory of Alfred E. Warwick, who had been a ringer and chorister at this church for over 23 years.



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CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight 120's of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, fourteen 120's of Plain Bob and twenty 120's of Grandsire.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*JEANNE PILKINGTON	*Treble*	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	4
SHIRLEY GOLDING	2	BRIAN HARRIS	5
ROGER B. MORRIS	3	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN	4
CHARLES A. ANDREWS	2	ALAN R. ANDREWS	5
ROY DUESBURY	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, and two each of Single Oxford and Single Court. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*FRANK R. MITCHELL	*Treble*	*HENRY P. COLLIN	4
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
DENIS A. FRITH	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in five methods.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALLAN COLCOMBE	*Treble*	HENRY JOHNSON	4
*LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	2	ARTHUR H. OAKLEY	5
TRACEY H. YOUNG	3	†REGINALD POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. A farewell to the Rev. D. Ellingford, B.A., on his leaving the parish.

APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., July 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 each of St. Simon's, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt.

WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	4
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
PETER MARRIOTT	3	HENRY C. ADAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Rung to welcome the newly-appointed Rector, the Rev. A. R. Meakin; also a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morris.

REWE, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Tues., July 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*WILFRED PANTER	*Treble*	†FRED WREFORD	4
†REG WOODLEY	2	†ERNEST ROWE	5
BRIAN PIDGEON	3	JACK L. GLANVILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN PIDGEON.
* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal on the bells.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*TERENCE BOLINGBROKE	*Treble*	GEORGE PICKERING	4
†EILEEN M. BURTON	2	WINIFRED M. BURTON	5
FREDERICK WATSON	3	ALBERT COOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WINIFRED M. BURTON.
* First peal. † First peal on a working bell.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.

WILLIAM M. STEPNEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	4
*EVELYN M. CAPON	2	C. JOHN PIPER	5
FRANK H. HICKS	3	ERNEST E. BREED	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung for the birthday of Mrs. D. Kitchenside and Miss M. Kitchenside (wife and daughter of ringer of 4th). Also for the engagement of Mr. A. W. Kitchenside (son of ringer of 4th) to Miss E. Farr, of Chertsey.

BENTHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Lancaster Branch.)
On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	*Treble*	FRANK POSTLETHWAITE	4
DOROTHY SCHOFIELD	2	*BRIAN SEDON	5
MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE	3	ROLAND ECCLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.
* First peal of Minor. Rung to celebrate the local Festival week.

GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 240 each of Stedman, 480 each of St. Simon, St. Bartholomew, Southrepps, Northrepps, Place Bob, April Day and Canterbury, and 720 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD T. BONSHOR	*Treble*	CHAS. E. COOPER	3
JAMES WEBB	2	J. HARRY COOK	4
R. CYRIL TYLER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by HAROLD T. BONSHOR.
First peal in ten methods by all. A birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Morris; also to Mr. Thomas Cook, father of the ringer of the 4th, and for his 87th birthday on the same day.

SNODLAND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

VICTOR A. JARRETT	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	4
HARRY SPRINGATE	2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	5
GLADYS K. JARRETT	3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
The conductor's 25th peal of Minor

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*W. RODNEY HARRISON	*Treble*	JACK BAILEY	4
†DAVID MARSHALL	2	R. ALLAN HICKTON	5
DENIS R. CARLISLE	3	*MAURICE BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE BAILEY.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor. Rung on the 40th anniversary of the fifth ringer's first peal. Mr. J. Bailey has now 'circled' Spondon tower.

TUSHINGHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

EDWARD J. BOFFEY	*Treble*	JOHN E. BROUGH	4
*ROY M. BOYER	2	HERBERT SUTTON	5
†BRIAN J. BOYER	3	FREDERICK S. SUTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

HANDBELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 14, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
In St. Giles' Belfry,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 19 in F.

*Eric Nixon	1-2	Fredk. E. Wilshaw	5-6
Fredk. Wm. Grocott ..	3-4	Ronald Barlow	7-8

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Fredk. William Grocott.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major 'in hand.'

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 14, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of Plain Bob, April Day and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two each of Grandsire with Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire with St. Dunstan's, and 26 of Grandsire.
Tenor size 13 in E.

F. Kevon Thompson ..	1-2	Geoffrey J. Lowe	3-4
		*B. Stedman Payne	5-6

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* 25th peal. Rung for the Feast of the Dedication of this church.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 25, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
In St. Peter's Belfry,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.

*Ronald Barlow	1-2	*Fredk. E. Wilshaw ..	5-6
Fredk. Wm. Grocott ..	3-4	O. Michael Slaney	7-8
*Eric Nixon	9-10		

Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by Fredk. Wm. Grocott..
* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' First peal of Treble Bob Royal as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob Royal 'in hand' for the Association.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 25, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
In the Cathedral Belfry,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Terence A. Thornber ..	1-2	Harold J. Poole	5-6
Alfred Mallard	3-4	Derek G. Goodman	7-8
Josiah Morris	9-10		

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Stedman Caters away from the tenors.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 25, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
In the Ringing Chamber of the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Albert H. Ward	1-2	Joseph A. Fenton	5-6
Clement Glenn	3-4	Fredk. A. Salter	7-8
Frank Bradley	9-10		

Composed by Harry C. Walters. Conducted by Clement Glenn.

WESTMINSTER.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 25, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours.*
In the Belfry of St. Stephen's Church, Rochester Row,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 19 in E.

R. F. B. Speed (Cantab.) ..	1-2	H. Poyner (Birm.)	5-6
E. J. Lindley (Cantab.) ..	3-4	B. D. Threlfall (Cantab.)	7-8
		*J. Hill (Lond.)	9-10

Arranged and Conducted by Edwin J. Lindley.
* First peal on ten handbells. First peal on the bells since their restoration by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
In St. Peter's Belfry.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor size 10 in A.

*O. Michael Slaney	1-2	Ronald Barlow	5-6
Fredk. Wm. Grocott ..	3-4	*Eric Nixon	7-8

Composed by Ed. C. Gobey. Conducted by Fredk. Wm. Grocott.
* First peal of 'Ilkeston.'

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS. — On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Page 1, Blanche Ball 2, H. Reynolds 3, E. A. Marsh, R.N. 4, G. Verrill 5, A. Noble 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, F. G. Barron 8.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET. — On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bird 1, C. Norton 2, Miss Sylvia Dean 3, W. Cavill (cond.) 4, F. Cave 5, W. Somers 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Isgrove.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Allen 1, G. Williams 2, F. W. Rishworth 3, W. Pettigrew 4, H. Dickens (first quarter Triples 'inside') 5, A. Short 6, J. L. Gray 7, G. Davis (cond.) 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. F. Layton (first quarter in method) 1, Elizabeth Layton 2, P. R. Layton 3, J. Fernley 4, H. N. Pitstow 5, A. J. Adams 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, M. F. Layton 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BARKWAY, HERTS. — On July 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. F. Linwood 1, H. F. Heathfield 2, G. Allgood 3, A. H. Bysouth 4, A. Bradford 5, W. J. Houghton 6, C. A. Bysouth 7, E. W. Roberts (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8. Rung for Festival of Britain Week.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On July 22nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Howard 1, H. Wingrove 2, Miss D. R. Fletcher 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, J. W. Harrison 5, A. C. Bridges (first in the method) 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8.

BEARSTED, KENT. — On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. White 1, G. F. Cantrill 2, A. Bodiam 3, E. F. Harnett 4, M. White 5, J. H. R. Betts (cond.) 6. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitehead.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE. — On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Callwood 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, J. Lawrence 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, J. P. Jackson 6. An 80th birthday compliment to A. Clarke.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTH. — On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. K. King (13, first quarter) 1, Miss J. S. Evans 2, J. E. Morgan (15, first 'inside') 3, Miss Y. C. Porter (first 'inside') 4, W. H. Harris 5, J. L. Smith 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, J. J. Simms 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving shortly to join the R.A.F. at Cardington.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP. — On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 4.6.8 covering: T. Bagley 1, G. C. Bagley 2, Dorothy E. Cooper 3, H. S. Tranter 4, R. Evans 5, P. Barber 6, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7, A. Lloyd 8. Rung after a special service to commemorate the 97th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

DEPTFORD, LONDON. — At St. John's Church on July 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. H. Daynes 1, F. W. Richardson 2, R. G. Long 3, T. A. Easterby 4, J. E. Warner, sen. 5, H. W. Clark 6, J. Warner, jun. (first as cond.) 7, F. J. Hurrell 8. Rung for the 96th anniversary of the consecration of this church.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX. — On July 22nd, at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. Olliver 1, E. Gower 2, F. G. Waymark 3, F. J. Creer 4, G. Beeney 5, R. C. Hide 6, F. H. Dallaway 7, R. W. E. Dawe (cond.) 8.

EAST CROMPTON, SHAW, NR. OLDHAM.—On July 29th, 36 Plain Bob Minor, 1,224 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Ogden 1, J. Butterworth 2, R. H. Byram 3, T. Ogden 4, F. Butterworth 5, H. Byram (cond.) 6. Rung by three fathers (on the 'light end') and three sons, and conducted by the youngest member of the band. A gesture of welcome to the Rev. Esmond E. C. Smith on his first Sunday as Vicar of this parish, and for the patronal festival.

HATHEROP, GLOS. — On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Hope 1, G. Freebrey (cond.) 2, Miss E. Morse 3, R. Wenban 4, Miss J. Morse 5, W. Godwin 6.

HECKINGTON, LINCS. — On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Cole (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Wray (first quarter on eight) 2, A. R. Pocklington (first quarter) 3, S. Jessop 4, H. Harper 5, F. Dewey (cond.) 6, W. Jackson 7, A. Dixon 8. An 84th birthday compliment for J. H. Clarke, a ringer at this tower for over 60 years.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On July 21st, at St. John's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. G. Bannister 1, C. C. Mayne 2, F. Blondell 3, H. W. Impey 4, F. Corke 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, J. R. Mayne 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 9, W. H. Coles 10. Rung for the wedding of the curate, the Rev. J. S. Waller, which took place the same day at Twyford, Hants.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Derek Smithers (first quarter) 1, J. J. Mawby 2, W. Perkins 3, A. Bigley 4, B. J. Lewis 5, A. P. Tyler 6, J. E. Skerritt (cond.) 7, G. Shortland 8. A compliment to Mr. W. Perkins on his 83rd birthday.

LITTLE STAUGHTON, BEDS.— On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Pell (first quarter) 1, N. D. Smith 2, C. Pell 3, H. S. Peacock 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS. — On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eales 1, C. Green 2, A. Cooper (first quarter) 3, E. Orland 4, M. Chown (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss R. Cunnington and Mr. A. H. Gravely.

MAIDSTONE, KENT. — On July 22nd, 1,273 Stedman Caters: L. Mannering (cond.) 1, F. Wright 2, Mrs. N. O. L. Manchip 3, W. A. J. Knight 4, L. Honess (first quarter Stedman Caters) 5, L. Head 6, F. Leason 7, R. Rich 8, T. Grice 9, W. R. Manser 10. To celebrate the 70th birthday of Luther Honess.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOS. — On July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss D. Boulton 1, G. Freebrey 2, Miss E. Morse 3, Miss F. Hope 4, W. Godwin (first of Stedman as cond.) 5, G. Burge 6. First of Stedman Doubles by all except conductor.

ANALYSIS OF

Compiled

ASSOCIATION	MAXIMUS: Cambridge	Yorkshire	*Other Surprise	Kent Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedmas	CINQUES: Grandsire	Plain Bob	ROYAL: London	Cambridge	Yorkshire	Aldenham	Rochester	Rutland	†Other Surprise	Kent Treble Bob	Kent & Oxford T.B.	Little Bob	Plain Bob	St. Clement's	Stedman	Grandsire	CATERS: Double Norwich	Stedman
An. Soc. College Yths.	3					4	1			1													2	1
Bath and Wells Dio.										1								1					1	3
Bedfordshire																		1						
Cambridge Univ. Gld																							1	
Chester Diocesan	1	1							1	1			1					2					2	
Coventry Dio. Guild										1								1					2	
Cumberland & West.																								
Derby Association									1						1	1	1				1		1	
Devonshire																								
Dudley and District																								
Durham & Newcastle										2								1						
East Grinstead Guild																								
Ely Diocesan																								
Essex Association						1									1			1					2	
Gloucester & Bristol	1																	1					1	
Guildford Diocesan						2												1						
Hereford Diocesan																								
Hertford County						1			1												1		1	
Irish Association																								
Kent County						1																	1	2
Ladies Guild																								
Lancashire Assoc.	1	1			2				3						1			2			1		3	
Leicester Dio. Guild	2	1	6			1	1		2	3	1		1										6	1
Lincoln Dio. Guild						1									1								1	
Llandaff & Monmouth				1														1					1	
London County Assn.										1					1								1	1
Middlesex County			1		1									1									9	
Midland Counties																								1
Norwich Diocesan				1											1		1						1	
North Staffs Assn			1		1													1					1	
North Wales Assn																								
Oxford Dio. Guild		1			4																		5	3
Oxford University Soc.																								
Peterborough Dio.															1								1	
National Police Guild																								
St. David's Dio. Guild																								
St. Martin's Guild	1		4			17			2	2					4								6	
Salisbury Guild						1															1		1	
Shropshire Assoc.																					1			
Scottish Association																								
Soc. R. Cum. Youths						1																	1	
Southwell Dio. Guild																		1					1	1
Stafford Archdeaconry						8				1						1		1			11		2	
Suffolk Guild							1								1									
Surrey Association						2			2		1					1							3	
Sussex Association										2						1		1					1	
Swansea and Brecon																								
Truro Diocesan																								
Universities Assoc.										1														
Win. and Portsmouth				1					1	3											1		2	
Worcester & Districts																1		1					2	2
Yorkshire Assoc.	1						1		1	2	1	1	2		1			1			1		1	
Unattached																							1	
TOTAL	10	4	10	2	5	45	4	1	5	24	8	2	2	2	8	9	1	51	9	1	55	32	1	1

* Other Surprise Maximus peals:—Leicester Diocesan Guild (2 methods) (one each). † Other Surprise Royal peals:—Essex Association: Pontefract (one each). ‡ Other Surprise Major peals:—Bedford, Bolton, Camdon, Devon, Eastbourne, Radlett, Stanton; Yorkshire Association: Bradford, Double Dublin, Leeds,

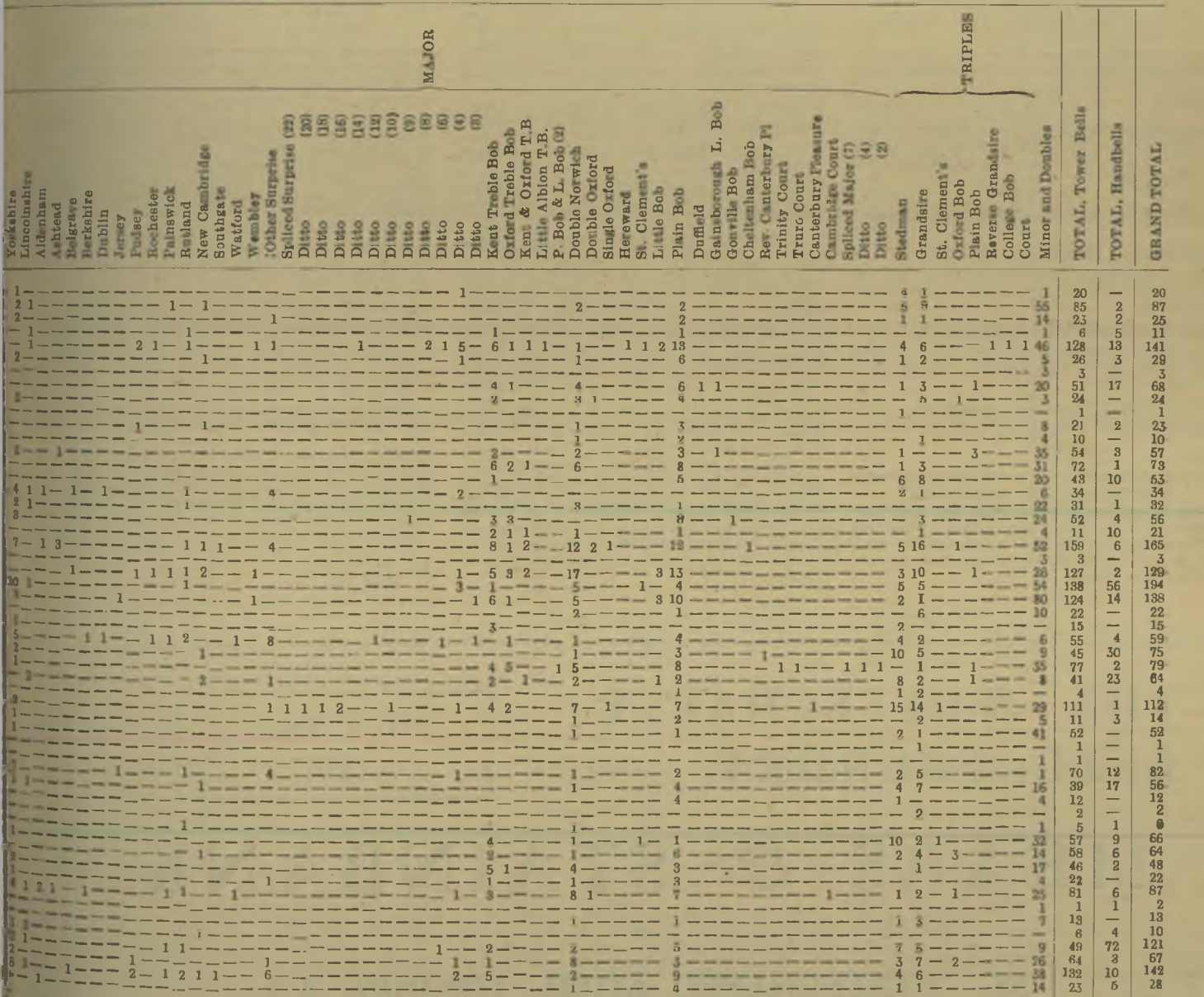
MITCHAM, SURREY.—On July 25th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): Isabel Dearling 1, W. E. Eveleigh 2, H. Allen 3, I. Miller 4, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 5. First quarter in three methods by all. Birthday compliments to Mr. E. H. Eveleigh and Mr. T. Miller.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET. — On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Jeanes 1, N. B. [illegible] 2, A. Tyers 3, I. T. Read 4, B. T. Field (cond.) 5, R. J. Walden 6. compliment to Miss Betty [illegible] member of the local band) on occasion of her marriage to Sgt. Brooke.

RAINHAM, KENT. — On [illegible] 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. B. P. Walker 1, F. J. [illegible] J. Hale 3, G. A. Naylor (cond.)

S RUNG ON TOWER BELLS DURING THE YEAR 1950

Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers



Rutland, Superlative, Spliced Surprise (3 methods), Spliced Surprise (4 methods); St. Martin's Guild: Pontefract, Pudsey, Solihull, Spliced Surprise (Maximus); Middlesex County: New Cambridge; St. Martin's Guild: Painswick, Pudsey, Lindsey, Solihull; Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Wembley; Yorkshire Association Guild: Ramsgad, Chiltern, Guildford, Lincoln; Chester Diocesan: Kendal; Kent County: Belvedere, Boveney, Cranbourne, Derby; Middlesex County: Hayes; North Staffs Association: Ipswich; St. Martin's Guild: Dorney, Hallam, Hitchin, Somerset; Surrey Association: Cornwall; Worcester and Districts: Hinckley, Reverse Dublin; Oxford Diocesan: Lindum; Bedfordshire Association: Maulden (one each).

K. Jarrett 5, B. Edwards 6, W. Sands (tenor covering). Rung for patronal festival.

EDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. L. Lidgey 1, Miss P. M. Sham 2, H. C. Spencer 3, H. 4, A. F. Burley 5, A. Carveth Wade (cond.) 7. E. Sanders 8. quarter in the method for 2 5.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Petty 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. Corney 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, H. F. Perry 6. A birthday compliment to B. Petty.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Pratt 1, P. Croft 2, A. Harris 3, E. Winters 4, L. Runnacles 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Jack North, ringer at this church.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Brooks 1, Miss A. Mansfield 2, A. Mansfield 3, Miss M. Carpenter (first quarter of Triples) 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, Miss M. Payne 6, H. Humphreys 7, E. F. Payne 8. Rung for the feast of the dedication.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On July 15th, 1,320 London Scholars' Pleasure: Joan M. Smith 1, Jean Haynes 2, F. Flint 3, D. H. Rooke 4, D. Chadwick 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First quarter of London Scholars' Pleasure for 1 and 2.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Hartley 1, E. Hynard (cond.) 2, E. Leggett 3, A. Cansdale 4, J. Edwards 5, B. Cansdale 6. First quarter 1, 4, 6.

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There are still a few readers who have neglected to renew their subscriptions. They, and new subscribers, should write without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankswood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Among the disappointments in the attempt to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Holt's Original on July 7th was one at Ormskirk by the Lancashire Association. Their attempt was to ring the Original silent but it broke down about half way. The band, which hopes to try again shortly, consisted of Miss J. Preston 1, J. Spice 2, E. Humphriss 3, T. R. Butler 4, T. W. Hesketh 5, F. Varty 6, P. W. Cave 7, J. Guilbert 8.

Mr. H. T. Bonshor has 'circled' Great Dalby, Leicestershire, tower.

We regret to learn that Mr. Francis S. Wilson, of Canford Cliffs, Dorset, was admitted to Poole General Hospital last week suffering from a severe hæmorrhage. He had to be rushed to hospital for a blood transfusion.

Hereford Cathedral Society, now in its eighth year, is affiliated to the Hereford Diocesan Guild. Three of the members have rung peals for the Guild and the Society rings for Sunday services at the Cathedral and All Saints' Church.

At the age of 69 years, Mr. Walter Starr, of Swainswick, near Bath, revisited the village of his boyhood, Bitton, to ring his first peal of Major. The 'grandfather' of the band, Walter was quite prepared to carry on for another couple of hours, but his hot and thirsty colleagues were happy to adjourn to a cooler place for a sociable evening.

Only once before, in February, 1906, has a peal of Stedman Triples been rung on the bells of St. Saviour's, Oxton. There are three survivors of the band, viz., Messrs. G. R. Newton (the conductor), E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and T. W. Hammond. It was the late H. W. Wilde's first peal of Stedman Triples.

At a Degree Ceremony held in the University of Manchester on July 13th, the degree of B.D. (Bachelor of Divinity) was conferred upon the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, M.A., president of the Lancashire Association.

Latest effect of the spiral of inflation is a proposal to the Norwich Diocesan Association to increase the annual subscription from 2s 6d. to 5s. for those over 16.

The peal at Snodland, Kent, on July 28th, by Rochester Cathedral band was rung for the Village Festival week of Britain. It was also a birthday peal for Mrs. V. A. Jarrett, wife of the treble ringer and mother of the 3rd and 4th ringers. Also for the wedding of the Bishop of Rochester's son at Rochester Cathedral that afternoon.

Many visitors to the N.W. Devon-N. Cornwall area will remember the church of Pancrasweek, with a hard-going ring of five, the subject of some comment in a leading article of this paper about two years ago. Despite intense heat and the ever-present fear of broken ropes (or worse!) the first quarter on the bells was rung on July 29th. It is to be hoped that the Birmingham friend who stood in at short notice is not under the impression that these bells are the best the district can offer!

Miss Bessie Carter, John W. Griffiths, A. Edward Reeves, Thomas Price, John F. Butler, Brian Harms, William A. Farmer, Frederick G. Beddow, John N. Linden and Percy Swindley all completed Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus with the peal at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on July 28th. The conductor, Mr. W. A. Farmer, also completes the same as conductor. The tenorman, Percy Swindley, rang the second half with the rope untucked, but it did not make any difference to the capable way in which he struck the bell.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

5,040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES AT EXETER CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—As the arranger and conductor of the peal at Exeter Cathedral on July 7th, I feel bound to protest against your editorial on the subject which appeared in the issue of July 27th.

Although I myself consider that a peal—and a good one—was rung, this letter is not a complaint or argument against Central Council rulings and I am, of course, willing to accept their decision on the matter.

In any case I prefer to leave such controversy to more experienced and knowledgeable persons on ringing matters.

My protest lies in the fact that your editorial implies that we did not behave in an honourable manner, that we did not 'play the game.' I resent, sir, such an implication as this.

Surely the very fact that an honest account of what occurred during the 'peal' was sent to you for publication for everyone to see is, in itself, ample proof of our integrity.

We commenced the peal with the **intention** of using an extra man if it was found to be necessary (this has, I believe, been done before), we did use him, and we published the fact when we claimed it as a peal.

I, personally, am not bemoaning the fact that our efforts have been rejected although it is, naturally, a great disappointment, but our actions, sir, do not deserve an editorial which refers to questions of honour.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK L. HARRIS.

Britford, Salisbury.

NOTE.—We have never questioned Mr. Harris's personal integrity; on the contrary, we admire the frank way he explained the details of the performance. If Mr. Harris did not know the Decisions governing a true peal there were other members of the band who did. It was the submission of the performance as a peal which was contrary to the 'Rules of the Game.' For the maintenance of the Decisions of the Council, the Exercise is mainly dependent on the conductors.—ED.

BARRON BELL TRUST

Dear Sir,—Following comments at the Central Council meeting with reference to the Barron Bell Trust, the following information may be of interest to members.

Early this year I wrote the Charity Commissioners regarding the Trust and they informed me that the Trust was still in being and that Mr. C. M. Walsend, 53, Bridle Street, Eastcote, Pinner, Middlesex, is the secretary to the trustees. I have written that gentleman and he will pass to the trustees any correspondence.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. HILL

Andover, Hants.

SUPERLATIVE PEAL AT BROADCLYST

Dear Sir,—Upon rechecking the peal of Superlative rung at Broadclyst, Devon, on June 16th, composed by Nolan Golden and conducted by myself, it has been found that by the incorrect interpretation of a call, 448 extra changes were unintentionally rung. This makes the peal one of 5,568 changes instead of 5,120 as published.—Yours truly,

G. S. MORRIS

Lyme Regis, Dorset.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Bray 1, F. J. Pillar 2, A. L. Bennett 3, H. G. Lewis 4, C. F. Austin 5, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 6, J. E. Lilley 7, W. J. Harvey 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 8. A 74th birthday compliment to Mr. C. F. Austin, also a compliment to the conductor on the birth of a grandson.

TRANSIT OF GREAT PAUL

Dear Sir,—I understand the photograph of Great Paul reproduced in 'The Ringing World' was taken at Little Brickhill, Bucks. The bell also stayed for one or two nights near 'The Woodman,' at the entrance to Highgate Woods, near London, and it was here that I saw it. I am nearly 77 and I well remember, as a small boy, being lifted up by my father so that I might touch the bell.—Yours faithfully,

W. J. NORTON.

Alderton, Towcester.

Dear Sir,—My father was gardener at St. James' House, Fulham. The house kept the altar linen, surplices, etc., in order, for many of the City churches, including St. Paul's. A van collected and delivered them and I was often perched up with the driver.

I well remember meeting 'Great Paul' as she was being worked round a corner near St. Paul's Cathedral and saw the heavy timber underneath the tower ready for her. I have often spoken of it.—Yours truly,

EDWARD H. ADAMS.

Warwick.

Dear Sir,—Whether it was merely by accident or by announcement in the Press, I cannot say, but a fair crowd had gathered in Verulam Road, St. Albans, opposite the then Head Post Office, midway between Dagnall Street and The George Tap to see the transit of Great Paul.

I, like many older people, put my little hand on the outer side of the bell. At that time I knew nothing about bells or ringing and was almost too young to appreciate anything but its mere size.

As far as my memory goes it was on a Friday and the local press held their issue back a trifle to give an acknowledgement of the safe passage of such a memorable bell.—Yours faithfully,

ALFRED BARNES.

Reddish, Stockport.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to your paragraph in Belfry Gossip regarding the Original, I regret that we were unable to make an attempt on the 200th anniversary as we had a meeting that day. Having called the peal 42 times (eight times round the circle and once non-conducted), I still have no short cut to memorising the composition. On several occasions I have given my arrangement to would-be conductors and I know of two who used it and called the peal successfully.

I call this peal by arranging the bells before in this order:—

5345444	3D 3D 7D 4D
4	4D 5D 5D 7D 7D
3	3D 7D
5	7D 7D 5D
74	5D 7D
577	3D 3D 4D
44	7D 5D
755	4D
3	4D 4D
37	7D
34	3D
5	7D
3	4D
73	5D
74	7D 7D
43	3D 3D
53	5D
57	4D 4D 7D
53	5D 5D
34	4D
37	3D 3D
75	3D 3D
737	7D 7D
74	4D 3D
35	— — 5

D means doubles.

A shift is soon noticed by either the bell you want to call before being in the hunt or 2 or 6 coming before at a double.

Yours faithfully,

T. E. SONE.

Paddock Wood, Kent.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival at Sketty

The 23rd annual meeting of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held at the Parish Church, Sketty, Swansea, on July 14th. The weather was excellent and the attendance was accordingly very good.

The annual service was held at St. Paul's, Sketty, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. C. Williams. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese was also present at the service and gave the Blessing.

The company then adjourned to the Church Hall, where the good people of the Parish had prepared a very nice tea. The president (the Lord Bishop) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies who had worked to prepare the tea, and also to the Vicar and the good people of Sketty for the excellent meal provided. The general secretary seconded the vote of thanks.

At the annual meeting the Lord Bishop presided and the balance sheet was presented by the general secretary, in the absence of the treasurer, the Very Rev. Dean of Brecon. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £20, after paying £23 to clear the memorial account.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. J. T. Williams, of Morriston, now a member of the Sketty tower, was elected Ringing Master. Mr. Gwyn Lewis, retiring Master, placed the Master's pendant on Mr. Williams. The new Master expressed his pride in the honour conferred upon him and expressed the hope that he would be able to carry the duties of Master with the same proficiency as Mr. Lewis had. Mr. J. T. Williams is also a past master of the St. David's Guild, and one of four brothers who are members of this Guild.

Other elections were: Hon. general secretary, Mr. D. G. Williams; hon. treasurer, the Very Rev. Dean of Brecon; hon. auditor, the Rev. H. M. Hughes (Minor Canon of Brecon).

The Committee were re-elected en bloc, Mr. Meredith, Sketty, being elected for Sketty in place of Ringing Master.

Knighton was selected for the annual festival and meeting in 1952.

Mr. Gwyn Lewis, Central Council delegate, gave a detailed report of the meeting of the Council held at Chester, and appealed to members to support 'The Ringing World' as it was the ringers' own paper and should be supported by all ringers. Mr. Lewis was thanked by the chairman for his excellent report.

Mr. Lewis was elected peal recorder for the Guild and the secretary was empowered to purchase a good book for the purpose.

Mr. A. J. Hoare spoke of the need of a bell restoration fund and this matter was referred to the committee for report to the next annual meeting.

The general secretary moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop for being present and taking the chair and stated that the Bishop was a very good friend to the Guild of Ringers. He also thanked the Vicar of Sketty for his excellent address at the service and the organist and choirboys for their assistance.

40 YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,' August 11th, 1911

ATTEMPT FOR FOUR SURPRISE PEALS

The announcement . . . . that four Surprise peals were to be attempted in one day on the same bells has been much discussed in all parts of the country and there was a good deal of speculation as to what enterprising band was going to start upon this formidable task and what ring of bells was available for such a performance. It was the Guildford band who undertook the task and Warnham, Sussex, where an attempt was once made for 20,000 of Canterbury Major, was the tower. Last Monday's attempt was not successful, but two peals were rung.

Naturally an early start was necessary. The bells went off into Bristol Surprise at 5.5 a.m. and came round at 8.10. After an interval of 50 minutes . . . . Cambridge Surprise was started for at 9 a.m. The ringing . . . . was a bit too fast, but, nevertheless, the peal was rung, the bells coming into rounds at 11.50. An interval of two hours was then taken, London Surprise being attempted after dinner. A second start had to be made but after an hour's ringing a shift course occurred and 'Stand' was called. As there was not then time to ring the four peals, no other was attempted. . .

[Four Surprise peals have been rung in one day on at least two subsequent occasions—but not on one ring of bells !]

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Visit to Kippax

The Society's monthly meeting was held at Kippax on July 28th. It was a perfect day for a meeting and despite the counter attraction (Test Match in Leeds) the attendance was good. Bells were rung up at 2.30 p.m. as a final part of a wedding and, immediately following, the church choirboys were giving an open-air play at which the ringers were interested spectators. Ringing until tea-time was enjoyed in a variety of six-bell methods.

The business meeting was held in the Church Hall, following tea. Mr. J. W. Benten presided and members were present from Armley, Batley, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Headingley St. Chad, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell, Woodlesford and the local ringers. Three new members from the Kippax tower were elected, viz., Miss J. Wilkinson and Messrs. W. Cowell and K. Woodcock.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and to the local company for the other arrangements was proposed by Mr. I. Slack and seconded by Mr. R. H. Dove. Mr. H. Lawn acknowledged the thanks and hoped that when the Society came next time the local ringers would be able to join in more of the ringing.

The next meeting is due to be held at Otley on August 25th. The venue of the September meeting was discussed and it was finally agreed to exchange the Rothwell tower with the East Ardsley tower.

Mr. I. Slack asked if members would act as missionaries and visit towers wanting assistance with learners. It was pointed out that certain members were visiting two and three towers each week giving their services in the cause of ringing. Learners were asked to visit other towers where a helping hand and a welcome was awaiting them.

A final suggestion was that a list of practice nights be printed; will all local secretaries accordingly notify the district secretary of their practice night and time.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—At the Abbey on July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Herbert 1, J. Page 2, M. Northway (first quarter Triples 'inside') 3, Miss H. Kebby 4, M. Aymes 5, K. Jacobs 6, C. T. Drew (first quarter Triples as cond.) 7, W. Bell 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8. Believed to be the first quarter by a local band for over 35 years.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

Talk of 5s. Subscription

A general meeting was held in St. Clement's Hall, Norwich, on July 28th, with the president in the chair and 36 members present from Wymondham, North Elmham, Fakenham, North Creake, Loddon, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, Caister-on-Sea, Beccles, Diss, Saxlingham, Mendham, Pulham St. Mary, Redenhall, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Hethersett, Bunwell, Somerleyton, Cambridge St. Andrew and Mulbarton. Two important items brought the meeting together and were discussed at length.

The general secretary brought forward the excellent draft service form which the Guildford Guild had prepared. It was decided to communicate with the Guildford Guild saying that the Association was prepared to proceed with the scheme provided that various points involved could be settled to mutual happiness.

The annual report and finance were discussed. It was noted that an annual report of the same style as heretofore could not be produced without a great increase in price, which could not possibly be met with the present annual subscription. It was decided to empower a small committee consisting of Mr. Nolan Golden, Mr. Edwin Goate and the general secretary, to devise a report more economical in format yet as detailed as possible, and to print this.

Notice of motion was given that at another general meeting it would be proposed to raise the annual subscription from 2s. 6d. to 5s. for those over 16, and non-resident life members from 5s. to 10s. The general meeting at which this will be voted on will be at St. Clement's Hall, Norwich, on Saturday, October 20th, at 5.15.

The bells at Mancroft, St. Giles', St. George Colegate, St. Miles' and St. John de Sepulchre were open for ringing and a good tea was arranged by the ladies of St. George Colegate and St. Clement's. G. T.

Miss Dorothy Sayers' Popular Ringing Lecture

As part of Canterbury's Festival programme, Miss Dorothy Sayers, of 'Nine Tailors' fame, gave a lecture in the Chapter House of the Cathedral on ringing to an audience of over 500.

Miss Sayers traced the history of ringing from the earliest times down to the present day. She spoke of the history of some of the more famous societies, also the present day activities of ringers, their peals, meetings and outings.

She explained how the changes are rung, and as an example took the changes on three bells, gave their notes, divided the audience into three sections, each with its own note and got them singing. The audience seemed to enjoy this part very much. At the end of her lecture she was given an ovation and was afterwards besieged by autograph hunters, most of them with a copy of one or other of her books.

Miss Sayers was introduced by Miss Margaret Babington, O.B.E., who is hon. steward and treasurer of the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral.

5,024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

By MAURICE HODGSON

23456	M	B	W	H
42356	—	—	—	—
65324	—		—	—
35264	—	—		—
23564	—	—	—	—

Repeat five times with the following modifications:—

(a) Insert an extra course, called MH, after the first course of the first part.

(b) In the fourth part, omit W in the first course, H in the second and M in the third.

Contains all the combinations of the 4th, 5th and 6th in 5-6.

Rung at Hanbury at July 1st.

OBITUARY

FLYING OFFICER K. G. CARLTON

A former ringer at Willesborough, Kent, Flying Officer Ken G. Carlton met his death when his plane crashed at Filey, Yorks. Ken was a regular service ringer from 1936 to 1941 when he joined the R.A.F. He had rung nine peals, his first being in April, 1936 at the age of 13. His last, in December, 1938, was a peal of Minor in seven methods.

To his memory and as a mark of respect 1,260 Plain Bob Minor was rung at Willesborough on July 23rd, by R. Newton 1, L. Smith 2, W. J. Lancefield 3, W. P. Garner 4, M. S. Lancefield 5, E. S. Ruck (conductor) 6.

MR. JOHN DUNKLEY

The Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild has lost a valued officer by the death on July 24th of Mr. John Dunkley in his 83rd year.

Mr. Dunkley was captain of Kingthorpe Parish Church, Northampton, for 50 years and had been deteriorating in health for about a year but, however, still rang up to his 80th birthday. Besides being a much respected ringer, Mr. Dunkley was very well known as a fine bowls player and cricketer. He was the oldest master builder in Northampton.

Mr. Dunkley had rung several peals, but this was not his keenest ringing interest; he set his ideals on loyal Church service ringing, good striking and dependability; he was a good churchman and rarely missed attendance at service

All his ringing friends are so glad that, before he died, Kingsthorpe bells were reinstalled and ringing again after being at the bell-foundry early in the year.

The wagon which took the bells away was halted outside his house so that he could see them with his keen eye

After the funeral, at which a large number of ringing friends paid their tribute to a much respected ringer, a well-struck quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled by the following: J. Payne 1, S. Earl 2, E. Frost 3, W. Hammons (conductor) 4, F. Benfield 5, D. Wright 6. S. E. N.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Reading Branch at Mortimer

The summer quarterly meeting of the Reading Branch was held at Mortimer, at the southern extremity of the Diocese, on July 28th, one of the sunniest Saturdays of the year.

About fifty members and friends attended the service at St. John's Church and the Vicar gave a very appropriate and interesting address. Tea was then taken on the lawn of the Vicarage garden by the kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Whitmill, and so good was the meal, so warm the weather and so fine the scenery, that many felt they would have liked rather to spend the rest of the day reclining on the lawn and recounting past ringing experiences than to spend the evening ringing.

However, at long last, the gathering was sufficiently roused to hold a short business meeting at which five new members were elected. Ringing was then resumed at both towers where the bells were kept going in the standard methods up to Cambridge Surprise until nine o'clock. A. D.

RANG A PEAL IN THE LAST CENTURY

To the list of those who rang peals in the last century should be added the name of Mr. A. R. Ward, of Ryde, Isle of Wight. Despite his 79 years, Mr. Ward still climbs the stairway to ring the bells of All Saints', Ryde.

This grand old man rang his first peal in this tower in 1889, it being rung in honour of the daughter of the late Canon Poole. The Canon was mainly responsible for the building of All Saints', Ryde, with its lofty spire which can be easily seen from the mainland.

STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL — 20

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

TALES OF DRINKING

At the end of his 1888 diary, Mr. Fussell devotes two or three pages with the above title. Thus: 'Mr. Turner, the present churchwarden of Lugwardine, rang, when a young man, in the tower there, when only five bells. Emery, an old man now working on a farm close by as a labourer, is still foreman of the old Lugwardine ringers. These two well remember the time, and speak of it now, when the old vicarage stood close by the tower, facing it; the old brick wall now left standing being the only parting between the churchyard and Rector's grounds. The late Rector was in office for many years and never interfered with his ringers and at last was too old to do so! On Christmas day and night and New Year's Eve and night it was not uncommon for the ringers to be ringing all night long on and off at intervals, and continued so till next day, and if some were not able to work through bad weather, ring on for several days together. A couple of large stone jars were in use and two pairs of men sent off with a jar alternately to the various farm houses round about for cider, which was always freely given by all the farmers for the ringers. These two jars were kept going so long as the people would give and the men able to stand—in some cases by leaning against the wall. The ropes would keep the men from falling as they rang.

FIRES IN THE TOWER

'Clay pipes and tobacco were, of course, much used—spitting about the tower and occasional bad language too, until the belfry was a perfect den. There was also a roaring fire constructed as follows: A couple of gravestones pulled up and placed in the corner of the tower, sticks and paper laid ready for lighting. When dark, one or two would stroll over a hopyard, at no great distance away and pick up a few hop-poles, which were placed with the tarred ends to the lit fire; the poles caught up and blazed away to the ceiling, sometimes 10 or 12 feet high. The old wooden shutters were, of course, seldom closed. On the wall, facing the tower a half hogshead of cider was once fixed at Christmas time—this was pulled at and emptied between then and New Year's Day. There used to be some bother if a bell was overthrown as there were no stays on them.

'At Withington a similar kind of going-on was carried but the ringing room then was where they have now put the clock, and only five bells. At Bosbury the walls and ceiling timbers show the blackened smoke stained effects of a fire which used to be in the corner on any ringing night. This belfry and bells is one of the most perfect specimens left of what ringing rooms and bell-ringing used to be 50 years ago. The only addition is wooden (and some iron) stays to the bells. Well worth a change-ringer's visit if anywhere near.

'At Peterchurch, Mr. C. Garrett's father was a farmer and a ringer. If he happened to be ploughing and heard the bells go up for a wedding or anything else, he would take in the horses, leave his plough, and at once go up and ring for the rest of the day and night. He it was who saw Peterchurch bells arrive in the village —six bells, all at once!

THE WAGON THAT BROUGHT THE BELLS

'Mr. Garrett's grandfather and his great-uncle were the two who arranged to get the bells home from Gloucester by road and provide horses and cart for the purpose. Up till within very recently parts of the old farm wagon which actually carried the bells could be seen laying about near the churchyard. The old villagers would often come with pride and point out to a friend or visitor "the wagon what brought our bells here." Cider drinking and smoking was carried on here and a fire lit somewhat after Lugwardine. The Vicar was not so particular and evidently one of the good old sort. He would come into the churchyard where a company of farmers from miles around would play at ball against the walls and caution a boy to see the shutters shut for fear of breaking a window and occasionally saying, "Well done" and "Good" when an exciting game was on. As soon as service time was up (his big watch was referred to) he would say: "Now, lads, let's get in and have it over—open the shutters, boy—tell the ringers to set up a bit."

'Peterchurch was a notorious place for fighting, then-a-days farmers would meet on Sundays at "The Crown" and if they quarrelled, generally arranged to fight it out "after dinner" or "after church." A village policeman was seldom seen and even if there, both parson and policeman would say: "Let 'em fight it out." As many as two or three stand-up fights have taken place in the field between the church and the river on the south side. "The Crown" is now occupied by a Dissenter named Lane, who is a teetotaller but sells ales and spirits, and yet professes strong temperance principles.

'At Woolhope cider was drunk to a great extent—the tower arch opening into the nave was closed up and the doorway (small) used for passing in and out. This door is now built up. Sellack once boasted of a good ringer named Gabriel Link—he it was who came to Hereford to teach All Saints' men Triples. Gabriel rang at Ross a good deal 20 years ago with the Bullocks and Drews in Triples. Some years ago John Davies, of All Saints', and a band of six, had five days' ringing; commencing at Sellack —Kings Caple—they went to Holme Lacey and Fornhope and Woolhope, across to Tarrington and Stoke Edith. Rang at Lugwardine and Wittrington, back to Hampton Bishop and Kings Caple again: some went to Ross and rang. This band could ring six-scores of Grandsire Doubles but most of the rings they visited went badly and they had to put up with 'thirties.' Plenty of drink was then given them —they had to beg what food was not given them— most of them being out of work at the time of this excursion.'

(To be continued.)

RAINHAM, KENT

For a tour of Kent and Sussex on July 14th, ringers of St. Margaret's, Rainham, were joined by friends from Bobbing, Borden and Chatham, a start being made at 7.30 a.m.

The first tower was Edenbridge, followed by Crawley, before having lunch at Horsham. The afternoon's programme was Cowfold, a handy six, Uckfield, and, after tea, at Leigh. The tour was about 160 miles and Rainham was reached at 11 p.m. Thanks are accorded to all who helped to make the outing a success.

F. C.

ACCIDENT ON TOUR

Mr. Dennis Airey, of Darlington, while with the Roving Ringers on tour last Saturday, was injured in a road accident at Great Yarmouth. The accident necessitated his return home to the regret of his colleagues.

BROADCASTING

Mr. W. A. Farmer, of Shrewsbury, is speaking on 'Shropshire Bells and Ringers' in the Midland Region countryside programme next Sunday at 7.10 p.m.

'THE CATHEDRAL OF WEST LONDON'

An Amalgamation of Parishes at Ealing

For many years prior to the war, Ealing was noted for the possession of two exceptionally beautiful churches, Christ Church and the daughter Church of St. Saviour, which, although separate parishes, were only a few hundred yards apart. Both churches were famous for their elaborate and beautiful ritual, in the Anglo-Catholic tradition, and both attracted large congregations.

During the autumn of 1940, St. Saviour's was completely destroyed by incendiary bombs, and in the summer of 1944 Christ Church was so badly damaged by a flying bomb that it almost seemed that this too would become a total wreck. However, under the guidance of the late Father de Vere and his successor, Father Bell, a wonderful scheme of restoration has been carried out at Christ Church, including the rehanging of the bells and recasting some of them (St. Saviour's had no bells), and the church, often known as the Cathedral of West London, is now almost back to its pre-war condition.

St. Saviour's, too, had an imposing scheme of restoration in view, but were not permitted to proceed, and recently were informed by the Diocesan Authorities that their church was not to be rebuilt, and the two parishes were instructed to amalgamate, under the title of Christ the Saviour, to operate from Christ Church. This involved the resignation of the Vicar of Christ Church (Father Bell) to the deep regret of the congregation, and the taking over of the combined parish by the Vicar of St. Saviour's (Father Aglionby).

The inauguration of the combined parishes was recently carried out with great ceremonial by the Bishop of London and the two are now working happily together with a large congregation. The peal, recorded elsewhere, is therefore of historic importance to the parish, and was rung at the wish of the church authorities as the first under the new title. It was also rung as a compliment to Mr. H. J. Eldred on the birth of a grandchild, and was also the 25th peal together by Messrs. Squire Croft and H. W. Rogers.

KINGSTON RINGERS' OUTING

The annual outing of the Kingston Ringers was, this year, only the official title for a large family party Coincidence of several local ringing functions produced a shortage of ringers; it was, therefore, happily possible to invite all Rabbit's friends and relations for July 14th, and a lively time was had by all.

The programme revolved round bells, scenery and food. It was for lunch at Banbury that the party sped through the Thames valley all morning, with hasty ringing at Burnham and Abingdon; while at Marlow certain members of the band were nearly left behind for too much idling on the river bank. The afternoon's ringing at Hook Norton, Bicester and High Wycombe was especially enjoyed. The family-picnic atmosphere was now at its height, the children vanished, ice cream abounded, and it is whispered that at Bicester the second tea relay scamped their ringing for fear the first would eat more than their share.

The day ended with what is now a curious but happy assortment of memories of cider, handbells and the 'processional outline' of Windsor Castle floodlit against the sky. Not to mention a detour through the remoter suburbs of Feltham at 11 p.m. to drop certain importunates at their very doors.

The secretary and all who co-operated are to be congratulated on the success of the whole day; and thanks are due to the incumbents for permission to ring and to the members of local bands who gave up their time. RABBIT.

VISITING OTHER TOWERS

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK

A coach tour into Essex was planned by Blaxhall ringers for their outing on July 14th, the party including friends from Leiston, Wickham Market and Hasketon.

The towers selected provided much variety. Ringing was enjoyed on the six of St. Leonard's, Colchester; then came the quiet eight at Feering All Saints' and the heavy tenor of 21 cwt. at Kelvedon, where the long draught did not find much favour with some of the band. After a shaky start, ringing got going to some Cambridge Minor.

An excellent lunch at Witham was followed by a visit to St. Nicholas' and All Saints' (8), the small ringing chamber causing a queue on the belfry stairs. Some good ringing took place at Braintree but the best performances of the day were after tea at Halstead. Finally came Earls Colne where, after getting used to the springy ropes, ringing was enjoyed on this fine eight. Our thanks to the organiser and those in Essex who made this a most enjoyable day. A. S. P.

GREAT TEY

St. Barnabas', Great Tey, outing, on July 14th, numbered no fewer than 70 ringers and friends. Great Tey was left at 7.30 a.m. and the first halt was at SS. Peter and Paul's, Dagenham, where the Vicar met the visitors. The ringing was enjoyed.

Owing to a traffic jam it was decided to bypass St. Mary's, Chatham, and make straight for Maidstone. After lunch a visit was paid to the heavy ten at All Saints', where Mr. Mannering, who had helped arrange the outing, awaited the visitors. A good pull preceded a return to the New Inn Hotel for tea.

Ringing followed at St. Michael and All Angels', Marden, and Tunbridge Wells. Home was reached in the early hours of Sunday morning. Mr. J. W. Dyer, who was responsible for the arrangements, thanks steeplekeepers and others for their kind co-operation.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

The Hereford Cathedral School Society held its annual outing on July 25th and with the welcome help of several visitors spent the day touring out-of-the-way towers near Ross and Monmouth. (The Society was founded in 1943 and has held regular outings during the Summer Term since 1945.)

The convoy of two cars and two motorcycles set out from Hereford at nine and soon afterwards Much Dewchurch's six were going, followed by Orcop's and Garway's fives. Here three vehicles lost the leader (somebody had to some time during the day!) and arrived a few minutes late. Here, also, the Master of the Hereford Guild managed to dislodge his pillion passenger over a bumpy piece of ground! After these diversions we found that the bells went much better than we had expected from previous warnings.

Skenfrith (6) was the next tower, and thence to Llantilio-Crossenny, where the Vicar was sorry to disappoint us as the bells were unringable, and spent twenty minutes giving us a history of the church. At Llangattock-vibon-Avel (6) the ropes were, on the average, eighteen inches too low, and the treble and tenor were more easily rung sitting down! An instruction 'Get closer, tenor,' was promptly obeyed by the tenorman moving along the bench, and 'Stand' was called very literally! After all this we enjoyed some light refreshment kindly provided by the Vicar

Staunton (6), near Monmouth, where the bells are rung from the chancel steps, was considered the best tower of the day; thence to Goodrich (6) and finally to the pleasant light eight at Bridstow. Here we were very kindly entertained to supper at the home of the Master of the Society.

Methods rung were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT

July 21st will be a day to remember for members of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association, who held their annual coach trip to the surrounding wilds, the destination this year being Sussex. The day proved one of the warmest of the year and signs of this were apparent by the time the slow work amidst the traffic jams of Maidstone had been accomplished and the coach set forth on its hunting course to Buxted. This proved indeed of a Treble Bob variety and the beauties of the Kentish Weald were displayed from all possible angles before the coach made a belated arrival. Here the church lies in the middle of a deer park and is itself worthy of this gracious setting. The bells proved to be a pleasant octave and in the short time available they were employed on the standard methods.

The next tower was Maresfield, only one mile away. These bells proved to be an eight, recently augmented from six, and they went so well as to be difficult to ring to some members of the party. Here an attempt was made to ring Belgrave, but two or three leads were sufficient to decide the band that further study would be profitable. Rounds, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were rung in rather better style.

The next stop was at Ringmer for refreshment. A sandwich lunch was eaten in the landlord's garden. Once again attempts to catch up with the timetable were of no avail, and the party had, unfortunately, no time to spare on arrival at Lewes. The ten bells of St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, were rung to rounds, Grandsire, and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob Royal and to finish, a course of Superlative on the back eight. Leaving just before a wedding, the next port of call was the historic and picturesque village of Alfriston. Here the six-bell ringers came into their own ready to provide the best ringing of the day. But all too soon a breaking rope prevented any further stay and the bus was on its way to the sea at Eastbourne. A few hectic minutes were snatched on the front by most of the party and a few were seen to venture into the sea. And so to tea!

After tea, ringing was had at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung and the tone and 'go' of the bells much appreciated. All too soon a move was made to Rotherfield, but once at St. Denys' Church the fine timbre of the bells and friendly welcome extended by members of the local band ensured a pleasurable visit. At last most of a course of Belgrave was accomplished. The standard methods from rounds to Bristol were brought round and ringing went on until nine o'clock.

After a brief stop at Goudhurst the coach made its way back into the Maidstone area to begin its long round of the villages taking people home. It had been a long and tiring day but none the less enjoyable. The thanks of all the party are due to Dr. Hatcher for the organisation which, even if a little out of phase, never ceased functioning with scientific precision.

F. P. W.

GRANTHAM AND DISTRICT VISIT SURFLEET

A party of ringers from Grantham, Ancaster and Great Ponton paid a visit to Surfleet on July 23rd.

The party arrived just after 7 p.m. and, having been welcomed by Mrs. Richardson, soon set this light ring of 12 bells in motion. A variety of methods from Grandsire Doubles upwards were rung but the full 12 were only heard in rounds.

After ringing, the visitors adjourned to the Church Room where excellent refreshments were provided by Mrs. Dobney, of Surfleet. Mr. J. M. Simpson expressed the thanks of the visitors to their hosts. J. M. S.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM

The ringers of Edgbaston Old Church held their annual outing on July 14th and a party of 27 consisting of ringing and other friends left Selly Oak by motor coach at 8 a.m.

Our first stop was Hinton-on-the-Green in the Vale of Evesham, where we received a warm welcome from the Rector, the Rev. F. C. Champion, and one can imagine our surprise when the first ringer to greet us was Mr. Phil Corby, who, with his family, were staying with Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, both of whom later came and rang with us. Stedman, Grandsire and Double Norwich were rung and also a course of Yorkshire, assisted by Mr. Corby and his host and hostess, which enabled a fair member of the party to ring her first course in that method.

Through the glorious Cotswold country via Broadway and Stow-on-the-Wold, to Burford, where we were met by the local captain, Mr. W. J. Dixon, and for nearly an hour we greatly enjoyed the beauty of this splendid eight.

After a substantial lunch at Oxford, the party adjourned to All Saints' Church, where we received a welcome from Mr. Walter F. Judge. As we were about to leave we were delighted to see Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, of 'Belfrymanship' fame.

Our next stop was at Banbury where a delightful tea was partaken of at a local cafe. Unfortunately, we could not have the use of the bells as they had been promised to other visitors. At the parking station the party was rather alarmed as the police were there enquiring for the writer. This, however, turned out to be nothing more serious than a message from Mr. V. B. Hunt, at Stratford-on-Avon, to the effect that we could not ring there until 8 p.m. instead of 6.30 on account of a musical programme at the local flower show.

Leaving Banbury we travelled via the historic Edge Hill to Stratford, where Mr. Hunt had kindly arranged for us to ring as we could not ring at Banbury. He and one of his colleagues were there to welcome us and some well-struck Grandsire and Stedman Caters were enjoyed; also Double Norwich on the back eight.

On arriving home, shortly after 10 p.m., everyone agreed that this was one of the most successful of Edgbaston outings, thanks to the organisation of Messrs. W. Mumford and T. Russell. W. C. D.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

An ambitious programme was arranged by Winchester Cathedral ringers with a few friends from neighbouring towers, for their first outing in 47 years.

Ringing took place at St. Martin's and St. Paul's, Salisbury, and Westbury. At the last-named tower one of the youthful members found to his disgust that when trying to swing the tenor he only succeeded in lifting himself off the floor! Lunch followed at the White Horse Restaurant.

Owing to a late arrival ringing had to be curtailed on the heavy ten at Wells Cathedral (tenor 57 cwt.) and it was here that some of the party had to adjust their ideas on heavy belfrymanship!

At the tea-table at Trowbridge, Mr. Lampard thanked, on the members' behalf, Mr. J. A. C. King, the organiser of the outing, and welcomed visitors from Alresford, Sparsholt and St. Maurice's, Winchester. He gave a special weylcome to Miss Betty Edmonds, daughter of the Mayor of Winchester, who has recently made a start in ringing. Trowbridge tower was visited and as the bells were set going in rounds it seemed that something was wrong. After a while it dawned that although twelve ropes were being pulled only ten bells could be heard. We discovered later that this was due to an oversight on the part of the Rector, who omitted to inform the captain of the visit and the latter had consequently tied two trebles the night before for beginners. The two towers at Devizes—St. John's and St. Mary's— were visited before starting on the homeward journey.

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BIRTH

RETTER.—On July 28th, 1951, at Sunnyside, Honiton Clyst, Devon, to Queenie (nee Pring) and George E., the gift of a daughter (Margaret Edna). 9269

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

The marriage arranged between Stanley Darmon and Jean Southerst will take place at St. Chad's Church, Far Headingley, Leeds, at 11.30 on August 15th. All friends will be welcome at the Church. 9271

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FOR SALE.—Set of 15 Musical Handbells in key of F. 19 size.—Apply Box No. 9273, 'Ringing World.' Guildford. 9273

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The address of Mr. William B. Cartwright is now 27, Grange Hill Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham, 30. Telephone number unchanged. 9283

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MISCELLANEOUS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Your Guild Badge plated and returned, post free, for 1s. 6d. A few plated badges still available. 3s., post free. State pin or stud.—T. J. Fowler. Black Butts, Cookham. 9276

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MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Marham, Saturday, August 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided. —J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 9258

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Surprise Method practice at Hornchurch (8), August 11th. Bells available 3—5 p.m. If numbers sufficient, Surprise Minor at North Ockendon during evening, 7 p.m. Please note: Association Badges (3s.) now obtainable—brooch and buttonhole types.—F. V. Gant. 9221

HAWKHURST GUILD and EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Joint meeting at Withyham. August 11th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at 'The Dorse t Arms.' Names to H. Vaughan, 3, Balls Green, Withyham. Hatfield (6) also available.—G. Billeness, C. Bassett, Secs. 9250

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—North & East District.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, August 11th at 2.30 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 9257

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading and Bradfield Branches.—Monthly practice, Goring, Saturday, August 11th. Bells 6—9. 9246

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — August meeting at Wem (8 bells) on 11th. (High Ercall out of order.) Tea, Kynastons Cafe, 5.30. All ringers welcome 9264

SUFFOLK GUILD (N. and N.E. Districts) and ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Bures, August 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to L. Mills, Lyford, Colchester Road, Bures. 9216

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Stonham Aspall, August 11th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe. 9280

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Shoreham-by-Sea (8), Saturday, August 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea. —B. W. White, 14, Southview, Henfield. 9254

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Curdridge, August 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Village Hall 5. Names to John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 9252

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Winford, August 18th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 9285

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Marbury (6), August 18th, 3 p.m. Names, please, by Tuesday, 15th. to Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 9292

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby District.—Meeting at Dunchurch, Saturday, August 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by August 14th, to F. Pervin, 68, Newfield Road, Coventry. 9281

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, St. Aidan, Saturday, August 18th, 2.30. Names for tea, by August 16th, to Mr. H. W. Nunn, 67, Studley Road, West Hartlepool. Method—Cambridge. 9277

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Hunts Districts.—Joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 9275

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Witham, August 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to E. Bright, 42, Cressing Road, Witham. 9268

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting at Colerne (8), August 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, by August 15th, to R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 9286

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Churchdown (6), August 18th. 3 p.m. Tea 2s. Service 4.30 p.m. Names by August 14th, certain.—Larner, Chedholm Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 9293

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Stockbury (5) on Saturday, August 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea in the Village Hall. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, August 15th. This will be the first time that the Association has visited Stockbury and it is hoped that as many as possible will take this opportunity to visit the very lovely old church and village.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 9261

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting is at Helmshore on Saturday, August 18th. Bells from 3. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 9279

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. E. Burles, 2, Rand Villas, North Scale, Barrow-in-Furness. —N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 9284

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting, St. Matthew's, Stretford, August 18th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—R. Benson. 9289

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be at St. Mary's, Kirkby Lonsdale, on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. E. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale, via Carnforth.—John Woods. 9294

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Prestwold, Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Prestwold Hall, 5. Names, by August 15th, to Mr. E. Briggs, Burton-on-the-Wolds, Loughborough. —C. W. Hall. 9248

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Easton, August 18th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by August 14th. L. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 9287

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Sleaford District).—Quarterly meeting at Heckington, August 18th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford. 9259

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Lincoln and Gainsborough Districts will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (a grand 8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Exact numbers, please, to me by Tuesday previous, Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough (Tel 2623).—J. Freeman, Hon. Sec. Lincoln District, Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. Gainsborough District. 9295

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Cheddleton, Saturday, August 18th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Martin, 5, Vicarage View, Cheddleton, near Leek, Staffs.—W. Carnwell. Hon. Sec. 9270

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — Meeting, Maxey, August 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please notify for tea, by August 13th, G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. 9123

PETERBOROUGH GUILD (Rutland Branch) and the LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton District).—Joint meeting at Whissendine, Saturday, August 18th. Ringing 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea, in Institute, 5 o'clock. Names to Mrs. Cox, Ashwell Road, Whissendine, Rutland. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Cook. 9267

SELBY and BEVERLEY SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting at Selby Abbey, Saturday, August 18th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for all who notify, by Wednesday, August 15th, Mr. H. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 9291

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, King's Somborne, Saturday, August 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in School Hut. After tea, London practice. Names, by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9251

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Areley Kings, Saturday, August 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, August 14th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 9288

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting Syston and Leicester Districts at Sileby, August 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names, by August 22nd, to W. Swan, 31, Cossington Road, Sileby. 9278

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Summer meeting, Trysull, August 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 at Bell Inn. Service 6 o'clock. Accommodation for tea is limited to 50, so early application is essential. Applications must be accompanied by deposit of 1s. each person.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 9282

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Alteration of meeting date: South Harting (quarterly), August 25th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 9272

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern Section. Meeting at Gorseinon, Saturday, August 25th (note change). Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 9274

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET. — On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. J. Gaylard (first quarter) 1, B. Grinter 2, R. Beale 3, J. W. Drew (cond.) 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, Miss S. Bishop 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss S. Bishop.

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