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THE RINGING OF DOUBLES

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

AMONG many members of the Exercise there is a feeling that Doubles should be rung on five bells without the assistance of a covering bell. The Central Council does not insist on this condition, nor does it lay down that peals of Doubles rung with a cover shall not be recognised. But in the regulations there is an undercurrent of suggestion that peals of Doubles shall be reserved for five bells. In view of the Council's fierce and uncompromising opposition to peals of Triples rung on seven bells the view taken over Doubles may seem strange and perhaps inconsistent. In each case there is a curious odd-bell rhythm, and in each case it might seem that a covering bell was necessary to supply what was lacking to the ear.

The cases of Doubles and Triples are not, however, on all fours. While the rhythm of seven bells all changing is strangely incomplete and unsatisfactory, the rhythm of five bells all changing is not only reasonably complete to the ear, but is also possessed of a charm of its own. The late J. A. Trollope held that the ringing of Doubles, struck slowly and carefully on five bells, was one of the best forms of change ringing to present to the general public either direct or through the broadcasting medium; and there is much to be said for this view. One thing is certain. To ring, let us say, Stedman Doubles accurately on five bells is a great test of a ringer's powers of striking, and, more than this, of his ability to maintain a high standard of striking over a long period. On ten or twelve bells occasional minor faults or misblows may escape notice; on five bells every defect will be startlingly apparent.

Whatever views we may hold on the question of covering bells there can be no doubt that the presence of a tenor behind in Doubles brings one advantage. In Doubles 54's at backstroke are pretty well equivalent to 65's in Minor; and it is a rather striking and interesting fact that while nobody will tolerate 65's at backstroke in Minor, yet in the ringing of Doubles the corresponding odd effect of 54 behind at backstroke causes no comment. As is well known, half the six-scores of Grandsire Doubles bring up reversed tenors at some point, and in other Doubles methods a great number of extents perforce incorporate the same feature. By the addition of a covering bell the effect of 54 at backstroke (considered in Minor

to be a serious musical defect) is eliminated, and in this respect it may be argued that the cover justifies itself.

It is often urged that the desirability of ringing Doubles on five bells is based on the general principle that if there are six bells in the tower, then Minor should be rung and not Doubles. It is perhaps a negative argument and does not take into account the possibility of the ringers finding certain methods of Doubles more interesting than Bob Minor, or the desire of ringers to enjoy Doubles with a covering bell, whatever their proficiency. The argument also neglects entirely the question of handbell ringing, where any attempt to urge the ringing of Doubles on five bells only would inevitably land the Central Council in a labyrinth of controversy, involving, among other matters, single-handed handbell peals.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,' September 15th, 1911

A LETTER FROM THE ANTIPODES

We have received an interesting and welcome letter from Mr. Arthur E. Bames, of Melbourne, who is well known by name to members of the Exercise in this country. Mr. Bames writes:—

'I am sorry to say that the noble art has not many devotees here. It never was in a prosperous condition. . . . In Melbourne we have three rings . . . and the interest is so lukewarm that a combined team cannot be relied on. It is over seven years since a peal was rung in Australia, and only once since then has a peal been near accomplishment, namely, two years ago in Sydney, when a combined band . . . attempted Holt's original and lost it eight leads from home owing to the tenor man failing.

'About four years ago . . . we started on handbells with Bob Major. . . . Later we went in for Grandsire Triples and have rung some long lengths, the most being 2,940 in 94 minutes.

'I can assure you the way of a change ringer in Australia is very hard. . . . The native-born youth is not a glutton for ringing, possibly because no one in authority helps it along. I am afraid that this country will be like America, never a centre of change ringing. . . .'

[It is gratifying that, at the present day, ringing in Australia is in a much healthier condition. This is largely due, we feel, to the efforts of the New South Wales Association's founder and secretary, Mr. W. M. Rowe.]

MIDLAND COUNTIES TOUR

All peals were rung for the Midland Counties Guild.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat,

EDWARD C. GOBEY Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 5
SAMUEL PINDER 2	SIDNEY H. JONES 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	ALAN CATTELL 7
*JOHN UNDERWOOD 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN UNDERWOOD Treble	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 5
MRS. S. H. JONES 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 6
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR 3	SIDNEY H. JONES 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 4	ALAN CATTELL Tenor

Composed by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON Treble	ALAN CATTELL 5
*JOHN UNDERWOOD 2	JACK BAILEY 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3	SIDNEY H. JONES 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

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

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

HORACE MYATT Treble	ALAN CATTELL 5
SAMUEL PINDER 2	EDWARD F. GOBEY 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 7
SIDNEY H. JONES 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 11 cwt.

WM. GEOFFREY HAIR Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 2	ALAN CATTELL 6
RHODA HEMMINGS 3	*ERNEST MORRIS 7
SIDNEY H. JONES 4	HENRY C. ADAMS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* 1,300th peal and marks the 45th anniversary of Mr. Ernest Morris's first peal.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5024 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

SAMUEL PINDER Treble	SIDNEY H. JONES 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	EDWARD F. GOBEY 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 7
ALAN CATTELL 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

Rung on the eve of St. Lawrence, the patron saint of this church.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Fri., Aug. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. Treble	†RONALD BARLOW 5
*HAROLD TAYLOR 2	†EWART H. EDGE 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 4	ALAN CATTELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Superlative Surprise. A birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Morris, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morris.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. Treble	*PHILIP WHITAKER 6
*RONALD BARLOW 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 7
HAROLD TAYLOR 3	SIDNEY H. JONES 8
*ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 4	JOHN F. WILKINSON 9
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5	JACK BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore has now completed the Plain Bob group from Minor to Maximus.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN B. BENNETT .. Treble	†JOHN J. MORRIS 7
DOROTHY M. UDAL .. 2	HARRY G. WAYNE 8
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 9
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 4	JOHN R. SMITH 10
*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT 11
HAROLD J. POOLE 6	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. † First peal of Surprise Maximus.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 8
HERBERT LOWMAN 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 9
JOHN A. FREEMAN 4	GEOFFREY M. MAYER .. 10
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 5	JOHN WALDEN 11
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 6	ARCHER T. LOWMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	GEOFFREY DODDS 6
*RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
*ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 3	JOHN HILL 8
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 4	W. NORMAN PARK 9
ALBERT J. ADAMS 5	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* 25th peal together. First peal of Pudsey Royal by all, on the bells and for the Association.



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WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 6
J. NORMAN HADLEY 2	ERNEST STITCH 7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY 3	SAMUEL BIRCH 8
EDGAR T. SMITH 4	MAURICE G. TURNER 9
AUBREY M. PICKERING 5	EDWARD V. RODENHURST.. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

A compliment to Mr. D. W. F. Harrison and Miss M. E. Pym on the occasion of their wedding at this church. Also a 22nd wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stitch.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

GEORGE E. OLIVER Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 6
*JOAN BERESFORD 2	LESLIE EVANS 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM 3	WALTER J. COPE 8
FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK 4	DENNIS BERESFORD 9
PETER BERESFORD 5	JOHN LUCK Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

*50th peal. First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung for the patronal festival.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

*WILLIAM E. ALLMAN Treble	†RAYMOND JOHNSON 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
FRANK BARRACLOUGH 3	ALEC CAIRNS 8
RICHARD BENSON 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE .. 9
ALBERT GREENHALGH 5	JOHN BENSON Tenor

Composed by J. ROGERS.

*First peal of Grandsire †First peal on ten bells. Rung after the marriage of Miss Kathleen Grundy and Mr. Wilfred Howell.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM S. MAY Treble	HENRY T. WILSON 6
*BRIAN J. HOWARD 2	FRANK C. MAY 7
†DESMOND G. MAYELL 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK 8
†MRS. D. G. MAYELL 4	DONALD COOMBS 9
†HERBERT G. GODDARD 5	FRANK B. LUFKIN Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS (No. 2). Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

*First peal of Bob Royal 'inside.' †First peal of Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
JOHN V. DAVIS Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	BRUCE B. ROGERS 6
MARY E. DAVIS 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 7
EDWARD F. M. SAMSON 4	JOHN COLES Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

A 'coming of age' birthday compliment to Miss Mary Davis.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

SAMUEL PINDER Treble	SIDNEY H. JONES 5
JOSEPH HY. W. WHITE 2	*HAROLD TAYLOR 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.. Tenor

Composed by F. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

*First peal in the method. First peal of Bristol Surprise on the bells. A birthday compliment to Edward C. Goby.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being four methods, viz.: 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 107 changes of method.

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 lb. in D.

JOHN WORTH Treble	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS 2	ERIC J. GILBERT 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	WALTER ALLMAN 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Rung for the Festival of Britain celebrations.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

GEORGE A. PACKER Treble	IVOR R. NICHOLS 5
*KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST.. 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 7
†WILFRED KERR 4	JOHN HOLLOWAY Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD D. LANGFORD.

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

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. Treble	R. LEIGH (St. Catherine's) 5
E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity) .. 2	J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) 6
DR. F. S. POOLE (Sidney) .. 3	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 7
REV. H. G. BENSON (King's) 4	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's.) Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

ANSTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JANE M. HOOKE Treble	JOHN B. BENNETT 5
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH 2	NORMAN G. MCCRUM 6
†DAVID S. HARRIS 3	PETER J. STANFORTH 7
JOHN BRAMLEY 4	TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method. Specially arranged for John B. Bennett, home on leave from Germany, and as a farewell peal to Terence A. Thornber, who is leaving to complete his National Service.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Holt's Original.	
ARTHUR HATCH Treble	JAMES SKEATS 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	ERNEST J. GOWER 6
THOMAS WILSON 3	HARRY ANDERSON 7
JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON 4	JOHN BENSON Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung for the centenary of the incorporation of the Borough of Blackburn and to commemorate the augmentation of the bells at the Cathedral in 1851 from a ring of six to a ring of ten.

BUCKLAND, BERKSHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's reduced. Tenor 14 cwt.

R. D. EDGE (Queens') .. Treble	B. D. PRICE (Emmanuel) 5
*MISS G. A. SMITH (Newn.) 2	REV. E. G. BENSON (Cath's) 6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 3	*C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selw.) 7
R. LEIGH (St. Cath's.) .. 4	P. A. F. CHALK (Selw.).. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

*First peal in the method.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

MARGARET FIDELL Treble	*EDMUND P. CROWDY 5
ERIC N. HARRISON 2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON 6
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 3	DENIS A. BAYLES 7
JOHN ANDERSON 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. E. R. Keen, Ringing Master, and Mr. J. Anderson, Deputy Ringing Master of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

G. DULCIE ROBINSON .. Treble	*WILLIAM SIMMONDS .. 5
*JOHN E. ALLEN 2	JOHN G. AMES 6
†AUBREY D. MILLS 3	CYRIL WANDER 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

GORDON C. BRIGGS .. Treble	PHILIP COOTE 5
*PETER LONGLEY (13) .. 2	JOHN E. TURLEY 6
MRS. J. E. TURLEY 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 7
ARTHUR FIRTH 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal. G. C. Briggs has now circled this tower. A Festival of Britain peal.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*ROBERT J. LINDSELL (14) Treble	ALFRED PERRY 5
ALFRED LITTLE 2	GEORGE SCHLUETER 6
FRANK HARRINGTON .. 3	RONALD SUCKLING 7
HENRY PRATT 4	GEORGE SAUNDERS Tenor

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

* First peal. 85th peal as conductor. A birthday compliment for Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen, who was 70 the previous Sunday. The ringing of the treble and the conductor of the peal are both pupils of Mr. Wiffen.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GLADYS K. JARRETT .. Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL 5
VICTOR A. JARRETT 2	HARRY SPRINGATE 6
LEONARD C. WELLS 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN .. 4	CYRIL S. JARRETT Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD BARKER .. Treble	RONALD H. BULLEN 5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 6
*MARION GRAIN 3	ERNEST H. MASTIN 7
STANLEY G. ELSEY 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by CLAUDIA A. HARDING.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major on tower bells. First peal of Major as conductor.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in A flat.

TERRY R. HAMPTON .. Treble	ALBERT WALKER 5
*EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 6
†ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	†JOHN PINFOLD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* First peal of Yorkshire. † 100th peal together. First of Yorkshire as conductor.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BRIAN J. HOWARD .. Treble	FRANK C. MAY 5
DONALD COOMBS 2	SYDNEY PENFOLD 6
HARRY TURNER 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
WILLIAM S. MAY 4	JOHN H. SITCH Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Treble	HAROLD PALING 5
SAMUEL PINDER 2	*PETER NIX 6
*GEORGE E. PADGETT .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES 7
*HERBERT LEWIN 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Double Norwich on an 'inside' bell.

HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*WILLIAM F. TODD .. Treble	WALTER J. HOUGHTON .. 5
LEONARD FIDLER 2	EDGAR W. WINTERS 6
ALBERT E. SYMONDS .. 3	CHARLES H. BYSOUTH .. 7
GEORGE CHERRY 4	FRANK W. CROFT Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

* First peal of Major. A farewell compliment to the Vicar, Canon E. C. Kempe, on his retirement.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ROLAND BIGGS .. Treble	*PERCY NEWTON 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	ARTHUR NEWTON 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM .. 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 4	WALTER LEE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER LEE.

* 125th peal.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

GORDON F. CLARKE .. Treble	EDWARD E. DAVEY 5
*URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 2	RONALD W. STEWARD 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	CHARLES E. FISHER 7
†REG. D. HAYDEN 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

* Has four times circled this tower. † First peal in the method.

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

E. ROGER MARTIN .. Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS 5
JOHN CHARNOCK 2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 6
THOMAS BARKER 3	ARTHUR HATCH 7
G. ALEC DIMMOCK 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Spliced Stedman and Grandsire, five extents each of April Day and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, ten extents of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*DESMOND ROBERTS Treble	*DOROTHY HUGHES 4
RONALD H. MEWIES 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
FREDK. R. HARRIS 3	*SIDNEY DANIELS Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal in five methods.

DOWLISH WAKE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 26 six-scores (10 callings), three variations of Morris's 240's, three of Price's 240's and two of Pitman's 240's. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS J. HILL Treble	REGINALD C. BEALE 3
JACK W. DREW 2	REGINALD BEALE 4

HARRY J. GAYLARD Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

First peal on five bells by all. A 21st birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

OCKLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*COLIN J. CHAMPION .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	ALBERT HARMAN 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells and since 1931.

OXFORD.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

MRS. JEAN M. HARRIS .. Treble	RONALD N. MARLOW 4
DAVID R. REED 2	FRANK L. HARRIS 5
REGINALD W. REX 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Double Bob and one extent of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

RICHARD NEWTON Treble	WILLIAM P. GARNER 4
WILFRED W. RING 2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. E. J. P. Ruck, who was for 26 years organist and choirmaster at the above church.

PENHOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*JAMES L. FITZGERALD .. Treble	*DAVID S. VOSS 4
*YVONNE PORTER 2	DONALD G. CLARKE 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Minor. 25th peal as conductor for this Association.



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COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 105 methods as follows: (1) Poynton, Elsham, Benington, Denton, Dunholm, Chelford, Bassingham, Langton, Candlesby, Bigby, Freiston, Frampton, Alford, Butterwick, Tattershall and Bastow; (2) Stonehouse, Bramfield, Harmondsworth, Blaxhall, Lamberhurst, Wordsley, Ringstead, Iver, Hayes, Ellacombe, Mitcham, Sharnbrook, Stanhope, Stratton, Buxton, Little Bob and Crayford; (3) Mendip, Barham, Waterford, Kentish, Beeston, Berwyn, Melandra, Oswald, Edinburgh, Leasowe, Pembroke, Peveril and Berkeley; (4) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract; (5) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Marple, Taxal, Humber, Braintree, Clarence, Morning Star and Elston; (6) Knutsford, Rostherne, Boge-done, Wilmslow, Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Nelson, Ely, Bourne and Hull; (7) Plain Bob, Reverse, Double, Fulbeck, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, College, London Bob, Lytham, Horsmonden, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Killarney, Windermere and Frodsham. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERNEST MORRIS Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4
SAMUEL A. MARTIN 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY 5
C. WILLIAM HALL 3	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in 105 methods.

ACTION, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HERBERT E. SUTTON Treble	†STANLEY SUTTON 4
M. ROY BOYER 2	HERBERT SUTTON 5
J. BRIAN BOYER 3	FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SUTTON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method on 'inside' bell. First peal rung by local ringers. Rung to celebrate the 800th year of the church.

DAMERHAM, HANTS. THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 22 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*MARY T. MACKENZIE .. Treble	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 4
†JOAN M. GRAY 2	†DAVID R. REED 5
†JOHN HARTLESS 3	JACK MUSSELL Tenor

Conducted by DAVID R. REED.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*ARTHUR H. REED Treble	*WILFRED R. KENT 4
*CECIL T. CLARKE 2	*FREDK. W. SWEET 5
*RONALD D. SHORT 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Minor on the bells.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*C. FRANK VEASEY Treble	OLIVER S. TUCKER 4
EDWARD E. KING 2	†ERNEST J. TRIM 5
JOHN E. METCALFE .. 3	†REGINALD C. HARDY .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD E. KING.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal. Rung for St. Giles' Day.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT Treble	PETER N. BOND 4
BLANCHE M. BALL 2	FREDK. W. BURNETT .. 5
B. WINIFRED KEYS 3	JOHN H. HUNT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

Witness: NORMAN J. SMITH.

* First peal.

SKILLINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, two of Hurdis-bras, four of Reverse Canterbury, six of April Day, eight each of Plain Bob and Old Doubles, ten of Grandsire and one 240 of Grandsire (Morris's). Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

HUGH LONGLAND Treble	DENIS A. FRITH 3
D. HENRY METTAM 2	HENRY P. COLLIN 4

FRANK R. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

First peal in eight methods by all and on the bells. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to James H. Musson.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK .. Treble	CECIL RADDON 4
HENRY PARKER 2	ALFRED WILKINSON .. 5
ERIC HORNBY 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

First peal in the method as conductor.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Hereward Bob, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

RONALD G. BECK Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE 4
A. GEORGE CLARE 2	DAVID HOARE 5
*J. W. MASSEY 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal in seven methods of Minor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

HANDBELL PEALS

ENFIELD NORTH, SOUTH AUSTRALIA. THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 24, 1951, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
AT 2, FENTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor size 11 in G.

JONATHAN F. EGGLETON .. 1-2	R. R. DALLE NOGARE .. 3-4
PHILIP L. COOPER 5-6	

Conducted by PHILIP L. COOPER.

First peal of Minor by all. First peal of Minor 'in hand' in Australia. First peal on the Guild's new bells.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sun., Aug. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
IN THE BALLROOM, THE ROUGE-MONT HOTEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 1-2	GIBSON JACKSON 5-6
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3-4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

OXFORD.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT 27, BANBURY ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 3,776 Plain and 1,224 Little Bob, with 86 changes of method. Tenor size 16 in B.

MISS G. A. SMITH (Newn.) 1-2	E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity) .. 5-6
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trinity) 3-4	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5076 SPLICED MAJOR

Being eight methods, comprising: 1,488 Plain Bob, 1,404 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 432 Reverse Bob, 336 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, 228 Wellington Little Bob, and 216 Crayford Little Bob, with 401 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

ROY C. HURST 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	*BRIAN G. WARWICK 7-8

* Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal in eight methods. Arranged for Brian Warwick.

BARHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Grandsire and 780 Plain Bob): D. Colthup (first quarter) 1, Miss J. N. Roberts 2, J. Walter (first quarter of Doubles) 3, W. C. E. Goldup 4, P. Newing (first quarter in two methods as cond.) 5. Rung as a farewell quarter to the conductor. First quarter on the bells.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Aug. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Lindsell 1, G. Wiffen 2, H. Pratt 3, J. Warner 4, B. Redgwell 5, S. Warne 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, A. Wiffen (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. L. W. Wiffen on reaching his 70th birthday.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. L. Lidgley 1, W. Wood 2, Miss E. Symons 3, Mrs. J. D. Niblett (cond.) 4, R. Short (first on eight) 5, J. D. Niblett 6, G. Walford 7, C. K. Brewer 8.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob: Miss F. Pickford 1, J. Hodgson 2, D. Mellor 3, Miss N. Howes 4, Miss J. Dunn 5, D. Scott 6, G. Paulson (cond.) 7, N. Hotchin 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. M. Godley (first quarter in method) 1, W. H. Pool 2, J. W. Drew 3, H. D. W. Bishop 4, F. Precey 5, E. T. P. Field 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, W. H. Pope 8.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Barrett 1, Madeline Smith 2, Hilda Landon 3, A. G. Bartholomew 4, W. J. Barrett (cond.) 5, F. Day 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss R. Poulton and Mr. W. J. Barrett (the conductor's father), who were buried the previous day.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. M. Fadden 1, R. P. Crump 2, B. Hill (first quarter of Minor) 3, W. G. Kingston 4, D. H. Kingston 5, J. Crump (first quarter as cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's on Aug. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. J. R. Martin 1, Pamela Martin 2, P. R. Layton 3, E. Barker 4, D. N. Layton (cond.) 5, W. Rose 6, N. V. Harding 7, R. E. Price 8.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. Hunt 1, P. Harding (cond.) 2, F. Slafford 3, C. Barber 4, L. Hitchins 5, T. Ladd 6. First quarter of Stedman by 1, 4 and 6. Rung in honour of H.R.H. Princess Margaret's 21st birthday.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Scott 1, J. Burt 2, G. Coussins 3, J. Coombs (first 'inside') 4, D. Stone 5, A. Cross (cond.) 6, W. Wellington 7, I. MacRobert 8.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's on Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann West (first quarter) 1, D. C. Williams 2, Joyce Cox 3, A. W. J. Butler 4, J. W. Faithfull 5, W. H. Glasspool (first quarter as cond.) 6, M. J. Butler 7, O. N. Curtis 8.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 19th, 1,301 Stedman Caters: J. G. Nash 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 3, Miss E. Fadden 4, W. J. Bowden 5, S. G. Peck 6, H. Miller 7, N. A. Tomlinson 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9, M. Fensom 10. Rung on the occasion of the coming-of-age of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—On Aug. 18th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. A. Theobald (cond.) 1, J. G. M. Scott 2, R. P. Crump 3, J. E. Crump 4, R. D. Tomlin 5, W. Rawlins 6. First quarter Surprise Minor by all except ringer of treble. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Wilfred Taffender.

STEVENTON, BERKS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Bunce 1, A. Bennett 2, J. Jones 3, J. Jarvis 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, E. Fletcher 6. First in the method for 2 and 4.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6.7.8 covering: Miss G. Burchnell (cond.) 1, B. Hough (first quarter 'inside') 2, L. Moxon 3, Miss K. Burchnell 4, A. Wilson 5, E. Midwinter 6, Mrs. M. Jahme (first quarter) 7, H. Midwinter 8. Rung to welcome home from Canada Mrs. R. T. Keal, wife of the Vicar, and their daughters.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: W. W. Daniell 1, Miss A. J. Holloway 2, Miss P. Manning 3, R. Davidge 4, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 5, W. Sidwell 6, F. G. Wilton 7, E. J. Bovey 8, T. Townsend 9, W. Bullock 10.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): C. Cousins, jun. 1, S. Elsey 2, W. W. Cousins 3, J. Rodmell, jun., 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey Castell 1, D. Slade 2, A. Jarvis 3, R. Skinner 4, J. Money 5, F. Absolom (first quarter as cond.) 6, J. Berry 7, W. Tame 8. First of Triples by 2, 3 and 7.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (540 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Plain Bob): R. Dorling 1, A. G. Ballam 2, E. Footer 3, W. Stannard, sen. 4, R. J. Stannard 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Phillips (first quarter) 1, H. Corney 2, A. Boyack 3, J. Hales 4, C. Willmington 5, J. Grove 6, J. Crampion 7, B. Petty 8. A farewell to Miss Phillips, who is leaving to enter the nursing profession.

WOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Fox 1, Miss Ella Bettridge 2, Miss W. Bettridge 3, C. Yardley 4, H. Kirby (cond.) 5, R. Stroud 6. First quarter by all except conductor. First quarter on the bells by a local band.

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The Rev. F. L. Edwards
tells the story of 'Those
Church Mice' in the North
Dorset Church Magazine. The very thought
of a parson having to sacrifice part of his
cheese ration seems to have evoked national
consternation, he writes.

'The Rector has been receiving letters from
all over the country recommending various ex-
pedients for getting rid of the mice without the
use of cheese. Two or three correspondents
sent gifts of poison, and one a toy mouse; two
firms sent mousetraps, while a sympathetic
"Church Mouse" presented two traps and a
piece of cheese!

'Meanwhile a representative of the Ministry
of Agriculture has proffered his services and
treated the chancel with a suitable compound,
and we are hoping that we shall be free from
visitations of vermin for some time to come.'

The new secretary of the Cambridge Univer-
sity Guild is Mr. C. M. P. Johnson, of Selwyn
College.

In connection with the Kent ringers' tour
there is a correction in the peal of Double Nor-
wich Court Bob Major at Heavitree on July
21st. The composition rung was by Mr. J.
W. Pritchard and the number of changes 5,184.

Mr. Peter Longley, whose first peal is re-
corded this week, is the ninth post-war pupil
of Mr. Norman Chaddock, whose first peal
he has called. Mr. J. E. Turley, Mr. H. O.
Chaddock and Mr. G. C. Briggs have taken
part in most of these nine separate peals of
Bob Major.

The peal of Superlative at Lancaster Cathed-
ral on September 1st was primarily arranged
for Mr. Edwin Jennings, who is visiting friends
and relations in Lancashire. The band record
their appreciation of Mr. R. Rainford (the local
tower-keeper) and his family for their kind hospi-
tality offer the peal.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. D. T. Matkin, of
Bournemouth, had a dis-
appointing experience re-
cently. He had been invited to take part in a
peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark and his
train should have arrived in time to give him
one and a half-hour's interval before the peal
commenced—but it arrived three hours late
and so Mr. Matkin journeyed up to London
and had to return home immediately. Mr. J.
Bullock took the vacant rope and a good peal
was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H.
Langdon and also to the Master.

The Rector of Stour Provost, Dorset, the Rev.
William Uphill, who is secretary of the North
Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild,
writes in his parish notes: 'What is the proper
bait for bats which refuse to keep themselves to
'the belfry?'

Mr. Graeme W. Heyes, of 216, Asiot Street
South, Ballarat Victoria, Australia, is anxious
to read 'The Great Adventure.' Unfortunately
this book is out of print. Can any reader
oblige?

The quarter peal at Eaton, Leicestershire, on
August 30th, was rung by members of the Lin-
colnshire Constabulary with the exception of
Sgt. Wray, who is stationed at Sleaford. The
others are all from the Grantham Division. It
is believed to be the first quarter peal ever rung
by members of the Lincolnshire County Police.

The Rev. J. M. Turner begs to thank the
many ringers for their touches giving the
changes Tittums, Queen's and Whittington's.
Mr. E. J. Taylor, General Secretary of the
Devon Guild, tells him they rang Mr. C.
Sharples' 461 on the melodious bells of Tiver-
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MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD PEAL WEEK

Ernest Morris' 1,300th Peal

THE annual week started on August 4th at the Church of St. Mary, Sileby, Leicestershire, with its massive west tower and fine ring of bells (tenor 22 cwt.)—one of the heaviest rings in the Diocese. A wedding delayed the start for the first peal—Yorkshire Surprise Major—which was successfully brought round in 3 hours 28 minutes with father (E. C. Gobey) on the treble and son (E. F. Gobey) on the tenor.

Sunday was a free day to enable us to join our respective bands.

Monday morning saw J. W. C. setting off by car to Coalville to pick up our Leicestershire friends, W. P. Whitehead, J. Underwood and Alan Cattell, the rest of the band travelling by bus or cycle to the Church of St. James, Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs. Barton possesses a fine octave with a large ringing room. On the north wall of the tower hangs a block pendulum which was made by the local blacksmith and has seen service for over 100 years. It was here that our first lady ringer of the week joined us, Mrs. S. H. Jones, wife of the Guild's Ringing Master. Alan Cattell sent us off into Plain Bob Major, being given the figures only ten minutes before going into changes, rounds coming up after 3 hours 3 minutes, this being the writer's 100th peal.

A second peal was on the programme that day at St. Wistan's, Repton. Repton has a fine eight (tenor 17½ cwt.) with a long draught of rope, the sixth bell dating from 1518.

A peal of Bristol was successfully completed in 3 hours 12 minutes, this being the first in the method on the bells, with Walter Patrick as conductor. A most welcome cup of tea was awaiting us at 24, Brook End, known to all peal ringers who visit Repton.

Tuesday found 'J. W. C.' and his old bus on the Derby main road. H. Taylor and M. Bailey were picked up in Derby, and at Dale Abbey the father of the band, Ted Gobey (who gave the Ilkston variation of Kent and Oxford to the Exercise, despite the remarks of a famous ringing parson, who said Kent sounded like a saw with the middle teeth missing).

Greasley was our first tower of the day. Sam Pinder safely delivering Uncle Ernest Morris and young Alan in his old bus from Nottingham bus station. The Church of St. Mary is situated in a grand open spot, a real ringers' paradise, and the local captain, who lives in the Church House, often has to fill the gap for peal attempts.

Whilst awaiting our second lady ringer of the week (Miss Dorothy Templeman) Alan did his usual tour of inspection. Off into Cambridge Major at the command from Alan: alas, after an hour and five minutes' ringing we came to grief. To while away the time we rang touches of Stedman Triples and Cambridge before lowering the bells in peal. The Church of St. Mary, Ilkston, was next visited. This edifice dominates the market place and has a lovely ring of eight (tenor 17 cwt.) dating from 1660.

Before the arrival of W. P. W. and old Sam, several of us took the opportunity of seeing Ted's new invention, a gadget fitted above the tenor whereby should the bell go up, with the clapper the wrong side, it can be righted by pulling a wire in the ringing chamber. Here we were joined by Mr. H. Myatt (Barrow-on-Soar), who has just completed an overhaul of the bells for Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. Yorkshire was the method chosen, being successfully completed in 3 hours 2 minutes. Walter P. nobly turning in the tenor in great style.

Wednesday saw us at Kegworth, ancient 'Cogesworde', the church dedicated to St. Andrew, standing close to the main Leicester-Derby road, with a ring of eight bells, the two trebles being added in 1940. Here we were met by the local worthy, Mr. Felix Sutton (who

was made a member of the local band of ringers in 1888), a saddler by trade, having been in business in the market place for 66 years. Off we went once more into Cambridge, but alas, it just would not go, so Plain Bob it was to be. Much to the astonishment of the band, our conductor called 'Stand' after 47 minutes. Bang went Ernest's 1,300th peal with our conductor full of apologies for his error.

On Thursday the old peal bus left once more on its mission to collect our Leicester friends, the rest of the band doing a bus ride and a spot of hiking to Netherseale. This picturesque village stands beside the River Mease which divides the counties of Derbyshire and Leicestershire and was the home of the Guild's late president (Mr. W. W. Worthington), also its present president (the Ven. H. E. Fitzherbert, Archdeacon of Derby). The church, dedicated to St. Peter, possesses a fine octave (tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G). Miss Hemmings, our third lady ringer, joined us here. Alan once more sent the bells off into Stedman Triples, each one of us determined to get that elusive 1,300th for Ernest, and after 2 hours 46 minutes it was well and truly recorded, each one of us congratulating him in turn.

Measham was the next on the list as our afternoon tower. The Church of St. Lawrence has a handy eight (tenor 10 cwt.) and is a favourite tower of the Guild for peal ringing. For the second time that day Alan sent them off, New Cambridge being well and truly tapped out in 2 hours 45 minutes whilst a thunderstorm raged outside.

On Friday we travelled to the Church of St. Michael, Rochester, F. Wilshaw, R. Barlow and E. Edge, our North Staffs friends, meeting us there. The grand eight (tenor 13½ cwt.) are delightful for peal ringing. Superlative was the method chosen and was completed in 3 hours. During the last lead an alarm clock, which had been placed on a seat behind the ringer of the seventh, suddenly pealed forth, having been set for three hours, all except the culprit wondering what on earth was going on.

SYSTON RINGERS VISIT SIX TOWERS

Ringers from SS. Peter and Paul's, Syston, Leics. on a recent outing visited six towers. As this is believed to be the first tour by members of this tower the route itself was not ambitious and covered the area round Long Eaton and Nottingham.

The first stop was at Breaston where the light six were rung to several methods including Cambridge. At Sawley we found that a wedding was about to begin and amused ourselves in various ways—the ladies of the party attending the service. Afterwards we rang short touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob on the very easy-going eight.

Arriving at Long Eaton short touches of Triples and Major were rung. Some of our ringers found the small belfry rather disconcerting and were quite relieved when we adjourned for lunch. After this meal the first call was at Stapleford where we were unable to ring as another wedding was in progress. So on to Beeston.

Here we found the verger sweeping up confetti but the heaviest eight of the day were soon up and rung to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Plain Bob Major. The highlight here was an all-ladies band ringing a touch of Doubles.

The last eight of the day was at Lenton. The bride was just coming out of church so once again we rang for a wedding. We were joined by a young lady from Chester in a touch of Bob Major.

In Nottingham we split up in search of tea. The search seemed to be highly successful as

After the peal, we found the Vicar designate mowing the lawn and, leaving off, he explained that he and his family were spending a holiday camping out, getting things ship-shape, prior to moving in during September. The Vicar's wife and two sons collected all the drinking utensils they could find to enable us to have a most welcome cup of tea.

Saturday came along all too soon, Duffield being our first tower of the day. Duffield was the home of the late Sir. A. Percival Heywood, Bart., founder of the Central Council of Change Ringers and composer of several fine compositions well known to the Exercise. He lies buried within the shadow of the tower he loved so well, a real Englishman in the true sense. The church, dedicated to St. Alkmund, has a fine ring of ten bells (tenor 17 cwt.) with a ringing chamber decorated with numerous peal boards. Our Stoke friends arriving on time were soon met by five of our Derby friends, whilst Joe went to collect the grand old man of the Guild, Ernest Beadmoore. Little Bob Royal should have been the method, but to enable Ernest to complete the Plain Bob group from Minor to Maximus, we decided it would be Bob Royal. The peal was completed in 3 hours 7 minutes, ably conducted by Jack Bailey. To crown his success, Ernest took us along to the 'local' for beer and sandwiches where we discussed various items of interest that had taken place during the week. Having wished Ernest and our Derby friends 'good-day,' we left Duffield in torrential rain for our last tower of the week, West Hallam. Fred, Ted, Sam and Walter were awaiting us on arrival, and after explaining our morning's achievement, the bells were soon sent off into Double Norwich, but alas, it was not to be, as our conductor set them up after an hour's good ringing owing to a bob being missed.

Thus ended our peal ringing week with eight recorded and three failures. Some 20 ringers took part representing five Guilds. The organisers would like to express their thanks to G. Armstrong (Barwell), to tower secretaries and incumbents

S. H. J.

various members found it necessary to 'sleep it off' on the way to our last ring of the day at Messrs. J. Taylor's foundry, Loughborough. There was some speculation as to whether there would be a wedding in progress but on arrival we were welcomed by Mr. J. Fidler instead of a bridal party! Bob Royal was attempted when we had found how to handle these very light bells. Grandsire Triples was doomed but touches of Bob Minor and Kent Major were well struck.

Between towers, handbells were rung to a number of methods from Doubles to Major. In all, 18 methods were rung during the day. Arriving home, the general opinion was that although this was our first tour it certainly will not be the last.

Our thanks are due to incumbents for the use of the bells and to all those ringers who made us welcome in their towers. B. S. P.

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Abbreviations: BL, Bristol; C, Cambridge; DM, Durham; LL, Liverpool; LN, London; N, Nottingham; O, Oxford; R, Reading; S, Sheffield; S.A., St. Andrew's.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

It is 40 years since the last quarterly meeting was held at Radyr. On Saturday, September 1st, some 50 members assembled and received a warm welcome from the Rector (the Rev. W. S. Pontin, M.A.). Radyr's bells, owing to objection in the past from inhabitants living near the tower, have never been regularly rung, but it is hoped now to train a band for service ringing. The Rector took the service and gave an inspiring address on the message of the bells. The visitors were afterwards entertained to a bountiful tea by the local ladies for which they were duly thanked by Mr. J. W. Jones.

The business followed with the Rector taking the chair. The secretary read two notices of motion, one to revise and bring up-to-date the rules, the other to divide the Association into Districts. The secretary also reported a satisfactory piece of news—that the contract had been let out for the rehanging of Llandaff Cathedral bells. Six new members and two life members were elected. Progress at Newport All Saints' and Cheostow was reported.

It was decided to hold the next Glamorgan meeting at Pentre.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich and Oxford Bob Triples. The next meeting will be at Mathern.

A MEMORABLE DAY

The Ringers' Sunday held at Wormingford on August 19th will long be remembered by those who took part. A good congregation assembled for the service at the Parish Church, taken from the Essex Association form of service. The singing of the special hymns was much enjoyed, particularly by non-ringers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. R. Sankey, and the address was given by Mr. Duncan Clark, the diocesan surveyor. The lesson was read by Mr. R. Duesbury, hon. secretary N.E. Division of the Essex Association. A feature of the proceedings was the demonstration of handbell ringing by Mr. S. H. Symonds and his colleagues from Lavenham.

The tea, given by ringers and friends, followed at the Vicarage, 25 being present, after which the Vicar thanked all those who had come to Wormingford that afternoon to encourage them. He hoped the practical result of the service would be an increased interest in bellringing in the parish.

The organisers wish to thank, through the medium of this journal, the secretaries who lent the Essex Association service sheets, Mr. S. H. Symonds, Mr. R. Duesbury and all ringers from far and near who made this Ringers' Sunday a success.

RODBOURNE CHENEY

Rodbourne Cheney ringers accompanied by friends from other towers visited the Oxford district for their annual outing. The first stop was Sunningwell where the floor of the ringing room is about eight feet below the entrance from the stairs. A well-known member of the Oxford Guild was seen dashing through the village riding a Corgi, or similar animal, but he had no eye for ringers on this occasion.

Mr. Holloway met the party outside of Oxford and piloted them to Cowley where the light six pleased everybody. Some delay was experienced on the way to Kidlington owing to bridge repairs and Mr. Bill Judge had passed away the time by pulling up some of the bells for us. We only had time for three touches and the bells sounded grand in Double Norwich but nobody suggested trying to emulate Messrs. Washbrook and Co.

After tea at the Sterling Cinema, a move was made to Bladon. Although the village has no regular band, the ringing room was very tidy and the bells went quite well. Eynsham was the last call of the day and two of the local ringers had a pull with the visitors. Methods rung during the day ranged from Bob Minor to Cambridge. W. B. K.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

METHOD EXTENSION

Dear Sir,—Replying to the invitation of the Convener of the Methods Committee, may I recall that the nature of the subject, though vital, is not inductive of much comment from the Exercise in general.

The reason should be clear. Extension is an aspect of the study of Method Structure, and the latter is a branch of ringing theory quite distinct from that of Composition. But it is to Composition that almost every ringing theoretician has devoted his attention; the simple fact remaining that very little indeed has been paid to the study of Method Structure, which, in the very nature of things, nevertheless calls for prior consideration and resolution.

Indefensible as this past neglect may be, however, the fact must be faced that because very little about it has been established, those ringers who are latterly becoming 'structure conscious'—and I know of three or four of such who are top-ranking conductors—seem justifiably reluctant to offer comment on a matter the issues of which have so long lain confused and unfaced.

After devoting close study to Method Structure for many more years than I care to remember, I was honoured, nearly three years ago, by an invitation 'from an official source' to start the ball rolling. An opportunity was then taken to raise the matter in the Universities Association, from which body a resolution was forwarded to the Central Council. The rest is history. It resulted in the Methods Committee's present job.

I have naturally followed developments with more than ordinary interest; and have tried, from time to time to assist; since one's own investigations appear to have covered rather wider ground. But the Methods Committee, working hard to 'put the house in order' at long last, may rest assured that there is a considerable measure of interest in these issues, as far as I have been able to ascertain. I have awaited the present indication, however, before offering my own comment.

These columns are hardly appropriate for comment of such extent and technical nature as seems to be called for, and this is therefore being submitted to the Committee direct. But it may be of some general interest to say that it includes:—

(a) Queries to elucidate several points in the report as it appeared in 'The Ringing World,' i.e., for the general reader.

(b) The question of technical terminology, essential for advancement in any serious study of the subject.

(c) The unmentioned but vital subject of 'Development Groups.'

(d) 'Essentials' versus 'Desiderata'—on which notes have been published in my previous articles.

(e) The recognition of certain axioms, e.g., the 'cyclic' of Position Sequence, and its reverse cyclic—Bell Sequence.

(f) Wider consideration of the nature and effects of pivots. For example the table in the report may be given more briefly and yet apply more widely, i.e., to ALL hunt-controlled methods, odd and even.

(g) Requirement of 'proof' of some denouncements, e.g., 'no extension of Superlative.' In fact the Maximus rung is theoretically and mathematically exact and 'correct.'

(h) Grid-pattern modifications in relation to 'front' and 'back' reflective paths of the blue line.

The above have direct bearing on the question of extension, which, in any given case, becomes more positive the more such considerations are properly applied.—Yours very truly.

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Fountains Park,
Netley Abbey.

KENT COUNTY PEALS IN DORSET

Dear Sir,—In reply to my good friend, Mr W. C. West, the main reason why the peals at Wyke Regis and Sherborne were rung for the Kent County Association and not the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was because there were only two members of the Salisbury Guild in our party. I believe it is only possible for life members to be elected immediately preceding a peal if there is a majority of members present. In these cases, this was an impossibility. I agree that it would have been wiser to have had some of our party elected previous to our visit, as was done with the Bath and Wells Diocesan Guild. That this was not done was due to an oversight on my part, for which I apologise.

It was certainly not intended as an act of discourtesy or because of the increased subscriptions. I have a strong affection for the Salisbury Guild and its ringers, and am looking forward to many more peals with the Guild to make up for the two omissions on our tour.—Yours sincerely,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Betchworth.

CONCERNING THE 'ROVING RINGERS'

Dear Sir,—I read with very great interest the account of the 'Roving Ringers' tour, but the last paragraph rather shocked me.

I am led to believe almost that the insult in the last paragraph was hurled at us. Was this necessary? Have we done anything to deserve it?

For my own part I think it rather in bad taste for our Society is yet in its infancy, and such insults as that contained in that last paragraph will do much to damage our expansion.

I understood that the Roving Ringers have a waiting list, so their objection cannot be one of membership.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK, Ringing Master.

Society of Rambling Ringers.

Branston, Lincs.

MUSIC FIRST CONSIDERATION

Dear Sir,—I hope that, as a comparative newcomer to the Exercise, I will not be considered impudent in making a few comments on peals and methods.

One is prompted to ask, which is more satisfying both to the ringers and those outside the tower—a shabbily-struck peal of 5,040 Grandsire Doubles or the same composition magnificently struck, with a touch of 20 extra changes at the end? The answer would seem self-evident, but the first would go on record with the best of peals, while the second would be condemned.

I can't help thinking that Mr. Birmingham (August 31st) is being very unkind to the 'Little' Methods in decrying them as 'unnatural' or 'freak' methods. What, for instance, is a 'natural' method? If it is one with a Plain or Treble Bob hunting treble, Stedman is ruled out. Surely the prime test of a method is whether it is musical or not, rather than whether it is 'natural' (whatever that may mean). And there is no doubt that Little Bob is musical. Furthermore, once a band has mastered Bob Major, Little Bob would seem an excellent method with which to continue.

I doubt whether many ringers, in ringing Little Bob Royal would shed any tears, when they recollect that they can only ring 1,451,520 changes in the method, whereas, if they were ringing Bob Royal they might ring 3,628,800 changes.—Yours faithfully,

PETER N. DEVENISH.

Thorpe, Norfolk.

A RINGER'S MOTHER'S STORY

Dear Sir,—Reading Mr. Arthur Morris's letter, in this week's 'Ringing World,' he is indeed fortunate.

During college vacs. this is what I get. Sunday being the only day in which I can stay in bed after 7 a.m. 'Mother, don't forget tomorrow morning.' This means he wants to leave the house not later than 9.15 a.m., to cycle to Cardiff in all winds and weathers (usually the latter) and a distance of between five and six miles, to be 'in the tower' before 10 a.m. to ring for service; home for lunch, and on many occasions back for special service in the afternoon. Tea must not be later than 4.15 p.m. as he must be in the tower by 5 p.m. for service.

During Festivals such as Easter and Christmas he must be in the tower by 6 a.m. By the time the service is over it is a rushed breakfast to carry out a normal programme. One memorable occasion, mistaking the clock by an hour, had him cooling his heels in the tower at 5 a.m. on a bitterly cold morning.

'Do you mind if I bring a pal for the weekend, we are ringing so-and-so.' Or 'I am bringing two or three pals for lunch; they won't have time to get home before the meeting; do you mind?'

Do I mind? Of course I don't. It is his hobby and interest, and surely there are many worse, and his father would have been pleased.—Yours sincerely,

ANNIE WORRALL.

Cardiff.

SERMON BELL

Sir,—I was interested to read in your correspondent's account of the Leicestershire Veterans that one of them, Mr. John O. Lancashire, had first become interested in ringing from accompanying his grandfather to ring a bell 'at 8 a.m. on Sundays to indicate that there would be a service later on that day' at Ardington, Berks.

At Chittlehampton, in 1824, one of the sexton's duties was 'To Ring up the Tenor or Great Bell at half-past nine on Sunday Mornings to denote the Sermon.' He was also to toll the Prayer Bell at 10.30 and 2.30, and to cause the bells to be chimed when the minister appeared.

The 9.30 bell is still rung, the ringers taking it in turn to ascend the tower and ring the tenor up and down. No one is sure of the origin of the custom, and now that there is a bell before service at 8 a.m. each Sunday which serves to mark Sunday morning, it is a pleasant custom which we are glad to continue. This is the only tower known to me where the custom has survived the war. No doubt your readers will know of others. There used to be a bell at Charles, in North Devon, at 9, and, I am told, at Winsford, in Somerset, at 8.—Yours truly,

J. H. F. ANDREWS.

Chittlehampton Vicarage,
North Devon.

CLEMENT TOSIER

Dear Sir,—I recently paid a short visit to a museum in Salisbury and among the exhibits were several examples of work by Clement Tosier. On one, a bell, he spelt his name Tosier. Seeing this, I questioned the curator, who told me that he also spelt it Tosear. The only explanation he could give for these variations was that Tosier would often start a job and then leave it half done whilst he went and had a good time at the 'local' before resuming. This may have been so as the lettering on some of his work seems to have been affected by his condition: the letters slope to right and left, but they are never horizontal! —Yours faithfully,

L. BAILEY.

Godshill, I. of W.

SUSSEX YOUNG RINGERS TOUR INTO SOUTH WALES

Fourteen Days Awheel

EARLIER this year the idea of organising a cycling and ringing holiday had entered the fertile brain of Norman Smith, one of Chichester's promising young ringers, and during the fortnight between August 12th and 26th this idea became an accomplished fact. Inspired by the grand example of the Roving Ringers, a party of ten gathered at Salisbury on Sunday, the 12th, for the great adventure. They came from the towers of Bosham, Chichester, Felpham, Storrington, Itchingfield and Aldershot, all being cyclists with the exception of the Bosham representative who, being aged and somewhat lazy this year travelled rather luxuriously on a motor-cycle!

The tour began with service ringing on Sunday evening at St. Paul's, Salisbury (tenor 12 cwt.), where we were met by the local ringers, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Doubles filled in the time until 6.30, when we had to go in search of our billets at the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. (the latter for the three young ladies in the party). After service a visit was paid to the eight-bell tower of St. Martin's, Salisbury, where we were again welcomed by the local captain, and some good Grandsire Doubles and Triples were rung on this rather difficult octave.

On Monday the first tower was the minor six at Wilton (tenor 8½ cwt.) which hang in an extremely slender tower which oscillates considerably. Our ringing of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Kent and Plain Bob Minor was, however, quite well struck, before a hilly run to Mere, where the cyclists were somewhat late in arriving. The grand eight at St. Michael's was put to good use in Bob Major and Grandsire Triples before going on to the magnificent tower and bells at Bruton. This ring (tenor 25 cwt.) was the heaviest six which we visited and the bells are grand. The early arrivals rang Grandsire Doubles with the three local ringers who were awaiting our arrival and when the remainder of the party had had their fill, we continued to Evercreech where we were again met (although we were late in arriving) by two local ringers, one being 'Ginger', aged 13 (and a good little ringer too). They welcomed us on behalf of Harry Sanger, who was unable to be there, and the grand Taylor ten (tenor 21½ cwt.) were soon set going to Grandsire Caters and Triples and Bob Major.

The next tower was the very fine but rather noisy Taylor six (tenor 18 cwt.), at Croscombe, where Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and a good course of Cambridge Minor were rung. At Croscombe we were joined by Sam Harding of Catherington, on holiday in his car and we were pleased to welcome him to our midst for a day. Dinder (six tenor 14 cwt.) with its awkward clockcase in the ringing chamber, came next, followed by a picnic tea, during which emergency repairs to the motor-cyclist's pannier bags were efficiently carried out by Sam Harding (many thanks, Sam!). Then came the run down into Wells, where ringing was enjoyed on the fine eight (tenor 28 cwt.) at St. Cuthbert's before supper and bed at a C.T.C. hostel.

CROSSING THE MENDIPS

Tuesday saw us en route for Wookey, where after some confusion due to some of the party going to the wrong church (at Wookey Hole, two miles away), the ring of six was put to good use in Cambridge and Bob Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Then came the long climb over the Mendips to the magnificent tower of Chewton Mendip. This ring of eight, in the writer's opinion, is the finest for its weight (tenor 24½ cwt.) in the country, with the possible exception of the twin ring at Ditchat, and Chewton bells are a credit to Taylors. We left these grand bells with regret, after ringing Bob Major, Grandsire and two good touches of Stedman Triples, and continued on to Publow where we found another very good heavy six (tenor 21½ cwt.), and a welcome

from two local ringers. Plain Bob, Kent and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung before the run into Bristol where the party, with the exception of the motor-cyclist, were accommodated in the Y.H.

It had been intended to ring at St. John's-on-the-Wall, but due to the Vicar's absence on holiday our letter did not reach him in time and we were unable to gain access to the tower. However, after a somewhat tedious search for the key, we obtained permission to ring at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, opposite the hostel, in the morning, and this ring of eight was rung to various methods for half an hour on Wednesday morning before going on to Westbury-on-Trym, where we were met by the curate, the Rev. C. L. Sutch. This weighty six (tenor 23½ cwt.) proved to be really hard work, but our Bob Minor and Grandsire went quite well, considering the heavy 'go' of the bells. The nearby tower of Henbury with its ring of eight (tenor 22 cwt.) was next on the programme, and after ringing at this tower we unfortunately had to say 'au revoir' to Ernie Treagus, the Western Division secretary who had to return home at the call of duty—our efforts to persuade him to stay longer proved in vain! The party, now reduced to nine, then pressed on to the Severn Ferry and after a tiresome wait for the ferry boat, eventually arrived at Chepstow where Miss Jacqueline Evans had everything in readiness for us. Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung on this good old-style octave, after which the cyclists pedalled on up the Wye Valley to Tintern Abbey for a picnic tea, while the motor-cyclist had two punctures repaired! However, the party was reunited at St. Briavels and ringing took place on the light octave here in the evening with a large audience from the Y.H. in the Castle across the road, where the cyclists spent a pleasant, though somewhat 'spooky' night (why did the door keep opening?).

After ringing at St. Briavels in the evening we were very pleased to meet the curate who is a ringer and in charge of the nearby parish of Hewelsfield. We received an invitation to ring the five bells here in the morning, and all were at the tower promptly at 7.30 a.m. for a 'before-breakfast' ring. The bells are a good five, although the tenor (14 cwt.) is rather heavy-going, and are rung from the chancel. After ringing Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's, with Bob Minimus for the reverend gentleman, a welcome breakfast was enjoyed before the run to Newland, which proved a little difficult to find. We were met by the Vicar who very kindly said the Office for us in church before the ringing on the very fine six (tenor 16½ cwt.) in an equally fine tower. Then followed a downhill run to Monmouth, where Mr. Len Jones was waiting for us. These bells (tenor 20 cwt.) are quite a good old ring but are in need of rehanging, for which an appeal is about to be issued.

THE WRONG ROAD

With the choice of two roads to Abergavenny it appeared that we chose the wrong one and an extremely hilly twelve miles made the party rather late to the town; however, one of the local ringers was patiently waiting for us and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the ringing on this very fine new Taylor ten (tenor 25½ cwt.) very similar to the rings at Luton and Selby Abbey. The next tower on the programme was the six at Llanelly Hill (which does not appear in 'The Ringers' Guide'—Mr. Dove please note!), but the tower proved so elusive that only the motor-cyclist arrived! The remainder gave up the search and wended their way to Brecon Y.H. for the night—the hostel also proved elusive but this time the search was successful!

In the morning the party, refreshed and rejuvenated, had the privilege of ringing on the fine octave at St. Mary's, Brecon (tenor 17

cwt.), after a hasty search for the tower key; it appears that the verger thought we were coming in September instead of August! However, all's well that ends well, and after refreshments we crossed the river to Brecon's other ringable bells (the five at the Cathedral are apparently unringable due to the state of the tower), the very fine Taylor six (tenor 12½ cwt.) at St. David's. Here again the church key proved elusive but eventually the bells were raised and touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles and a course of Cambridge were rung, the local ringer remarking that it was the first time he had ever heard Cambridge rung on the bells! Then came a long and rather hilly run to Llandovery, in the Towy Valley, which proved to be the highlight of the tour. The Vicar, Canon Rees, met us at his church with the news that our ringing was to be recorded! A gentleman from Swansea was on hand with a wire recording machine and a microphone installed on the tower roof, and after a short touch of Grandsire to try out this fine Taylor six (tenor 8 cwt.) we recorded 120 Grandsire, a course of Kent Minor and touch of Bob Minor and finally a good lower in peal. We were then escorted to the Church Hall, where a truly magnificent tea was ready for us. We did full justice to it and were entertained meanwhile by listening to our recordings being played back to us. Permanent prints of the recordings are to be taken which should prove excellent souvenirs of the trip! Thank you, Llandovery and Canon Rees, for a really wonderful welcome!

DODGING WITH THE PENDULUM

Setting out again, the six at Llandilo (tenor 12½ cwt.), further down the valley, came next. Ringing here was fair, probably partly due to the after effects of the tea and also the fact that the clock pendulum swings in the middle of the ringing room: one is apt to find oneself dodging in 3-4 with the pendulum! On again down the valley to Carmarthen where we spent the night in a C.T.C. hostel (the motor-cyclist having arrived first secured the best bed for once!). In the morning we rang at St. Peter's, Carmarthen, for a wedding, and staved to ring the happy couple out with rounds and attempted firing, before the 30-mile run, through completely 'bell-less' country, to Haverfordwest, the county town of Pembrokeshire. Despite a late arrival, the Master of the St. David's Guild, Mr. Harry Jenkins, and Mr. Gwyn Thomas, both from Tenby, were waiting for us. The striking on this anti-clockwise eight was only fair, partly due to the fact that most of the sallies were much too low for our party: ringing on a bare rone at handstroke is not conducive to good striking!

We set out on the '16 miles and 17 hills' between Haverfordwest and St. David's and when only half-way there the rain descended in torrents. It was a rather damp and bedraggled party of ringers that eventually reached the tiny village-city (I understand that the cyclists were even damped by the time they reached the St. David's Head Y.H.). In view of the weather we did not ring at the Cathedral that evening, but all were at the tower by 10.15 on Sunday morning to ring for service.

(To be continued)

DEATH OF MR. WM. BRADFORD

The death occurred on Wednesday August 29th, of Mr. William (Willy) Bradford, of Stevenage aged 82 years.

Mr. Bradford had been a member of the Stevenage band for over 50 years. Whatever the weather he never missed a morning service at the Parish Church, and during the last few years, evensong at Holy Trinity Church, nearer his home.

The funeral was on Saturday, September 1st. The local band paid a tribute to the deceased by ringing handbells at the graveside and the church bells half-muffled afterwards. A. E. S.

OBITUARY

MR. HARRY WARNETT, SEN.

We deeply regret to report the death of Mr. Harry Warnett, sen., of St. Mary's, Lewisham, which occurred at his home on September 4th. He was well into his 89th year.

Mr. Warnett joined the Lewisham band in 1890 and became leader and tower-keeper in 1900, a post he held with zeal and efficiency until July, 1948, when owing to advanced age he handed over the reins of office to a younger man but still remained a member of the band, and rang for Sunday services and sometimes attending on practice nights. His last climb of the 67 steps to the belfry was on a Sunday in April of this year, but he continued to meet the band at the foot of the tower after the ringing on Sunday mornings until June, after which time his health gradually deteriorated. Thus he gave over 60 years of faithful and devoted service to the Church of St. Mary and the Kent County Association.

Mr. Warnett was a carpenter and joiner by trade and the last 43 years of his working life was with the firm of Thomas and Edge, retiring at the age of 84. Being an artificer in wood and generally handy with tools, it stood him in good stead for the many little repair jobs that fall to the lot of a steeple-keeper, of which he certainly was the ideal. As leader of the band he was one of the best, being of a happy and jovial disposition and most unselfish, always willing to share the calling with those of his band who inclined to that direction, and he always made visitors welcome to the tower.

In former years he was naturally to be found at the heavy end but owing to his age and a physical ailment his ringing of late was confined to a light bell. Mr. Warnett was not immune from trouble; one of his sons, a member of the band, was killed in action in World War I., on May 14th, 1918. A granddaughter who had lived and was brought up with him was also killed during an air raid on Lewisham in World War II. Previous to the last war he was twice knocked down by motor vehicles and taken, badly injured, into Lewisham Hospital. He became a widower in October, 1941. In spite of all this, he had a cheery word and smile for all.

A detailed list of Mr. Warnett's peals is not at the moment available but he had rung 291 and had conducted many of them, including all the standard methods of Triples and Major, and in his early years had also rung peals of Superlative, Cambridge and London, and a few on ten bells. He called Holt's Original many times, a composition of which he was a past master. The majority of his peals were rung for the Kent County Association.

Mr. Warnett's 100th peal, Holt's Original, at St. Mary's, which he conducted, was rung in September, 1905, this being the first by his son, Harry, jun., who is still a member of the band. His last, same method, at St. Mary's, and again called by him, was rung on April 20th, 1940, he being then in his 78th year.

The funeral service was on Sept. 8th at St. Mary's, and, in the absence of the Vicar, owing to the death of his mother, was conducted by the Rev. P. S. Lewis, M.A., curate, who paid touching tribute to the late Mr. Warnett as ringer and caretaker of the bells for so many years. The interment followed at Hither Green Cemetery. In addition to the family mourners, E. Mounter, I. Emery and G. Daynes attended to pay their last respects to their old friend, whilst the local band was represented by Jack Dafters (Mr. Warnett's successor as leader) and J. Bennett. Also in attendance were two representatives from the firm of Thomas and Edge. Among the many floral tributes was one in the shape of a bell from the local band. In the afternoon a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung to his memory. May he rest in peace. J. B.

MR. T. LAVER

Mr. Thomas Laver, of Heavitree, Exeter, whose death occurred on September 5th, aged 84, was for many years a devoted officer of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. He was a son of a Bath builder but settled in Exeter (where he was connected with two business firms) in his early twenties.

His ringing career began in 1897 when Heavitree Parish Church was equipped by Messrs. Taylor and Co. with one of the finest octaves in the country. An enthusiastic company was formed and this rang not only twice on Sundays but practised twice a week. It went from strength to strength and made specialities of quarter peals and peals in various methods.

The office of general secretary of the Devonshire Guild was accepted by Mr. Laver about 1925 and he continued in it until 1940 when for eight or nine years he acted as hon. treasurer. He was one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council for a few years. He assisted with the formation of restoration and instruction funds under the auspices of the Guild.

When, in 1915, Exeter Cathedral was linked with the Guild, he took on the hon. secretaryship and only relinquished it at the beginning of the present year. He was also an active member of Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club. About 50 peals including the first of Cinques by a Devon band on the Cathedral bells stood to his credit; he conducted some of them. Modesty and punctuality were his characteristics.

Exeter and district ringers paid their respects on Sept. 8th when the funeral took place at Heavitree, where the President of the Guild (Preb. E. V. Cox) assisted in the service. Knells were rung at Heavitree and the Cathedral.

MR. WILLIAM JOHN LEE

On Monday, August 27th, the death occurred of William John Lee, of 20, Stanley Road, Great Yarmouth, after a prolonged illness at the age of 82 years. A Colchester man by birth, he came to Yarmouth in 1911. He was a coachmith by trade retiring at the age of 70.

Mr. Lee was a life member of the London County and North Southwark Association, the Suffolk Guild and the Norwich Diocesan Association and a member of St. Nicholas' Bell-ringers, Great Yarmouth, and was secretary of East Norfolk Branch from 1929 to 1931 and chairman of East Norfolk Branch from 1935 to 1947. He was elected a vice-president of the Norwich Association in April this year. He had rung 36 peals for the Norwich Association.

The funeral took place on Saturday, September 1st. A service was held in St. John's Church, Great Yarmouth, and the interment in St. Nicholas' Churchyard. The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon L. J. Baggot, Vicar of Great Yarmouth. A course of Grand-sire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher 1-2, G. W. Fletcher 3-4, Nolan Golden 5-6, E. R. Goate 7-8. Among those attending were three branch secretaries, Mr. H. Tooke (North Norfolk), Mr. J. G. H. Harwood (East Norfolk), Mr. A. G. Harrison (South Norfolk), Mr. G. Walpole of Norton Subcourse (Branch representative of Standing Committee), Mr. G. Pipe, of Grundsburgh, Mr. P. G. W. Newstead and Mr. A. Moy, Great Yarmouth, and Mr. A. W. Bird, Gorleston-on-Sea.

After the funeral the Yarmouth and Gorleston ringers rang the Gorleston Parish Church bells half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. Lee, who had been a regular ringer there and had rung in a quarter peal of Grand-sire Triples on his 80th birthday. Floral tributes were sent from the family and friends and the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (President of Norwich Diocesan Association), East Norfolk Branch and Yarmouth and Gorleston ringers. J. G. W. H.

BOLTON'S RINGING ACTIVITIES

For some time now youth has shown an interest in the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association and that interest is manifested in the activities of matters appertaining to ringing.

On Saturday, August 25th, the monthly meeting was held at Newchurch, Culcheth. Here youth represented the majority of the members attending. Ten methods were rung, with the striking and higher methods being the predominant factor. There was something for everyone—rounds to Surprise. The Parochial Church Council provided a sumptuous tea which was served by members of the Mothers' Union.

The Rector, the Rev. E. A. Lee (himself a ringer), presided over the business meeting. The secretary reminded the members that he was arranging an outing to Loughborough in 1952 and he hoped towers would make this their 'annual.' Thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, the Parochial Church Council, the Mothers' Union and all who had made the meeting such a success.

Amongst the visitors was Christopher Gudgeon, from North Wales, who resided in the district until business compelled him to leave. He was a keen peal ringer and a very reliable conductor.

Another activity in the Branch was a ringers' service, which was held at Westhoughton the previous Sunday. The Vicar, the Rev. — Dimmock (a ringers' friend), invited ringers and friends to a special service. There was a packed church, the preacher being the president of the Lancashire Association, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith. During the service handbell ringers from Walkden rendered Handel's Largo, accompanied by the organ and a vocalist as background. The handbells also accompanied the organ in two of the hymns. No doubt this service will be repeated next year.

Another aspect in the Branch is the number of incumbents and curates who are learning to ring; this is a good omen for the future.

P. C.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The summer meeting of the Society was held at Trysull on August 25th. Trysull, on the Staffs-Salop border, has everything which goes towards the make-up of an ideal English village—a lovely old parish church, a manor house, a stream and mill, thatched cottages and well-kept gardens, a farm house and buildings in the village street and two old inns. In these days of building development it is surprising to find such an unspoilt village within seven miles of a large industrial town like Wolverhampton. It was probably even more surprising to many who attended the meeting to find that buses to Trysull are few and far between, thus making the village seem really remote.

The ring of six bells at Trysull Church is probably the best for its weight (tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.) in Staffordshire, and good use was made of these grand bells. This was Mr. George Oliver's first meeting as Ringing Master of the Society and he saw to it that everyone had as much and as varied ringing as they wanted. An excellent tea, to which 53 sat down, was provided at the Bell Inn. The service took place after tea, and in his address the Vicar, the Rev. R. de B. Coussmaker, described interesting features of the fine old church. Mrs. Joyner, of Rugeley, very kindly officiated at the organ.

As the bus for Wolverhampton left at 7.50 and the next was not until 10.30, ringing finished at 7.45, and so a most enjoyable meeting came to a close. The next meeting of the Society will be the autumn one at Rugeley on October 6th.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Hagger (first quarter) 1, W. Woodward 2, K. Seymour 3, S. Smith 4, W. Avery (cond.) 5, R. Wright 6. Rung for the 21st birthday of the treble ringer.

A REMARKABLE RECORD

In these days of easy travel we often record peals by an individual ringer in a large number of towers. Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, of Erith, Kent, holds what must surely be a record of a different kind. He has scored a century of peals in each of three towers, all at adjoining places—Crayford, Erith and Dartford. Mr. Audsley completed the 'hat trick' by scoring his century peal at Dartford on August 20th.

In addition to the above remarkable feat, Mr. Audsley has rung over a hundred peals on the fifth bell at Crayford. It was to this bell that he rang his first peal and he has rung at Crayford no fewer than 222 peals. His present score at St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, is 149.

He has high figures at several other churches in the neighbourhood including nearly 50 at Christ Church, Erith, and round about 40 each at Northfleet, Swanscombe and Gravesend.

Behind this remarkable record lies the story of ringing enterprise of the inter-war years in this part of Kent. Mr. Audsley commenced ringing after returning from Germany as a prisoner in the first world war. He is a native of Crayford and but for his war service has lived and worked in the district all his life. His ringing career has been largely in association with two stalwarts now passed on, Edwin Barnett, sen., and John H. Cheesman. The former was responsible for more 'first performances' for the Kent County Association than any one man and was renowned for his ability as a teacher of ringing. The latter was of that select company who have rung more than a thousand peals.

It is not perhaps surprising that Mr. Audsley has called comparatively few of his peals but he is a conductor of no mean ability and has in particular great skill as a conductor of Stedman Triples. As a ringer he is equally happy on a light or a heavy bell and, among other things, has 'circled' the tower at Southwark Cathedral—which is something that speaks for itself.

Of a retiring disposition, he will probably be not too pleased with the writer for having said so much about him, but it is on such men that the whole structure of the Exercise depends, and the writer can only hope to be forgiven in time to ring in Bert's 1,000th peal.

SHEFFIELD CUP CONTEST

The Sheffield and District Society held their annual silver cup contest at Beighton on Saturday, September 1st. Only four teams competed—Sheffield Cathedral, Rotherham Parish Church, Bolsover and Handsworth—and the test length was a 360 of any method. All the teams rang Bob Minor with the exception of Handsworth, who rang Cambridge. The two judges were Mr. H. Rooke and Mr. F. Flint, of Warsop. There were no breakdowns and each team rang smoothly into rounds in spite of the fact that the bells are very difficult to hear at this tower because of the noise of the ropes above. The judges announced that Bolsover had 114 faults, Rotherham 176, Handsworth 155 and Sheffield Cathedral 120 faults. Bolsover were therefore declared the winners. The cup was presented to Mr. A. B. Cooper, captain of the Bolsover band, by Miss Sylvia Thorpe, of Sheffield, amid applause.

Tea was served in the Church Hall under the supervision of Mr. W. E. Wyld, of the local company, and this was followed by a course of Bob Royal on handbells. At the business meeting the chair was taken by Mr. N. Chaddock, Ringing Master of the Society, in the absence of the Vicar, who was away on holiday. One new member was elected. Miss Betty Bates, of Handsworth. A vote of thanks proposed by Mr. T. C. Ryder, of Rotherham, brought the meeting to a close.

The next meeting is to be held at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's on October 6th.

OXFORD RINGERS VISIT SUSSEX

Eighteen members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild from the towers of St. Peter's, Wolvercote, St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Ifley, St. Ebbe's, Oxford and St. Aldate's, Oxford, together with 12 non-ringing friends, spent a most enjoyable day in Sussex on August 18th.

Leaving Oxford at eight o'clock, the first stop was at Milland, where the visitors were greeted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. F. French, who gave an appropriate start to the day by conducting prayers. Milland has a grand ring of six bells which, it was learnt with regret, are not often rung despite their being situated in a picturesque woodland setting.

On to Arundel where lunch was served at the 'White Hart' and where the non-ringers left to visit the castle and park or the sea, a few miles away. Climbing the steep High Street to the ring of eight at St. Nicholas' found the remaining ringers somewhat out of condition, which was probably partly the reason for some 'not so good' striking, despite the beautifully-hung bells and the efforts of that grand old veteran, W. H. B. Wilkins (of St. Ebbe's), now in his 81st year.

Thence on to Wisborough Green, where a Festival fete was in progress, for a ring on the six there, and to Dragon's Green for tea at the 'George and Dragon.' Here opportunity was taken to thank Mr. E. Treagus, Western Division secretary of the Sussex Association, for so kindly making all the arrangements for ringing and lunch and tea.

The next stop was Shipley, where members of the local band very kindly hung their coats on the iron bar which runs across the tower just in front of the entrance at head height, in order to save the party losing some valuable members! Again the bells (6, with a 9½ cwt. tenor) were a joy to ring.

At the last tower, Thakeham, the bells had also been well chosen for beauty of tone and pleasure of ringing. The best ring of the day was obtained here by the more able ringers with a touch of Spliced Kent and Oxford.

Returning to Arundel to pick up the remainder of the party the journey home was made enlivened by singing, led by the members of choirs from the four churches.

A very enjoyable day with perhaps not the highest standard of ringing, but with all resolved to attain a greater degree of efficiency.

EASTINGTON RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING

Tuesday, July 31st, was the golden wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Powls, of Roseneath, Eastington, Yorks. They were married at Wressle Parish Church by the Rev. R. Kennedy. Bellringing has been the principal hobby of Mr. Powls since he was a boy. He started ringing on January 6th, 1893, and at the age of nine he rang the 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. bell at Howden Church, and on Shrove Tuesday rang the 11 a.m. apprentices' bell. When a boy he rang the minute bell at Howden on the death of the Duke of Clarence. Mr. Powls has been a member of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers since 1922 and was at Eastington when the three ancient bells were recast into a ring of six in 1923. He was captain of the ringers until last year and for many years he devoted much time to the training of learners.

On Saturday, August 4th, he rang the treble bell to 720 changes of Bob Minor, the ringers being J. P. Powls 1, C. W. King 2, H. S. Morley 3, E. Philpot 4, J. J. Taylor 5, L. M. Woodhead 6.

A quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor in honour of the occasion was rung at Eastington on August 4th by Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, C. W. King 2, H. S. Morley 3, E. Philpot 4, J. J. Taylor 5, L. M. Woodhead 6. It is interesting to note that the ringer of the second bell celebrated 45 years of marriage on the same day.

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MEETINGS

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting at Bishop's Cleeve on September 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5.—P. Baker, 31, Tobysfield Road, Bishops Cleeve 9416

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Sandridge (6). Saturday, September 15th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. J. Southam, St. Albans, Herts. 9473

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Wilfred Taffender Memorial Service, Saturday, September 15th. St. Mary's, Lambeth. Ringing, half-muffled, 4.30-6 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Further ringing after service. All welcome. 9420

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Netherbury on Saturday, September 15th. Usual arrangements. Beamster available after 6 p.m.—C. H. Lathey. 9422

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Stourbridge, Saturday, September 15th, 2.30. Business meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to Mr. Derek Watson, 4, Palfrey Road, Stourbridge.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 9428

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION and the CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on September 15th at 3 p.m.—P. W. Semmens. 9413

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—265th Anniversary, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 1s. 9d. per head. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, September 18th, to C. D. Lauder, Spring Cottage, Painswick. Painswick Feast, Sunday, September 23rd; ringing at 9.15 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. 9450

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting will be held at Axbridge on Saturday, September 22nd, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Sec. 9641

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Luppitt, September 22nd. Service 4.15. Names for tea, not later than 17th, to Mr. E. Thorne, Luppitt, Honiton, Devon. 9402

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Campsall, September 22nd, 3 p.m.; cups of tea only. 9457

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Allendale, Saturday, September 22nd. Names and cash to C. T. Lamb for bus, leaving Central Garage 2 p.m., fare 6s. 6d. 9441

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Meeting, September 22nd (note one week early), Thornbury (8), 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business 6 p.m. Tea—names by September 18th, please, to Noel Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 9449

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford and Farnham Districts.—Combined meeting at Worplesdon, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. S. Petter, Fox Corner, Worplesdon. 9466

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting and contest at Liversedge, September 22nd. For teas, notify, by September 15th, F. Hodgson, 103, Union Road, Liversedge.—A. Farrand, Sec. 9366

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Norton (8) Saturday, September 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Werrett, 245, Glebe Road, Letchworth.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 9460

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting, Ashford, September 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9426

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Burton Latimer, September 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, September 19th, to Mrs. E. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer, Northants. All ringers welcome.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 9388

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. James's, Birch-in-Rusholme, September 22nd (note date) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, business meeting following tea. All welcome.—R. Benson. 9467

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 22nd, St. John's, Coppull. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea (price 2s. 6d.) will be provided to those who notify, by September 19th, Mr. F. Morris, 3, Bentham Street, Coppull. Please make it a good meeting.—J. Burns. 9465

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at E. Ardsley on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members carry own food; tea for drinking provided. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 9448

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Claybrooke, September 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please notify Mr. Clarke, The Nook, Ullesthorpe, Rugby. Service bus leaves Hinckley, Regent Street, 1.45. 9456

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—September 22nd. Meeting at Hounslow (8), 3-5 (Hounslow West Station). Cafes in Hounslow. 120 bus from 'The Bell' to Heston (8), 6-8.30.—G. Dodds, Dis. Sec. 9472

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Uttoxeter, Saturday, September 22nd. Names for tea to Mr. E. Roberts, 125 Smithfield Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 9447

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Scottow on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea, not later than Monday, September 17th, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham. 9411

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, September 20th, to Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. 9409

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Ardington on Saturday, September 22nd. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30, for which, notify by 17th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 9407

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Farnham Royal, Saturday, September 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 2s. Names by September 17th.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 9458

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Hemingbrough, September 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate charge). Names, on or before September 20th, to Mr. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9453

SUFFOLK GUILD.—St. Andrew's, Cotton. Dedication of the two new trebles and the opening of the bells, Saturday, September 22nd, by the Archdeacon of Ipswich. Service 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Teas provided. 9300

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames, on September 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. St. Mary's and St. Mary's, Otlands Park, bells after meeting. Names for tea to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 9353

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bexhill (8), Saturday, September 22nd. Tower opens 2.30. Tea, followed by business meeting. 5. Names, not later than 20th, to P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 9464

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Section.—Meeting at Bronllys, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please.—W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Stanbury, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 9452

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Barton Stacey, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Plough Inn. After tea, York practice. Names, by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9379

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. John-the-Baptist's, Eltham, September 29th. Business meeting 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Withfield Road. Tea at 4 p.m. Ringing afterwards 5 to 8. Names for tea, by September 25th, to Mr. F. J. Hurrell, 16, Jubilee Cottages, Eltham, S.E.9.—A. B. Peck. 9459

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Mossley, September 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. For tea advise, by September 25th, Mr. E. Garside, Shenston, Waterton Lane, Mossley, near Manchester.—C. K. Lewis. 9468

DUDLEY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Cradley on Saturday, September 29th (by kind invitation). Bells 2.30. Guild service conducted by the Rev. W. Yaxley, vice-president, 4.15. Will members kindly attend to wish God-speed to the Vicar, who is leaving? Tea 5.15 for those who send names, not later than Tuesday, September 25th, to F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 9442

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Fairfield, Buxton (8), Saturday, September 29th, 2.30. Tea at cafe nearby. D. Scott, Hon. Sec. 9470

LADIES' GUILD.—Wiltshire Branch.—St. Mark's, Swindon (8), Saturday, September 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential to Miss M. Richards, St. Margaret, Southbrook Street Ext., Swindon. 9451

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Open Ringing Day at St. Mary de Castro, Leicester, on September 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Schools 5, for those sending names by Tuesday, 25th, to Mr. A. Davies, 46, Ulleswater Street, Leicester. 9444

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—E. Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Halvergate, Saturday, September 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names or numbers for tea, by Wednesday, 26th, to Mr. W. de Ville, 10, Church Avenue, Halvergate, Norwich.—J. Harwood, Sec. 9446

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cosgrove, Saturday, September 29th. Names for tea, by the 22nd, to E. Lambert, Cosgrove, Wolverton, Bucks.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 9443

SNOWDON DINNER.—Co-op Cafe, Railway Street, York, September 29th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Private bar. Applications for tickets (9s. each) to Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York, by first post Monday, September 24th. Minster bells available 11 to 12.30, 2.30 to 3.55 and 4.45 to 5.30. 9469

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting, Wissett (6), Saturday, September 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than 26th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Notson Road, Southwold. 9463

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Ipswich, September 29th. St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Clement's. Bells 3. Tea 5, Oriental Cafe, Westgate Street. Election of District Secretary. Names for tea essential by 25th, to E. G. Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. Tel. 78926. 9454

THE KEMPSTON RINGERS invite you to their tower on September 29th. Bells 2.30. Tour of church for non-ringers 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Social evening 7. Notify me for morning quarter peals at neighbouring churches, and send names for 1s. 9d. tea tickets (3s. on the day).—Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 9455

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner at the Bars Hotel, Chester, 6.30 p.m., Saturday, October 13th. Tickets 10s. 6d. (juniors 7s. 6d.). Please reply and enclose remittance, before October 5th, to Rev. J. Kingdon, 3, Grey Friars, Chester. 9431

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 27th. Accommodation for 150. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, shortly available.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec. 9462

QUARTER PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,440 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Chambers 1, R. G. W. Soars 2, F. K. Thompson 3, G. J. Lowe 4, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 5, H. Myatt 6. First quarter of Treble Bob for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. First quarter on the bells.

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A service was held in St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke, and was conducted by the Rev. A. R. Arnold, Priest-in-charge of Basingstoke, owing to the absence on holiday of the branch chairman, the Ven. A. W. Chuter, who apologised by letter and wished the meeting every success. The Rev. M. Sturtart-Kenny, Rector of Baughurst, Hants, gave an address appropriate to ringing.

An excellent tea arranged by Mrs. E. Austin was served in Church Cottage and thanks were very warmly given her and her helpers for their work. No time was lost after the meal was over and ringers made a move to the various towers where they were met and welcomed by the tower captains. Rain unfortunately upset the latter part of the day but the enthusiasts on bicycles were in no way put off and followed the more lucky ones in motor coaches and cars.

The towers open for ringing during the day were St. Michael's and All Saints', Basingstoke, Oakley, Deane, Overton, Upton-Grey, Odiham, Wootton St. Lawrence, Wolverton and Sherborne St. John. A pleasing feature was the number of young ringers attending the Festival.

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