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METHOD EXTENSION

PERHAPS no subject which has been discussed over the period of years in the columns of 'The Ringing World' has caused so much controversy—and with such little effect—as that dealing with 'Method Extension.'

With a view to clarifying the matter, a motion was submitted to the Council at its meeting some two and a half years ago which, in short, asked it to define an acceptable extension of a method. Such a definition, with Council backing, would show what extensions should receive official recognition, and at the same time give a line to composers, contemporary and those of the future.

At the Council's request, the Methods Committee submitted a report. All its recommendations have not been considered, and members will have an opportunity of discussing the final report at Lincoln next year.

The committee's findings, which might be described more aptly as 'generalisations,' can be summarised thus: 'An extension should bear the same characteristics as the parent, with the inclusion of extra places or an odd dodge "here and there." No contiguous places may be used. Relative pivot bells are regarded as "desirable" and are therefore made "essential" for recognition. London, Superlative and Bristol do not comply with all these requirements and would not be acceptable.'

The Exercise has also been warned by the committee, through 'The Ringing World,' that many extensions in Corrigan's 'Surprise Royal and Maximus' book do not meet with the required standards, and advise ringers before attempting any fresh extensions to refer their figures in the first instance to it, in order to avoid the risk of rejection at a later date.

Let us consider the position in the light of what has been disclosed. London, Superlative and Bristol extensions are not to be recognised, yet methods 'modified' similarly, such as Wembley, Aldenham, Rutland and Painswick—methods which have all been rung to peals—appear to gain a further reprieve. Two versions of Rutland Royal have been rung to peals, although the Exercise is not generally aware of this because it has never been disclosed in 'The Ringing World.'

There are methods in existence which prompt the following questions because the recommendations throw no light on them:—

(a) Whether or not the pivot bell of an extension must be relative to that of the parent, is it not essential that the *place position* of the pivot bell be correct at the half-lead?

(b) Are not relative place positions at each treble cross section essential in the extension?

(c) Would it not be possible to introduce new work into an extension and yet retain the same characteristics of the parent? Conversely the constructional relationship of Cambridge Minor with Pudsey Major, Corrigan's No. 622 (Royal) and No. 867 (Maximus) could hardly be challenged, but who would regard them as one and the same method?

(d) How can a method be extended without contiguous places, when contiguous places are the characteristic of the parent?

(e) If an extension is limited to an 'odd dodge here and there,' what would be the position of Double Oxford Bob Maximus in relation to its parent the Minor?

(f) What would be the position of Oxford Bob Major, Royal and Maximus in regard to the Minor, if the committee's proposed table of relative pivot bells is adopted? And would the Caters and Cinques escape scot free?

(g) The recommendations appear to be confined to even-bell ringing with a leaning towards 'Surprise.' How are these to be converted to odd-bell ringing, which the original motion meant to include?

The committee has already invited new extensions upon which to pronounce judgment, so presumably it is working to some logical formula. If not, a later Methods Committee with a completely new personnel might rule the opposite way to its predecessors.

The Council has recently clarified the position in regard to the acceptance of performances as peals and have placed their resolutions on the 'statute book.' The members should insist on the committee carrying out the terms of the resolution as it was requested to do, so that the Council, if it accepts their findings, may record its decision in the same way.

In conclusion, this article is not an attempt to influence the committee as to what type of method should be accepted, but to stress that generalisations can only produce anomalies. And the eradication of anomalies was one of the reasons that prompted the proposer to move his resolution.

C. H. K.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 27, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Consisting of 2,160 Belgrave, 720 Superlative, 1,440 Cambridge and 720 Yorkshire; 75 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	*S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
*DOROTHY M. UDALE	2	†J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	*HARRY POYNER	9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
JOHN R. SMITH	6	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (No. 1). Conducted by P. J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE TOWN HALL,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

LESTER GRAY	*Treble*	RONALD KENRICK	7
*MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	LAURENCE WILLIAMS	8
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	ARTHUR MAWDESLEY	9
CHARLES CLEGG	4	RICHARD BENSON	10
THOMAS HORRIDGE	5	EDWIN S. BIRKETT	11
JACK ASHCROFT	6	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Maximus. Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss Margaret Ridyard.

TEN BELL PEALS

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*JACK R. WORRALL	*Treble*	‡REGINALD T. JONES	6
†F. ERIC ROBERTS	2	‡JOHN J. WEBB	7
†DONALD G. CLARKE	3	‡LESLEY EVANS	8
‡FREDERICK R. HARRIS	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	9
†AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* 100th peal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung for the ordination in this Cathedral Church of the Rev. Leslie Katin and the Rev. James Tavenor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 28, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes.*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	JOHN R. SMITH	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	J. FREDK. MILNER	8
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. F. Milner.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE A. PACKER	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
HOWARD HOWELL	2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD	7
HARRY F. HOLDING	3	DAVID C. VINCENT	8
JUNE MARIE HENSHAW	4	IVOR R. NICHOLS	9
ALAN ELSMORE	5	JOHN HOLLOWAY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by RICHARD D. LANGFORD.
This is the first time a lady has taken part in a peal at Crewe.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

HORACE BELCHER	*Treble*	MISS D. E. LIDBETTER	6
MISS J. BRITTAIN	2	HAROLD N. PITSTOW	7
MRS. R. F. DEAL	3	RICHARD F. DEAL	
HERBERT LANGDON	4	REUBEN SANDERS	9
JOHN E. CHILCOTT	5	JOHN PHILLIPS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
Rung for the conclusion of the Festival of Britain, also the 80th anniversary of the formation of the All Saints', Fulham, Society.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

REGINALD A. REED	*Treble*	‡ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL	6
*ALICE REED	2	†HARRY BUCKINGHAM	7
†BETTY FAITHFULL	3	*MAURICE J. BUTLER	8
*JOYCE COX	4	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	9
‡WALTER GLASSPOOL	5	NORMAN V. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Royal. The first peal in the method on the ten bells. Rung in honour of the consecration of the Lord Bishop of Southampton, which took place in the morning at Winchester; also for the patronal festival of St. Michael, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

MRS. S. JONES	*Treble*	*†ALBERT THOMPSON	5
DENIS R. CARLISLE	2	†HAROLD TAYLOR	6
WALTER SOAR	3	SIDNEY JONES	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Peter Greville Woods, nephew of the Vicar (the Rev. Lt.-Col. John Morris, D.S.O.), and Miss Kathleen Sumner.

PATRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

LEONARD RODMELL	*Treble*	GEORGE DOWLING	5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	2	JOHN G. HOBSON	6
PHILIP H. SPECK	3	FRED OSGERBY	7
HARRY RODMELL	4	CHARLES BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.
A wedding compliment to Frank Thompson and Barbara Hodgson.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

A. TREVOR SUTTON	*Treble*	RAYMOND L. HUMPHRISS	5
STANLEY D. SUTTON	2	DEREK PARRY	6
H. STEWART BAILEY	3	JOSEPH GODDARD	7
ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS	4	FRANK T. PARRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK T. PARRY.
Rung to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of William Hesketh Lever, first Viscount Leverhulme and founder of Port Sunlight. First peal on the bells since complete restoration by Gillett and Johnston.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5055 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDK. G. KINCHIN	*Treble*	C. ARTHUR MANNING	5
FRED C. LYNE	2	HAROLD HUXLEY	6
CLIFFORD J. DARKE	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	7
R. ROGER SAVORY	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 24, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

HAROLD TAYLOR	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
*MRS. D. R. CARLISLE	2	WILLIAM LANCASTER	6
SAMUEL PINDER	3	WALTER SOAR	7
EDWARD F. GOBEY	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal of Major. A birthday peal for Julie E. Desborough and Mrs. S. Pinder.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 24, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	ERNEST G. SHORTING	5
*GEORGE H. MOORE	2	BERT GOGLE	6
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	3	CHARLES H. MOORE	7
EILEEN BRACEY	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Sept. 24, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*ALFRED C. BOXLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM DAVIES	5
†STANLEY PRESTIDGE	2	*HENRY HUBBALL	6
J. NORMAN HADLEY	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob 'inside.' Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boxley for their 23rd wedding anniversary.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 25, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*NANCIE E. SWANN	*Treble*	DONOVAN R. WHITE	5
†LESLIE H. TAYLOR	2	ROBERT BROWN	6
MARGARET A. SWANN	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	7
CHARLES E. BROWN	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

ANNE B. STOCKDALE	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	5
ALFRED J. HOUSE	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
PHILIP J. COWARD	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
JOHN HILL	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	HARRY WILD	5
*GEOFFREY INGHAM	2	ALBERT W. BOND	6
JOHN PEARSON	3	SAM LONGBOTTOM	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	†DONALD R. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DONALD R. MARSHALL.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A.

G. HENRY DUNNINGTON	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
*JOHN G. GIPSON	2	ROBERT BROOKER	6
*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	7
GEORGE E. CRISP	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by E. G. HIBBINS.
* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. Rung on the eve of harvest thanksgiving service. The conductor's 35th peal in the tower.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOAN COTTON	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
GEORGE PEERS, SEN	4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.
Rung for the patronal festival.

BEXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*DONALD M. SALISBURY	*Treble*	†DULCIE J. FLEETWOOD	5
†JOAN E. HILLS	2	†ANDREW J. SALISBURY	6
‡RENEE L. HOPKINS	3	DAVID W. BEARD	7
JOHN ARMSTRONG	4	COLIN E. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

SQUIRE CROFT	*Treble*	CHARLES W. OTTLEY	5
WILFRID G. WILSON	2	THOMAS E. DAVIES	6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
Rung for the festival of St. Michael and All Angels, and following the wedding of Sub-Lieut. P. A. C. Harland, R.N. (youngest son of Prebendary H. C. Harland, Vicar of St. Stephen's) and Miss Joan Edmunds, of Plymouth. Also to mark the admission to Holy Orders this day of W. E. G. Butland, for many years lay reader at St. Stephen's

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CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOHN O. WELLER	*Treble*	FREDK. J. CULLUM	5
MAURICE HODGSON	2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	6
DORIS E. COLGATE	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
ROBERT COLLINS	4	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
First peal in the method as conductor.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	GEORGE F. BURTON	5
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	2	*CHARLES COLES	6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	*EDGAR J. SMITH	7
*EDMUND E. PEARSON	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the feast of St. Michael and All Angels. A Festival of Britain peal for this parish.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FREDERICK COX	*Treble*	HARRY C. JONES	5
WALTER LEE	2	ANTHONY E. COX	6
†SYLVIA COKER	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
DOREEN COKER	4	‡CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
* First peal away from tenor. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal. Rung for the patronal festival of this church.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
(Northern District.)
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. COLUMB,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM PRATT	*Treble*	†JOHN J. FIELDING	5
*JEAN STEWART	2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	6
WILMA HOEY	3	FRED E. DUKES	7
TOM SMELTZER	4	HARRY BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal, No. 12.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES	*Treble*	*H. GEORGE HART	5
*ELSIE K. FULTON	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal in the method.

LYMINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	MARK W. MARSHALL	5
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
†PERCY PAGE	3	HARRY PARKES	7
WILFRED W. RING	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 150th peal.

MONMOUTH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS	*Treble*	DAVID J. KING	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	REGINALD T. JONES	6
DONALD G. CLARKE	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
*ERIC ROBERTS	4	JOHN J. WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* 25th peal. Believed to be the fastest peal on the bells. Rung for the feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

*SAMUEL BIRCH	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
*ARTHUR PRITCHARD	2	*ERIC SPEAKE	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. L. Wilson, on his appointment as Rural Dean.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's One-part. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*JOHN A. COOMBS	*Treble*	AUDREY A. EWINS	5
†BRIAN TAYLOR	2	WILLIAM BUTLER	6
‡GEORGE COUSSINS	3	WILLIAM WELLING	7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	4	IAN MACROBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal 'inside.' A compliment to Mr. Cyril Heskins, of the local band, and Miss Hilda Gillies, of Slough, who were married this day at Upton, Slough, Bucks.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt.

JANE M. HOOKE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY SEAMAN	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	LAWRENCE GREENHOW	6
HARRY POYNER	3	JOHN BRAMLEY	7
JOHN R. SMITH	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

WALTER G. SOAR	*Treble*	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	5
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	2	*JOHN F. WILKINSON	6
DENIS R. CARLISLE	3	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	HAROLD TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT.
* First peal in the method. The first peal of London on the bells. A farewell peal to John F. Wilkinson, who is joining the R.A.F.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	CLAUDIA A. HARDING	5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	ALLEN MORGAN	6
GEORGE E. LARGE	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
MURIEL REAY	4	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS

WADHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

C.C. Collection Nos. 32, 34, 36, 37, 40, 44 and 46. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALAN HEMSLEY .. .. ..*Treble*		ALBERT RELFE 4	
CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 2		FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN... 5	
CHRISTOPHER PILBEAM .. 3		LEONARD W. GILES .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung immediately after the induction of the Rev. A. N. Roscamp to the living of Wadhurst.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley District Society.)
On Sun., Sept. 23, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 changes each of College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal and Oxford.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in B flat.

WILLIE GREEN .. .. ..*Treble*		DANIEL SMITH 4	
JOHN WILLIAM MOXON .. 2		HERMANN RUSBY 5	
HAROLD CHANT 3		NOEL F. MOXON .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

Rung with the bells fully muffled in memory of Ernest Brookes, former president and vice-president of the Barnsley District Society, who was a ringer and organist at this church for 30 years.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 25, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

HARRY COMINS .. .. ..*Treble*		FRANK MORRIS 4	
REGINALD STONE 2		CLAUDE FARR 5	
FRANK BRANCHFLOWER .. 3		WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Lightfoot, London, York, Carlisle, Chester, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt.

*MRS. D. G. MAYELL ..*Treble*		JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 4	
*DESMOND G. MAYELL .. 2		*FRANK V. GANT 5	
*DAVID W. BEARD 3		HARRY TURNER .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JACK POUNDS .. .. ..*Treble*		MRS. ELLEN PARKER .. 4	
VERA DRAPER 2		CUTHBERT ACKERS 5	
MARGARET RIDYARD 3		ARTHUR MAWDESLEY .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDESLEY.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Margaret Ridyard.

HALSE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten 120's of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, twelve 120's of April Day, ten each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY COMINS .. .. ..*Treble*		REGINALD STONE 4	
WM. A. J. KNIGHT 2		CLAUDE TARR 5	
JEAN TATTERSALL 3		TOM HANCOCK .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

First peal of Doubles in four methods by all the band.



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SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Combined St. Clement's and Double Oxford, Double Court, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	*Treble*	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE P. ADAMS	5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	3	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smalls, much respected parishioners and parents of the treble ringer.

SMARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept 28, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD	4
*PERCY REEVES	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
HARRY BAKER	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal.

BEKESBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JEANNE N. ROBERTS	*Treble*	*THOMAS F. YOUNG	4
JABEZ WALTER	2	†THOMAS H. HOLMES	5
SIDNEY WALTER	3	†WILLIAM BOTTRILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal in three methods. † 25th peal together.

HANDBELL PEALS

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 23, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT 37, VICARAGE ROAD, RODBOURNE CHENEY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 12 in F.

*JEANNETTE A. ROSE	1-2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	3-4
		WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL	5-6

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal 'in hand.' A farewell to Miss Rose, who is leaving for Bristol University.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 26, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT 53, LEYS ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

RONALD C. NOON	1-2	*JOHN KING	3-4
		ROBIN G. TURNER	5-6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 30, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED ROYAL

In three methods, comprising 2,640 Plain Bob, 1,320 Double Bob and 1,056 Little Bob, with 264 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

JAMES E. DANIELS	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	MICHAEL J. E. BEST	7-8
		KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	9-10

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay and Mr. W. T. Grice, of Maidstone, Kent.

John Taylor & Co.
LOUGHBOROUGH
The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Short 1, G. H. Williams 2, F. W. Rishworth 3, J. W. Pettigrew 4, H. Dickens 5, A. Rainey 6, G. Davis 7, T. E. Hill (first quarter) 8. Rung before the harvest thanksgiving service.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—At St. Michael's, on Sept. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob: R. Parr 1, J. Timley 2, Miss A. Abraham 3, H. Winter 4, A. Draper 5, R. Larkey (cond.) 6. Rung for the engagement of Miss A. Abraham. All service ringers.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael's, on Sept. 23rd, 1,248 Stedman Triples: W. J. Prescott 1, Mrs. Evans 2, G. E. Large 3, R. O. Fry 4, G. Prescott 5, R. Woodyatt 6, G. Hawkins (cond.) 7, W. A. Prescott 8.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 240 St. Blaise, 300 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): H. A. Sanderson 1, D. Wheat 2, Miss D. Smythe (cond.) 3, Mrs. A. Smythe 4, R. J. Sanderson 5. Rung for the harvest festival.

BERRICK, OXON.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cherrill (first quarter) 1, W. Absolom 2, F. Absolom 3, T. Selwood 4, R. D. Wells 5, J. Douglas 6. Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cherrill, parents of treble ringer.

BODELWYDDAN, FLINTSHIRE.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diana Davies (first quarter) 1, Janet Marsden (first of Triples) 2, L. J. Evans 3, L. S. Griffiths 4, J. P. Griffiths 5, G. Wilson 6, W. Poston (cond.) 7, C. Powell 8. A birthday compliment to the elder and younger daughters and grandson of L. S. Griffiths.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Wilmington 1, W. Panter 2, P. F. Romney (cond.) 3, S. W. Brown 4, P. N. Bond 5, C. D. Linnington 6. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Townsend (first of Major) 1, F. C. Case 2, A. Hinton 3, C. Gough 4, W. Yates 5, W. J. Chester 6, T. E. Roberts 7, G. W. Holland (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for the dedication service of the war memorial.

CARDIFF.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. R. Price 1, D. G. Clarke 2, J. L. Fitzgerald 3, G. J. Collett 4, F. Rowsell 5, T. Yeomans 6, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 7, A. Ryan Price 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples for 1 and 3.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: A. Shelly (first quarter) 1, A. J. Ede 2, Marion Wickens 3, D. Attwaters 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, W. Hunt 6. A compliment to Mr. W. King (ringer at Charlwood) and his wife on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Long 1, R. Guy 2, W. Moore 3, R. Shire 4, D. North (cond.) 5, D. Braddick (first quarter) 6. A compliment to R. Guy, visiting from Kent.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sept. 21st, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hope 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 2, Miss Joyce Morse 3, V. R. Williams 4, F. J. Lewis, jun., 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. Wrigley 8. Rung for the 47th anniversary of the opening of the Bingham Public Library.

CROFTON, YORKS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,272 Minor (720 Oxford, 552 Kent): P. J. Eastland 1, G. Chalons 2, H. Denman 3, F. Bradley 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. T. Atyeo 1, W. H. Poole 2, R. P. Selway (first quarter in method) 3, T. E. Marks 4, W. E. Turner 5, A. S. Atyeo 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, H. Perry 8.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's, on Sept. 24th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: P. Whitaker 1, H. Taylor 2, J. F. Wilkinson 3, G. Freebrey (first in method as cond.) 4, F. R. Lowe 5, S. Walklate 6, A. E. Thompson, 7, M. Barker 8. First in method by 1, 3 and 6.

DOULTING, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. Metcalfe (cond.) 1, P. Hall 2, A. Kingston 3, S. Attwell 4, C. Webb 5, T. Harris 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Gane on their golden wedding day.

EAGLE, LINCS.—1,260 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, 180 Single Court): G. E. Smith 1, Miss S. Roe (first quarter) 2, Mrs. C. F. Butler (first quarter) 3, C. F. Butler 4, J. R. Phillips (first quarter) 5, W. Measures (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for all in more than one method. Rung for the fifth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Catharine Howard 1, Norman Tompkins 2, Alfred Lomas 3, Geoffrey Taylor 4, Joseph Thornley 5, Victor Gaunt 6, Peter Cook, sen. (cond.) 7, Henry Prescott 8. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6.

GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.—At St. Martin's, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Dennis (first away from tenor) 1, G. F. Carter 2, J. T. O'Dell 3, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 4, J. M. Payton 5, T. Bevan 6. Rung for the rededication of the church by the Bishop of London after the completion of bomb damage repairs.

QUARTER PEALS

HAMPSTEAD, LONDON.—At St. Stephen's, on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Bevan 1, G. F. Carter 2, F. A. Barker 3, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 4, J. M. Payton 5, R. H. Begrie 6, P. G. Foot 7, J. W. Dennis (first of Triples) 8. Rung for the harvest thanksgiving service.

HANWELL, OXON.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. E. Pearson 1, J. Bishop 2, H. Bishop (first 'inside') 3, J. M. Stretton 4, J. S. Walton (cond.) 5. A Festival of Britain quarter.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDX.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,280 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Ilkeston Variation): Miss E. K. Fulton 1, J. E. Rootes 2, S. A. Warwick 3, W. Wenban 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent and Oxford Spliced by all the band except the 4th. Rung for harvest festival.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. W. Lewis 1, L. Weller 2, N. J. Smith 3, Miss E. W. Keys 4, P. N. Bond (cond.) 5.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Parsons (first quarter) 1, B. W. White (cond.) 2, E. Lish 3, E. W. Morey 4, F. W. Parsons 5, R. Langridge 6, E. F. Packham 7, F. E. Cruttenden 8. Rung to commemorate the ordination at Henfield this day of Rev. A. N. Apthorpe (curate of Henfield) as priest and Rev. W. F. Barker as deacon.

HESTON, MIDDX.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Newnes (first quarter) 1, W. W. Webb 2, B. A. Rose 3, E. R. Gladman 4, W. A. Lewis 5, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 6, J. Chilcott 7, W. Winter 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sept 23rd, 1,288 Forward Major: A. H. Worboys 1, D. W. Beard 2, C. E. Wright (cond.) 3, A. R. Chapman 4, H. Long 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant 8. First in the method by all the band.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On Sept 23rd, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Mrs. K. Parr 1, R. Joyce Pett 2, Mrs. O. Rogers 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, Sheila E. Harris 5, T. E. Davies 6, G. Dodds 7, F. Bishop 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss E. Weller and Mr. E. Dodds, a member of the Isleworth band.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. D. Clement 1, T. J. Clement (cond.) 2, T. Knights 3, T. Haslam 4, B. Walshaw 5, N. T. Nightingale 6, L. Pearson 7, J. Wilson 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Sept. 23rd 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. J. Catton 1, Miss M. Munt 2, J. W. Crouch 3, M. Jackson 4, C. Munt (cond.) 5, D. Briggenshaw (first quarter) 6. Rung on the 99th anniversary of the church's dedication, and as a farewell to the conductor.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. L. Dunseith 1, J. J. Fielding (first quarter as cond.) 2, Joan McKinlay 3, W. Young 4, Lily Hughes 5, J. Campbell 6, A. D. Fielding 7. First of Minor for 1, 3, 4 and 7. A farewell to J. J. Fielding, leaving for Trinity College, Dublin. Also a 21st birthday compliment to W. Young.

LUDLOW, SALOP.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Jarrett (first quarter of Triples) 1, F. Jaine 2, A. W. Davies 3, F. E. Roberts 4, R. T. Jones 5, W. F. Morton (cond.) 6, L. Evans 7, L. Quartermain 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. White (first in method) 1, F. Price 2, B. Madely 3, R. Tyler 4, T. Price 5, S. Hughes 6, A. Hickman 7, W. Tyler (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to T. Price and a farewell to R. Tyler, R.N., who is shortly to go to Australia on service.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Norwich, 360 Cambridge, 72 Kent, 72 Oxford, 36 Plain Bob): W. E. Gough 1, E. G. Holdgate 2, H. Franklin 3, R. M. E. Richards 4, E. J. Sterland (cond.) 5, B. A. Richards 6.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Sanderson 1, R. Dixon 2, I. Werrett 3, J. Collings 4, M. Collings 5, H. Werrett 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, T. Werrett 8. Rung for harvest festival.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Cheeseman (17) 1, N. B. Davis (13) 2, Ruth Jeanes (14) 3, I. T. Read (15) 4, E. T. P. Field (cond) 5, F. C. Davis 6. For harvest festival.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 each Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, Southrepps, Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. Williams 1, H. Green 2, L. J. Malings 3, R. J. Curtis 4, H. D. Dimond (cond.) 5, H. W. Dimond 6. First quarter in six methods by all.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Godfrey (first away from tenor) 1, R. Taylor 2, C. Rouse 3, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 4, D. Surman 5, B. Parkin 6, H. Webb 7, F. Pendry 8 (7 6. 8 tenors). A thanksgiving for news of the missing men of the Gloucesters, esoecially Lieut. Preston.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: B. J. Mayers 1, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 2, C. S. Hoad 3, R. M. Foreman 4, V. Look 5, J. W. Crouch 6, F. B. Jeal 7, F. T. Hoad 8, A. T. Shelton 9, R. Jenkins 10. Farewell to V. Look and D. Hopkins.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On Sept. 22nd, at Christ Church, Healey, 1,260 Minor (540 St. Clement's, 720 Oxford Treble Bob): Dorothy Lees (first quarter) 1, Ian Taylor 2, Marjorie Leach 3, Philip Hudson 4, John A. Taylor 5, James Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung for harvest festival.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,264 Bob Major: W. B. Cartwright 1, E. Large 2, K. Haslem 3, T. Elliot 4, H. J. Turner 5, H. Haslem 6, J. Pinfold 7, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 8. First in the method for 3 and 4.

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, April Day, Norfolk, Old, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob): E. Pizzey 1, F. Blagrove (cond.) 2-3, P. Lawrence 4, F. C. Price 5. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Pizzey 1, F. Blagrove 2-3, P. Lawrence 4, F. C. Price (cond.) 5, Rita Thompson (first quarter) 6; and also 1,260 Bob Doubles. Rung for harvest home service.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 16th, 1,414 Grandsire Triples (from Parker's 12 part): G. Sangwin 1, A. E. Bissat 2, R. Hill 3, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 4, H. Stoveld 5, J. W. Sangwin 6, C. Taylor 7, R. G. Pearce 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Sept. 23rd, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, E. L. Miles 2, S. Jessop (Boston) 3, Miss M. Jackson 4, F. J. Matthews 5, J. W. Chapman (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, T. W. Welbourne 8.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Joan Smith 1, Jean Haynes 2, D. H. Rooke 3, G. Challans 4, F. Bradley 5, H. T. Rooke 6. Rung for the opening of the local Festival of Britain week.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—At St. Mary's Basilica, on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Short 1, R. Ferris (first of Triples) 2, A. R. Botting 3, J. J. Cummins 4, E. J. Fowell 5, L. R. Curran 6, T. W. Goodyear (cond.) 7, C. Dennehy 8.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. A. Brooks 1, Miss A. Mansfield 2, A. Mansfield 3, Miss M. C. Payne 4, H. M. Payne 5, B. E. Payne (cond.) 6, E. F. Payne 7, C. Saunders 8. Rung half-muffled in 'memoriam Mrs. E. A. Walton, a member of the Church Council.

TADMARTON, OXON.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. M. Stretton 1, V. Lines 2, J. W. Barber 3, H. Hyde 4, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 5, J. Bishop 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. W. Howkins, a chorister and ringer at this church for over 50 years.

UPWEY, DORSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Perry 1, L. V. Davis 2, S. J. Bryant 3, Mrs. H. L. Slade (first quarter) 4, C. W. Smart 5, A. J. Slade (first as cond.) 6. First quarter Minor 1 and 6. Rung for the harvest festival, and as birthday compliment to the captain of the ringers, Mr. E. G. Osmond.

VICTORIA, B.C.—On Aug. 31st, at Christ Church Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Emerton 1, Margaret Izard 2, Cadet T. Arkell 3, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 4, A. King 5, A. Izard 6, E. W. Izard 7, V. Donaldson 8. A welcome to the Lord Mayor of London and Lady Lowson.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, G. W. Morris 3, C. A. Hughes 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, E. W. Furbanks 6, E. D. Smith 7, J. Bennett 8, C. W. Ottley 9, J. Bullock 10.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): R. Manser 1, L. J. Honess 2, D. F. Driver (first quarter as cond.) 3, Miss Mavis Coomber (first quarter 'inside') 4, J. T. Medhurst 5, D. Manser 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. E. A. Clarke-Smith, who was associated with the church for over 50 years.

WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Leaker 1, F. Hansford 2, A. M. Tyler 3, E. F. Hancock 4, F. C. Mogford 5, E. Taylor 6, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 7, G. Lilley 8. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of Mrs. Hancock, mother of Emilyn F. Hancock on that day at Winscombe.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On Aug. 25th, at All Saints', 1,260 Plain Bob Major: E. Whittingham 1, Gwen A. Crockford 2, E. Langley 3, Mary Cole 4, W. Newton 5, H. Dyer 6, W. Pearce 7, W. Brooks (first quarter as conductor) 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7. First quarter in the tower by a local band.

WROXTON, OXON.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Bishop 1, J. Bishop 2, J. M. Stretton 3, J. S. Walton 4, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 5. A Festival of Britain quarter.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. M. Godley 1, F. Precey 2, G. S. Morris 3, J. T. Barrett 4, J. W. Drew 5, R. Keeley 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, R. H. Duke (first in method) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Precey and Mr. G. Osmond.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Valerie Willard, hon. secretary of the Luton District of the Bedfordshire Association, is leaving next month for a three-years tour of duty at Melbourne, Australia. The good wishes of her many friends will accompany her and she is looking forward to joining Philip and Joan Gray at Melbourne Cathedral

Mr. Albert Relfe and Mr. Charles Bassett 'completed the circle' of Wadhurst (Sussex) tower together on September 22nd.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Stephen's, Ealing, on September 28th, was the tenth anniversary peal of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, and an eighth birthday compliment to their son, Christopher.

The band which rang the peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Tunstall on October 3rd, for the wedding of Miss Betty Spice and the Rev. Peter T. Robbins, who are both members of the Oxford University Society, contained six Oxford University ringers.

Mr. Harry Buckingham, a young ringer at Winchester Cathedral, rang for the consecration of the Bishop of Southampton at the Cathedral and afterwards stood in at the last minute in the peal in honour of the occasion at St. Mary's, Southampton. His action was much appreciated by the conductor and we expect Harry was equally delighted in scoring his first peal on ten bells.

A correspondent writes that on September 30th he listened to four rings of bells being broadcast before service on the wireless. In two cases rounds were being rung, call changes in another and Grandsire Triples in the fourth. 'Considering that it was not a major Church festival, I think the B.B.C. must surely be paying attention to our cries for more bells,' he concludes.

Some years ago a peal was rung by a band of ringers all over 70. We now give notice that a peal attempt will be made on the bells of St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday afternoon, October 20th, by eight ringers all over 80 years of age. The method will be Bob Major, and the conductor the young and ever-green Frank Bennett. Our best wishes are extended to the band.

Mr. George Peers, sen., of Tamworth, rang at Overseal on September 26th in a peal of Stedman Triples. He rang his last peal 20 years ago.

No fewer than 197 compositions are contained in the report of the Leicester Diocesan Guild for 1950. In these days of heavy printing costs this is a fine achievement, and we feel certain that many conductors will desire to obtain a copy.

In reply to the query from Mr. Eade, Buxted, re another church dedicated to St. Margaret the Queen, Miss Winifred Bettridge informs us that there is a church of the same dedication in Barcombe Avenue, Streatham, S.W.2. There is no ring of bells in this church.

It is anticipated that there will be many members of the craft in London early in November. Mr. A. D. Barker will have a tower at his disposal for an hour on Tuesday evening, November 6th, and members interested are asked to communicate with him at Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

A novel series of advertisements are appearing in various international magazines and newspapers in South Africa, Canada, New Zealand and Australia dealing with legends of the bells. The material for the series has been provided by Mr. Ernest Morris. Overseas ringers will find the series amusing and entertaining. The association of bells with whisky is an unusual combination.

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LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS DESCRIBED

Cathedral Authorities' Restrictions

THE cancellation of the arrangements for the visit to Liverpool, on their outward journey to Canada, of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, provided the Exercise wtih a great disappointment.

During the past half-century we have watched the steady materialisation of this mighty Cathedral (interrupted by two world wars), and waited eagerly for the day when the great new ring would be heard for the first time. The bells were cast in 1938-39, but owing to the delay in the completion of the tower and the shortage and restriction of materials, they could not be hung until this year.

When it became known that it was intended to ring them in honour of the Royal visit, a great surge of enthusiasm and expectation took place throughout the whole Exercise. The disappointment is not lessened by the news which reaches us from different sources. It would appear that the Cathedral authorities have somewhat unusual views on the use of church bells and for the present this great ring will only be heard on special festive occasions. We can only hope that suitable representations will be made by the Lancashire Association to prevail on the authorities to allow this, the greatest ringing installation of all time, to be heard more often.

Here are the particulars of the tower, bells and inscriptions.

The tower rises to a height of 331 feet above the floor of the nave, which is 16 feet above the street level in St. James' Road. The first trapway in the tower is 175 feet above the floor (only eight feet short of Nelson's column). The maximum width of the tower is 96 feet.

The belfry is 219 feet above the nave floor, spans 72 feet inside and is approximately 90 feet high.

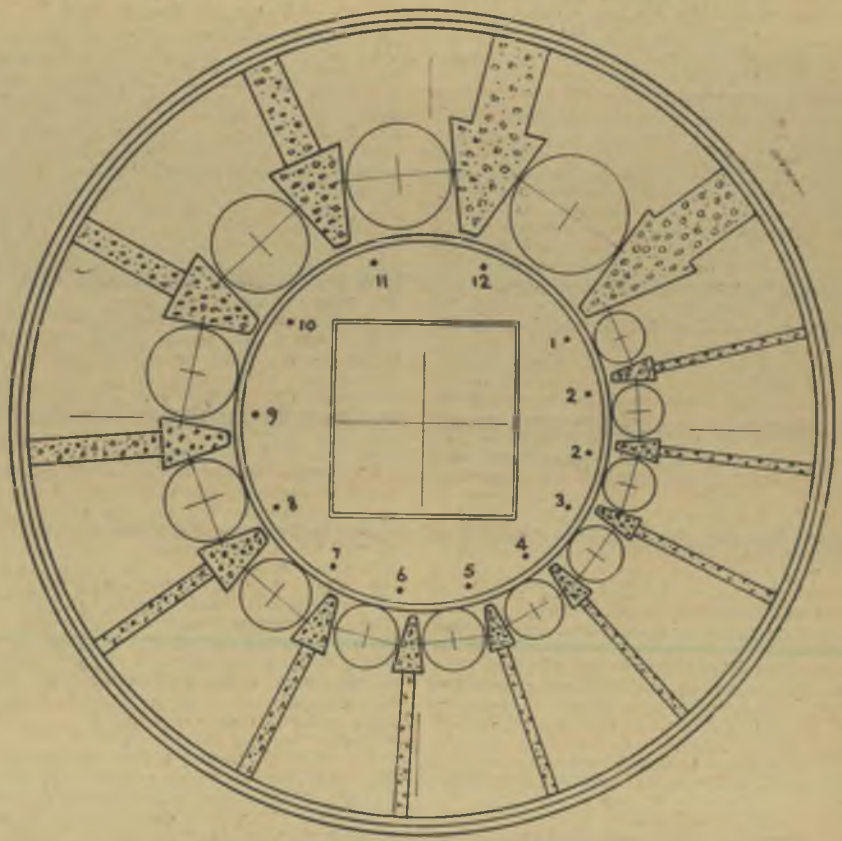
These few brief details are sufficient to convey the immensity of Liverpool Cathedral and it will be appreciated that the problem involved in hanging the heaviest ringing peal in the world at such a great height called for original design in belfry construction. Mr. Burnard Geen, the consulting engineer, solved it in the following way.

At approximately the level of the first trapway a reinforced concrete girdle encircles the tower. This is 6 feet thick, 6 feet 1½ inches high, and weighs 600 tons. Set diagonally across the corners are massive plate girders upon which two pairs of lattice girders, 82 feet long and 22 feet high, span the tower diagonnally, resting at their extremities on roller bearings to allow for expansion and contraction during changes in temperature. The ringing chamber floor is carried in the lower booms of these girders. A 20 feet square space is formed in the centre by the intersection of the girders and it is here that the ringers stand on a raised circular platform.

Above the 22 feet high ringing chamber is a sound-deadening chamber of 10 feet constructed in reinforced concrete, the ceiling of which forms the belfry floor.

At the suggestion of Mr. A. A. Hughes, the bell-frame was constructed in reinforced concrete and is circular in design, being based on a true rope circle of 17 feet 9 inches diameter. The following simple plan gives a clear indication of the form the frame takes. The base ring is 2 feet thick and 42 feet in diameter. The concrete arrow-shaped piers on which the bells swing are 6 feet 6 inches high, and with the exception of the piers either side of the tenor, the 'tails' slope down to the level of the base ring.

The entire frame is insulated from the floor by one-inch felt and the three floors, belfry, sound-deadening chamber and ringing chamber, are independent of the walls and insulated from them by ½-inch cork sheets. This ensures that the sound vibrations from the bells do not carry down through all the mass of steel and concrete, and the scheme has proved very effective. Over 2,000 tons of reinforced concrete and steel work has gone into this construction, and as may be expected when the maximum forces are being exerted by the swinging bells, there is not the least indication of any movement whatever.



THE CIRCLE AT LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

Access to the ringing chamber will eventually be by electric lift, but at present this only goes to the height of the nave roof.

DETAILS OF THE BELLS

Tenor.—82 cwt. 11 lb. A flat. Inscription: Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thomas Bartlett, who died 4th September, 1912, by his will left money to provide this ring of thirteen bells, which were cast by Mears and Stainbank at Whitechapel, 1938 and 1939. The Lord Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev. Albert Augustus David, D.D., named me Emmanuel.

11th.—55 cwt. 1 lb. B flat. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto Thee. The Very Rev. the Dean of Liverpool, Frederick William Dwelly, M.A., D.D., and the Residentiary Canons, the Rev. James Stanley Bezzant, M.A., B.D., Chancellor, the Rev. Thomas Arthur Edward Davey, M.A., Treasurer, the Right Rev. Herbert Gresford Jones, M.A., D.D., Bishop of Warrington, and the Rev. John Thomas Mitchell, M.A., B.D., named me James.

10th.—39 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. C. O come, let us sing unto the Lord. The President of the Cathedral Committee, Edward George Villiers, 17th Earl of Derby, K.G., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., C.B., Lord Lieutenant of the County of Lancaster and Chancellor of Liverpool University, named me Oswald.

9th.—35 cwt. 11 lb. D flat. My praise is of Thee in the great congregation. The Vice-President of the Cathedral Committee, Sir Frederick Morton Radcliffe, K.C.V.O., LL.D., named me Peter.

8th.—24 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. E flat. All Thy works praise Thee O Lord. The Chairman of the Cathedral Executive Committee, Alan Cecil Tod, O.B.E., T.D., named me Martin.

7th.—18 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. F. Sing we merrily unto God our strength. The vice-chairman of the Cathedral Executive Committee, Henry Sutton Timmis, named me Nicholas.

6th.—14 cwt. 2 lb. G. Be joyful, all ye that are true of heart. The Treasurers of the Cathedral Committee, Sir Charles Henry Morton, Knt., and Harold Carleton Walker, named me Michael.

5th.—12 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. A flat. Ascribe unto the Lord worship and power. The Secretaries to the Cathedral Committee, Horace Milner Alderton Smith and Vere Egerton Cotton, C.B.E., T.D., named me Guthlac.

4th.—11 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. B flat. Rejoice in the Lord. O ye righteous. The Architect, Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, Knt, R.A., named me Gilbert.

3rd.—10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. Thy way is in the sea and Thy paths in the great waters. The Builders, Dudley Morrison, Norman Morrison, William Lionel Wade and John Turton, named me Chad.

2nd.—9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. D flat. Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad. The Clerk of the Works, Owen Pittaway, and the Foreman, William Benjamin Meredith, named me Paul.

Sharp 2nd.—9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. D. Every day will I give thanks unto Thee.—The Organist, Walter Henry Goss Custard, Mus.Bac, F.R.C.O., and the Choral Conductor, Edgar

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40 YEARS AGO

RINGING NEWS FROM VANCOUVER

Extract from 'The Ringing World' dated October 13th, 1911

[A letter from Mr. Alan R. MacDonald, later a well-known bellringer.]

'When I first arrived in this city, I made enquiries as to where the Roman Catholic Cathedral was, and soon located it, as it is the only church in the whole city with a stone steeple capable of holding a ringing peal, as nearly nine out of ten of the churches and houses are built of wood. I made enquiries as to who were the ringers, and when the bells were rung, but could get no information except that the ringers were all from the Old Country, and sometimes rang on Wednesday evenings. . . . I heard the back five strike up to the old familiar tune of Grandsire Doubles. You can bet it was not long before I found my way up into the ringing chamber and introduced myself. Another new ringer to Vancouver, a son of Mr. Judd, of Prittlewell, followed me up the stairs and . . . . the Vancouver band got two recruits at once, which enabled them to talk of ringing Stedman Triples. Anyway, that first Sunday evening, we changed the tune from Doubles to Triples. I had put my copy of "The Ringing World" in my pocket, so was able to show them the first official account of their own peal (rung in the July).

'We have quite a decent band here now and I am pleased to say I called the first touch of Stedman Triples last Sunday evening. It was the first in Canada, if not on the American Continent. . . . We have, when all turn up, a band capable of ringing Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent and Oxford Minor, and are living in hopes of recording the first peal of Stedman Triples on this side, if luck is kind, at no very distant date. . . . .'

[Unfortunately, luck was not kind and the first peal of Stedman in Canada has yet to be rung.]

IRISH ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Eastern District was held in Dublin on September 22nd. The meeting was originally arranged in the hopes of meeting Fred Dunkerley's peal-ringing band, who unfortunately had to postpone their visit until a later date. Forty ringers from Arklow, Drogheda and Dublin attended.

The ten bells of the Augustinian Church of St. John-the-Baptist were made available during the afternoon. The belfry of this church was said to have been built without thought of how to reach the bells. It was, therefore, necessary to erect a ladder to the organ, a platform over it, and then a fireman's iron circular steel staircase up to the roof inside the lofty nave. It is a nerve-racking ascent for those making their first journey. The tenor weighs 24 cwt. and the bells were recently placed on roller bearings. Some of the ringers were given an opportunity of ringing Plain Bob with the 'experts' while others had their first 'go' on strange bells.

Tea was kindly arranged by the local ringers in St. George's Hall. This was followed by a short business meeting presided over by the chairman of the District, Mr. Fred Henly, who for just 50 years has been one of the most active ringers at Drogheda.

Mr. Henly, in his address, extended a cordial welcome to Dr. Stanley Darmon and his wife (Jean Southerst) to Dublin. They were subsequently duly elected members of the Association and presented with certificates.

LIVERPOOL BELLS—Continued

Cyril Robinson, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O., named me David.

Treble.—9 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. E flat. Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee: Thou art my God and I will praise Thee. The Senior Verger. Joseph Henry Harrod, named me Bede.

TRAGIC DEATH OF MR. HAROLD PAILING

Trapped By a Bell

AS briefly reported in our last issue, Mr. Harold Pailing met a tragic death at St. Paul's Church, Daybrook, Nottingham, on September 28th. The rope of the 5th bell having broken during practice, he went up into the bell chamber to investigate and almost immediately uttered a cry for help. He was found trapped between the lip of the 5th bell and the frame. It would appear that he slipped in the dark, and grasping to save himself, caught hold of the wheel, pulling the bell off. A doctor was called, who arrived within a very few minutes, but Mr. Pailing was dead. He could only have lived a few moments after the bell struck him. The cause of death was shock from multiple fracture of the ribs and sternum.

As it was impossible to extricate Mr. Pailing without proper tackle, the fire brigade was summoned and the working of the bell explained to them. The firemen said afterwards that it was one of the most difficult and delicate tasks they had experienced.

THE INQUEST

The theory that Mr. Harold Pailing slipped in the darkness of the belfry when he went to investigate a rope slipping the wheel was advanced by Mr. Frederick Salter, Ringing Master of St. Peter's, Nottingham, at the inquest at Arnold on October 2nd. 'He put his hand out and caught the No. 5 bell which swung over and trapped him,' surmised Mr Salter.

The Nottingham District Coroner (Mr. C. A. Mack), who conducted the proceedings, was shown a model of the bell and this was used by the doctor to demonstrate how Mr. Pailing was trapped. He said that Mr. Pailing died from multiple fractures of the chest. His verdict was 'Accidental death.'

Mr. Frederick Salter, of Noel Street, Nottingham, said that on the previous Friday evening he went to take part in the ringing practice at Daybrook. They had been ringing for about 15 minutes when the rope of No. 5 bell came off.

'I went into the bell chamber, intending to replace this rope, but it was dark and, as there was no light up there, I decided against it,' said Mr. Salter.

'I had never been any further than the ringing chamber in the church and did not feel justified in going among the bells as it was so dark.'

As he stepped down from the bell chamber, and was removing his overalls, Mr. Pailing arrived and asked what was the matter. As he was familiar with the place, he said he would go and replace the rope.

'He went alone without a light. We got some candles and prepared to go up and assist him. Almost at once we heard him call for help and we went up.

'We found him trapped beneath the bell frame and the mouth of No. 5 bell. We tried to get the bell off him, but it was impossible.

'I should say he had got below the beam and was feeling with his foot for a step and then he slipped, putting his hands out and catching the wheel of the bell.'

Police-Sgt. Thomas Love: 'Is it not a rule among ringers that when a bell is "on set" no one enters the chamber?'

Witness: 'No. If a man feels competent and knows the place, he would go up.'

'But not without a light?'—'I could go over my own bell frame without a light if the circumstances arose. Sometimes it is a necessity.'

Dr. Philip Lionel Nicolle, of Church Crescent, Daybrook, said he found Mr. Pailing pinned to a beam by the bell, which had swung over, trapping him across the chest. The doctor used the model to show the position to the Coroner.

With another ringer he attempted to lift the bell, but they could not move it.

The Vicar, the Rev. F. N. Keen, and Mr. Sidney Wilce Fossey, of Patterson Place, Mansfield, himself a Ringing Master, thanked the doctor, police and fire brigade for their help.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place on Wednesday last, the first part of the service being held in St. Paul's Church, and conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Norman Keen, the other clergy present being Canon R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of West Bridgford and chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, the Rev. G. R. D. McLean, Rector of East Bridgford, and the Rev. W. H. Williams, curate at Daybrook.

Prior to the service the bells were rung half-muffled in very slow time, the effect being most solemn and impressive. The church was filled to capacity with parishioners and ringing friends. After the commitment in Redhill Cemetery, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by A. Barratt, F. A. Salter, C. Glenn and P. Preston.

A VALUED CHURCH WORKER

Mr. Pailing, who was 43 years of age, learned to ring at East Bridgford, where his father still rings. He came to Daybrook as a school teacher prior to the war and joined the local company, being elected leader in 1945. He was active as chorister, member of the Parochial Church Council, and served on various church committees. He was chairman of the Nottingham Branch of the Southwell Diocesan Guild. He was a sound ringer and good striker. Not a prolific peal ringer, he had rung 30 in a good variety of methods up to Caters and Royal.

The sympathy of all ringers will be extended to his widow, who is also a ringer at Daybrook Church, and his two sons, the eldest of whom is learning to ring there.

Many practical expressions of sympathy with Mrs. Pailing and family by unsolicited gifts having been received by local ringers, it has been decided that the Guild shall issue a general appeal to members. An official announcement on this matter will appear later.

MR. A. MARSHALL

Mr. Andrew Marshall, of Lamberhurst, Kent, who had been in failing health for several years, died on September 28th, aged 68 years. About three months ago he had to enter hospital for treatment, and it was found necessary to amputate one of his legs. He left hospital on September 18th and went to Brighton. He was coming home on September 29th, but had a heart attack and died suddenly the day before.

Mr. Marshall had been a ringer at Lamberhurst for nearly 50 years and had rung nearly 100 peals. He was one of the band that rang the first peal of Major on Tenterden bells in 1912, and had rung in peals of Minor up to 32 methods. He was always ready to hand his rope to a younger man and to stand behind him if he was not quite sure of the method.

The funeral was at Lamberhurst Church on October 2nd, interment being in the same grave as his only son who was killed in the late war. The local ringers rang a course of Grandsire on the handbells at the graveside, and in the evening some of his old ringing pals from the surrounding parishes came and helped the local ringers in ringing the tower bells half-muffled.

A. R.

MR. ALFRED E. PARKER

Grantham has lost another old ringer by the death of Mr. Alfred E. Parker, at the age of 72 years. Deceased had been a member of St. Wulfram's band for upwards of 50 years.

His interment took place at Grantham Cemetery on October 2nd and in the evening the bells of St. Wulfram's were hung half-muffled, as a token of respect.

He was of a quiet disposition, and had been in ill-health for several years, but visited the belfry until recently. He was a good, sound ringer, and had conducted a few quarter peals.

H. R. W.

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL OF THE SNOWDON DINNER

A Memorable Day at York

MICHAELMAS DAY, 1951, will long be remembered by ringing visitors to York for its beautiful weather, ample opportunities for ringing on the magnificent bells of the Minster, a general meeting of the Yorkshire Association, Evensong sung in the choir of the Minster and finally a revival of the Snowdon Dinner. Associated with the arrangements was the Silver Jubilee of the rededication of the Minster bells. The programme of events was a long one and was carried through to everyone's satisfaction.

There was a good beginning when, shortly after 11 o'clock, the middle octave was rung up in splendid style in spite of many of the band being unaccustomed to the long draught of rope. After the odd bells had been raised a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the middle octave to give the visitors confidence. Then followed Stedman Caters and other methods until a halt was called at 12.30.

The afternoon session started at 2.30 and county members rang Stedman and Cambridge Surprise on the middle octave and Grandsire, Stedman and Little Bob on the back ten.

At. 3.55 the county members retired to the general meeting and the freedom of the belfry was bestowed on the out-county 'brasshats.' Three courses of Stedman Caters were followed by a touch of Spliced Surprise on the back eight (the first on the bells). A well-struck bob course of Stedman Cinques concluded the method ringing. Then the front eight were rung down followed by the four tenors to enable Albert, of Birmingham, to listen to the tune 'Get up them stairs.'

THE GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting was held in the Parish Hall of St. Michael-le-Belfry, the scene of the Central Council meeting in 1903. A wisecrack of one member that the hall had not been redecorated since that meeting was allowed to pass for lack of evidence to the contrary.

The chair was taken by the president, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds, who was supported by Mr. S. F. Palmer, hon. treasurer, and Mr. L. W. G. Morris, hon. general secretary.

Several new members were elected and a letter from a firm of bellfounders inviting nomination of a contributor to a house magazine was allowed to lie on the table, the opinion being expressed that 'The Ringing World' was the usual means of publication of items of ringing interest.

As no invitation had been received for the next meeting it was decided to visit Sheffield, in January, provided suitable arrangements could be made.

A vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for allowing generous use of the Minster bells was carried with acclamation as was also a vote of thanks to the York Minster Society for making arrangements for the meeting and the Snowdon Dinner. Mr. Harold Walker, president of the Minster Society, said his colleagues were very glad to welcome the Association to York and to organise the Dinner; if necessary the Association would be welcome to visit York again for the dinner next year.

A goodly number of ringers attended Evensong in the Minster when the beautiful singing of the choir was much appreciated. The first lesson was read by the president, and prayers were said for the work of the Association.

The Bellfounders' Window in the Minster was a focal point of interest for many visitors. It was interesting to note that this window was restored to its place in 1948, after the Second World War, at the expense of the 5th Division 1939-45 in memory of its fallen.

THE DINNER

A company of 90 sat down to a satisfactory dinner in the Co-operative Cafe. The president, wearing his badge of office, took the chair, and among those present were: Canon G. W. O. Addleshaw, treasurer of York Minster; Canon F. Harrison, chancellor of York Minster; Mr. P. J. Johnson, vice-president, and Mrs. Johnson; Mr. A. F. Sellars, vice-president, and Mrs. Sellars; Mr. F. S. Palmer, hon treasurer; Mr. L. W. G. Morris, hon. general secretary; Mr. W. E. Critchley, peal secretary; Mr. W. Barton, trustee; Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, Birmingham; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dowding, Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness, Lincoln; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Worth, Macclesfield; Mr. F. Dunkerley, hon. general secretary, Lancashire Association; Mr. W. Allman, Runcorn; Mr. J. Bibby, Frodsham; Mr. H. O. Baker, Chester.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, and a brief interval, the chairman welcomed the visitors and said apologies of absence had been received from the Dean of York; the Archdeacon of York; Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, president of the Central Council; Mrs. E. Dorice Kelly, Yorkshire Branch secretary of the Ladies' Guild; Mr. T. F. Earnshaw (a ringer at York Minster for 63 years, who is now living in Birmingham) and Mr. T. W. White, editor of 'The Ringing World'

The chairman then read a letter from Miss Margaret E. Snowdon, daughter of William Snowdon, second president of the Association:—'I wonder—should a fitting opportunity occur—if you would convey my good wishes to the gathering. My pride is to keep the "Snowdon Series" of ringing books at a reasonable price: a veritable job these days. With special greeting of goodwill to those who practise the grand old English art.'

The toast 'The Church and State' was proposed by Mr. P. J Johnson, who enlarged on the problems connected with the spread of population. New districts were springing up where new churches were required, and old churches were left unused amongst the warehouses in the big towns and cities. It would be a good thing if bells from the old churches were transferred to the new ones where they could be used to better advantage. Theological college students should be encouraged in the art of ringing so that when they took up their work in the parishes they could take an active part in the ringing of their bells.

Canon Harrison replied and said ours was the only religious State left in the world and it was a record that the relationship between Church and State, which had existed since A.D. 597, had lasted so long. Speaking of the bells, Chancellor Harrison said if ever the Church lost its bells it would be well on the way to losing everything.

JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON

The toast 'The late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association' was proposed by Mr. Albert Walker, who said the name of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon was not likely to be forgotten in the change ringers' world. The book 'Ropesight' might be called the change ringers' bible. He was also the author of the books 'Treble Bob,' Double Norwich Court Bob Major' and 'Standard Methods' and he was the originator of the 'blue line.' Snowdon was born in 1844 and became founder and first president of the Yorkshire Association in 1875, which position he retained until his untimely death in 1885. Jasper was followed by his brother William, who held office for 25 years. The late Canon C. C. Marshall was then president for 35 years. William Horner Howard, who was first vice-president, was a ringer in York Minster for 68 years and was well respected in his day. He recalled the names of Charles Henry Hattersley and his brother Tom; George Bolland; James Cotterill; and James and Tom Lockwood, each of whom had served the Association well. There were numerous others, each of whom had left his mark on the work of the Association.

'Visitors and Kindred Ringing Societies' was proposed by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, who said he was glad to welcome to that gathering the chancellor and the treasurer of York Minster. The treasurer had the important task of supervising the Minster appeal for £250,000 to preserve the fabric and he was glad there had been such a ready response to the appeal. Kindred Ringing Societies were represented by Mr. Albert Walker of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham; Mr. Fred Dunkerley, hon. general secretary of the Lancashire Association; Mr. Walter Allman and his colleagues of the Chester Diocesan Guild; and Mr. Charles McGuiness of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Incidentally, Mr. McGuiness was taking up an appointment in Newcastle and he was sure the loss to the Lincoln Guild would be a welcome gain to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild.

In a humerous reply for 'The Visitors,' Canon Addleshaw said how amused he was when reading old churchwardens' accounts he continually came across the item 'Ale for the ringers.' He also told of how he was once arrested as an escaped convict disguised as a clergyman and was only released after he had produced some letters and asked what connection there was between Lambeth Palace and Durham Gaol.

Replying for 'The Kindred Societies,' Mr. F. Dunkerley said he felt honoured at being asked to respond to the toast. Such gatherings as this did much to foster friendship between Societies. He regretted the action of the Editorial Committee in putting a ban on the Editor visiting such gatherings and thought it was the wrong thing to do. What could be done to help was for everyone to become postal subscribers to 'The Ringing World.' That would cut out distributors and newsagents' fees and prove a useful source of revenue to the Committee.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mr. Charles McGuiness proposed the toast 'Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association.' He said the Association was fortunate in having a good bank balance, a good membership, wide territory and splendid officers. Prosperity meant yielding good fruit. The Association had always been noted for its high performance and future prosperity would depend on the encouragement of learners to attain the same high standard. The Association had many national ringers in its ranks and Yorkshire was well represented in the councils of the Exercise. He had heard Yorkshire opinion expressed very forcibly at Central Council meetings.

Mr S. F. Palmer replied for the Association and said that although the finances were satisfactory they had a shaking up during the past few years. The membership stood at 1,575 and he was glad the prosperity of the Association was controlled by an able body of officers.

'The Chairman' was proposed by Mr. Harold Walker, who said the Association was fortunate in having Archdeacon Ellison as its president. They were all thankful to him for carrying out his duties so well. Thanks were also due to the artistes who had given their services freely to entertain the company. On behalf of the York Minster Society he welcomed the visitors and thanked them for their support in making the dinner a success. The very first ring of twelve bells ever to be assembled was hung in the south-west tower of the Minster and now they had the finest heavy ring of twelve bells in the country—that included Liverpool where, he understood, special ringing and meetings were not to be permitted.

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Snowdon Dinner—Continued

AVOID BICKERING

Rising to reply, the chairman said the toast should have been the other way round for he was deeply grateful to the Minster Society for the work put in to make the meeting and dinner a success. He also thanked the artistes. If he could be allowed to give advice, he said it would be to foster fellowship among themselves as ringers and then in the outside world. He deprecated the constant bickering which appeared to go on in the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World.' He thought the first paragraph in that week's 'Belfry Gossip' was in very bad taste To make a pun of a person's name was bad enough but to tell that person if he didn't like the bells he should live elsewhere was something that should not be done. A more conciliatory atitude was desirable. If there were complaints, then something should be done to abate them. In his own tower he had covered the louvres with sound-deadening material.

The toasts were interspersed with songs by Miss D. Roberts, Mr. S. H. Steel, Mr. F. Horner, Mr. L. Wright and Mr. J. Worfolk. Mr. K. Wishart was the accompanist.

Was the revival a success? If a few shillings deficit in the dinner accounts can be taken seriously, then it was a failure. On the credit side, there were many expressions of satisfaction that all had enjoyed the visit to York. There was plenty of good ringing, a good dinner and tons of good fellowship; so it must be concluded the function was a huge success. 'Here's to the next time.'

Sunday was another beautiful day and those privileged to stay overnight enjoyed a splendid four courses of Stedman Cinques before morning service. H. W.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Forty members with friends and visitors from North Lincolnshire, Leicester and Hadley attended the meeting at Barton-on-Humber on September 8th The bells of St. Mary's Church were raised and rung in standard methods till the time for the service.

The service was a combined form of Evensong and Ringers' Service to meet the requirements of the general congregation and the ringers. This was a change from the usual service for the Society, but the introduction of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittus was enjoyed by a number of the members, who thought it could be repeated at frequent intervals.

Tea was taken in the Assembly Rooms, followed by the business meeting. The president extended a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. G. Sylvester, to the new curate, the Rev. D. T. Russell, and Dr. H. Burtwhistle, a churchwarden. The Vicar gave a welcome to the Society and an invitation to come again, knowing how popular the rings of bells in his churches were with ringers in the district.

St. Mary's bells were rung again to Cambridge and Double Norwich to give visitors a chance to try them for the first time and then the bells of St. Peter's Church were raised and rung for the remainder of the evening.

MR. G. W. CARTMEL

Mr. George W. Cartmel celebrated his 86th birthday on September 29th and as a compliment to him the St. Peter's Society, St. Albans, rang the first quarter from Holt's Original for evening service on the following Sunday. Mr. Cartmel's association with ringing goes back as far as 1883. He held the office of general secretary of the Herts County Association for 41 years and was assistant secretary for 14 years. Those taking part in the quarter peal were: M. Webb (first from tenor) 1, H. V. Frost (conductor) 2, Miss A. Bailey 3, R. W. Darvill 4, A. Dale 5, W. J. Southam 6, T. J. Southam 7, F. J. Bailey 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at Durham on September 29th. About 40 members attended the meeting, many taking the opportunity of hearing Evensong sung in the ancient and beautiful Cathedral. The Cathedral bells were available after Evensong, and ringers who were not on committee business made good use of them.

At 7 p.m. the company sat down to dinner at Luke's Cafe, the annual general meeting being held immediately after the meal. Canon Stephenson (president) occupied the chair for the first half of the meeting, but had to leave as he had other business to attend to in connection with his parish. Mr. W. N. Park, immediate past president, was elected to the chair to conduct the latter half of the meeting, which involved a discussion regarding changes in certain rules.

Canon Stephenson was unanimously re-elected president; although not a ringer, he has been keenly interested in the art for over 50 years. He is a most regular attender at meetings of the Association and in nearly every instance he is the only representative of the clergy who visits the ringers.

The honorary secretary, Mr. J. A. Brown, and the hon. editorial secretary, Miss M. Fidell, informed the meeting that they did not wish to stand for re-election, and Mr. D. A. Bayles and Mr. W. J. Davidson were elected to fill the respective vacancies.

The Association is suffering very much from present-day conditions and rising prices continue to play havoc with finances, but Mr. F. Ainsley, the honorary treasurer, is to be congratulated on his balance sheet.

Meetings arranged for the ensuing year are: J. W. Parker Commemoration Meeting at Sunderland on March 15th; the summer meeting at Gateshead on June 14th; and the annual meeting at Newcastle-on-Tyne on September 27th, 1952.

Lancashire Ringer's Silver Wedding

On September 22nd about 60 relatives and friends and the local ringers and their wives were invited to a tea to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker. Mr. Walker has been a ringer at St. George's, Mossley, for over 20 years.

Congratulations were extended to them by several guests with wishes for health and happiness in the coming years. Mr. and Mrs. Walker suitably replied and thanked all the company for the good wishes and presents they had received.

Previous to the tea a successful peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by the local ringers. Congratulations were extended to the conductor, Mr. R. Taylor, who celebrated his golden wedding a few months ago, on having successfully conducted the peal at the age of 77 years.

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1s.—Quarter peal, Bedwellty, Monmouth.

WEDDING OF MISS BETTY SPICE

Bride and Bridegroom's Peal of Spliced Surprise

The Rev. Peter T. Robbins, curate of St. Paul's, Bury, and Miss Betty Spice, of Tunstall, Kent, both members of the Oxford University Society, were married at Tunstall on Tuesday, October 2nd.

The Rev. K. M. Carey, Principal of Westcott House, Cambridge, conducted the wedding, and the Rector of Tunstall, the Rev. G. H. L. Graham, celebrated the Holy Communion. The organist was Mr. Michael Slaney, of the Oxford University Society.

The bride was attired in a dress of deep cream brocade and was attended by Miss Elisabeth Lewis, of Powick, Worcs, and two children, Rosemary Twyman (cousin) and Christopher Trafford (godson). The best man was Mr. Brian Robbins, brother of the bridegroom.

Among the large congregation were members of the Oxford University Society, the Cambridge University Guild, the Worcestershire and Districts Association and the Kent County Association. Ringing after the service was provided by the Tunstall band, and a peal was attempted later in the tower by visiting ringers.

The bride and bridegroom were happily able to ring for their own wedding by joining in a short touch of Grandsire Triples, called by the bride, just before leaving for their honeymoon. This was spent at Oxford and Church Stretton.

At Oxford on the day following the wedding, the couple rang their first peal as husband and wife, a peal of Spliced Surprise in six methods, conducted by Walter F. Judge.

REDEDICATION

CHELTENHAM PARISH CHURCH

As intimated in an earlier issue under 'Belfry Gossip,' the Cheltenham Parish Church bells were rung for the first time at the Harvest Festival service on Sunday, September 30th, after the rehanging on ball bearings. The Ringing Master, Mr. W. Dyer, expressed thanks to the Rector (Canon J. B. Goodliffe) and to others who had assembled at 10 a.m. in the belfry and who had made it possible for the work to be carried out.

The Rector conducted a short service of rededication after which very short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Cinques were rung in order to give the large number of ringers present a chance to try out the bells in the short time available before service at 11 a.m.

The Parish Church ringers wish to thank the ringers at Gloucester, Painswick, Upton St. Leonards, Bishops Cleeve and Hinton-on-the-Green for allowing them to ring their bells for Sunday services and to those at Prestbury and Charlton Kings for the use of their bells for practices. This has greatly helped to keep the band together during the period of rehanging and is much appreciated.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

METHOD EXTENSION

Dear Sir,—Mr. Roe's excellent letter about method extension hits the nail on the head. The method cited gives an undoubtedly correct extension to all numbers.

I would like to raise a further point, and a controversial one at that. The major method is Double Coslany Court, and it was the composer of Bristol Surprise, Bankes-James, who said that Double Coslany was 'Bristol square-rooted.' The changes in each lead of Double Coslany are identical with half the changes in the corresponding lead of Bristol. This property extends, the changes in a lead of Roe's extensions being contained in Arthur Craven's extensions of Bristol, and the lead ends are the same. Curiously. Bankes-James denied Arthur Craven's extensions as being true.

The Bristol rows which make up Double Coslany are always the rows 1, 2, 7, 8 of the lead, followed by the first and last rows of each treble dodge, until the last two dodges of the treble, when the rows pair off again (as the methods are double). There is, to me, no doubt that both are logical extensions, particularly as in Craven's Bristol (including the Beddington version of Royal) on higher numbers there is an orderly pattern of backward single dodging in advance of the treble above it and behind the treble below it. There may be other logical extensions of Bristol, but to say that there are none is absurd.

A nostalgia for 'nice work' grips many ringers. In Double Coslany Major it is nice to snap seconds and lead for 14 changes, but this turns out to be a happy accident and does not apply to any of the extensions. Similarly, although Bristol Major has a pleasant segregation of the bells in 'boxes' back and front. Why should one scrap any extension which has not the feature of Major?

I would suggest that accepted extensions belong to a sequence of extensions on all numbers, each to be judged individually, and to retain the same coursing order pattern. No approximations should be tolerated. Naturally, one cannot aspire to ring Bristol on 194 bells, but the knowledge that one is ringing a method which does extend 'to infinity' gives one a deep satisfaction like that of the astronomer who looks with awe into the depths of space. London Major is a freak with no vista.

It would be interesting for us to know the reasons which led the Methods Committee to propose such a narrow choice of pivot bells.

BRIAN D. PRICE.

10, Greenland Road.
Brynmawr.

PROGRESS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dear Sir,—The publication of a second quarter peal to be rung within a week at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, British Columbia, bears testimony to the excellent work which is being done for ringing by Mr. E. W. Izard and his company.

I am sure that ringers from the Old Country who are fortunate enough to visit the tower will not only be agreeably surprised at the excellence of the ringing, but will also be given a very warm welcome.—Yours faithfully,

MALCOLM NEVILLE.

Sleaford, Lincs.

HAND OF FRIENDSHIP

Dear Sir—May I write to apologise for my poor sense of humour as so forcibly pointed out by Mr. Bond? I also hope that my not 'seeing the joke' will not result in any ill-feeling between our societies.

Well, Roving Ringers, you had me up a gum tree, and I only think it best that I now climb down from it.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.
Ringing Master, Rambling Ringers.

Branston, Lincs

RECRUITMENT

Dear Sir,—In your leading article you suggest contacting the voluntary youth organisations. For the past three years I have been trying to interest the National Association of Boys' Clubs in bell-ringing. Unfortunately, they have been unable to decide whether it should count towards their Fitness Trophy, or be included in their Arts Festivals.

Seriously though, I wonder if we are right in trying to 'catch 'em young.' I believe if one were to take a census of those who have retained an enduring interest in bell-ringing one would find that they took it up while in the early twenties. In attempting to get the young 'bitten by the bug' we may well be inoculating them against it. If bell-ringing is really child's play, when they come to man's estate they will, in the words of St. Paul, put away childish things.—Yours faithfully,

Tunbridge Wells. WILLIAM MORLAND.

LYME REGIS BELLS

Dear Sir,—A scheme for the complete recasting and rehanging of Lyme Regis bells has been approved by the Church Council and an appeal is being launched at once for raising something over £1,000 for this restoration.

The eight bells are a light and rather toneless set with old-fashioned fittings, and bearings which are badly worn. The space available is very limited so that a tenor of about 11 cwt. is the most that can be hoped for; but we should certainly be assured of a far more musical ring.

We have had the pleasure during many years past of welcoming ringers here from all over the country and, though Lyme Regis may seem a remote corner of Dorset, many can bear witness that from a ringing point of view it is distinctly on the map.

I venture to ask your kind indulgence to allow this appeal to be extended to the Exercise generally in the hope that some of our friends, especially those who have made happy holiday in Lyme Regis, may be inclined to help our ringers, in however small a way, in achieving a long-held ambition to have bells more worthy of the name to handle.

Needless to say, we have a big task in front of us, but we mean to see it through with all speed.

Contributions will be most gratefully acknowledged by our captain, Mr. George Stedman Morris, 16, Sherborne Lane, Lyme Regis, or by me.—Yours very truly,

The Vicarage, C. CAREW COX.
Lyme Regis, Dorset.

MORE ABOUT THE FALSE PEAL OF TREBLE TEN

Sir,—This composition was rung at Preston on April 7th, 1947, and published in 'The Ringing World' some three weeks later. The falseness was pointed out at once by Mr. C. W. Roberts and others. It is regretted that the figures were copied and the corrections not seen. We rang a peal at Preston on December 26th, 1947, to replace the false one, which was clearly stated in the footnote. Mr. F. Nolan Golden wrote privately to me saying that Mr. Timbrell had made an unfortunate slip and this sums up the whole matter.—Yours faithfully. E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

Dear Sir.—On reading the report of the above ringers' tour in 'The Ringing World' (September 21st, 1951), I noticed that St. Neots is referred to as having six with a tenor of 14 cwt. I should like to point out that St. Neots has an eight-bell tower with a tenor of almost 20 cwt., in D.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN W. C. BLYTHE.

Southwold, Suffolk.

'RINGER'S GUIDE'

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read of the Sussex young ringer's discovery of a ring of six at Llanelly missed from the 'Ringer's Guide,' to which omission Peter Bond refers with understandable glee.

In compiling the work my two main objectives were (a) to include all towers with rings of bells, and (b) to record accurate information. Neither was easy to achieve, because in the first place the number of rings has never been known, and in the second place ringing records in general are not by any means accurate.

Dealing with objective (a), I have just been through the wonderful records kept by the late Mr. J. H. Shepherd, who, over a period of 60 years rang on more than 3,000 rings of bells, and measured the tenors of the majority of them. A careful check has revealed only two omissions from the 'Guide.' One is a six-bell tower at St. David's, Llanelly (doubtless the tower to which Peter Bond refers), and the other is a five-bell tower at Churchstoke in Montgomeryshire. This means that altogether nine towers were missed. (Details of seven have already been published.)

If, therefore, no ringers anywhere can now find any further omissions, it may reasonably be assumed that objective (a) has been achieved and the list is complete—complete, that is, up to the end of last year.

Some of the weights of tenors published have, unfortunately, proved to be wrong; for instance, Godmanchester, Hunts, referred to by the Society of Rambling Ringers last week, and several towers have since had to be deleted through being included in error or duplicated.

In your issue of September 28th 'Tourist' questioned my weight for the tenor of St. Mary's, Hull. The weight I show was supplied by the bellhangers who rehung the bells shortly before the last war, and is authentic. Incidentally, the Yorkshire Association report gives 16 cwt.

I have read the 'lesson in geography' in 'Belfry Gossip' this week. According to Crockford, St. Mellons is in Glamorgan but in the diocese of Monmouth. As the same authority gives Newmarket as 'Cambridgeshire,' possibly it is also wrong about St. Mellons.

I am very grateful to all those who have helped me with information and corrections for the 'Ringer's Guide,' and take this opportunity or thanking them.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds 8.

NOTE.—The Editor fell into the same pitfall regarding St. Mellons by checking it with Crockford.—ED.

WOMAN DOUBLES RINGER'S PROTEST

Dear Sir,—The Central Council evidently think they can play cat-and-mouse with five-bell ringers. It is up to all Doubles ringers not to let them and to continue to ring what has already been accepted in the past. I can think of no better form of protest.

How can the Central Council logically say they will accept a method one time and not another? By doing so they have got to the stage of making themselves ridiculously inconsistent. MISS G. A.

Northampton.

WESTON-IN-GORDANO PEAL

Dear Sir,—The peal of Minor in four methods rung at Weston-in-Gordano, Somerset, on September 15th, which was 'believed to be the first peal on the bells,' must now be claimed as 'the first peal of Minor on the bells.'

I find that Mr. Herbert W. Knight beat me to the first peal by a mere 45 years, having rung a peal of Grandsire Doubles on the old five (the present back five) on July 23rd. 1906.

My sincere apologies are due to Mr. Knight, and to you, sir, for trespassing on your columns. —Yours sincerely, ROGER O. FRY.

Bath.

OUTINGS

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE

Melksham ringers, together with wives and friends from surrounding towers, held their annual outing on September 22nd, the weather being at its best.

The first tower, Andover, was unfortunately reached half an hour late, and ringing there had to be accordingly curtailed. Having safely negotiated the wooden spiral staircase, which seemed to have no visible means of support and creaked alarmingly, the eight bells were raised in peal, a good touch of Stedman Triples was rung, and after some rounds the bells were lowered. The tower is a high one, which has a considerable movement while ringing is in progress, but the bells 'go' very well.

After a pretty run through undulating Hampshire countryside, Whitchurch was reached on time and the octave was soon set ringing. The tower is a low squat one with an oak shingled spire and the bells 'go' well although they are rather difficult to hear in the ringing chamber.

An excellent lunch at Basingstoke was kindly arranged by Mr. Gilbert, and ringing followed at St. Michael's Church. The bells were rehung and several recast in 1938 and were a joy to ring. The next tower was Alton, a fine octave hung in a low Norman central tower.

At Farnham the party was greeted with the words 'You must be an exceptional band of ringers because you're early!' The Church of St. Andrew is a very big one with a tower to match and contains a heavy ring of eight bells, restored in 1929. Tea, arranged for the party by Mr. Denyer, then followed, and afterwards came the final run to Guildford.

The ring of eight bells at Holy Trinity, Guildford, the heaviest of the day, left nothing to be desired, an unusual feature being that all the bells are rung from boxes, thus giving even the humble treble man an opportunity to demonstrate his prowess from an elevated position!

Thanks are due to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, the people who met and welcomed the party at the towers, and last, but not least, to Miss M. Kennelly for making the arrangements.

M. J. H.

BURES AND DISTRICT

Leaving Bures at an early hour on September 15th, 40 local ringers and friends toured Surrey. The party included friends from Ardleigh, Mistley and Colchester.

Dorking was reached dead on time and at the tower the Rev. K. Evans was waiting to welcome the party. Upon raising the bells it was discovered that the stay of the seventh was missing, so the strong men of the party took turns to hold the bell on the balance to Rounds, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire.

At Reigate, Mr. Hoad greeted the visitors and it was very pleasant to ring these ten. After lunch at Redhill, ringing took place on the ground floor eight at Bletchingley and Godstone where young Stuart Hame called a touch of 'Stoney.' Tea was served at Westerham to be followed by a ring on the heavy eight, the titbit of the day. The evening's programme included Bromley Common and the rededicated bells that afternoon of Bromley Parish Church, where, in spite of the crowded belfry, Mr. Isaac Emery fitted all in for a pull. Bures was reached just before midnight.

Thanks are due to Mr. Leslie Mills, the Bures captain, for making the arrangements, and local ringers for their kind co-operation.

H. J. M.

The peal at Abergavenny, on September 15th, was the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in the county of Monmouth and for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association and not of Cambridge Surprise as printed last week.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.

Instead of a day's outing two half-day trips were held; the first was in June, when cars borrowed from friends enabled us to visit Elmore, Longney, Frampton-on-Severn, Moreton Valence, Hardwicke and Quedgley. We had an excellent tea at Moreton Valence, where birds' nests had to be moved before we were able to get the bells up. At another tower all our efforts failed to get the second to speak; investigation showed that the clapper was rigidly set in the middle of the bell when up.,

The second trip was in September when a coach was hired. This time the lovely Cotswold villages of Northleach, Bibury, Coln St. Aldwin, Fairford and Watermoor were visited and all the bells came up to our expectations. Tea was at Bibury where half an hour was spent watching the trout in the Coln. Methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Little Bob. A feature of the day was that at each tower a different member was in charge.

C. R.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 13th, Old Brampton (6) 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. Business important.—A. B. Cooper. 9547

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Yaxley, Saturday, October 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9594

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Fairwarp (8), October 13th. Tea at the Foresters Arms.—C. A. Bassett. 9572

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham, Oct. 13th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. Numbers for tea to E. Matthews, 48, Freelands Road, Cobham.—A. H. S. 9553

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting at All Saints', Maidstone (10), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 2.30. Tea in College Room (adjoining church, 4.15, business meeting following. Evensong 6. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. Tel. Maidstone 7216. 9542

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, October 13th, meeting, St. Leonard's, Streatham, 3 p.m. Tea, Zeeta, Streatham, 4.30. St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6. Business 8. Wednesday, October 17th, 7.45 p.m., advanced practice. St. Stephen's, Westminster. All welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Hou 3921. 9549

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill (St. Ann's Road Station), on Saturday, October 13th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business. Bells of All Hallows', Bruce Castle, Tottenham, also available 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9569

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch. — Quarterly, Steeple Aston (6), October 13th. Service 4 p.m. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 9575

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Chalgrove, Oxon, on Saturday, October 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards.—H. Badger. 9566

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Nettlebed, Saturday, October 13th. Bells 6—9. 9564

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Twywell, Saturday, October 13th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30—G. W. Jeffs. 9576

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — October meeting at Wellington (8) on 13th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cafes available for tea.—G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec. 9626

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Oct. 13th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30. Ringing arrangements: Shoreditch (12), 2.30–3.30; Hampstead (10), 3–4; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 4–5. All tickets sold.—F. J. Matthews.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Bi-monthly meeting at Coulsdon (5) on Saturday, October 13th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing after. 9581

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Chailey (6), Saturday, October 13th.—B. W. White. 9597

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Backwell, October 20th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 9607

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shapwick, October 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 9632

BEDFORDSHIRE (Luton) and HERTFORDSHIRE (St. Albans) ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting at Luton on October 20th. Bells (10) 3. Tea 5.30. Names for tea, by October 17th, to H. Burton, 129, Bradley Road, Luton. Dunstable bells available 3—5. 9624

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 39, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 9631

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch. — Meeting at Middlewich, October 20th. Bells (8) 2,30. All welcome. Names for tea by October 16th, to H. W. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham, Northwich 9600

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Hilary's, Wallasey, October 20th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying me by 16th—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9628

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, October 20th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at Royal Hotel, Bridge Street (2s. per head) 4.15. Names, by Tuesday, October 16th latest, to Mr. F. C. Lyne, 107, Shipston Road, Stratford. Evensong 5.30 with business meeting to follow in church.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 9617

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, October 20th. Heath (5) bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, 17th, to Mr. T. Jennings, 14, Cambridge Crescent, Bramley Vale, Chesterfield. 9630

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Galleywood (8), Saturday, October 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 9495

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HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Burwash (8), October 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by October 17th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 9605

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A combined practice at Stokesay on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 9606

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting at Norton (8),, Saturday, October 20th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Werrett, 245, Glebe Road, Letchworth.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 9592

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 20th. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Other towers will be available after the meeting. Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m., followed by tea in Patricia's Pantry (opposite), and business meeting. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, October 17th.—B. W May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 9593

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at West Derby (6) on Saturday, October 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 (price 1s. 9d.). All names to Mr. H. Holmes, 7, Elwor Road, Aigburth, Liverpool 17.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 9629

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Michael's, October 20th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Meeting for nomination of officers following tea. Cups of tea.—R. Benson. 9627

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Barwell, October 20th. Bells (8) 3. Tea at Farm Cafe, High Street, 5. Please notify, by October 17th, Miss B. Colver, 6, Oxford Street, Barwell. 9615

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Wigston Magna (8), October 20th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names for tea, by October 16th, to J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston, Leicester. 9602

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Kibworth, October 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Railway Hotel.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 9613

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting, Somerby, Saturday, October 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names, by the 18th, to C. Tyler, Church Lane, Somerby.—J. H. Cook. 9612

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Meeting, Hough-on-the-Hill (6), Saturday, October 20th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please notify me numbers requiring tea, by Monday, 15th.—Bernard H. Dalton, Church Road, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 9583

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—The next meeting will be at Broughton on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous, 5 p.m.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9634

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—General meeting to decide finance, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells, St. Giles', St. Miles', St. George Colegate and St. John Sepulchre, 2.15–4 and 6.15 onwards; Mancroft, 6.15 onwards. Service, St. George Colegate, 4.15. Tea, St. Clement's Hall, 4.45, ONLY for those who send card to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich, by Oct. 12th. Business meeting 5.15. 9481

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Stratton Audley (5), Saturday, October 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester. 9609

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S. and W. District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, October 20th. Ringing: Denham (8) 2.30-3.45; Hillingdon, St. John's Hall, at 2s. each, for all who notify, by John's (10) from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in St. Wednesday, October 17th, F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. Social evening in St. John's Hall, from 7.30 p.m. 9573

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 20th, Downton (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, before October 16th, to C. Churchill, Watersiae, Downton. 9561

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Brandon, October 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 7.30.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold 9585

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Quarterly meeting, October 20th, at Aldeburgh (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Annual subscriptions will be collected. Names for tea, by 18th, to P. S. Bedford, 37, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk. 9560

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Meeting at Holbrook and Harkstead, Saturday, October 20th. Bells 2.45. Tea 5. Essex friends invited. Names for tea essential, by October 18th, to Mr. M. Page, 85, Hervey Street, Ipswich. 9620

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Wisborough Green (6), October 20th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by October 16th, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 9599

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, October 20th. Ringing: Feltham 2.30—3.30 and Sunbury 4—5.15. Service 5.20. Tea, followed by meeting, at Keystone Cafe. 9598

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Cookley, near Kidderminster, Saturday, October 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 9621

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock: cups of tea provided, bring own food. The meeting is a joint one with the Selby and District Society.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 9518

ST. AMBROSE RINGING GUILD, BRISTOL.—Ringers' Sunday, October 21st. Corporate Communion 8 a.m. Matins 11. Evensong 6.30. Ringing 7.15, 10, 5.30. Breakfast 8.45 a.m. for all who notify me by October 17th. All are welcome.—F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5. 9601

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Croydon Parish Church, Saturday, October 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea in Silverdale Hall 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea. Ringing again after meeting. Nomination of officers. Names for tea, by Wednesday, October 24th, to Mr. D. Cooper, 51, Waddon Road, Croydon.—A. B. Peck. 9619

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly, at Maperton, October 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 9610

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Derby Districts.—Joint meeting, Wirksworth (8), Saturday, October 27th. Tea for those notifying, by 24th, Mr. Greatorex, 6, Coldwell Street, Wirksworth.—Dennis Scott and Maurice Bailey. 9616

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Rayne (6), Saturday, October 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 9623

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Annual meeting, Dartford, Saturday, October 27th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Suttons Hall. Names for tea by Monday, October 22nd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 9603

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival Dinner and Social at the Co-operative Hall, Coventry Road, Market Harborough, 6.15 to midnight on Saturday, October 27th. Bells 3 to 6. All tickets have been sold.—W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 9579

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Scunthorpe (8), October 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by October 23rd, to Mr. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe. 9622

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Stamford, St. Martin's, October 27th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea most essential by October 22nd.—G. S. Bush, 18 Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. 9614

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION — The Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 27th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) available until Tuesday, October 23rd, and obtainable from Branch or Gen. Secs. All Saints' bells (10) available for ringing 3.30-5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 9584

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