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## THE REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE

AT the Bournemouth meeting of the Central Council the Methods Committee secured the adoption of its report, and nobody but a confirmed curmudgeon would wish to deny the members of that committee the satisfaction of having completed their huge task. The report was presented in two parts, one being the conclusion reached on Method Extension and the other relating to Minor methods and their leads.

Of the first it can only be said by the ordinary ringer that the report is indeed 'a formidable document,' unlikely to be comprehended to the full except by those who have made a special study of the subject. Yet such was the sincerity of its presentation, and such was the obvious sense of authority with which the members of the committee spoke, that the Council elected to trust the matter to the integrity of Mr. Felstead and his companions; and no one present was prepared to suggest any other course.

The second part of the report might easily have proved more contentious than the first, but here again the Council sensed that in the main the right thing was being done, and that to oppose the adoption of the report was to open up fresh difficulties. This is not to say that all ringers will (or need) agree that the matter is correctly settled, or that the findings of the committee can avoid certain strange anomalies and inconsistencies. It is generally agreed that the methods with the Bob Minor leads are in some mysterious way the best, but whether all the other methods are so inferior as to warrant complete ostracism is a matter still open to doubt. Again, whether the Bob Minor cycle is or is not the only acceptable one it is clear that as soon as extents are composed the particular cycle loses all significance and, indeed, in some cases no one can rightly say whether or not a particular 720 is allowable.

It is because there are in change ringing so many matters that cannot possibly be decided by dictum that many ringers doubt the wisdom of extreme legislation, feeling that some problems might well be left to time and the gentle advice of the Central Council. The Council is an educational body, and as such it is its duty to convert and to educate. There are, of course, two ways of converting. One is by the fire and sword of the Inquisition, and the other is with feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace. It is almost certain that the latter is the sure way.

Where it is considered advisable to make changes and to remove old things (even less worthy things) great care must be exercised. Some 30 years ago the compilers of a new Church hymn book decided to eradicate some of the old Victorian tunes and to provide in their place better tunes old and new. The first experiments were not a success, and it subsequently became clear that the best plan was to print both tunes side by side and let the better one win its own victory. It can already be said that the victory of the more worthy tune has been in almost every case complete.

It may be that the Minor methods problem would have settled itself more satisfactorily in this manner, avoiding thus the embarrassment of inconsistencies that cannot be removed by legislation, and leaving the Council free from the accusation of dictating what ringers shall ring. Nevertheless, irregular methods have, by common consent, almost ceased to have any significance, and the reaffirming by the Council of its old decision was a natural conclusion. No harm can come, it may be said, provided that in all legislation we remember that it is never too late to remove an injustice, if injustice there be: never too late to set right a wrong, if wrong exist. E. C. S.

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### FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of July 25th, 1913

CAVERSHAM

The Oxford Diocesan Guild

On Tuesday, July 15th, 1913, in 3 hours and 3 minutes

At the Church of St. Peter

A PEAL OF WASHBROOK'S SURPRISE PRINCIPLE, 5,040 CHANGES

Tenor 13 cwt.

| | | | |
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| Edwin Menday | ... Treble | Harry Tucker | ... 5 |
| Hubert Hatto ... | ... 2 | George Essex | ... 6 |
| Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn | 3 | Harry Smith ... | ... 7 |
| Albert Cullum | ... 4 | Ernest Menday | ... Tenor |

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by Ernest Menday.

[This was the first and only peal in this curious principle, which would not under present-day definition be regarded as 'Surprise.' Mr. Washbrook claimed it as 'far more difficult than London and far more musical than Superlative.']

# TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
*On Thurs., July 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
**A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *ANTHONY AGER | *Treble* | HENRY H. FEARN | 7 |
| MURIEL REAY | 2 | MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH | 8 |
| ALBERT WALKER | 3 | J. MARTIN THORLEY | 9 |
| EDGAR C. SHEPHERD | 4 | ARTHUR V. PEARSON | 10 |
| BRIAN G. WARWICK | 5 | GEORGE E. FEARN | 11 |
| JOHN PINFOLD | 6 | RALPH G. EDWARDS | *Tenor* |

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Maximus.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
*On Tues., July 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

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| EDGAR C. SHEPHERD | *Treble* | JOHN F. BUTLER | 7 |
| SHIRLEY V. RYMER | 2 | ANTHONY AGER | 8 |
| EVELYN M. FLETCHER | 3 | CLIFFORD A. BARRON | 9 |
| MURIEL REAY | 4 | HENRY H. FEARN | 10 |
| ALBERT WALKER | 5 | GEORGE E. FEARN | 11 |
| JOHN PINFOLD | 6 | MICHAEL G. MORTON | *Tenor* |

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The conductor's 200th peal of Stedman Cinques.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Terry R. Hampton and Miss Ann Baxter.

# TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Mon., July 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
**A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS**
Tenor 21 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| RICHARD J. BOWDEN | *Treble* | FRANCIS C. MOGFORD | 6 |
| *JUDITH M. MIDGLEY | 2 | JOHN M. STALLARD | 7 |
| ALBERT M. TYLER | 3 | ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER | 8 |
| REGINALD G. HOOPER | 4 | WILFRED F. WEBB | 9 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES | 5 | NORMAN H. COOMBES | *Tenor* |

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by REG. G. HOOPER.
* First peal. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
*On Tues., July 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
**A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS**
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

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| MAURICE G. TURNER | *Treble* | ARTHUR T. DUTTON | 6 |
| HOWARD HOWELL | 2 | WALTER R. HUGHES | 7 |
| SAMUEL BIRCH | 3 | ERNEST STITCH | 8 |
| WILLIAM DAVIES | 4 | GEORGE W. HUGHES | 9 |
| *CLIVE M. SMITH | 5 | †DAVID G. WOOLLEY | *Tenor* |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* 75th peal. † First peal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
**A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**
Tenor 24¼ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ARTHUR TOMLINSON | *Treble* | REV. ST. JOHN SMITH | 6 |
| FRANK BARRACLOUGH | 2 | ALEC CAIRNS | 7 |
| *NORMAN SMITH | 3 | RICHARD BENSON | 8 |
| JACK CLEGG | 4 | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS | 9 |
| *ARTHUR HIBBERT | 5 | CHARLES CLEGG | *Tenor* |

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Caters.

# EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Mon., June 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| CHARLES S. AYLETT | *Treble* | FRANK W. PERRENS | 5 |
| PAUL K. WILLIAMSON | 2 | GEORGE GARDNER | 6 |
| JOHN W. T. TAYLOR | 3 | JOHN W. TAYLOR | 7 |
| DAVID A. CARPENTER | 4 | WILLIAM A. STOTE | *Tenor* |

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
Rung by members of the local band, in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Carpenter, both ringers at this church.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Furness and Lake District Branch.)
*On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**
Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *MRS. E. LANCASTER | *Treble* | CLIFFORD H. FORD | 5 |
| ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH | 2 | JAMES E. BURLES | 6 |
| JOHN BAGNALL | 3 | RAYMOND SUART | 7 |
| ALAN CAPSTICK | 4 | NICHOLAS M. NEWBY | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.
* First peal of Major.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Shuttleworth, of Hawkshead.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *JOHN M. JELLEY | *Treble* | PETER J. THOMAS | 5 |
| BRIAN G. WARWICK | 2 | PETER J. STANIFORTH | 6 |
| WINIFRED M. BURTON | 3 | ERNEST J. JELLEY | 7 |
| MRS. H. J. POOLE | 4 | JOHN GRANT | *Tenor* |

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**
Tenor 11 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| H. WILLIAM BARRETT | *Treble* | STANLEY W. COPLING | 5 |
| FREDERICK C. GUNTON | 2 | GODFREY C. WALPOLE | 6 |
| *JAMES W. FORDER | 3 | L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE | 7 |
| CHARLES BAILEY | 4 | ERNEST WHITING | *Tenor* |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 12 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| BETTY GRIFFITHS | *Treble* | FRED JACKSON | 5 |
| JOHN E. BIBBY | 2 | CECIL RADDON | 6 |
| HENRY O. BAKER | 3 | HAROLD WORRALL | 7 |
| JOHN SCOTT | 4 | DENNIS MADDOCK | *Tenor* |

Composed by F. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
Rung as a farewell peal to Miss Marjorie Abbott, a local ringer, who was to be married at this church on July 1st, and is leaving the district.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
*On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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|---|---|---|---|
| RONALD W. STEWARD | *Treble* | ROBERT E. LESTER | 5 |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN | 2 | *ALAN G. FEVER | 6 |
| *JOHN S. WYBREW | 3 | MAX P. PAGE | 7 |
| HARRY D. LISTER | 4 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL | *Tenor* |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. D. Lister.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, BISHOP WEARMOUTH,
**A PEAL OF 5152 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

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| KENNETH PICKERING | *Treble* | DENIS A. BAYLES | 5 |
| ARNOLD BRUNTON | 2 | ERIC N. HARRISON | 6 |
| W. NORMAN PARK | 3 | J. ALAN AINSWORTH | 7 |
| MARGARET FIDELL | 4 | ROLAND PARK | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 23¾ cwt. in E.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN O. WELLER | *Treble* | THOMAS E. SONE | 5 |
| FREDERICK W. BUDGEN | 2 | DORIS E. COLGATE | 6 |
| ERNEST J. LADD | 3 | ROBERT COLLINS | 7 |
| PETER N. BOND | 4 | WALTER H. DOBBIE | *Tenor* |

Composed by H. J. POOLE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
*On Mon., June 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

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| MICHAEL G. MORTON | *Treble* | J. MARTIN THORLEY | 5 |
| MURIEL REAY | 2 | ANTHONY AGER | 6 |
| BRIAN G. WARWICK | 3 | BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY | 7 |
| SHIRLEY V. RYMER | 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN | *Tenor* |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Mon., June 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
**A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**
On the Gabriel 8. Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

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| CEDRIC CURSON | *Treble* | H. WILLIAM BARRETT | 5 |
| WILLIAM LOVE | 2 | ARTHUR G. BASON | 6 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN | 3 | GEORGE SAYER | 7 |
| ERNEST G. SHORTING | 4 | BERT GOGLE | *Tenor* |

Composed by JAMES PARKER. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Tues., June 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| HAROLD J. POOLE | *Treble* | HARRY POYNER | 5 |
| MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH | 2 | S. ANTHONY JESSON | 6 |
| *JOHN R. ACRES | 3 | PETER J. STANIFORTH | 7 |
| MRS. H. J. POOLE | 4 | FREDERICK T. BINDLEY | *Tenor* |

Conducted by MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Josiah Morris on the eve of his 86th birthday.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Wed., July 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

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| EDMUND P. CROWDY | *Treble* | PHILIP G. DRAFFAN | 5 |
| STEPHEN THOMPSON | 2 | ERIC N. HARRISON | 6 |
| CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB | 3 | J. ALAN AINSWORTH | 7 |
| CHARLES MCGUINESS | 4 | HAROLD WALKER | *Tenor* |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon Jenkin Jones, M.A., Vicar of Blackhill (1918-53) and Rural Dean of Lanchester.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Wed., July 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
**A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**
In four methods, viz., 2,304 Bristol, 1,600 London, 576 Superlative and 544 Cambridge, with 96 changes of method.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

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| SHIRLEY GOLDING | *Treble* | HENRY O. BAKER | 5 |
| C. KENNETH LEWIS | 2 | JOHN WORTH | 6 |
| BRIAN HARRIS | 3 | *SAMUEL JONES, JUN. | 7 |
| JOHN E. BIBBY | 4 | WALTER ALLMAN | *Tenor* |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal of Spliced.
Rung for the Feast of Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Wed., July 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| GEORGE APPS | *Treble* | †ERIC H. KNAPP | 5 |
| *MRS. K. SNELLING | 2 | JAMES W. JEFFERY | 6 |
| KENNETH SNELLING | 3 | JAMES H. LILLEY | 7 |
| HORACE E. LILLEY | 4 | EDWIN J. BRETT | *Tenor* |

Conducted by JAMES H. LILLEY.
* First peal away from treble. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Wed., July 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 6½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| HAROLD J. POOLE | *Treble* | ERNEST MORRIS | 5 |
| MRS. H. J. POOLE | 2 | JOHN A. ACRES | 6 |
| WINIFRED M. BURTON | 3 | JOHN R. SMITH | 7 |
| S. ANTHONY JESSON | 4 | HERRICK B. BOWLEY | *Tenor* |

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung as a compliment to Josiah Morris on his 86th birthday.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Thurs., July 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

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|---|---|---|---|
| BRIAN CUTHBERT | *Treble* | C. AUBREY HARRISON | 5 |
| RONALD CHAFER | 2 | HARRY HALL | 6 |
| ARTHUR TOMLINSON | 3 | PHILIP BARNES | 7 |
| JACK BRAY | 4 | GEORGE W. MOODY | *Tenor* |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
Rung as a farewell to Rev. O. G. O. Larr, who is leaving this parish for North Collingham, near Newark.

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CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Fri., July 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
**A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 14 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN A. ACRES | *Treble* | MICHAEL E. BROWN | 5 |
| MRS. H. J. POOLE | 2 | ALFRED BALLARD | 6 |
| JOHN R. SMITH | 3 | S. ANTHONY JESSON | 7 |
| HAROLD J. POOLE | 4 | JOHN A. L. THOMPSON | *Tenor* |

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BUCKLAND MONACHORUM, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(South-West Branch.)
*On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15¼ cwt. in E.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *JAMES RICH | *Treble* | THOMAS G. MYERS | 5 |
| AUBREY L. BENNETT | 2 | DAVID J. GAY | 6 |
| DENIS F. WHEELER | 3 | ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD | 7 |
| WILLIAM G. LAVERS | 4 | H. OWEN THOMAS | *Tenor* |

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.
* First peal away from the tenor. First peal as conductor.
Rung in honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

ECCLESTON, CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

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|---|---|---|---|
| RONALD EDWARDS | *Treble* | JOHN WORTH | 5 |
| BASIL JONES | 2 | WALTER ALLMAN | 6 |
| HENRY O. BAKER | 3 | EDWARD JENKINS | 7 |
| JOHN E. BIBBY | 4 | RALPH G. EDWARDS | *Tenor* |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

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| *ERNEST F. WILLCOX | *Treble* | WILLIAM A. FARMER | 5 |
| *FREDERICK LEECH | 2 | FREDERICK G. BEDDOW | 6 |
| CLIFFORD A. BARRON | 3 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST | 7 |
| G. LEONARD HEWITT | 4 | ARTHUR PRITCHARD | *Tenor* |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.
A birthday compliment to Mr. G. L. Hewitt.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
*On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 10 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JACK BAILEY | *Treble* | ALBERT E. THOMPSON | 5 |
| *JOAN BERESFORD | 2 | JOSEPH WM. COTTON | 6 |
| *GEORGE E. OLIVER | 3 | ROLAND BENISTON | 7 |
| W. RODNEY HARRISON | 4 | ALFRED MOULD | *Tenor* |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**
Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *JEAN A. KIRKMAN | *Treble* | *MARY C. PAYNE | 5 |
| J. MARTIN THORLEY | 2 | ROYSTON WILMORE | 6 |
| ERNEST F. PAYNE | 3 | ERNEST W. RAWSON | 7 |
| DAVID S. HARRIS | 4 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal of Major.
A 21st birthday compliment to Mary C. Payne.

# SIX BELL PEALS

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., June 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**
Being one 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

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| ALBERT SAUNDERS | *Treble* | HENRY PRATT | 4 |
| JUNE S. STARLING | 2 | TERRY EARLE | 5 |
| MRS. H. W. MOORE | 3 | ALAN R. SYDER | *Tenor* |

Conducted by ALAN R. SYDER.
First peal in method as conductor.
Rung for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., June 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNFARCH,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**
Being two 720's Kent Treble Bob (Nos. 150 and 151), two 720's Single Oxford Bob (Nos. 58 and 59) and three 720's Plain Bob (Nos. 34, 50 and 52). Tenor 9 cwt. approx.

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| WILFRED H. LEWIS | *Treble* | PERCY SWINDLEY | 4 |
| *ROBERT W. HINDE | 2 | DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD | 5 |
| JOHN W. GRIFFITHS | 3 | R. GORDON CORBY | *Tenor* |

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.
* First peal of Minor and first peal in three methods.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., June 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**
Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Double Bob, St. Clement's, Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.

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| ROY DUESBURY | 3 | GEORGE N. ORMAN | 4 |
| *RUBY LANGLANDS | *Treble* | ARTHUR G. BUTTON | 5 |
| †ANN V. LEWIS | 2 | ALAN R. ANDREWS | *Tenor* |

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
* First peal. † First peal in more than one method.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
*On Sat., June 20, 1953, in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**
Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.) in F.

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| WILLIAM F. RICKWOOD | *Treble* | WILLIAM STANNARD | 4 |
| ALBERT G. BALLAM | 2 | ARTHUR F. BALLAM | 5 |
| JAMES G. STANNARD | 3 | JOHN BANKS | *Tenor* |

Conducted by ARTHUR F. BALLAM.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. William J. Parker.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
*On Thurs., June 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**
Being four methods, viz.: One extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

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| *BRYAN E. CARSON | *Treble* | GEORGE W. HUGHES | 4 |
| CLIVE M. SMITH | 2 | MAURICE G. TURNER | 5 |
| ERNEST STITCH | 3 | †HOWARD HOWELL | *Tenor* |

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal of Treble Bob and first peal in four methods. † 350th peal for the Society.
Rung for the Festival of St. John-the-Baptist.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Fri., June 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**
Being two 1,440's and three extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| P. SMITH | *Treble* | D. PAUL | 4 |
| W. YOUNG | 2 | V. HURT | 5 |
| T. A. BEVIS | 3 | W. SEEKINGS | *Tenor* |

Conducted by W. SEEKINGS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, who celebrated his 70th birthday; also a birthday compliment to the niece of the conductor.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Tues., June 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB AND GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being twelve extents (four callings) of Plain Bob, 30 extents (10 callings) of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. approx.

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| *MALCOLM STONE | *Treble* | *ROGER COLES | 4 |
| *TONY OTTER | 2 | TOM SMITH | 5 |
| *DAVID SIMMS | 3 | *REG BROWN | *Tenor* |

Conducted by TOM SMITH.

* First peal. First peal as conductor and his first of Doubles.
Rung as 21st birthday compliment to Dave Simms and Reg. Brown. First peal on the bells since 1927.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
*On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

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| DAVID W. BARR | *Treble* | HOWARD HOWELL | 4 |
| *BRYAN E. CARSON | 2 | MAURICE G. TURNER | 5 |
| JOHN R. JOYNER | 3 | CLIVE M. SMITH | *Tenor* |

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.

* 25th peal and 25th peal for the Society.

BROMESBERROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being ten 120's and eight 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's Arrangement. Tenor 7 cwt.

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| *EDGAR HITCHINGS | *Treble* | RICHARD CHEW | 4 |
| *LEONARD SMITH | 2 | *FREDERICK BALDWIN | 5 |
| LESLIE BARRY | 3 | *THOMAS CHAPMAN | *Tenor* |

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. All are Sunday service ringers except the conductor.
Rung for the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. by the North Forest Branch.

MAXEY, NORTHANTS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven 720's:—(1) Carlisle, (2) York and Durham, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Norfolk and Primrose, (5) Cambridge and Primrose, (6) Norfolk and Ipswich, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| JOHN POLLARD | *Treble* | ALBERT E. SCOTT | 4 |
| CECIL WADE | 2 | WILLIAM H. OLDMAN | 5 |
| JAMES W. HAW | 3 | LEONARD C. BLANCHARD | *Tenor* |

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Daventry Branch.)
*On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

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| *BARRY W. BARTON | *Treble* | MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN | 4 |
| MALCOLM R. TOMALIN | 2 | VICTOR A. PERRY | 5 |
| JUNE M. HILL | 3 | MARY E. GOODENOUGH | *Tenor* |

Conducted by VICTOR A. PERRY.

* First peal.
Rung for the festival of SS. Peter and Paul.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 15 lb.

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| MRS. E. S. POWELL | *Treble* | ROGER KEELEY | 4 |
| JACK W. DREW | 2 | HENRY G. KEELEY | 5 |
| ARTHUR J. SCOTT | 3 | G. STEDMAN MORRIS | *Tenor* |

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

A farewell compliment to the Vicar of Stoke, the Rev. D. Ballard, on his retirement.

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WHITCHURCH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., June 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Tenor 8 cwt.

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| *W. SHORT | *Treble* | M. WISE | 4 |
| W. JOHNSON | 2 | G. HEARNS | 5 |
| MISS L. SLADE | 3 | *B. CRACKNELL | *Tenor* |

Conducted by G. HEARNS.
* First peal. First peal on the bells for 40 years.
Rung in honour of Her Majesty's Coronation.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sun., June 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| ALBERT J. DUNK | *Treble* | STANLEY V. RAYFIELD | 4 |
| BERT W. MAY | 2 | GEORGE KENWARD | 5 |
| *EDWARD C. BARTON | 3 | GEORGE A. NAYLOR | *Tenor* |

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung in honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. J. Dunk and a welcome to the preacher, the Rev. Philip Wood, Rector of Cala, South Africa.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Fri., July 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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| *ANN COX | *Treble* | GEORGE L. GROVER | 4 |
| *ROLAND W. MORANT | 2 | FREDERICK A. MUNDAY | 5 |
| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON | 3 | WILLIAM T. BEESON | *Tenor* |

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Fri., July 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two 720's each of St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

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| DORIS MARSHALL | *Treble* | DOUGLAS H. ROOKE | 4 |
| *A. EDWARD DOBB | 2 | FREDERICK FLINT | 5 |
| ARTHUR B. COOPER | 3 | HERBERT T. ROOKE | *Tenor* |

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being eight extents each of New, St. Simon's, Stedman and Plain Bob and ten extents of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

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| WENDY PEAKE | *Treble* | WALTER TRUEMAN | 4 |
| JOHN VINCENT | 2 | ANTHONY PEAKE | 5 |
| BRIAN BLADON | 3 | *CYNTHIA SMITH | *Tenor* |

Conducted by ANTHONY PEAKE.
* First peal.
Rung by the local band to commemorate the 31st anniversary of the first peal on the bells by a local band.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| MISS P. PEEL | *Treble* | ROLAND REED | 4 |
| ERNEST H. MASTIN | 2 | HARRY FOLLEN | 5 |
| JOHN E. FOX | 3 | ROBERT WISKIN | *Tenor* |

Conducted by JOHN E. FOX.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam R. W. Crofts, formerly Ringing Master, Wisbech Branch, Ely Association, interred the previous day.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
*On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| DONALD ANDREWS | *Treble* | ALAN R. ANDREWS | 4 |
| ANNE LEWIS | 2 | GEORGE N. ORMAN | 5 |
| *FELIX H. ERITH | 3 | ROY DUESBURY | *Tenor* |

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.
* First peal in five methods. First peal as conductor.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| HERBERT W. KNIGHT | *Treble* | MARJORIE LEGG | 4 |
| WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT | 2 | MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT | 5 |
| HILDA OAKSHETT | 3 | GEORGE PRESCOTT | *Tenor* |

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
First peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Card, of Kewstoke, on her 100th birthday.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
*On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| ARTHUR E. COOK | *Treble* | FRANK C. J. ARNOLD | 4 |
| RONALD A. FRANCIS | 2 | JAMES R. BAILEY | 5 |
| CHARLES V. ORVES | 3 | C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO | *Tenor* |

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.
Rung in honour of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

SILK-WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven 720's—one each of York, Durham, Bourne, Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

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| FREDERICK W. FRENCH | *Treble* | JAMES W. HAW | 4 |
| CECIL WADE | 2 | WILLIAM H. OLDMAN | 5 |
| ALBERT E. SCOTT | 3 | *JAMES H. MUSSON | *Tenor* |

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.' The 50th peal on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Lucy E. Musson, wife of the tenor ringer.

UPPER ARLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| JOHN HICKS | *Treble* | *BERNARD LAWTON | 4 |
| *KEITH SALTER | 2 | ALFRED GLAZZARD | 5 |
| CLIFFORD SKIDMORE | 3 | JOHN LLOYD | *Tenor* |

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal of Minor.
Specially arranged as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Salter, of Kidderminster. Mr. Salter rang his first peal in this tower almost exactly 35 years ago.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
*On Sun., July 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

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| E. JACK THURLOW | *Treble* | ROBERT E. LESTER | 4 |
| MARGOT R. THOMPSON | 2 | JOHN W. BLYTHE | 5 |
| C. JACK GIBSON | 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL | *Tenor* |

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sun., June* 14, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
**A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR**

Being in eight methods, comprising: 1,380 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 464 Reverse Bob, 304 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, 288 Wellington Little Bob, 232 Crayford Little Bob, and 1,456 Plain Bob, with 397 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. 1—2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.. 3—4 | JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. 7—8

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

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
*On Wed., June* 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT 10, STOCKMORE STREET,
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**
Tenor size 15 in C.

R. JAMES COOK .. .. 1—2 | PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. 5—6
FRANK P. WRIGHT .. .. 3—4 | JOHN B. GUY .. .. .. 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
Rung by four members of University College.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Tues., June* 23, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT GREEN WAYS, GIPSY LANE,
**A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS**
Tenor size 15 in C.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 1—2 | PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. 5—6
FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. 3—4 | H. ERNEST SIBLEY .. .. 7—8
*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH .. 9—10

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal of Caters 'in hand.'
Rung as a compliment to Margaret Beamish on the eve of her birthday, and also to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Carpenter, of the Allesley (Coventry) band.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Wed., June* 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT 160, BROCKWELL LANE,
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**
Holt's Original.

WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 1—2 | ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 5—6
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3—4 | SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
A birthday compliment by his fellow veterans to Albert H. Ward on his attaining the age of 80.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Wed., June* 24, 1953, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT 105, DONCASTER LANE, WOODLANDS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Fulbeck, Canterbury and Double and two each of Reverse and Plain Bob. Tenor size 17 in A.

HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 1—2 | WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3—4
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5—6

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sun., June* 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
**A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR**

In six methods, comprising 1,456 Plain Bob, 636 Wellington Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 304 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, and 1,728 Gainsborough Little Bob, with 397 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

*MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. 1—2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5—6
*JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. 3—4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7—8

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal in six methods.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

Latest news of overseas Coronation ringing is from St. David's Church, Hobart, Tasmania. Here a quarter peal of Doubles in four methods was rung on Coronation Day starting at 12.20 p.m.

Mr. Tom Smith, of 151, Windmill Road, Headington, Oxford, is now captain of St. Andrew's, Headington, tower.

Work on Freshwater, Isle of Wight, bells, which are to be put on ball bearings, started on July 20th. The bells will be out of commission until further notice.

Mr. Josiah Morris had his 86th birthday on July 1st. There were birthday peals at Loughborough and Thurcaston apart from that recorded last week at Leicester Cathedral.

Mr. Keith Salter, of Kidderminster, returned to Upper Arley, Staffordshire, where he rang his first peal 35 years ago to participate in a peal for his silver wedding.

Four of the Sunday service band at Bromesberrow rang their first peal on June 27th. It was a local effort except for the conductor, Mr. L. Barry.

In the Coronation peal at Oatlands Park on June 13th the ringer of the third was Miss F. Clayton and not as printed in our issue of July 10th. The error is regretted.

We regret to record the death of Mr. George Cartmel, of St. Albans, on Friday. He was for about 50 years either assistant secretary or secretary of the Hertford County Association. The funeral service was at St. Albans on Wednesday.

The many friends of Mrs. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, will be sorry to know that she is at present in the West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance, where she underwent an operation on Monday last, and will wish her a speedy recovery.

Addressing Aldershot Rotarians on change ringing, Mr. W. H. Viggers said for good striking a ringer had to judge his bell to within one-fifteenth of a second. The best age to start ringing, he said, was between 10 and 14: if one started later the chances of becoming a first class ringer were very small.

On the occasion of the visit of H.M. The Queen to Llanelly, a peal was rung on the bells of the Church of St. Ellyw.

The 1954 June meeting of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild will be held at Tiverton and not Twerton as stated recently.

Of Mr. Ernest J. Ladd's 200 peals (completed on June 20th), in 120 of them there was either a first peal or first in the method by one or more ringers taking part.

The 50th peal on the bells of Silk Willoughby was rung on July 4th. This beautiful though light ring was augmented by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in 1946. Mr. James H. Musson has rung in all the peals on these bells and has conducted the majority of them, a record to be proud of. The 50th peal was his first 'inside' of seven Surprise methods.

Buckerell, Devon, celebrate this year the coming of age of three members of the local band. On July 5th a quarter peal was rung for Miss Mary Parr, daughter of the captain, Mr. Frank Parr. Others to celebrate are Raymond Broadhurst and Robin Bakke. The 'Western Times and Gazette' had a photograph of the trio in their issue of July 10th.

Another peal was rung in Devon (on July 4th) in connection with the Coronation. This was one of Grandsire Triples at Buckland Monachorum, near Plymouth. It provided an opportunity for young Bob Southwood, of Plympton St. Maurice, to score his first peal as conductor before leaving home to join the Services in September.


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# DEATH OF MR. WILFRID H. J. HOOTON

## Former Librarian to the Central Council

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Wilfrid Henry John Hooton, of Osmington School, Tring, on July 15th, at the age of 54. Since 1950 his health had not been good. Early this year an unfortunate accident robbed him of the sight of one eye. A recurrence of his former illness, which had involved several operations, occurred in May.

Wilfrid H. J. Hooton was the elder son of the late Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Hooton and started ringing at the age of 11 at Oakington, where his father was then vicar. In the 1914-18 war he joined the Army at the age of 17 and served in France at 18 with a commission in the Royal Artillery, gaining the M.C. It was characteristic of him that his friends never learned anything of his personal experiences, nor the action which led to this award.

### MASTER OF THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

He went up to Queens' College, Cambridge, in the summer of 1919, and it was then that his ringing career really began. Oakington possessed only four bells so his change ringing was learned at neighbouring towers and with the C.U.G.C.R. on handbells. His first peal was rung at Sawston on September 2nd, 1919, on the Guild tour held at Cambridge, and his first handbell peal, in the same month, was one of Bob Minor which he conducted. He was appointed hon. secretary of the Cambridge University Guild in 1920 and Master in the following year. Like a number of University ringers he was a rowing man. He was also a cricketer and later made a hobby of sailing.

The Exercise suffered severely during the Great War. One has only to look at the peal lists of subsequent years to see how comparatively little peal ringing was done; for years very few bands were capable of Surprise. By his immense energy and enthusiasm Wilfrid did much to re-establish ringing not only in the Guild but in the district. He soon became an efficient and enterprising conductor. At a time when handbell ringing was little practised he had called, amongst others, peals of Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Court Bob Major (the first in the method). Quite a few members of his handbell bands were no tower bell ringers, and many were helped by him through their first peals or first in some particular method. Although never a peal-grabber, he had rung his hundredth peal by April, 1922; this was one of Double Norwich on handbells, which he called. Under his leadership the Guild practised Surprise Major 'in hand.'

On going down from Cambridge he became a schoolmaster and did much ringing in the Nuneaton district of Warwickshire, being attached to the tower of St. Nicholas', Nuneaton. He also continued to ring around Cambridge, where he lived during his school holidays. Amongst his performances he called the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor 'in hand' on the Bankes James arrangement, a first of such methods as Shipway's Court Bob Major, and the first of Double Oxford Bob Major to be rung on handbells. He later rang both Cambridge and London Surprise Major 'in hand.'

He served again in the R.A. during the late war. In 1946 he moved to take over Osmington School, Tring, and there he greatly helped local ringing.

### WORK FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL

His association with the Central Council dated from 1936, when he was elected a representative of the Midland Counties Association. The same year he was elected librarian to the Central Council, an appointment he held until recent months. Since 1939 he had been an honorary member of the Council. In 1950 illness compelled him to delegate much of the work, but he was present at the Council meeting at Eastbourne that year, a few days before an operation; and he insisted on resuming his full work as librarian early the following year, although still far from fit. Shortly afterwards he moved the school to new premises.

For 20 years he had been a member of the Hertford County Association, originally as a Cambridge non-resident member and since the war as a member of the Tring band. His efforts towards solving the financial difficulties of the Association were much appreciated by his colleagues. For the Association he called the first peal of Double Oxford Bob Major and also the first ever of Shipway's Court Bob Major. Both these peals were rung 'in hand' on January 17th, 1934.

In 1935 he married Dilys, eldest daughter of Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council. To her and their three children, and to his brother and sister we extend our deepest sympathy.

Wilfrid was an excellent ringer and striker and a conductor who could inspire all with great confidence. He was always calm and unruffled, whatever befell. Once, after a particularly unfortunate breakdown in the very last course of a peal on a heavy eight, a fierce 'inquest' had started and feelings were running somewhat high. Wilfrid, who had not been conducting, took no part. Eventually he remarked, 'Well you came here to ring three hours, you have rung three hours and a quarter; I don't see what you are all worrying about!' And this was characteristic of his whole attitude.

Mr. Hooton rang 366 peals and we hope to publish a list of his performances in our next issue.

### THE FUNERAL

The funeral service was held at Tring Parish Church on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. T. K. Lowdell, Rural Dean of Berkhamsted and Vicar of Tring, officiated, assisted by the Rev. G. Preece (curate).

With the family mourners were Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Martin C. G. Hooton (brother). Members of the Central Council present were Messrs. G. W. Fletcher (life member), E. A. Barnett (hon. secretary and treasurer), W. Ayre and C. W. Woolley (Hertford County Association), F. W. Perrens (Coventry Diocesan Guild), F. E. Haynes (St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, also representing the Cambridge University Guild), G. H. Cross (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths). The Hertford County Association was represented by Mr. A. V. Good (Ringing Master, Western District), Miss P. Martin, Dr. F. S. Poole, Messrs. W. C. Hughes, D. Lachford and E. Upton. Among others present was Mr. T. W. White.

Interment took place in Tring Cemetery and, following the committal sentences, a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung by C. W. Woolley 1-2, F. W. Perrens 3-4, F. E. Haynes 5-6, E. A. Barnett 7-8.

There were many beautiful wreaths. From the ringers of Tring Parish Church, of which Mr. Hooton was at one time captain, was a floral tribute in the shape of a bell. Others received included wreaths from the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, M. and Mrs. A. Hughes, the Hertford County Association, the Western District of the Hertford County Association, the staff of Osmington School and the boys of Osmington School.

Before and after the service the bells of Tring Parish Church were rung half-muffled. The touch of Stedman Triples conducted by Mr. F. E. Haynes after the committal was a beautiful tribute to one who served Tring Parish Church and the Exercise with great faithfulness for many years.

# NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

## Resignation of Mr. W. A. Fitchford

Now aged 80, Mr. William A. Fitchford has resigned the conductorship of St. Margaret's, Wolstanton, on June 28th, a position he has held for 67 years. He still continues to ring.

As far back as 1886 he commenced to ring and he has rung for every Royal occasion since the Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

It was at Wolstanton on December 5th, 1891, that he rang his first peal, Kent Treble Bob, which was the first peal for the then Stoke Archidiaconal Association. Of his 90 peals approximately 84 were rung between 1904 and 1907. These include the first peal on eight bells at Market Drayton (April 3rd, 1893), Silverdale on May 16th, 1908, and Uttoxeter, after rehanging, on February 29th, 1908, and the first peal at Keele (Bob Minor) in May, 1911. His last peal was in 1939.

Many of the peals remind us of famous names, i.e., James W. Washbrook and James W. Washbrook, jun., James E. Groves, the Rev. E. V. Cox and the Rev. C. Carew Cox. The peal at Silverdale was the first time in England James W. Washbrook rang the third and fourth bells and conducted Thurstans' four-part Stedman Triples. Mr. Fitchford rang the seventh. Local names are C. Chunton (Stoke), H. Page (Stoke), W. Rigby (Lawton, now 93 years of age) and C. Morley (Newcastle). These were the great forerunners of the present North Staffordshire Association.

Mr. Fitchford conducted 'Holt's Original' from every bell in the Wolstanton tower, including the tenor, a feat of which he is justly proud. He has always been a brilliant teacher of the art and many ringers having passed through his hands have appreciated his capabilities. Mr. Fitchford is a past chairman and Ringing Master of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association. His other activities at the church include a lifelong service in the choir, being choirmaster for 45 years, and a leader in every social activity.

D. R. W.

## DIED WHILE LOWERING A BELL

While lowering the back six in peal at Christ Church, Southgate, on July 16th, Mr. Harry Miller, who was ringing the tenor, fell on the floor and died immediately from heart failure. Luckily there was someone in the belfry to catch hold of the flying rope and get the bell under control. Mr. Miller was 70 years of age; a memoir will appear in our next issue.

*CORONATION NUMBERS SENT TO THE QUEEN.*

*Coronation Numbers of 'The Ringing World' containing the peals rung in honour of the Coronation have been sent to H.M. the Queen at Buckingham Palace by Mr. W. T. Elson.*

*A gracious acknowledgment has been received by Mr. Elson.*

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## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

### Llandaff Branch's First Meeting

About 40 members attended the first meeting of the Llandaff Branch, held at Llantrisant on July 4th. The bells were available at 2.30 p.m. and were put to good use by those present, some of whom had come from as far afield as Swansea, Chepstow and Tidenham. Methods rung ranged from rounds and Queens for the beginners to Cambridge and Double Norwich Major for the more advanced, under the excellent management of the Ringing Master, Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Aberavon.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Thomas) officiated at the service, which was followed by tea given by Mrs. J. H. Thomas and other lady helpers of the church. Mr. F. Bailey proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies concerned for the excellent meal provided.

Presiding at the business meeting, the Vicar welcomed the Branch to Llantrisant and hoped that they would come again some time in the future.

In giving a report on the Central Council meeting, Mr. T. M. Roderick reminded the meeting of Mr. A. J. Pitman's election as an honorary member to the Central Council, when it was said that it was time that his genius as a composer was recognised by the Exercise.

For its next meeting (date to be arranged) the Branch was invited to Caerphilly by Mr. P. Jones.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks, moved by Mr. J. Lovett, to the Vicar of Llantrisant. Further ringing was enjoyed until 8 p.m.

## DEDICATION

### Sibsey, Lincolnshire

After being silent for 23 years the bells of St. Margaret's, Sibsey, were heard again on Coronation Sunday for morning and evening service and on Coronation Day, by special permission, a peal of Bob Major was rung by members of the Lincoln Guild.

On Saturday, June 20th, the restored bells were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Lincoln (the Ven. K. Healey) assisted by the Rev. D. R. F. Crighton, a former vicar of Sibsey, and the Rev. D. J. Stafford-Jones, the present Vicar.

The bells have been rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Ringing took place after the service and all agreed that a sound job had been done. This octave is a great addition to this part of Lincolnshire where rings of eight are few in number. W. E. C.

## MR. E. J. LADD'S 200 PEALS

Mr. E. J. Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells, rang his 200th peal on June 27th. Of these he has conducted 54. The peals have been rung in 58 towers with 234 ringers. Details are appended:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 2 (conducted 1), three methods 1 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 12, three methods 4, four methods 2, five methods 1, seven methods 8, eight methods 1. Surprise Minor: Cambridge 5.

Triples.—Grandsire 43 (23), Stedman 5, Oxford Bob 1 (1), Plain Bob 2 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 41 (8), Double Norwich 32 (8), Kent Treble Bob 7 (2), Oxford Treble Bob 1, Double Oxford 1, Dartford Little Bob 1.

Surprise Major.—Superlative 8 (3), Yorkshire 6 (2), Cambridge 6 (1), Painswick 2 (1), Lincolnshire 1 (1), Rutland 1, Apsley 1, Withyham 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 2 (1), Stedman 1.

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 1.

Total.— 200 (conducted 54).

## THE LADIES' GUILD

### Annual Meeting at Leeds

The 34th annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held on July 4th at Leeds. There was a good attendance at the meeting, many members travelling long distances so that their district should be represented.

Ringing took place at St. Chad's, Headingley, under the very able direction of Mrs. Marshall, and also at St. Michael's, and the Guild service was held at St. Chad's.

In the course of his very interesting address the Vicar, the Rev. J. Wylie, welcomed the ladies to St. Chad's and also to the diocese of Ripon, as it was the first time their annual meeting had been held in that area.

Although 60 hungry ringers sat down to tea, they seemed to make little impression on what was described as 'a proper Yorkshire meal,' and those who were experiencing Yorkshire hospitality for the first time were amazed at the quantity (and quality, too) of the food provided.

At the business meeting which followed, four new members were elected — Miss Freeman (Leeds), and Miss P. Willes, Miss A. Willes and Miss J. Sanderson (Letchworth, Herts). The officers of the Guild were re-elected, viz.: Mrs. Fletcher, president; Miss Colgate, secretary and treasurer; and Miss A. Bailey, auditor; and also the three representatives to the Central Council, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Staniforth and Miss Colgate.

The members stood in silence as a tribute to the late Mrs. Cotterill, who had been a member of the Ladies' Guild since 1914 and who died on March 27th this year.

In her report, the secretary stated that the membership of the Guild was by no means as high as it could be, but an encouraging sign towards the end of the year had been the formation of two new districts, South Wales (secretary, Miss J. S. Evans) and Newcastle (secretary, Mrs. N. I. Lea). They were pleased to welcome some of the members of the Newcastle District at this annual meeting.

A sub-committee which had been formed to discuss the revision of the rules had met in October, 1952. After that meeting the suggested alterations had been sent to all districts, and these were discussed at length. The revised rules, as agreed at the annual meeting, will be sent to all districts as soon as possible.

It was agreed that the annual meeting next year should be held in South Wales, the actual date and place to be published in 'The Ringing World' as soon as possible so that all members could make the necessary arrangements.

A hearty vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the meeting such a success, especially to Mrs. Kelly and the committee of the Yorkshire District, the Vicar for the service and use of the bells, the organist (Mr. W. A. Wightman) and Mr. A. Johnson, who was tireless in his efforts to make sure that everything went smoothly, was passed with acclamation.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Seven towers were represented at the North-East Branch meeting at Morebath. The service was conducted by the Branch chairman (the Rev. J. H. Jones) and Mr. E. J. Taylor, the general secretary of the Guild, was the organist.

Mr. Sully, captain of the Morebath ringers, and local ladies arranged the tea at which 30 members did justice to an excellent spread. They were thanked by the Rev. J. H. Jones, who presided at the business meeting.

Arrangements for a joint meeting with the Taunton Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association were reported by Mr. W. H. Ware (Branch secretary). It was agreed that the next meeting be held at Cullompton on October 3rd (subject to permission).

Ringing was supervised by Mr. W. H. Ware and in the evening there was ringing for 45 minutes at Bampton in addition to Morebath.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

### Twelve Towers Open

In spite of extremely bad weather and the distant corner of the Diocese in which it was held, over 60 ringers turned up for the Diocesan Festival with its centre at Stratton on July 11th. An enthusiastic welcome was accorded by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Gilbert), his ringers and churchworkers, who not only provided a sumptuous tea after a service in the beautiful church with its majestic ring of eight bells, but hoisted a flag on the tower in honour of the visit. It was a great pity that Mr. Southeard, the Ringing Master, was unable to come, owing to a car breakdown, but the Assistant Master, Mr. H. J. Clark, of Landulph, was an efficient deputy.

The Festival was more than a one-tower day for many of the ringers. Here is the story given by the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella of his band:—

'We left Crantock in two cars and made for Jacobstowe: there we were joined by Mr. T. Reynolds, a Wolverhampton ringer, and we rang Grandsire and Bob Doubles on the six, which go well considering that they are on a wooden frame with plain bearings. Then to Week St. Mary, where we found a mixed band from Truro, Carbis Bay, etc., falling the bells. This modern six goes beautifully, but I feel that such a noble tower deserves a heavier ring.

'From there we went to Stratton for service and tea, and then, after ringing at Stratton, across the border into Devon to Welcombe, a delightful little church overlooking the sea, with a beautiful six and the oldest rood screen in the country. It gets its name from St. Nectan's well, which is 50 yards from the church.

'Finally we made our way back to Launcells and as we passed through Kilkhampton we could hear its musical eight but there was no time to stop for a pull. At Launcells we met the ringers from the Truro district, who were going to Bridgerule and Whitstone for a ring, but it was getting late so having said goodbye to our Wolverhampton friend we made for home. Launcells Church is dedicated to St. Swithun, and St. Swithun's well is just outside the churchyard. We felt that he was a most appropriate saint for such a wet day.'

Stratton district is a perfect paradise for ringers: the party had 12 towers open and could have had more and there are three rings within walking distance of Stratton.

There is a suggestion that a Stratton Branch of the Guild might be formed if the towers round about would be prepared to join: at present there are only Stratton and Marhamchurch.

## NORWICH ASSOCIATION

### East Norwich Branch Meet at Halvergate

Some 38 members and friends from other branches headed by the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard), supported by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate), visited Halvergate on July 4th for their summer meeting.

It was indeed gratifying to find that the local band possess four very keen young lady learners who, under the able tuition of Mr. T. W. De Ville, the local captain, and his band, have made splendid progress.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. M. Wibrow) conducted the service and welcomed very warmly the visitors. He afterwards presided at the short business meeting. Apologies for their unavoidable absence were received from Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher. It was decided to hold the autumn meeting at Norton Subcourse on September 19th.

The Association's Ringing Master, Mr. F. Nolan Golden, gave a short account of the recent meeting at Bournemouth and touched also on his work with the Methods Committee. The meeting concluded with the passing of votes of thanks to the Vicar, Mr. Stanley Gall (a member of the local company, who played the organ) and Mr. De Ville and his band of lady helpers, who provided an enjoyable tea.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THE RINGING CHAMBER

Dear Sir,—How much I agree with the writer of your leading article headed 'Atmosphere.' As hon. secretary of our county Archæological Society I visit quite a number of churches. So often I find the ringing chamber a receptacle for brooms, brushes, mops and buckets. Indeed, I have found that not only church cleaners but even the lady decorators of our churches, at festivals, have added to this storehouse jam jars and even those horrible tin troughs painted green and made to fit the rim of the font or window sill, and which so often leave a nasty stain down the wall or even down a lovely 15th century font.

The ringing chamber should be well equipped with good matting on the floor, a good bench, a table in the centre, photographs of past bands on the walls and, of course, some peal boards, so that the boys of the old brigade have their names faithfully recorded.

No, the ringing chamber should be as tidy as the vestry—well, some vestries we have come across occasionally!—Yours truly,

(REV.) F. C. CHAMPION.

Hinton Rectory, Worcs.

## PAKEFIELD CHURCH

Dear Sir,—I must apologise to all concerned for the fact that the Norwich Diocesan Association 1952 annual report does not include mention of Pakefield amongst the recent bell restorations. This was entirely a slip on my part, and a very serious one.

Owing to the heroic efforts of many people, Pakefield Church has been most splendidly restored, so that a ruin left by the war has been transformed into a really lovely church with a quite delightful ring of bells. The old five have been transformed by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. into a splendidly-going eight (tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.) in a metal frame. They are regularly rung for Sunday services and great festivals by a keen and competent local band, and visitors are most welcome.

This letter is meant both to express apology where it is due, and also to inform visitors to the delightful, warm, sunny East Coast that whatever the Norwich report may omit, there is, in fact, this delightful tower near Lowestoft waiting to give them a welcome and a happy memory.—Yours sincerely,

GILBERT THURLOW.

67a, The Close, Norwich.

## THANKS TO MR. PERCY SWINDLEY

Dear Sir,—I would like, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' to thank Mr. Percy Swindley, of Chester, for the opportunities, encouragement and help given to me in recent years, which has enabled me to ring my first 100 peals.

My thanks are also due to Mr. John W. Griffiths for all he has done, and to all other ringers with whom I have had the pleasure of ringing.

I and others from Buckley first went to Handbridge five years ago and although we could only ring Stedman and Grandsire we received a warm welcome at all practices and soon given an opportunity to ring our first peal. Others, too, have had the same welcome and opportunities, and in recent months several youngsters have rung their first peals under Mr. Swindley's and Mr. Griffiths' guidance. This is as it should be and is in the best interests and tradition of the Exercise.

My special thanks are due to Mr. Joe Griffiths, one of Rhyl's ringers, who stood down and so enabled me to complete my 100 at Rhyl on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.—Yours fraternally,

DENNIS A. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, Chester.

## THE JOINT PEAL AT SHOREDITCH

Dear Sir,—It is no doubt true to say that the peal at Shoreditch by six Cumberlands and six College Youths exemplified 'the happy relationship between the two Societies': I seem to recall a similar peal at St. Martin-in-the-Fields some years ago. So far, however, this seems to have been a rather one-sided arrangement, and a reciprocal gesture by the College Youths would not have been out of place—unless there is some rule (which I doubt) precluding other than members of that Society from taking part in peals at St. Paul's or the Abbey.

May I make it clear that, not having rung a peal at any of the above towers, I have no personal axe to grind. But this 'colour bar' business is absurd really, and ringing would not suffer much if both Societies went out of existence.

Until they do, however, I hope to remain on good terms with each, so may I just sign myself as

CUMBERLAND.

## THE LADIES OF ASHBRITTLE

Dear Sir, — Mention was made in Belfry Gossip of 'The Ringing World,' No. 2,205, concerning what is believed to be the first quarter peal to be rung by an all ladies' band.

In the village of Ashbrittle, Somerset, Mr. Stanley Bristow has during the past 12 months trained a band of six young ladies all under the age of 21. These ladies now have to their credit five quarter peals of Grandsire Doubles, two of which were rung prior to services at Ashbrittle and Huntsham on Coronation morning. On June 6th four of these ladies took part in a peal of Grandsire Doubles, this being their first peal attempt. Progress is now being made with Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob methods.

The remarkable progress of these young ringers in so short a time is a very praiseworthy achievement.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID T. NORTH.

Wellington, Somerset.

## THE TOWER CAPTAIN

Dear Sir,—I feel that a defence must be made an behalf of 'the peal ringing crank' so described by Mr. Williams in his letter, 'The Tower Captain: A Cornish Viewpoint.'

In my experience there are very few peal ringers who are not regular reliable service ringers and, indeed, in many cases they are the people who form the foundation of a band. Also may I ask Mr. Williams how many Surprise ringers he has found who will not readily ring Plain Bob or Grandsire for the benefit of a learner? I venture to suggest the answer would be, 'Very few,' and if it needs the 'persuasive powers of the devil' to get them to leave Surprise ringing, the best thing they could do is to pack it up.

One only has to read the peal columns to see very capable Surprise peal ringers standing in peals of Plain Bob for the benefit of a first pealer.

No, sir! The peal ringer is the man who keeps the art alive and progressing. Without him it would become stagnant and eventually die altogether.—Yours sincerely,

G. W. SEAMAN.

Watford, Herts.

## MINOR FIVES

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent recently quotes Everton, Beds, as a possible minor five. (Everton is a border village and I am not at all sure is not in Huntingdonshire.)

Some 40 years ago I rang there one Sunday evening and had they been in a minor key I should certainly have remembered it.—Yours,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

## AN INFORMAL RINGING EVENING

### Causes Stir Among Northampton Members

Dear Sir,—Referring to the letter from Mr. E. Nobles, the Northampton Branch secretary, explaining his action in inserting a corrective notice in 'The Ringing World,' I am glad of the opportunity to make further comment.

As circumstances prevented the annual monthly Branch meeting in May, the Kingsthorpe tower captain decided to hold an informal evening ring at his tower and, after duly receiving the permission and encouragement of the Vicar, requested the tower secretary—myself—to insert a notice in 'The Ringing World.' This I did, worded so that no objection could be taken by any Branch of ringers, clearly stating that it was an 'evening ring,' and giving a sincere welcome to all Peterborough Guild members and friends, under which heading, in fact, I embraced all ringers. The notice was not signed, as I thought it quite unnecessary, so many notices of all kinds of functions appearing unsigned in 'The Ringing World,' and I consider, as many others apparently do, that space could be better used than for printing names and titles week by week. I am sure that had our invitation been incorrect, the fact would have been brought to my notice tactfully by the Editor.

The following week a notice appeared in 'The Ringing World,' signed by Mr. Nobles, informing readers that the meeting at Kingsthorpe had no connection with the Northampton Branch. At no time was it inferred that our evening ring at Kingsthorpe was a meeting in the procedure sense of the word, although Mr. Nobles, at a subsequent Branch meeting, insisted that it must have been, and advice sought from a learned council committee clerk friend has supported my view that a meeting does not exist without (a) a chairman, (b) a record of minutes.

We at Kingsthorpe feel that had our Branch secretary so seriously objected to one of his Branch towers holding such a function, held purely for the love and pleasure of ringing, he should have communicated with our captain expressing any views he may have held before causing to be published a notice calculated, to say the least, to be damaging to the success of our venture. Many Northampton Branch members take the view, as I do, that to spend our own Branch funds, contributed to by Kingsthorpe, was inexcusable. If all Branch secretaries were so meticulous in the course of procedure, then 'The Ringing World' would often contain corrective notices.

It would seem a great pity if the individuality and freedom of action of towers is to be entirely subordinate to the wishes of the secretary of the parent branch, but if this is to be the future procedure then there will be more than one tower to oppose it in the Northampton Branch.

S. EARL
(Kingsclere Tower Secretary).

Northampton.

## SOWERBY BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I beg the hospitality of your columns to appeal to the Exercise for support for the recasting and rehanging of the octave of St. Peter's, Sowerby, Yorks? As Mr. William Shepherd has already written very ably on the subject, it is superfluous for me to point out that Sowerby was the cradle and home of William Sottenstall. The present ring is the original one, hung in 1793 and from the Whitechapel Foundry of that time. Since then the bells have been once quarter-turned and a new set of fittings added.

As the foundations of the frame are now unsafe and as the 6th has been cracked in the crown, we are appealing for £1,000 for a thorough restoration. Donations of any size will be gratefully received by Mr. H. Lumb, 20, Towngate, Sowerby, Halifax, Yorkshire.—Yours very sincerely,

Halifax. PHILIP CARTER.

# SEEKING NEW TOWERS AND NEW FRIENDS ON OUTINGS

### ALL SAINTS', ROCHDALE

On June 13th the ringers and their friends held their annual outing in Yorkshire. The first stop was Ilkley, the home of the Snowdens, and here some good ringing in various methods was enjoyed. After lunch in Ilkley the journey was up the dale to Aysgarth for an hour's good ringing.

The party stopped at Giggleswick for tea and ringing in the Parish Church, where an added enjoyment was the presence of local ringers.

Methods rung during the day were Thelwall, Childwall, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major. Sincere thanks are given to all who made this outing so successful. J. T.

### RUSHMERE ST. ANDREW

A party of 29 participated in the annual outing of Rushmere St. Andrew, Ipswich, on July 4th, which took the form of a tour of Essex towers. The company included 13 of the local band and one outside ringer.

Ringing took place at Widford (where the long draught and springy ropes made ringing difficult for the younger members), Galleywood (noted because the racecourse runs over the church grounds), Great Baddow, Sandon (a good, mellow ring of mixed origin of the old type), Purleigh, Maldon (the only triangular tower in the county, with a good eight cast at Ipswich in 1922 from the old six with the addition of metal from the old disused church nearby). Lunch was served at Great Baddow, and tea at Maldon.

The ringing included Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise and Single Court. Thanks are accorded to all who met the company and to the incumbents.

### ST. AMBROSE (BRISTOL) GUILD

The St. Ambrose (Bristol) Ringing Guild visited Cullompton, Ottery St. Mary, Sidmouth and Axminster for their annual outing on July 4th. A start was made to collect the party at 7.20 a.m. and after viewing Bristol from the suburbs the complement was made up and a real start was made from Bristol at 8.10 a.m. en route for Cullompton, which was reached at 10.10 a.m. The visitors enjoyed 'morning coffee' whilst the ringers enjoyed an hour's ringing on the very nice ten. The route lay through narrow lanes to Ottery St. Mary, which was reached at 12 noon.

We were met at Ottery St. Mary by Mr. Arbury and a very pleasant hour was spent ringing the bells of that lovely church. After lunch a short time was spent by some of the party admiring the grounds of the Coleridge Estate.

Sidmouth was quickly reached and the bells were soon going, the visitors enjoying the seaside, which was seen at its best on a glorious day. Justice was done to 'Devon splits and cream' at the tea.

Axminster was reached ten minutes behind schedule owing to an altercation with the Farmers' Union and the Railway Executive. It was a case of a cow on the line and a train in the road. The face of 'Garge' as we passed was enough to turn all the milk sour; also the amusement of the guard of the Seaton express as it was halted twice at the small wayside station before it could get clear of the road. At Axminster we were met by Mr. Board. Most of the time was spent ringing on the very nice heavy eight, and, after farewells, a move was made at 7.15 p.m. on the homeward trek, halting at Mark for supper. Some of the 'tower snatchers' in the party expressed good-humoured disapproval because we did not stop at Woolavington, where, as we passed, the bells were ringing. After supper the usual votes of thanks were accorded and Bristol was reached at about 11 p.m. after a most enjoyable day with weather, company and food at its best. Thanks are given to the various tower keepers who gave the Guild such a nice welcome. F. S.

### HUNTS RINGERS IN NORFOLK

Among the oldest customs are outings to ring changes with neighbouring church ringers and enjoy social contacts. To-day we not only go to our neighbours but to all counties to meet friends and ring their bells. Such was the case on June 13th, when the Hunts District of the Ely Diocesan Association had their annual outing in Norfolk.

The devotion and attendance which we received from the six towers which were visited left the writer with the impression that even if they are canaries it is a great pity more canaries are not abroad.

Mr. H. S. Peacock (Hunts District secretary) had arranged a very good six-tower programme. Our first call, East Harling (rounds to London Surprise), then on to Wymondham (here to meet Mr. F. Tooke, our pilot for the rest of the day) and climb Everest (?). 'Halt,' did someone say? But the test was for the back-enders in a course of Cambridge Major; however, we enjoyed it all—lunch (Abbey Hotel) included.

Calling at Mulbarton, another ring of six, good use was made of these bells. Our next stop, Hethersett (here joined by Mr. R. Lofty), was very much enjoyed; Cambridge Major, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major and rounds and then a glorious tea. Yes, it was just right.

Our finale was St. George's, Colegate, and St. Giles', Norwich, where we had to leave our coach to find the church, which the locals said was just round the corner but goodness knows which corner. However, on arriving at St. George's we met Mr. N. Golden, who welcomed all. Rounds to Cambridge Major was rung at St. Giles'. The departure was about 8 p.m. arriving home before midnight, and in saying 'Thank you, Norfolk,' I would add 'Peace and good neighbourliness to you all.' F. W.

### WRINGTON, SOMERSET

Seven o'clock on the morning of July 2nd saw the Wrington ringers and friends off on their annual outing—this year to Dorset.

The party having fortified themselves with coffee and cake, the eight bells at Gillingham were raised in peal and put to good use for three quarters of an hour, although the bells themselves might be termed 'indifferent.'

Then came a run across the Dorset heathlands and past the noble ruin of Corfe Castle to the Church of St. James, Kingston, a glorious Taylor octave with a tenor just over 28¼ cwt. The church and tower are modern and built from local stone and marble and the old plain Parish Church with tower is still standing lower in the village.

After lunch in Weymouth the non-ringing members of the party visited the beach, and the Rector, following the example no doubt of George III., went for a dip! Meanwhile the ringers made their way to Wyke Regis, a suburb of Weymouth with a nice little eight, where your scribe was the chief culprit in the only touch of the day which failed to come round!

Wareham, after tea, proved to be a very lumpy octave in a big wooden frame on plain bearings, the tenor wheel being badly out of shape. Back towards home and to the Georgian church at Blandford Forum (a Taylor eight with a 19¾ cwt. tenor).

A call at Wincanton for liquid refreshments concluded the day and regrets were expressed that Mrs. Knight was unable to be present due to a damaged hand. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman and St. Clement's Bob Triples and Plain and Little Bob Major.

Thanks are due to the various incumbents, to the people who met the party at the towers and finally to Mr. H. W. Knight for making the arrangements. M. J. H.

### RADYR, GLAM

On June 27th the Radyr ringers, their wives, the Rector's wife, the churchwardens and friends from St. John's Church, Cardiff, the party numbering 30, left Radyr by coach for Cheltenham.

After an excellent lunch the party were met by Mr. W. Dyer, the Cheltenham Ringing Master. The lovely twelve at the Parish Church were soon into rounds for the beginners, who struck well, this being their first attempt on twelve. Those more experienced enjoyed some nice touches of Grandsire Triples.

All too soon the party had to leave for Painswick and were met at the church by the Painswick men. Some grand touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The hour passed too quickly and, after farewells to the Painswick friends, the route was continued to Minchinhampton. After tea Mr. Ponting, the Hampton Master, met the band and the mellow six were up and touches of Grandsire, Kent and Cambridge rang out.

Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Dyer (Cheltenham), Mr. Launder (Painswick), Mr. Ponting (Minchinhampton) and Mr. Baker (Bishop's Cleeve) for their kindness and assistance.

Mr. W. Dare, the Radyr captain, acted as Ringing Master for the day and proved a popular choice. C. A. P.

### BRAINTREE, ESSEX

An enjoyable day in Suffolk was spent by St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, on June 27th. At Grundisburgh Mr. George Pipe met the party and the light ring of ten proved very pleasant. A hearty welcome was accorded by the Rev. Musgrave Brown at Debenham, where some good ringing took place.

An excellent lunch was served at the White Lion Hotel, Eye, after which the church was visited. Stradbroke proved a disappointment as on this nice ring of ten only nine and ten could be heard in the ringing chamber, these bells blotting out the front eight. The ladies fared better when ringing the front six. Tea followed at the White Hart Hotel.

The ring of eight at Wilby was enjoyed immensely and good ringing followed at Woodbridge, where Mr. Woodard met the party.

The ringing programme included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise.

Special thanks are due to Supt. Rush, of Eye, for arranging the lunch.

### STRATTON, CORNWALL

Ringers at St. Andrew's, Stratton, went to the other end of Cornwall for their outing on July 4th. Leaving home at 8 a.m. the first stop was at Cardynham Church, which possesses a fine eight that will well repay a visit, and is situated on Bodmin Moor. At Bodmin Parish Church the party were greeted by a local ringer who stayed behind from his own band's outing. This is another fine ring.

After lunch at the Royal Hotel the journey was continued to St. Stephen-in-Brannell, the church being in the middle of the china clay industry. Here the party were met by Canon F. F. Gilbert, brother of the Vicar of Stratton, and his sister. St. Stephen's has a nice light eight.

Truro Cathedral tower was specially left open for the visitors and then on to Falmouth for tea. On the homeward journey a stop was made at Wadebridge. Stratton was reached at 11.15 p.m. after a happy day. Visitors to Cornwall are always welcome at St. Andrew's Stratton, where they will find a fine ring of eight.

RECOMMENDED RULES

| Rule No. | 'Double' | 'Expanding' | 'Static' |
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| 1 (i) | A new front subsection may be inserted between any 2 front subsections of the parent. A new back subsection is inserted between the corresponding inverted back subsections. | A new front subsection and a new back subsection (not necessarily forming the same section) may be inserted between any 2 front or back subsections of the parent. A new front subsection may be added after the last front subsection of the parent, if the pivot place is an interior one or penultimate. A back subsection may be added after the last back subsection. | |
| (ii) | Each new subsection is an associate of the subsection it follows. | | |
| (iii) | In a further extension, the new subsection is an associate of the latest new subsection and immediately follows it. | | |
| (iv) | Any subsequent subsections of the extension remain counterparts of those in the parent and lower stages. | | |
| 2 (i) | Any extension may take effect from (a) the beginning of a subsection or (b) at any cross subsection place subsequent to the first subsection. | | |
| (ii) | | The front extension may be effective from a different position to that of the back. | |
| 3 (i) | Where the extension commences at the beginning of a front subsection, the cross subsection place and the places in the subsection above are relative. Where the extension commences at the beginning of the last subsection, the pivot place is relative to the subsection above, subject, however, to the requirement of Rule 10. | | |
| (ii) | Where the extension commences at a cross subsection place, the cross subsection place and the places in the subsection below are relative. | | |
| 4 (i) | The places of the new front subsection are the same as those of the subsection immediately above with which it is associated, except that the interior places expand by 2 places from the lead. | | The places of the new front subsection are identical with those of the subsection immediately above with which it is associated. |
| (ii) | Any subsequent interior subsection and cross subsection places expand 2 places from the lead. | | Any subsequent interior subsection and cross subsection places are identical with their counterparts in the parent. |
| (iii) | In each successive stage the interior subsection and cross subsection places expand 2 places further from the lead. | | In all subsequent stages, the interior subsection and cross subsection places are identical with their counterparts in the parent. |
| 5 | | | A front cross subsection place adjoining the treble may either:— (a) continue to adjoin the treble, or (b) remain static. In (a) any later front cross subsection places which adjoin the treble continue to adjoin the treble, but ordinary front cross subsection places remain static. In (b) any further front cross subsection places, whether they adjoin the treble or not, remain static. |

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| Rule No. | 'Double' | 'Expanding' | 'Static' |
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| 6 | A front extension may not become effective before:— (a) a subsection containing contiguous places in 1–2, or (b) a subsection which is connected to the following subsection by contiguous places in 1–2. | | Notwithstanding 5 (b) above, a front extension may not become effective from a point prior to any front cross subsection place adjoining the treble, unless the affected place continues to adjoin the treble as required by 5 (a). |
| 7 (i) | The interior places of back subsection are 'expanding' to coincide with the front subsection, but in an inverted position. The places of the new subsection are the same as those immediately below with which it is associated except that the interior places expand 2 places from the back. | The interior places of the back subsection are 'expanding.' The places of the new back subsection are the same as those of the subsection above with which it is associated except that the interior places expand 2 places from the lead. | |
| (ii) | Any subsequent interior and cross subsection places expand 2 places further from the back than their counterparts in the parent. | Any subsequent interior and cross subsection places expand 2 places further from the lead than their counterparts in the parent. | |
| (iii) | In each successive stage, the interior subsection and cross subsection places expand 2 places more. | | |
| 8 | In all stages the place positions prior to the points where the extension becomes effective are identical with those in the parent. | | |
| 9 | All lead positions and ultimate places, whether subsection of cross subsection places, are identical with their counterparts in the parent. | | |
| 10 (i) | The pivot place is either at the lead or penultimate position in every stage, to correspond with its position in the parent. It is the reverse of the leadhead place. | The pivot place, if at the lead or penultimate position under the treble, remains in the lead or penultimate position in all stages. | |
| (ii) | | An interior pivot place expands 2 places further from the lead in each successive stage. | An interior pivot place remains static in all stages. |
| 11 | Every extension bears the standard lead-ends and the method type of the parent, e.g., Surprise Delight, Exercise, etc., as appropriate. The lead-head 'place sequence' is preserved as required by the Report on 'Pivot Bells.' | | |

(To be continued)

**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doris Banks 1, Ann West 2, H. W. Williamson 3, E. A. Jurd 4, R. C. Beale 5, F. G. Barron 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, Kathleen Knight 8. Rung for the 14th birthday of the treble ringer and the 21st birthday of the tenor ringer.

**ANSTEY, LEICS.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Judith K. E. Harris 1, Jeanette M. Simpson 2, J. B. Bennett 3, A. Disney 4, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 5, D. S. Harris 6, G. H. Arguile 7, R. Elkington 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. Rung for the Sunday School thanksgiving service.

**ASHTON - UNDER - LYNE, LANCS.** — At St. Michael's, on June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Wright 1, Miss E. Walker 2, Miss J. Carter 3, S. Marshall 4, N. Ledger 5, L. Hill 6, J. Carter (cond.) 7, G. Gee 8. Rung half-muffled on the back eight in memoriam Miss M. E. Thorpe.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Sutcliffe (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, C. Harwood 3, T. Holchouse 4, W. D. Pooley 5, E. G. Buck 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, W. Collins 8.

**BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. W. Graham 1, P. Chambers (first 'inside') 2, J. Chambers 3, B. S. Payne 4, R. G. W. Soars 5, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the Sunday School festival.

**BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.**—At St. Michael's Church, on July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Balaam 1, N. Grover 2, C. Osler 3, W. Clift 4, E. Austin 5, J. Weaver 6, R. Story (cond.) 7, J. Woodley 8. Rung in memory of Mr. J. Ballard, who was ringer and captain at this tower for over sixty years.

**BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. I. Hemer 1, E. Naylor (cond.) 2, S. A. Read 3, B. L. J. Foley 4, J. H. Harding 5, F. A. Gooding 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. J. G. Naylor, brother of the conductor, and Mrs. Naylor.

**BENTLEY, YORKS.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): D. Wheat 1, Ms. E. Wylie 2, Miss D. Smythe 3, Mrs. A. Smythe 4, R. J. Sanderson (cond.) 5. Rung for Confirmation service.

**BETCHWORTH, SURREY.**—On June 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. G. L. Coward 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, C. J. Champion 3, C. T. Clarke 4, R. D. Short 5, Rev. K. G. Hoare 6, G. J. Gammon 7, D. T. North 8. First of Treble Bob for 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Grace 1, J. P. Blond 2, A. R. Greenough 3, C. Aldridge 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8.

**BONVILSTON, GLAM.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor. Fred Bailey 1, Miss J. S. Evans 2, S. Lunn (first 'inside') 3, R. Lucas 4, R. E. Coles 5, D. J. King (cond.) 6.

**BOWDON, CHESHIRE.**—On June 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. C. Brown 1, Miss R. M. Jackson 2, Miss S. P. Wain 3, D. C. Vincent 4, A. Twyman 5, J. Clegg (cond.) 6, R. E. Broom 7, A. J. Brown 8. Rung for the 6th birthday of Paul, son of the conductor.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Jewell 1, F. Soden (cond.) 2, Miss J. Hitchcock 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, J. J. Westmacott 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. R. Miles 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

**BUSHEY HEATH, BERKS.**—On June 27th, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 1, N. Jenkins 2, T. H. Norris 3, J. Scofield 4, W. Wenban 5, L. North 6, A. Wenban 7, Mrs. T. H. Norris 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to P. Nash and Barbara Bangs, members of the local band, who were married earlier this day.

**CHEPSTOW, MONS.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Sjoberg (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Evans (cond.) 2, J. E. Morgan 3, M. K. King 4, J. J. Sims 5, D. S. Voss 6, D. J. King 7, C. Bryant 8.

**CLAPHAM COMMON, S.W.**—At the Redemptorist Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Victories, on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Pilkington 1, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 2, G. M. Harvey 3, C. S. Rew 4, G. P. Huckstep 5, T. J. Farmer 6. Rung for the Coronation.

**CORSTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Quartermaine 1, Miss M. Taylor 2, Miss M. Hannam 3, S. G. King 4, C. J. Brown 5, H. L. Parfrey 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, L. R. G. Taylor 8. Arranged and rung in honour of the birth of Elizabeth Jane, daughter of the ringer of the 6th.

**CWMCARVON, MONS.**—On July 4th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Mrs. K. Smith 1, Mrs. D. Stafford 2, E. J. C. Davis 3, L. H. Jones 4, J. J. Webb 5, S. Goodwin 6. First in three methods by 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung after the wedding of Miss P. Williams, a ringer at this church

**DEAL, KENT.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Rich 1, Miss J. Milner 2, Miss M. J. Cooper (first quarter) 3, Miss G. A. Rich 4, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 5, M. Milner 6. A 19th birthday compliment to Miss J. Milner.

# QUARTER PEALS

**DERBY.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Clare 1, C. Walklate 2, A. E. Thompson 3, D. Walklate 4, H. Letts 5, M. Barker 6, S. Walklate (cond.) 7, K. Tunnicliff (first quarter) 8. Rung for the Nativity of St. John-the-Baptist.

**EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Evelyn D. Adams (first quarter) 1, Miss K. M. Shepherd (first 'inside') 2, I. A. C. Butcher 3, D. A. Cornford 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, G. F. Tizzard 6. Also on same date 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. W. Burnett 1, J. W. Meade 2, E. J. Jenner 3, B. J. Luff 4, I. A. C. Butcher 5, E. H. Knapp 6, A. E. Laker 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8. Both quarters were rung for Confirmation by the Bishop of Lewes.

**EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): D. Edmunds 1, J. J. Partridge (cond.) 2, N. Line 3, H. Wooding 4, A. E. Partridge 5. Rung for the festival of St. Peter.

**FAVERSHAM, KENT.**—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Marsh (first quarter) 1, Miss E. S. Wyles 2, F. Pack 3, P. R. Jemmett 4, F. Farnsworth 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, C. Eades 8. A birthday compliment to Harry Manuel, a ringer at this tower.

**GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.**—On June 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Pearce 1, H. King 2, L. Sharpe 3, K. Brown (cond.) 4, W. Perry 5. First quarter peal of Doubles by all.

**GROBY, LEICS.**—On July 5th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob): W. E. Geary 1, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 2, T. E. Gardner 3, T. Isom 4, V. Geary 5, D. Dodson 6. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. A. Bevington), who is moving to St. Saviour's, Leicester.

**HAWKHURST, KENT.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: B. Harris (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Hannington (first quarter in 2 methods) 2, W. Gorringe (cond.) 3, G. Billenness 4, J. Brown 5, A. H. Kemp 6.

**HOBART, TASMANIA.**—On June 2nd, at St. David's Church, 1,260 Doubles (Norfolk, Old Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Millington 1, P. Dalwood 2, D. Kirby 3, S. W. Smith 4, J. Biggs (cond.) 5, L. B. Uhr-Henry 6. Rung for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On June 28th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: A. J. Salisbury (first in method as cond.) 1, Mrs. O. J. Wright 2, J. Carrott 3, D. M. Salisbury (first in method) 4, A. H. Worboys 5, C. E. Wright 6, T. East 7, S. Penfold 8.

**KIRKBY LONSDALE, WESTMORLAND.**—On June 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hastewell (13, first quarter) 1, A. Storey 2, B. Shaw 3, V. Hastewell (first quarter) 4, E. Proctor (cond.) 5, J. Hodgson (first quarter) 6. First quarter by a local service band within the 60 years' ringing memory of the conductor.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.**—On June 24th, 1,792 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Marcon 1, G. A. Oliffe 2, E. F. Jelley 3, J. Jelley 4, Jane Cotes 5, G. R. Edwards 6, W. Thornley (cond.) 7, Winifred M. Burton 8. First quarter in the method for 4 and 5.

**MARGATE, KENT.**—On July 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Lock 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Mrs. Locke 3, P. Dadds 4, R. G. Dadds 5, A. J. Dadds 6, L. Twyman 7, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 4 and 5.

**MORTON, DERBYS.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Davis 1, H. Franklin 2, M. Wright 3, W. E. Gough 4, P. Wright (cond.) 5, E. G. Holdgate 6. Rung to commemorate the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

**NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Doubles (being two extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Stedman, Plain and 60 Grandsire). Mrs. D. J. Wright 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, C. E. Wright 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, C. E. Brown 5, W. J. Carter 6.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On June 21st, at St. Mary's Church, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. D. Harris 1, L. D. Duguid 2, R. G. Leale 3, F. W. Rogers 4, S. J. Harding 5, A. F. Burbidge 6, T. R. Taylor (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8. Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to the conductor.

**PRESTON CANDOVER, HANTS.**—On June 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Nash (first quarter) 1, R. Currie 2, M. Lakin 3, P. Dodd 4, W. Dodd (cond.) 5. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Nash 1, G. Dodd 2, P. Dodd 3, R. Currie 4, M. Lakin (first as cond.) 5.

**PUBLOW, SOMERSET.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Treasure 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, F. C. Mogford 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, A. A. Hilliar 5, L. B. Coles 6. Rung after the christening of Timothy, infant son of the Rev. and Mrs. Clatworthy, Vicar.

**READING, BERKS.**—On July 5th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: B. C. Stirland 1, Miss A. B. Diserens 2, R. F. Diserens 3, E. W. Colley (first in method) 4, F. W. Lewis 5, C. Pullen 6, R. W. Rex 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the granting of the first Royal Charter to Reading.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At the Church of St. Peter, on June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Debenham 1, C. F. Sayer 2, J. Ketteringham 3, R. W. Darvill 4, F. J. Spicer 5, W. J. Southam 6, T. J. Southam (cond.) 7, F. J. Bailey 8. Also on July 5th, 1,280 Bob Major: M. Webb 1, C. F. Sayer 2, J. Ketteringham 3, H. G. Mason 4, F. J. Spicer 5, W. J. Southam 6, T. J. Southam 7, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to John Ketteringham on his return to Lincolnshire.

**ST. HELENS, LANCS.**—On June 26th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 240 All Saints', 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): Frances E. Ellison 1, J. R. Austin 2, H. Blackburn 3, S. W. Bracegirdle 4, E. Roughley (cond.) 5, A. J. Willmott (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On June 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. W. F. Butler 1, A. J. Glass 2, R. L. Sills 3, R. I. Shepherd 4, M. Hatchett 5, A. D. Rivers 6, J. C. Birt 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8, W. Birmingham (cond.) 9, G. W. Ashdown 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Thomas Leader, former steeplekeeper.

**STEVENAGE, HERTS.**—On July 4th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. Johnson 1, H. Wittering 2, P. Croft 3, W. Todd 4, W. Lawrence 5, F. Croft 6, G. Cherry 7, D. Gullick (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1 and 2. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. L. W. Brown and Miss B. E. Mardlin.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On June 24th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Burchnall 1, Miss K. Burchnall 2, B. Hough (first of Triples) 3, A. Wilson 4, N. Moxon 5, E. A. Midwinter 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, R. Sleep 8. Birthday compliments to ringers of 1 and 2.

**TWERTON, BATH, SOMERSET.**—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. O. Fry 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, W. J. Prescott 3, S. A. Read (first of Triples) 4, W. J. Cope 5, K. Medway 6, P. W. Weeks (cond.) 7, S. S. Woodburn 8. A welcome home to the conductor from H.M. Forces.

**WICKHAMBREUX, KENT.**—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Winnifred Miles (first quarter) 1, J. Walter 2, S. Walter 3, F. Ellen (first 'inside') 4, E. Wood 5, T. G. White (cond.) 6.

**WHITTINGTON, DERBYS.**—On June 2nd, a quarter peal of Killamarsh Treble Bob: C. G. Lawrence 1, C. Price 2, L. Gascoigne 3, R. Bellerby 4, D. A. Culling 5, S. C. Lawrence 6. Rung for the Coronation.

**WITHAM, ESSEX.**—On July 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss W. Mellin (first in method) 1, W. S. Butler 2, W. H. P. Mellin 3, J. Warner 4, J. Elliott 5, A. Elliott 6, S. Bones 7, E. W. Bright (cond.) 8.

**WORSLEY, LANCS.**—On June 21st, at the Church of St. Mark, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Pendlebury 1, C. Gudgeon 2, T. Royle 3, G. Pearson 4, R. Albred 5, F. Grundy (cond.) 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, A. Pearson (first quarter) 8. Rung at Evensong for the Sunday School sermons

**YEOVIL, SOMERSET.**—On July 8th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: F. Chidgey 1, D. Sheldon 2, W. H. Tarr 3, G. Gaylard (first of Stedman Caters) 4, H. Gaylard 5, G. Coles 6, A. H. Reid 7, H. Mockridge 8, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 9, H. Churchill 10.

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By E. TIMBRELL

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Rung for the first time June 18th, 1953, at Christ Church, Tunstall, Staffs. for the North Staffordshire Association to Oxford Treble Bob.

Conducted by F. W. Grocott.

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### BIRTH

DODDS.—On Sunday, July 12th, 1953, at Hillingdon Hospital, to Eric and Mary Dodds, a son, Andrew Martin. 2915

### ENGAGEMENT

PRESTON—DUNCAN.—The engagement is announced between Roger, only son of Mrs. N. and the late Mr. H. R. S. Preston, of Prescot, Lancashire, and Jean, younger daughter of Mr. P. R. and the late Mrs. O. J. Duncan, of Weston-super-Mare. 2928

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CULLINGWORTH.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. T. Cullingworth is now 28, Hampshire Drive, Maidstone, Kent. Will all friends please note. 2930

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### MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The 1953 Ringing Week, Oxford, August 14th–22nd. Reservations now being confirmed. Interested members are invited to write to the secretary immediately. — Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2825

PREBENDARY E. V. COX (hon. secretary and treasurer 1937-53) wishes to thank the touring members of the Guild of Clerical Ringers for their very generous and deeply-appreciated cheque, with which he has purchased some much-needed gardening equipment. 2910

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—General secretary is now F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Secretary of S.W. Division is C. E. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, E.11. 2907

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual report, 1952. Peal composition correction: Peal 52/80, 5,103 Grandsire Cinques by R. F. Deal; 29th course should read 43265 . . . 8 — 4S. 2908

YORK MINSTER.—Owing to holidays there will be no ringing on Sundays, July 26th and August 2nd. 2931

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report.

### MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, July 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 2890

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Joint meeting at Ticknall (6) on Saturday, July 25th, at 3 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. 2923

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting at Chippenham (6), July 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 2891

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Tey, Saturday, July 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec. 2864

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, July 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. free to those who send names to G. Blake, Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Grayshott (8) on Saturday, July 25th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2881

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Stamford, Saturday, July 25th. Bells 2.30-5 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in church 5.50 p.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m. Bells afterwards until 9 p.m.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 2880

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Hambleden, Saturday, July 25th, 2 p.m. Buses from High Wycombe Station 1.35 p.m. and 4.15 p.m. Other buses, but mile walk.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2898

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Petersfield, Saturday, July 25th at 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. East Meon (8), St. Mary's, Liss (8), St. Peter's, Liss (6), Buriton (6), Steep (6). 12 noon-1.30 p.m.; Petersfield 12.30-2. Bells available after tea.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2927

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hampton, Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 2906

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Rochdale Branch).—Joint meeting on Saturday, August 1st, at St. Thomas's, Moorside, Oldham (8), 3-9 p.m. All welcome. Cups of tea provided.—E. Walker, Hon. Sec. 2924

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Cardington, August 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Bryan Pattison, 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 2914

ESSEX and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS. — Joint meeting at St. Matthew's, Warwick Grove, Upper Clapton Road, E.5, on Saturday, August 1st, 4 to 5 p.m. Tea shops locally. Ringing at St. John-at-Hackney, E.9, from 6.30 p.m. onwards.—F. V. Gant and T. J. Lock, Secs. 2911

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — August 1st, Stoke Bishop (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Church House meeting to follow.—A. Bennett. 2916

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, August 1st, Abbots Langley (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 2917

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting, Speldhurst (8), Aug. 1st, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 28th to R. A. Whitehead, 42, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge. 2904

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Parbold Parish Church on Saturday, August 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names, before Wednesday, July 29th, to Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold, near Wigan.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 2927

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Clifton Keynes, Saturday, August 1st. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 2918

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Bromham (6), August 1st. Usual arrangements.—F. Slatford, 51, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2922

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District). — Joint meeting at Handsworth on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road. 2913

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern. — Practice meeting, Slaugham (8), Saturday, August 1st, 3 p.m. No tea.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2921

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GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District). — Joint meeting at Leatherhead, Monday, August 3rd. Bells from 3 until 9. Service 4.30. Tea at the Institute 5.15 for those who notify, by July 30th, G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead.—A. Smith, R. Lathbury. 2925

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, August 8th, 3 p.m. Tuesday practices as usual.—A. B. Peck. 2897

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, August 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. Names for tea, with cash, please, to me, not later than Wednesday, August 5th. Details of bus service on tower notice. Further copies can be supplied if required.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2920

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Badby, Saturday, August 8th. Names for tea, by August 1st, to Mr. G. H. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 2919

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Ellesmere, August 8th. Usual arrangements. Good attendance requested. Rehung eight. Midland Red. 2.5 from Shrewsbury. Advise for tea.—W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 2929

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, August 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, Watergate Road, Newport. 2926

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual Dinner will be held at The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on Saturday, October 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (limited to 100) now available from G. F. Carter, 3, Gayton Crescent, Hampstead, N.W.3. 2909

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## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Joint Meeting at Welwyn

A joint meeting of the St. Albans and Northern Districts was held at Welwyn on July 11th. Because of the built-up area these bells are hard to get and only one and a half hours were allotted for the meeting. Many people took advantage of ringing on these light bells (tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.); they were augmented to eight just after the war and this was the first meeting on the eight.

In the absence of the Rector the service was conducted by the Vicar of Codicote (the Rev. G. Davies). Tea was provided by Mrs. A. Keen at the Rose Cottage Cafe. Mr. W. J. Southam (St. Albans District secretary) expressed his pleasure at seeing the two Districts holding a joint meeting and hoped that further similar meetings would be arranged. A collection for the General Fund amounted to 11s. 6d.

After tea the bells of Tewin were rung to Doubles and Minor methods. E. G. B.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

On Saturday, July 11th, members and friends of the Andover and Winchester Districts met for a combined meeting at Longparish and Barton Stacey. The standard methods, including Grandsire Minor and Cambridge Minor, were practised until the time of the service, taken by the Vicar of Longparish (the Rev. T. Marsden). Mr. J. A. C. King (secretary, Winchester District) was the organist.

Tea followed in the Village Hall after which Mr. G. K. Dodd (secretary, Andover District) thanked the Vicar and the local ringers for the use of the bells, and the ladies for providing the tea. He also welcomed members of the Winchester District. The Vicar and Mr. J. A. C. King suitably replied.

Members of the Andover District then returned to the tower whilst members of the Winchester District held a short business meeting at which in the unavoidable absence of the chairman, the Ringing Master (Mr. R. Smith) took the chair.

Thirteen new ringing members were elected from Owslebury and Micheldever. The next two practice meetings will be held at Owslebury and Stockbridge.

The District outing for this year was discussed and it is hoped to visit Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's bell foundry.

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