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RINGERS' OUTINGS

WE have now reached the season of ringers' outings. During the coming weeks ringers all over the country will be setting off early in the morning, in the majority of cases by motor-coach, to visit some half-dozen or so church towers in order to enjoy what, for them, is an undeniable pleasure, that of ringing bells in other than their own parish church or neighbouring towers.

These outings as a general rule are thoroughly enjoyed and looked forward to year by year by all who go, whether they are ringers or not. What is not always so fully appreciated is the amount of work which falls upon the organisers of such trips. Weeks beforehand those responsible for the trip must work out the route and note the towers desired. Then to each tower captain or secretary a letter must be written with a request for the use of the bells and the approximate times of arrival and departure. Meals also have to be arranged and times carefully worked out. All this involves a good deal of letter writing and awaiting replies. One tower perhaps is not available and the whole route may have to be reorganised involving more letter writing. Finally, the party must be made up and so come all the customary trials and tribulations—the indecisive, the last-minute cancellations and requests.

First, a few suggestions to organisers of these outings. Try to have as few non-ringers as possible on the outing. By that is meant those who only wish to go for the sake of the trip or because of the places to be visited. Potential ringers should be encouraged to go as it may well act as a final spur for them to start learning to ring. Beginners likewise should be encouraged as it gives them valuable experience in handling bells which, in all probability, are very different from those upon which they have learnt. One of the organiser's chief tasks on the outing is endeavouring to keep to the time-table; a help in this matter is to issue to each person a type-written notice of the towers to be visited, with times of arrival and departure, number of bells and the weight of the tenor add interest; meal times should also be stated. Where this idea has been tried it has been found to be a great help in the matter of punctuality. The actual route to be taken should be mapped out and the coach driver consulted beforehand in order to avoid the party losing its way; this is particularly important if small country places are to be visited.

Secondly, to all who go on the outing. Obviously if the ringing is to be enjoyed, punctuality is a most important factor. One late-comer at any point during the day can so easily spoil it for the rest. When visiting a church tower it is indeed a pity, as does happen, to make the journey solely to and from the ringing chamber. All churches are worth looking at, both inside and out. Why not a moment on our knees in prayer for our fellow-ringers and the parish in which we are? A copy of the parish magazine, a leaflet about the church or a picture postcard bought in church will act as a reminder later, and a donation in the almost inevitable box is a way in which we can show our thanks for the use of the bells. One need hardly say that behaviour, especially within the church and its precincts, is most important.

Thirdly, a word to those whose towers receive a visit from one of these outings. However inconvenient it may be, it is highly desirable that some responsible person should meet the visitors, even if it means waiting about because they are delayed. Apart from any other consideration, it does make a big difference to the visitors to be met and to be made to feel that their visit is welcome. Unless quite unavoidable, visitors should never be left to find their own way to the ringing chamber and there possibly be confronted by that ominously dangerous notice, 'All bells are up.' Dangerous because if the tower is open to the expected visitors it is open to all and a nasty or even fatal accident is by no means impossible. The ringing chamber itself is well worth an extra clean up beforehand. The cleanliness or otherwise of the belfry is one of the first things that catches the eye of any visitor.

Finally, a word to the clergy. It is always much appreciated by a visiting band of ringers if the incumbent can manage to look in at some point during their brief visit. Better still if he has time to show those interested round the church, pointing out objects of historical and other interest. Most ringers do look round the church at which ringing is taking place and are as keenly interested in what they see as any other visitors. M.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

SAMUEL A. MARTIN	*Treble*	†JOHN A. ACRES	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	8
BRIAN MARTIN	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	J. FREDERICK MILNER	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	6	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † 100th peal for the Guild.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Terence A. Thornber, a member of the Cathedral Band.

TEN BELL PEALS

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., June 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	†J. HENRY FIELDEN	6
GILLIAN A. SMITH	2	‡CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	7
MARGARET SWANN	3	‡F. ERIC ROBERTS	8
*RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	4	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	9
†JOHN HOMPHRAY	5	RALPH BEAUMONT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman and of Caters. ‡ First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal as conductor on ten bells.
Rung in honour of the Royal birthdays.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., June 13, 1954, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 38 lb. in E flat.

L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
ERNEST H. MASTIN	2	CHARLES W. LOOME	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	BERT GOGLE	8
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	ERNEST WHITING	9
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAMBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr.

*MURIEL M. PIPE	*Treble*	RUSSELL G. PARKER	6
CHARLES E. FISHER	2	WALTER W. MILLER	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	8
HARRY D. LISTER	4	ALBERT E. WHITING	9
*FRANK STERRY	5	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE W. CREASEY	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	†W. ALLAN WILSON	6
*NATHANIEL MOXON	3	†ERNEST PRESTON	7
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	4	WILLIAM H. DALE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.
A welcome home to the Queen: also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Merryweather, daughter of W. H. Dale.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

MYRTLE A. CASS	*Treble*	‡ANN M. COX	5
SAMUEL PETTER (77)	2	‡EILEEN M. TURNER	6
*FREDERICK CHERRYMAN	3	E. JOHN WELLS	7
†REGINALD TICKNER	4	†RALPH JORDAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by EILEEN M. TURNER.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were augmented in 1948.
Rung in honour of the christening of R. Tickner's daughter. Also in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. Brown and Miss M. Lewis at Aldershot on the same day. Also for the first anniversary of the Induction of the Rector, the Rev. the Hon. A. C. V. Elphinstone.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*JOHN R. BIBBY (aged 11)	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
CYNTHIA BIBBY	2	OSWALD CLAYBROOK	6
ELIZABETH M. BIBBY	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
W. GEORGE BIBBY	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

J. HENRY FIELDEN	*Treble*	JOHN F. BRYANT	5
M. VIVIEN COPPING	2	ROBERT E. MOULDS	6
SHEILA M. TAYLOR	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
GEOFFREY INGHAM	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the 7th. Also first peal as conductor.

ORMESBY, NORTH YORKSHIRE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

*GORDON WALLACE	*Treble*	THOMAS M. COX	5
PETER WISHART	2	HARRY SHORT	6
MARGARET JAMES	3	KENNETH LAWSON	7
MRS. K. LAWSON	4	WM. RALPH JACKSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.
* First peal. A farewell peal for Gordon Wallace on his leaving for National Service. William Ralph Jackson has now 'circled the tower.'

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	*Treble*	JACK BRAY	5
WALTER M. GODDARD	2	*ALLAN SIMPSON	6
*GWEN I. RUSBY	3	ARTHUR CROWDER	7
*JOAN E. HOODLESS	4	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 16, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 FALMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH C. JENNINGS	*Treble*	DAVID W. BEARD	5
FRANK V. GANT	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	7
TERRY EARLE	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Arranged by DAVID W. BEARD. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
Believed to be the first peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 16, 1954, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5088 IRCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIFLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 3rd and tenor.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Time 22¼ cwt.

LIONEL S. WOODS	*Treble*	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	5
DAVID W. BEARD	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
FRANCES A. THRELFALL	3	FRANK V. GANT	7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Fenn on the occasion of their golden wedding.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 18, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being in 48 methods. Containing 192 changes of Derwent, Lindum, London, Rutland and Wembley, and 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnsbury, Bristol, Cambridge, Campsall, Cherwell, Chester, Claybrooke, Cray, Deben, Dublin, Eastcote, Falmouth, Framley, Hanbury, Hitchin, Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindoff's London, Maulden, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Otley, Painswick, Pudsey, Pyrford, Radlett, Ramsey, Scawthorpe, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative, Tring, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford and Yorkshire. 158 changes of method.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	6
GORDON BENFIELD	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Umpire: DENNIS A. CHAPMAN.
The greatest number of Surprise Major methods rung to a peal.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

EMILY B. P. WALKER	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	ERIC NAYLOR	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	7
*FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* 150th peal. Rung in conjunction with the 27th Jubilee of the Rochester Diocese.

HUNGERFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., June 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	5
PATRICIA A. GAUNT	2	HAROLD P. REED	6
RONALD F. DISERENS	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
THOMAS H. TOCOCK	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Mr. Tagg, recently inducted at this church.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 26¾ cwt.

SELWYN H. DEARDEN	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
GEORGE W. PIPE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
JOHN S. MASON	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

KENNETH MEDWAY	*Treble*	GWILYN SALMON	5
GEORGE RUCK	2	VICTOR G. ROBERTS	6
MARJORIE LEGG	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
RONALD H. GARDENER	4	*ALBERT E. CAVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal on eight bells.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

K. MARY COWLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	6
FREDERICK C. CASE	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
*FREDERICK VICKERS	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. GREEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.
* First peal in the method.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicars' Bob-and-Single. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

ALAN R. BETSWORTH	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYES	5
ERNEST J. MUNDY	2	BRIAN J. LUFF	6
*ROGER BALDWIN	3	*ROBIN G. LEALE	7
FREDK. W. BURNETT	4	†CHARLES W. POUND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. First peal as conductor. The quickest peal on the bells
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. E. Wright, Vicar of Hawkley.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. in E

EDWARD C. BARTON	*Treble*	WILFRID S. PALIN	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
*JOSEPH E. GRENSTED	3	ERIC NAYLOR	7
GEORGE A. NAYLOR	4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal for 46 years.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 31, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob Tenor 12 cwt. 1 lb.

WILLIAM C. SHUTE	*Treble*	*HERBERT I. PITMAN	4
LIONEL H. PINK	2	†DOUGLAS A. FRENCH	5
*PHILIP W. MOGG	3	†CECIL RIDOUT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since being overhauled.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 9 cwt.

*RAYMOND S. JONES	*Treble*	THOMAS J. GUNDY	4
DERRICK G. CLARKE	2	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. Coronation anniversary. Also as a farewell to Mr. G. T. Angwin, former member of the church choir.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one Morris's 240, 20 extents (10 callings) of Grandsire, and 20 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

RAYMOND A. LUCAS	*Treble*	MARY STEPHENS	4
BRYAN PATTISON	2	JOHN B. LONG	5
†PHYLLIS GRAY	3	*DAVID HOUGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the Festival of Whitsuntide.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

WILLIAM H. A. COMPTON	*Treble*	ARTHUR JOPP	4
*GEORGE H. DERRINGTON	2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	5
FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung to celebrate the 96th birthday of Mr. F. A. Rea, for many years a ringer at this church.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 16 methods: (1) London, Wells, (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, (3) Berwick, Hexham, (4) Beverley, Surfleet, (5) Norfolk, Primrose, (6) Cambridge, Ipswich, (7) York, Durham. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

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

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal 'inside' in 16 methods.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Thurs., June 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven callings. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

DENNIS CHAPMAN	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4
MARTIN THORLEY	2	†FRED FISHER	5
*DENISE J. SHAW	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (6 callings). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	JOHN A. SMITH	4
*JOHN R. WATSON	2	JOHN VERNON	5
C. ROGER HAYWARD	3	JOHN H. BURBAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN VERNON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BEDWELLTY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb.

FREDERICK J. BAILEY	*Treble*	THOMAS YEOMANS	4
JEAN POWELL	2	WILLIAM DARE	5
*KEITH JONES (14)	3	A. RYAN PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.

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

Rung on the Eve of St. Sannan's Day, and as a compliment to Edna Hulbert, a ringer of St. Mellons, Mon., and Trevor Yelland, who were married this day at St. Mellons.

BUSHBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 different callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

GORDON SMALLWOOD	*Treble*	GEORGE DEAN	4
C. SANDFORD DUMBELL	2	ARTHUR SANSOME	5
HARRY HARRISON	3	THOMAS NOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON SMALLWOOD.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Court, Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

DONALD C. ANDREWS	*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN	4
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD	2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON	5
ROY DUESBURY	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 six-scores in 18 methods, being one of 120 of Stedman, three of St. Simon, two each of St. Martin, St. Nicholas and Winchendon Place, three of St. Giles, two each of St. Miles, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Fortune, Old, Norfolk and April Day, three of Grandsire, and four each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¾ cwt. in A.

JOHN A. HOWARD	*Treble*	IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	3
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	2	FRANK H. HICKS	4
WM. A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

This is the greatest amount of methods rung in a peal by the band, on the bells, in the county and by the Association.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ERIC EDGINTON	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
SIDNEY H. JONES	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

DENNIS BURLING	*Treble*	FEANK PICKERING	4
MISS D. SHAW	2	HORACE BAILEY	5
GEORGE R. HINER	3	HARRY MORTEMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MORTEMORE.

STOKE ROCHFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	†ROBIN J. WORSDALL	3
*WALTER WESTON	2	PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in three Doubles methods. † First peal of Doubles.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Ronald Russell.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	4
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5
DENIS A. S. SYMONDS	3	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

Rung for Trinity Sunday.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., June 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Treble*	ALAN G. FEVER	4
JOHN S. WYBREW	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. A. G. Fever, who joins the R.A.M.C.

TANNINGTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., June 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb.

*HAROLD LEATHERS	*Treble*	DIANA M. MATTHEW	4
FRANK RUFFLES	2	WALTER W. MILLER	5
CHARLES W. BEECROFT	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal to be rung in this tower.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., June 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 6 cwt.

*J. J. P. ELLAMS (Keble)	*Treble*	*DAVID HODGSON (B.N.C.)	3
GEOFF. HARPER (Hertford)	2	GLYN F. JENKINS (Keble)	4
JOHN H. SMART (Pembroke)	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN H. SMART.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Doubles for all the band, and for the Society on tower bells.

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PUBLOW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	LESLIE B. COLES	4
MRS. M. P. MAYELL	2	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	5
ALAN A. HILLIAR	3	EDWARD CONNOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS C. MOGFORD.
Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. W. Hillier, an old bell-ringer and sexton. First half-muffled peal on the bells.

WOOLTON HILL, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 APRIL DAY DOUBLES
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

WILLIAM KEWELL	*Treble*	MAURICE J. DODD	4
MICHAEL H. MAISEY	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
PHILLIP E. DODD	3	REGINALD RIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. S. Culverwell, who was inducted to the living a fortnight previously.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 six-scores each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MRS. E. C. BARTON	*Treble*	*EDWARD C. BARTON	3
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	4
ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERIC and GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
(Each calling alternate six-scores.)
* First peal in three Double methods.
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. Naylor, who were married at this church on June 18th, 1904. Those taking part were a daughter, two sons, a son-in-law and a close friend of the family.

WALKERN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 96, 97, 98; 99, 100, 101; 95). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in B.

DAVID SUTCLIFFE	*Treble*	MAURICE A. COLLINGS	4
PHILIP MEHEW	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
ANGELA WILLES	3	MICHAEL ORME (17)	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method for the Association and by all the band.
Rung within the octave of Trinity Sunday.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Charles V. Hare (76) and to the ringers of 2nd and tenor.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents: (1) Munden, (2) Wells and London, (3) Warkworth, (4) Carlisle, (5) York, (6) Bourne, Cambridge and Ipswich, (7) Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE	*Treble*	RICHARD J. STEPHENS	4
MARY FULLER	2	RALPH BIRD	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	JOHN E. CANNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
First peal in ten Surprise methods by all and on the bells.

STOCKLAND, DEVONSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two extents of Oxford, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*BENJAMIN J. BURSTON	*Treble*	*GERALD UGLOW	4
*ROBERT W. SHIRE	2	GORDON WALFORD	5
WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal in three methods. First peal of Minor on the bells.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Grandsire, and 12 extents of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

JAMES RANFORD	*Treble*	ROLAND E. LEWIS	4
C. WILLIAM NUTT	2	FREDERICK MERRICK	5
JAMES WARD	3	JACK MERRICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. WILLIAM NUTT.
First peal in five methods of Doubles by all the band and on the bells.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*TERENCE OWEN	*Treble*	CHARLES H. PAGE	4
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	JOHN BEARDMORE	5
†ALAN LAMBERT	3	G. ARNOLD MOORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Joyce Watkin, daughter of the local captain, to Mr. Kenneth Brough, of Stoke.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BUCKNALL 3rd's PLACE DELIGHT MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

*HOWARD BATESON	*Treble*	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT, JUN.	4
†WILLIAM CARNWELL	2	REGINALD O. PRESTON	5
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT, SEN.	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT, JUN.
* First peal. † 100th peal for the Association. Believed to be the first peal in the method.
Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding or Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Grocott.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
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 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

*MARY L. HANNAM	*Treble*	HAROLD L. PARFREY	4
MRS. H. L. PARFREY	2	DAVID J. KING	5
*CEDRIC J. A. BROWN	3	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal of Minor. The first peal of Minor on the bells.
A farewell peal to David King, who is returning to Chepstow from the Bath area, following his demobilisation from the Royal Air Force.

SOUTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (10 different callings). Tenor 6¼ cwt.

DENNIS SIMPSON	*Treble*	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	3
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4
WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
First peal on the bells since being restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co. earlier this year.
Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

HANDBELL PEAL

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. No 7. Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	7—8

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Arranged by Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual outing of the Society on Whit Monday was a great success. One bus started from Stainforth at 6.25 a.m. and the other from Barnby Don at 7 a.m., both meeting at Selby.

The first ringing was on the light six at Whixley, which had been recently overhauled. Then came Birstwith, a beautiful eight, when Mr. Jackson Ewbank had raised the bells, followed by Skipton, where cups of tea had been provided by the local company. These bells were a pleasure to ring on.

The weather deteriorated in the afternoon but ringing took place at Keighley and Bingley. At St. Ives Mansion a ham, tongue and salad tea was provided. Learners rang rounds and set changes at all towers visited.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Ossett Parish Church and Ripon Cathedral were visited by Manchester Cathedral band for their annual outing on June 12th. It was hoped to ring at the ancient Parish Church at Knaresborough but unfortunately the tower is unsafe. Ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Royal. The outing was a great success, the party numbering 30.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Leighton Buzzard had a three-county tour on Whit Monday for their annual outing, visiting Northamptonshire, Huntingdonshire and Rutland.

Ringing took place at Godmanchester, St. John-the-Baptist, Peterborough, Oakham, Uppingham (where the school was also visited) and Rothwell. After tea at Uppingham Mr. H. B. Whitney thanked the organiser, Mr. V. Conquest. Ringing reached a course of Superlative.

OUTINGS

NEWARK

Newark Parish Church ringers selected Scarborough for their annual outing. Leaving Newark at 7.30 a.m., Scarborough was reached at 11.45. St. Mary's Church (8, tenor 21 cwt.) was immediately visited where a warm welcome was received. Complicated methods were not attempted as the Society is now a very flourishing one with many young learners. Mr. J. W. Raithby is thanked for organising a most enjoyable day.

BLAXHALL

On June 19th the Blaxhall (Suffolk) ringers and friends from neighbouring villages had a most enjoyable and interesting tour in Essex, visiting Maldon (8), Danbury (6), Rayleigh (8), Leigh-on-Sea (6), Prittlewell (10) and Thorpe Bay (8). The success of the outing was due to the organisation of Mr. Gordon Keeble.

A. S. P.

IPSWICH

An outing to the Fen Country was enjoyed on June 5th by ringers of the Ipswich Churches of St. Lawrence, St. Clement, St. Margaret and Matthew and St. Andrew, Rushmere.

Ringing took place at St. Mary's, Newmarket (a fine six with a 21 cwt. tenor), St. Andrew-the-Great and St. Benet's, Cambridge, St. Ives, Hunts, Hemingford Abbots (a good six by the River Ouse), St. Mary's (8) and All Saints' (6), Huntingdon, and the recently restored eight at Godmanchester.

Torrential rain and vivid lightning occurred at Huntingdon, which delayed the programme but no one received a wetting. Ipswich was reached about 11.30 p.m.

PORTISHEAD

Was it just by coincidence that we elected to visit places with such names as Moreton-in-the-Marsh, Bourton-on-the-Water and Watermoor? Probably it was, but this certainly turned out to be the most 'watery' day of a wet period. Nevertheless, we shall have many pleasant recollections of this Cotswold tour. Firstly, there was the enjoyable ringing at Wotton-under-Edge (where the fine bells are worthy of the lovely church in which they are set), followed by a visit to Charlton Kings via the lovely Stroud Valley, and Birdlip.

We shall certainly not easily forget our visit to Blockley and the cordial welcome received from the Vicar, whose amiable company we enjoyed throughout our stay there. Those who braved the rain at Bourton-on-the-Water to inspect the model village were duly impressed, but the remark of a local 'You should see it when the sun is shining' was not appreciated. We were certainly intrigued to hear well-struck Caters coming from the model eight-bell tower! The best ringing of the day was reserved for Cirencester (Watermoor), where we had the help of that grand veteran Mr. F. J. Lewis, who is justly proud of his delightful octave.

Thanks to all who contributed to our pleasure, not forgetting the gentleman who awaited us on descending from the tower at Blockley to thank us for ringing and to say how much the villagers had enjoyed it. That, surely, is the ideal culmination of any tower grabbing!

A. J. G.

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The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Stonham Aspal was the first peal to be rung since the recent restoration by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. It was a silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Parker and a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Smy, of Blaxhall. The band tender their many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Button for their kind hospitality, and to Mr. C. E. Fisher for kindly standing in at the last minute.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Last Easter the bells of SS. Peter and Paul's, Mitcham, were rehung after the destruction of the church by fire in 1943. A new local band was formed and four of them rang their first quarter on June 17th. With the exception of two, who were taught to handle by Mr. S. Howard, of St. Leonard's, Streatham, last August, the band is entirely self-taught. Its 12 members are regular Sunday service ringers.

Mrs. Mary P. Mayell is the first lady to ring a peal on the bells of Publow, Somerset.

Mr. John Ashcroft, of 7, Barn Lane, Golberne, near Warrington, is Wigan area correspondent to 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. W. Longman, the representative of the Chester Diocesan Guild, was not present at the Central Council meeting at Chester.

Four of the band who scored a quarter peal at Great Amwell, Herts, on June 5th, have been ringing less than five months. The band hope to announce a peal in the not too distant future.

Mr. E. J. Chivers, secretary of the Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, is in hospital again, for the third time. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery from his long illness, now in its 14th week.

The Thames Valley Ringing Festival on Saturday attracted over 60 ringers to tea in Egham. Ringing took place at five towers, and, with the weather co-operating, a good time was had by all.

Aston, Birmingham, ringers will miss Mr. George Davis, a regular member of their band and one-time Ringing Master, who has accepted an appointment at Cardiff. A farewell quarter, which was rung with the best wishes of the band, took place on June 20th.

Mr. Norman Chaddock, secretary of the Sheffield and District Society, gave a talk on 'Church Bells' to the Science Society and members of the Middle Forms of Rotherham Girls' High School on June 11th. His talk was preceded by a short selection of tunes on handbells by the Wickersley Modern School Handbell Ringers. As a result of the talk, which was illustrated, it is hoped to form a handbell team at the school, 18 girls having expressed a wish to join.

Miss Eileen M. Turner, a pupil at the Guildford County School for Girls, is the first lady ringer to conduct a peal for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

We thank correspondents who have called attention to the typographical error regarding the peal at Stisted reported on page 390. The title of the peal was Beverley Surprise Minor.

Mr. E. S. Ruck, the grand old man of the Kent County Association, celebrated his 87th birthday by ringing two quarter peals at Willesborough on June 20th.

Although non-ringers, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Pemberton have done much to foster ringing at Bidston, Cheshire. Their silver wedding anniversary was marked by a peal at Bidston on June 1st, which conveyed the congratulations not only of the ringers, but all active members of the Wirral Branch.

Mr. Leslie Hadfield, of East Croydon, who was taught to ring by Mr. Walter W. Wolstencroft and rang his first peal with him in 1925, had the pleasure of meeting his mentor after 26 years, at Windsor. Although in his 80th year, Mr. Wolstencroft still enjoys his ringing—in fact, he was performing for the colourful Knights of the Garter ceremony on June 14th.

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METHODS COMMITTEE

After having to peruse lengthy reports for the past few years it will, no doubt, be a pleasure to the Council to have to consider only a short statement from the Methods Committee! Our investigations proceeded on the Extension of Methods as a result of the acceptance by the Council of our recommendations last year, and we published in 'The Ringing World' of February 12th, 1954, the practical results of our work.

The preparation of a book of Doubles methods presented more problems than we had realised, in various directions. Each time we thought we really had finished during the past two or three years, new points cropped up which needed resolving. However, we are pleased to say that the task is now accomplished and the MSS. in the hands of the secretary of the Council for early publication. We trust that the book will fill a long awaited need of 5 and 6-bell ringers.

Our opinion has been asked about the naming of the method Loughborough. This was first rung in a peal of Spliced Major at Wigston Magna in 1937. The figures were published in 'The Ringing World.' The same method was rung at Helmingham in 1938 and called Framsden. It appears as such in Corrigan's Surprise method book. We are unanimously of the opinion that the method be called Loughborough and that the name Framsden should be withdrawn.

Mr. F. Sharpe asked if the committee would consider a book of Triples Methods desirable.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: If it is the wish of the Council we should have much pleasure in producing such a book with special reference to splicing.

The report was adopted and the committee elected as follows: Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (convener), Messrs. F. N. Golden, C. K. Lewis asd C. H. Kippin.

LITERATURE, PRESS & BROADCASTING COMMITTEE

During 1953 bells and bell ringing received considerable notice in the Press. The period of the Coronation was, of course, marked by great ringing activity and newspapers all over the country gave much attention to the part that this ringing played in the ceremony and its attendant rejoicing. Among the broadcasts it is interesting to note that a recorded portion of the Coronation Day ringing was sent out on all English transmitters of the South African Broadcasting Corporation.

Numerous paragraphs and short articles on ringing matters have appeared in all papers during the year. Among these an article on the Westminster Abbey ringers' part in the Coronation was published in 'The Manchester Guardian,' a thesis entitled 'Silver Tongues' in 'The Wolverhampton Express and Echo,' and an editorial in 'The Star' complaining of bells and suggesting that they be rung only on special occasions. This editorial brought forth strong protests from Mr. G. L. Grover, of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Miss W. Oliver, secretary of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, and others.

At the end of the year Norman Shrapnel, of 'The Manchester Guardian,' visited a belfry in Cheshire and captured the spirit of the seasonal ringing in an admirable article, and at about the same period 'The Leicester Evening News' dealt with New Year Eve ringing with Mr. Ernest Morris in the background.

Ringers themselves, too, contributed to the public Press, among these essays being 'St.

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Martin's Youths,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, in 'The Birmingham Post,' and a series by W. A. Farmer in 'The Shropshire Magazine' entitled 'Shropshire Bells.'

In the columns of 'The Western Gazette,' an admirable article appeared from the pen of Mr. H. J. Sanger emphasising the value of bells as a traditional feature of country life. A little later the same journal published an account by Mr. J. B. Powlesland of young ringers receiving instruction at Shaftesbury.

That enterprising publication, 'The Belfry,' provides an attractive feature with sketches of Kentish churches and interesting notes on their history and architecture. 'The Belfry' evidently aims at encouraging a family spirit among ringers of the Maidstone District. 'The Ringing Towers' continues to give vivacious and detailed accounts of activities on the other side of the world. 'Irish Bell News' contains an interesting account of the bells of Mount St. Alphonsus Monastery, Limerick, and a lucid description of operations in a bell foundry, written by an eye-witness.

A WEEK FOR A BIG EFFORT.

This week starts a new half-year. We ask all representatives of 'The Ringing World' to make a great effort to start with a bumper number of new postal subscribers.

Rate for the half-year 11s. 8d. Send your remittance to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

Existing postal subscribers are requested to renew their subscriptions without delay.

In May 'The Ringing World' received honourable notice from 'Punch,' when an article called 'Belfry Probe,' by Alan Hackney, was cleverly and amusingly constructed from two articles in 'The Ringing World' of November 28th, 1952. Our journal reprinted the article on September 11th, 1953, and a copy of the booklet, 'St. Martin's Youths,' was sent to Mr. Hackney.

Considerable attention has been directed during the year to what has been described as the menace of synthetic bells and the use of recordings of bells amplified from towers. In May 'The Ripon Diocesan Gazette' issued a statement on the matter, and in November a motion came before the Church Assembly deprecating 'The introduction into churches of recordings of bells and instruments simulating the sound of bells.' The motion was deferred to the next session when it was duly carried.

In the same month 'The Newcastle Evening Chronicle' seemed to show some support for synthetic bells, as did also a misguided paragraph in 'The Church of England Newspaper,' but a letter to 'The Daily Telegraph' from Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, strongly condemned such things. Mr. H. Walker, Mr. Arthur and others also penned effective protests in the local Press.

During 1953 the following publications on bells and ringing made their appearance: 'Church Bells of Flintshire,' Ronald Clouston; 'St. Martin's Youths,' Edgar C. Shepherd; 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire, Vol. IV.,' Frederick Sharpe. From the pen of Mr. J. W. Clarke has appeared Part III. of 'Cheshire Bells,' also a most interesting account of 'The Chester Scholars.'

In the issue of December 12th, 1953, 'The Ringing World' gave an account of a week-end course in bell ringing held at Thaxted under the auspices of the Essex County Council Further Education Committee. This was a most interesting experiment, and it may be hoped that it will serve as an incentive to further enterprise in this direction in other parts of the country.

With the exception of Christmas morning, broadcasts of tower bells on the Home Services have been almost exclusively in connection with religious services, including the Coronation. Here one comment may be in place. In the ringing before a service it quite frequently happens that the general effect is spoilt by one inexpert member of the band. Although the bells may be heard for only a minute, or slightly more, every effort should be made by careful practice and rehearsal to eliminate any obvious defect.

In the Christmas broadcast quite a good standard of striking was maintained, although without reaching perfection. For two years in succession the Easter festival has not been honoured with a special broadcast of bells, which is much to be deplored.

Handbells have occasionally been introduced in the Children's Hour and have also been heard from Luxembourg.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, moving the adoption of the report, said it had been his privilege for a quarter of a century to present the report and during that time broadcasting had been added.

The Standing Committee recommended the acceptance of the report and thanked the committee for their services.

After the report was adopted the Standing Committee recommended that the committee be reconstructed—Literature and Press under Mr. Edgar Shepherd (convener) and Mr. F. E. Dukes with power to co-opt. This was agreed to.

Mr. Shepherd made an appeal to members to support the committee as it was not possible for him to read every newspaper.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION

The Standing Committee recommended the establishment of a committee dealing with broadcasting and television, consisting of Messrs. H. J. Sanger (convener), G. E. Fearn and J. T. Dunwoody.

Mr. Crampion regretted that there was no representative on the committee.

The Secretary said the person who had most to do with ringing in London was Mr. Bert Langdon, and he was not a member of the Council.

Upon Mr. Crampion's suggestion, Mr. Hughes was added to the committee.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

During the past year members of the committee have given advice on restoration work in 38 towers. Mr. J. W. Clarke has advised on two bell restorations in Cheshire and has done much useful work as a member of his Diocesan Advisory Committee. Mr. F. E. Collins has made inspections and given advice on new installations and restoration work in six towers, in the counties of Essex, Kent, Surrey, Sussex and Warwick. Mr. E. H. Lewis has been called in for advice in another Warwickshire tower. Mr. W. Osborn has visited seven towers in the West Country and advised on both new installations and restoration work. During the year Mr. Osborn has been appointed to serve on the Bath and Wells Diocesan Advisory Committee, and has also been in cor-

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

respondence with the Rector of Oakville, Canada, regarding his bells. The convener has dealt with 22 cases; eight of them by direct correspondence with Diocesan Advisory Committees, whose requests for help are becoming more numerous. His remaining 14 cases were situated in the counties of Berks, Bucks, Norfolk, Northants, Oxford, Suffolk and Yorks.

Of the total of 38 cases dealt with by members of the committee, three have related to the structural condition of towers, one was a simple augmentation to an existing ring and, of the remaining 34, advice was given in 18 cases on the restoration of old bells and existing bell frames, and in 16 cases the parochial authorities were advised to install new frames. Some of these involved recasting of bells and augmentation of rings; in seven cases advice was also given on sound control.

The convener has had a great deal of correspondence on the subject of recorded bells. The members of the committee feel we need not be unduly anxious in regard to these installations. The Central Council for the Care of Churches is bitterly opposed to them and has strongly advised its Diocesan Advisory Committees accordingly. Most Chancellors act on the advice of their Advisory Committees, and it has been found that in many cases temporary faculties only have been granted.

The convener has again given a series of lectures on bells, bell towers and bell hanging to diocesan surveyors and architects at the York Architectural Institute.

The Council's handbook on the 'Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bell-frames and Fittings' is almost out of print. It was last reprinted in 1948 and has proved one of the library's 'best sellers.' The committee recommends it be reprinted subject to some minor revisions.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. F. Sharpe stated that during the year the committee had dealt with 38 cases situated in all parts of the country. He mentioned the case of a tower that had developed a vertical vibratory crack measuring 38ft. and where the ringers persisted in ringing. They were most annoyed when he suggested they should stop. They had considerable correspondence with the secretary of the Central Council for the Care of Churches and he would like it to be known that the authorities were doing all they could to stop recorded bells.

Mr. F. E. Collins seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. J. H. Crampion considered this the most useful of all the committees of the Central Council. Speaking for his part of the country, he knew of the good work the committee had done.

Mr. J. W. Clarke said he had made a report on a tower in Cheshire which was split 8ft. in length due to the movement of the frame. He recommended the tenor be not used, but it was still in use. 'I may have to report serious damage to this tower in consequence,' he added.

The President: I think it was at the Newcastle meeting that the Towers and Belfries Committee was made. I had been working on the forces involved when the bells were swinging and I gave a brief report in 1913.

Mr. P. J. Johnson: I remember the diagrams which were sent round by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Richardson.

Mr. R. G. Blackman suggested that the Council send an official letter to the incumbent and the ringing master of the tower reported. If anything happened it might be the death of a ringer.

Mr. Clarke said he wrote to the Central Council for the Care of Churches and asked for the names of the architects they recommended. He got into touch with all three of them and none of them had any knowledge of bells and bell frames.

Mr. Sharpe added that they endeavoured to give instructions to diocesan surveyors and architects in bell hanging. He had a case where the vicar called in one of the most prominent architects, who was satisfied with the bells. He (Mr. Sharpe) found that the frame was loose in nearly every joint and almost completely honeycombed by death-watch beetle.

The Standing Committee recommended that the committee be re-elected with Mr. Sharpe as convener, and that Mr. John Freeman be added to the committee. This was agreed to.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

The committee begs to report the following new methods and progressive lengths rung during the year ended December 31st, 1953:—

Tower Bells

Jan. 10.	5088 Liscard Imp. Bob Maj. (Chester)
Jan. 14.	5040 Waterloo Bob Triples (Norwich)
Jan. 17.	5056 Oxfordshire Sur. Maj. (Oxford)
Jan. 22.	5184 Trowbridge Surprise Major (St. Martin's)
Jan. 24	5088 Westminster Imp. Bob Major (Chester)
Feb. 4.	5040 St. Edmundsbury Bob Triples (Norwich)
Feb. 9.	5152 Crewe Sur. Major (St. Martin's)
Feb. 11.	5040 Carshalton Bob Trip. (Norwich)
Feb. 14.	5120 St. Valentine's Imp. Bob Maj. (Chester)
Feb. 26.	5280 Metropolis Surprise Maximus (Leicester)
Feb. 26.	5024 Neasden Sur. Maj. (Middlesex)
Feb. 28.	5040 Malpas Imp. Bob Maj. (Chester)
Mar. 12.	5040 Cheshunt Sur. Maj. (Middlesex)
Mar. 14.	5152 Bebington Imp. Bob Major (Chester)
Mar. 14.	5184 Loddon Delight Maj. (Norwich)
Mar. 19.	5000 Hingham Little Imp. Bob Maj. (Norwich)
Apr. 27.	5056 Sedbergh Court Maj. (Norwich)
May 6.	5152 Aylestone Sur. Maj. (Leicester)
May 16*	5024 Chesterfield Sur. Maj. (Derbys)
June 2.	5040 Spliced Sur. Max. (12 methods) (Leicester)
June 13.	5152 Cholmondeley Bob Major (Chester)
July 12.	5024 Wicken Sur. Maj. (Peterboro')
July 16.	5056 Shalford Sur. Maj. (Guildford)
Aug. 12.	5024 Shouldham Delight Major (Norwich)
Oct. 17.	5152 Poulton Imp. Bob Maj. (Chester)
Oct. 31.	5040 Spliced Triples (6 methods) (Worcestershire)
Nov. 21.	5152 Imberhorne Sur. Maj. (Sussex)
Nov. 23.	5056 Ashton-u-Lyme Sur. Major (St. Martin's)
Dec. 5.	5152 Christleton Bob Maj. (Chester)
Dec. 5.	5040 Pudsey Sur. Royal (Chester)
Dec. 26.	5056 Kirklington Sur. Major (Southwell)
Dec. 26.	5088 Eardisland Delight Major (Hereford)

Handbells

Aug. 21.	5040 Spliced Maximus (12 methods) (Universities)

Progressive Lengths

Jan. 31.	13139 Grandsire Caters (Winchester and Portsmouth)
Oct. 17.	15840 Plain Bob Royal (Winchester and Portsmouth)

Longest length of Royal in any method on tower bells or handbells.

* To replace false peal included in 1952 records and subsequently withdrawn.

Mrs. Fletcher, in moving the adoption of the report, asked for the deletion of Pudsey Surprise Royal by the Chester Diocesan Guild. The first peal in this method was rung 20 years ago.

The committee was re-elected, with Mrs. Fletcher as convener.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

In presenting this report, we ask for permission to continue our collection, for we feel that there are a large number of old peal boards in different parts of the country of which we have no record.

Up to date, with the exception of a few peals (the name of their location not being known), and the peal boards in Lancashire, which have not yet been taken from 'The Bell News,' the details of 273 old peal boards, recording performances of 1825 or earlier, have been typed out in triplicate.

These records, when complete, will be made up into loose leaf folders as suggested; one set in date order, the second in alphabetical place order and the third as a reserve check.

We ask every representative of the Council to make it his or her primary business to obtain further information and forward it to us, that we may 'wind up' this committee this session.

Attached is a comprehensive list of the records in our possession:—

Berkshire.—Reading.
Bucks.—Denham.
Cheshire.—Malpas, Stockport.
Cambridgeshire.—March.
Derbyshire.—Ashbourne, Derby.
Essex.—Chelmsford, Waltham Abbey.
Gloucestershire. — Cirencester, Gloucester, Painswick, Stroud.
Hampshire.—Romsey.
Hertfordshire. — Aspenden, Hatfield, Hertford, Rickmansworth, St. Albans, Watford.
Isle of Wight.—Carisbrooke, Newport.
Kent.—Ashford, Benenden, Biddenden, Bromley, Canterbury, Folkestone, Greenwich, Margate, Northfleet, Rolvenden, Woolwich, Wye.
Norfolk. — Alborough, Aylsham, Costessey, Diss, East Dereham, Garboldisham, Gislingham, Hingham, Kenninghall, King's Lynn, Loddon, North Elmham, Redenhall, Swaffham, Thetford, Yarmouth, Yaxham.
Northants. — Harlestone, Kettering, King's Sutton, Raunds, Rothwell.
Northumberland.—Newcastle.
Notts.—Newark.
Oxfordshire.—Oxford.
Shropshire.—Shrewsbury.
Somerset.—Bristol.
Staffs.—Walsall, Wolverhampton.
Suffolk. — Boxford, Eye, Hadleigh, Halesworth, Lavenham, Woodbridge.
Lancashire. — Bolton, Croston, Oldham, Preston.
Lincolnshire.—Gainsborough, Grantham, Lincoln, Pinchbeck, Spilsby.
London.—Cripplegate, Clerkenwell, Holborn, Islington, Kensington, Lambeth, Shoreditch, Southwark, Waterloo Road.
Middlesex.—Ealing, Fulham, Twickenham.
Surrey. — Epsom, Farnham, Godalming, Guildford, Kingston-on-Thames, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Reigate.
Sussex. — Brighton, Cuckfield, Eastbourne, Horsham, Seaford, Waldron.
Warwickshire.—Aston, Birmingham, Warwick.
Wiltshire.—Aldbourne.
Worcestershire. — Halesowen, Kidderminster, Worcester.
Yorkshire.—Otley, Sheffield, Wath-on-Dearne.

Mr. J. W. Clarke said it was felt by the committee that the time had come to try and finish the work of the committee. It could be quickly finished if the suggestions made in the report were carried out.

The Standing Committee recommended that the committee, with the exception of the Rev. C. E. Wigg, be re-elected with Mr. Clarke as convener. This was agreed to.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

About 50 ringers were present at Cardington on June 5th for the monthly meeting of the Bedford District. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Fry), during which a heavy thunderstorm arose and consequently ringers had to be ferried in cars to the Howard Room for tea.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting at which D. Houghton, W. Corn and H. Cottam were elected members. The next meeting will be held at Keysoe on July 3rd.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MULTI-METHOD PEALS AND 'FLOATERS'

Dear Sir,—I am confident that, as the umpire, Mr. Segar, says in his report, the recent 42 Surprise Major method peal was a good one.

But surely his general contention that 'it is impossible to ring a bad peal so complicated as this' is open to doubt. In fact, where the band thoroughly know their sequence of lead-ends and the treble ringer is reliable in moments of difficulty (a characteristic of most multi-method spliced peals), it is dangerously easy for one or more ringers who lose their way to flounder on to the next lead-end and there take a firm footing again on dry land. Have not we all heard the rallying cry 'lead-end now'? Hence the curious result that it is often easier to carry a few 'floaters' in the band when ringing Spliced than when ringing, say, Stedman Triples.

Yes, the Yorkshiremen did well to appoint an umpire.—Yours faithfully,

R. B. MEADOWS.

Knowle.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE

Dear Sir,—Your item of 'Forty Years Ago' was of interest to me, not because I happened to have rung in the peal, but because of the man who is the subject of this item. He certainly was a character, and must have travelled miles in visiting towers to assist in teaching the youngsters. Whenever he attended meetings of any kind he always definitely saw to it that his youngsters had a pull, no matter what the experts said or thought about it.

The peal in question was also a College Youth peal, because the first peal on the bells was by a band of College Youths conducted by Henry W. Haley. I well remember being asked to ring the tenor in this anniversary peal to enable a very important ringer to ring 'inside.' I also remember attending William Weatherstone's funeral at Nunhead cemetery on the afternoon of September 22nd following this peal, and on the following afternoon (Wednesday, September 23rd, 1914) it fell to my lot to call the Original at St. John's, being the only peal rung to his memory.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

Brockley, S.E.4.

TAILORS AND WORKING ON MONDAYS

Dear Sir,—Referring to the peal of Stedman Triples rung at St. John's, Deptford, under the heading of 'Forty Years Ago' in the issue of June 18th, would the reason that the ringer of the treble never worked on Mondays point to the fact that he was a tailor by trade?

I well remember about that period a master tailor, who employed extra seasonal workers in the trade, telling me they would never work on Mondays.

Perhaps some of the older generation would know if William Weatherstone came within this category, and the reason why Monday was treated as a rest day.—Yours sincerely,

F. S. MACEY.

Sutton Valence, Kent.

PEALS AT HARROW

Dear Sir, — The following paragraphs appeared in 'Belfry Gossip' several years ago, probably sent in by the late Mr. J. A. Trollope:

'At the beginning of the nineteenth century there was a number of ringers living at Watford and Rickmansworth who were members of the Society of Cumberland Youths. On April 20th, 1810, they rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Harrow, conducted by Daniel Pope.

'The third bell at Harrow-on-the-Hill was cast by W. Whitmore, of Watford, in 1654.'

—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST.

St. Albans.

CHURCH SPIRES

Dear Sir,—The crocketed spire of the Parish Church at Coleshill, Warwickshire, has a heavy weight hung inside. It is a block of stone 24in. by 18in. by 12in. at the end of a 30ft. heavy chain fixed to the base of the weather vane shaft. The steeple was last rebuilt in 1888 by Bodley, of London, but whether the weight was there in previous steeples I cannot find out. A slight pendulum movement is noticeable at all times.

I believe the spire of St. Matthew's, Walsall, has a steel ball hung therein. Would Mr. Young tell us what purpose these weights serve, and why they only appear to be necessary in so few structures.—Yours faithfully,

W. C. RHODES.

Coleshill, Birmingham.

STONE SUSPENDED FROM SPIRE

Dear Sir,—Apropos Mr. Young's letter of June 11th, I do know of such a stone suspended from the apex of the spire in the manner described, but unfortunately I cannot now remember the name of the tower.

It lies in the south-east corner of Shropshire, well off the main road approaching Wolverhampton. There are six bells. Perhaps the ringers of Pattingham may be able to help.

The weight hangs right down to the base of the spire and, when I was watching it, there was considerable movement.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Tottenham, N.15.

WHY NOT CHARGE FOR LETTERS?

Dear Sir,—I have read with great interest the various suggestions for improving the financial position of 'The Ringing World.' A charge for the publication of peal and quarter peal reports appears to be as unpopular as a straight increase in price. What other columns are available for the trumpet blowers to get their names into print? The correspondence page is a favourite. A flat rate fee for each letter would produce a useful revenue but a sliding scale according to length should, in addition, considerably reduce the need for editorial abridgement. There must be many other ways whereby particular sections of the ringing fraternity might be made to bear a larger part of the cost of publication—Yours faithfully,

A. W. T. CLEAVER

Bristol 5.

Note.—If a charge was made for letters the Editor would be constantly returning postal orders. Our letter page is a popular feature with all.—Ed.

PORTSMOUTH'S WELCOME

Dear Sir,—With regard to Portsmouth's welcome for the Royal homecoming it was stated that this was the first occasion that peals have been scored on these two rings on the same day.

I should like to correct this statement. On Whit Monday, June 1st, 1914, when the Central Council met at Winchester, a peal of Bristol Surprise was rung at St. Thomas-a-Becket in the morning, followed by a peal of Superlative Surprise at St. Mary's, Portsea, in the afternoon. The peals were conducted by the late Bertram Prewett and Keith Hart respectively for the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

I am the only surviving member of those bands.—Yours sincerely,

F. R. DENNIS.

Cambridge.

The first attempt for a quarter peal by a Sunday service band was made at Whitchurch, Oxfordshire, on June 15th. Apart from being ringers, three of the band are sidesmen, another a chorister and a parochial church councillor.

EDLESBOROUGH BELLS SILENT FOR 30 YEARS

Dear Sir,—Although we are faced in the village of Edlesborough, Bedfordshire, with an immense Church Restoration Appeal, the total of which may reach £10,000, we have taken the bold step of rehanging the six bells, and the work has just begun. In all it will cost £563, and we embark on this in the belief that our bells, which have not been pealed within the last 30 years, should ring out from a tower that is a landmark for many miles round. It is, however, an act of faith to spend so much on our bells when the fabric of the church still needs urgent attention, and lack of funds has led to a suspension of work.

May I appeal through your columns to all friends of the Exercise to help us in our task, so that this effort to keep faith with the past in the matter of ringing may not set us too far back in the equally pressing duty of restoring a beautiful and historic church.—Yours truly,

DENYS H. JONES.
Vicar of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
Edlesborough.

ANGLER, NOT RINGER!

Dear Sir,—Our old friend T. V. Lister may not be an advanced ringer but I think he is an excellent angler. Whenever he makes a cast into the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World' he is assured of numerous bites!—Yours faithfully,

W. B. KYNASTON

Rodbourne Cheney,
Swindon.

AN OBSERVANT READER

Dear Sir,—Why must we have a **King's** crown at the head of the peals and quarter peals rung in honour of the homecoming of our **Queen?** I am pleased, as I am sure many others are, to see the **Queen's** crowns round the heading of the news items of that day—Yours faithfully,

A. R. BRIDGER.

Theberton, Leiston,
Suffolk.

[Note. — Our printers assure us that these crowns were issued specially for the Coronation and are not old stock. The error seems to be widespread.—Ed.]

Golden Wedding of Mr. Caleb Fenn

His many friends in the Exercise will learn with joy of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. Caleb Fenn, of Barking, Essex, who has been steeplekeeper of Barking tower for 58 years and still carries on the good work.

The event was celebrated in the traditional way and also, on June 20th, when 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung by C. Fenn (conductor) 1, A. W. Beard 2, L. S. Woods 3, R. W. Stannard 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, D. W. Beard 6, F. V. Gant 7, E. G. Cottis 8.

Mr. T. G. Morton Married

The marriage of Mr. Terence G. Morton and Miss Patricia M. Bishop took place at St. Peter's Church, Great Berkhamsted, on June 12th. Mr. Morton is the captain of the progressive six-bell tower at St. Mary's, Apsley End, and amongst his achievements as a ringer is a peal in 32 Surprise methods.

Ringers from Apsley End and Hemel Hempstead presented cutlery to Mr. and Mrs. Morton, and an attempt was made on June 14th for a peal in 11 Surprise methods to mark the occasion. The peal failed and the band then rang a quarter peal consisting of 720 Lightfoot and Wearmouth and 720 of Norwich. The band was: R. E. Shutter 1, W. Ayre (cond.) 2, W. J. Puddifoot 3, A. V. Good 4, W. C. Hughes 5, F. J. Plummer 6. B. N. B.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

War Memorial Tablet Unveiled

THE annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild at Northampton on Whit Monday was an occasion of more than ordinary importance. During the service at All Saints' Church the Vicar (Canon J. Trevor Lewis) unveiled a tablet over the archway leading to the belfry recording the names of those members who lost their lives in World War II. The tablet is next to another erected in memory of those members of the Northamptonshire Central Association who died in the First World War.

The names engraved are:—O. Filler, E. Griffiths, A. Deacon, R. Smart, H. Fry, A. Morton, A. Humphrey and R. Minney.

Canon Lewis said, 'We shall not forget these men who gave their lives to their country.'

He spoke of the 'goodly fellowship of those who ring bells' and added a great feeling of goodwill and friendship was achieved in the Guild. 'Let nothing spoil that comradeship.'

Tea and the annual business meeting followed the service in the Holy Sepulchre Parish Room. In the absence of the president, the Archdeacon of Northampton (the Ven. C. J. Grimes), the Master (Mr. E. Whitmore) presided.

The officers were re-elected, but both the president and the Master suggested that other names should be nominated for their respective offices next year.

The general secretary (Mr. H. W. Jeffs), in his report, stated that resident members now totalled 1,172, being 11 honorary life members, 86 honorary members and 1,075 ringing members. Elected during the year were 13 honorary and 171 ringing members. A total of 90 had lapsed or left and 14 had died. Free life members now numbered 88. Nine non-resident life members were also elected.

Losses by death were: Messrs. H. Clark (Kettering), A. Henman (Kettering), S. Burditt (Desborough), G. Black (Geddington), B. Bosworth (Benefield), A. Joyce (Peterborough), H. Short (Brigstock), E. Saunders (Twywell), F. Ball (Great Addington), W. Perkins (Irthlingborough), A. Minney (Wollaston).

During the year 61 peals were rung, including nine on handbells. The peal of Wicken Surprise Major, the first ever to be rung in the method, was so named in honour of the parish in which it was rung. Three members of the Towcester Branch took part, and congratulations were extended to all the band.

The general account had not held its own, the balance being £82 1s. against £85 2s. 3d. The Bell Restoration Fund continued to be well supported and had a balance of £439 13s. Grants were made to Rothwell (£15), Edith Weston (£10) and Potterspury (supplementary, £10). Of the old six at Rushden two had been recast and two trebles added and all hung in a new steel frame. The spire also had been restored.

The Master, in his report, called attention to the progress of the Rutland Branch, which had almost doubled its membership. In a tribute to the late Mr. Walter Perkins, a lifelong member of the Irthlingborough Band, the Master stated, 'This tower made history between the wars by ringing peals in a large variety of Surprise Major methods, many of them being conducted by Mr. Perkins. His passing and the passing of all faithful members is deeply regretted.'

A large number of towers were available for ringing throughout the day.

The memorial tablet unveiled in All Saints' Church, Northampton, to the memory of the eight members of Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Bellringers who died in the second world war. It adjoins the memorial to those who fell in the first world war.
[Photo by permission of the 'Northampton Chronicle and Echo.'

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The recently-augmented eight at St. George's, Barkingside, were visited by the Northern District for their quarterly meeting on June 12th. Although rather loud in the ringing chamber, these bells have a really pleasant tone with a tenor of 10½ cwt.

The business meeting was held in the belfry of St. Mary's, Woodford, with the Master (Mr. C. A. Hughes) in the chair. New members elected were:— Mr. Stafford Smith (Ilford), Mr. John Brice (Havering), Mr. Battley (West Ham) and Mr. Sidney Stevens (North Weald).

While the striking was not 100 per cent., everyone was well catered for and methods ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise Major.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch

Reedham, a village on the edge of the East Norfolk marshes with a pleasant ring of five, attracted 34 members to the meeting there on May 29th. The tea and meeting which followed the service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. F. Laurence) was held in the open air in the Rectory garden.

Mr. E. R. Goate presided at the business meeting when Pakefield was selected for the meeting on July 17th, with ringing at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, in the evening. Mr. K. L. Brown, branch 'Ringing World' representative, reported on the progress of his efforts.

Votes of thanks included one to Mr. F. B. Petherick, of the local company, for the excellent arrangements.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

North Bucks Branch Golden Jubilee

Over 100 members attended the annual meeting at Newton-Longville on June 5th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the North Bucks Branch, which was started there on June 11th, 1904, by the Rev. F. E. Robinson in conjunction with the Rev. C. Leslie Norris, of Newton-Longville. The following nine members attended the first meeting:—Messrs. B. Fisher, H. Sear, E. Willett, B. Jones, A. Crane, W. Daniels, F. Mynard, F. Vickers and F. Rowe. Mr. E. Yates, 86, of Stony Stratford, was unable to be present owing to an accident.

The Rev. Allan Campbell (Branch chairman) presided, supported by the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Master). Mr. W. Hibbert (general secretary) was also present. All the branch officers were re-elected.

In recognition of his 15 years as secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. H. Howson was presented with a testimonial.

The secretary's report stated that membership was a little less and there was a balance of £14. Tea was arranged on the Rectory lawn, where no effort was too great for the Rev. L. C. Butler and his church workers to provide an excellent spread complete with birthday cake with appropriate candles. Owing to a thunderstorm it was necessary to transfer the meal inside.

Eight veteran ringers rang the service touch for which a souvenir service sheet had been prepared by the Master. Six ringing choirmen joined the singers, and a very inspiring address was given by the Rt. Rev. R. M. May, Bishop of Buckingham.

Ringing continued afterwards at several local towers.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The New Master

Mr. R. Davies is the new Master of the Surrey Association in succession to the late Mr. D. Cooper. In the ballot at the special meeting at Croydon on June 19th, he defeated Mr. F. E. Collins, the other nominee. Mr. Collins was, however, appointed liaison officer to the Guildford Diocesan Guild, a position which the late Master also held.

The General Committee had been instructed at an earlier meeting to reconsider the rules of the Association and revise as necessary. Their amendments were submitted to the meeting and passed.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the ladies responsible for the tea, the Vicar of St. Peter's, South Croydon (where ringing had taken place during the afternoon), and the Vicar, curate and organist of St. John-the-Baptist for the use of the bells and the service.

Twenty-three Surrey towers were represented.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The first recorded visit to Pirton in the 70 years of the Association's existence took place on May 22nd, when 38 members attended this five-bell tower. The Vicar (the Rev. G. B. Ince) in his sermon gave a warning of ringing becoming too much of a hobby and not ringing to the glory of God.

A meat tea was provided by local ringers' wives and at the business meeting Mr. S. Ashton, of Pirton, was elected a ringing member.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' July 3rd, 1914

LEISTON, SUFFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, June 27th, 1914, in 3 hours and 1 minute
At the Church of St. Margaret
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5,120 CHANGES
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

*Wilfred W. Bailey	Treble
Allen F. Bailey	2
Frederick W. Bailey	3
Leonard P. Bailey	4
James M. Bailey	5
Ernest S. Bailey	6
Charles F. Bailey	7
Edgar H. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Charles F. Bailey.

* First peal and first attempt, aged 16.

[He was the ninth of the brothers to accomplish a peal.]

MILVERTON, SOMERSET
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Thursday, June 11th, 1914, in 2 hours and 51 minutes
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES
5,040 CHANGES
Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Four-Part

William Chapman	Treble
*Fred Norman	2
*Albert Tout	3
Isaac Creed	4
Percy Merson	5
Archibald J. Andrews	6
Robert Scott	7
Henry Norman	Tenor

Conducted by Robert Scott.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

[This is the only peal of Stedman conducted by a resident member of the Milverton tower. Mr. A. Tout is the only living member of that band.]

OBITUARY

MR. J. F. PRIEST

St. Mary's, Woodstock, South Africa, has lost its final link with the beginnings of change ringing in South Africa with the death of Mr. J. F. Priest on June 17th in his 91st year.

Jimmy Priest was born in Essex, and, as a choirboy at Christ Chuch, Wanstead, he taught himself to handle a bell. He joined the Cumberland Youths about 1880 and rang at Woodford, Leyton, Chelmsford, Dunmow, Braintree, Loughton, Limehouse, Stepney and Bow. In July, 1902, at the instigation of his workmate and fellow ringer, L. Green, he came to South Africa. He told me that prior to his departure he took part in a farewell peal by the Cumberland Youths at St. Martin's.

Joining the South African Railways, he retired in 1922, and was proud to be the oldest railway pensioner in the country. His recorded ringing at St. Mary's is not great, but two items are of historical interest:—

December 22nd, 1903: The first science ringing in South Africa, a touch of 720 Bob Minor.

December 15th, 1904: 5,040 Grandsire Triples, the first peal in South Africa, and the only peal of Triples yet scored at St. Mary's.

Of late years confined to bed, he appreciated the occasional visits from members of St. Mary's band, who sent a wreath and rang half-muffled on the evening of the interment.

A. V. S.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On June 6th, 1,440 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Bob): A. Tuttle 1, J. Church 2, G. Cherry 3, M. Orme 4, W. Croft 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6.

HARROW, MIDDLX.—On June 6th, at 170, Headstone Lane, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. M. Clarke (first quarter on handbells) 1–2, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 3–4, C. C. Mayne 5–6.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Pitcher 1, R. E. Waters 2, Miss M. C. Howe 3, B. J. Graves 4, J. Schofield 5, J. M. G. Anthony 6, C. E. Slade (first as cond.) 1, B. W. Huntley 8. Rung with 4, 6, 8, covering. Commemorating the patronal festival and the first anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Hugh C. Blackburne. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. W. Huntlay 1, R. E. Waters 1, J. Schofield 3, C. W. Simpson (first quarter 'inside') 4, C. E. Slade (cond.) 5, J. M. G. Anthony 6. Commemorating the Coronation of H.M. the Queen.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Old and Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): Mr. Ridgwell 1, R. Trebibilcock 2, J. Hadfield 3, T. Otter 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. First in five methods for all. A farewell to the Rev. H. Cutler, which is leaving the parish.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marlene B. Haynes (first quarter Doubles) 1, B. Saunders 2, C. R. Haynes 3, W. J. Chester (cond.) 4, M. Saunders 5, G. Shellard 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On June 6th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, F. L. Nicholls 2, G. D. Whitehead 2, J. R. G. Spicer 4, G. Perkins 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Triples: E. Lish 1, D. J. Parsons 2, Mrs. C. Cruttenden 3, F. E. Cruttenden 4, F. W. Parsons 5, B. W. White (cond.) 6, E. F. Packham 7, A. Ryman 8. First quarter in method by all. Also on June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Lish 1, Miss C. Jupp (first in method 'inside') 2, Mrs. C. Cruttenden 3, F. E. Cruttenden 4, E. F. Packham 5, R. Langridge 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, A. Ryman 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE BUCKS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Roberta Tunstall (first quarter) 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, S. Taylor (first 'inside') 3, G. F. Hinton 4, P. Evans 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, R. Coles 7, A. H. White (first quarter) 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On June 13th, 1,440 Trinity Sunday Treble Bob Minor, on the back six: R. Dixon 1, Miss A. Willes 2, M. Orme 3, M. Collings 4, P. Mehew 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6. First in the method by all. For Trinity Sunday, and as a compliment to Canon J. H. Bailey on his completion of 50 years in the priesthood by ringers from his present and former parishes.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On June 13th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Floyer (first quarter) 1, Miss D. A. Deverell (first in method) 2, Miss C. Forster-Jones 3, Miss M. Roberts (first in method) 4, E. F. Pryor 5, R. Newman 6, G. F. Bryant 7, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 8.

HUNTINGDON.—On June 6th, at All Saints' Church, 1,440 Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On June 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Linington 1, P. Robinson 2, P. Hollingdale 3, J. Backshall, sen., 4, S. A. Hill (cond.) 5, R. A. Cragg 6. Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the Coronation.

KEYNSHAM, BRISTOL.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty White (first quarter) 1, L. F. Ellis 2, T. Harris 3, Rosemary Cook (first 'inside') 4, C. J. Ford 5, F. C. Day 6, J. W. Owen (cond.) 7, T. Veale 8. For the Queen's homecoming. Also on June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty White 1, Rosemary Cook 2, Jill White (first quarter) 3, T. Harris 4, C. J. Ford 5, F. C. Day 6, J. W. Owen (cond.) 7, Ron Smith (first quarter) 8. Rung for the 21st birthday of Betty White.

LESNEWTH, CORNWALL.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Donubles: F. Gilbert 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2 C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, S. Littlejohns 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, H. Stacey 6.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Dinenage 1, Ann Barr 2, Miss M. Wallace 3, M. Fairey 4, D. W. Barr (cond.) 5. For the festival of Whitsun. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Dinenage 1, Miss M. Wallace 2, Ann Barr 3, D. Preece 4, M. Fairey 5, D. W. Barr (cond.) 6. To commemorate D-Day, 10 years ago.

LITTLE STAUGHTON, BEDS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Dyer 1, Lucy Allen 2, G. Seth 3, J. Allen 4, C. Clarke (first as cond.) 5.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On June 17th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Gatenby (first quarter), 1, R. L. Story (first of Grandsire Doubles) 2, A. S. Couldridge (first quarter) 3, Miss J. Clements (first of Grandsire Doubles) 4 A. G. Farndell (cond., first quarter) 5, R. J. Tingley (first quarter) 6. First quarter by the local band. Rung to celebrate the first Communion of newly-confirmed on the Feast of Corpus Christi, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Average age 17½ years.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On June 14th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Reed (cond.) 1, W. Dyment 2, Miss P. Gaunt 3, R. Rex 4, M. G. Williams 5, F. Lewis 6, G. K. Dodd 7, F. Turner 8, E. Curtis 9, B. Curtis 10. First quarter for 2, 3, 6, 8, and 10.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anita Norris 1, Alice M. Reed 2, Molly Hayes 3, N. Hayes 4, D. Jackson (first quarter) 5, C. Taylor 6, R. A. Reed (cond.) 7, J. L. Dacombe 8. Rung for the dedication by the Bishop of Southampton of three new stained glass windows to replace those damaged by war blast.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on June 13th, 1,440 Doubles (480 each of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. H. Jackson 1, M. H. R. Glover 2, D. N. Nibbet (cond.) 3, G. F. Jenkins 4, J. H. Smart 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Kenneth Kirk, Bishop of Oxford.

PORTSMOUTH.—On June 7th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doris Banks 1, R. H. Smith (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. D. Harris 3, T. R. Taylor 4, H. A. Nobes 5, R. Baldwin (first in the method) 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, F. W. Burnett 8.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—On June 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Fielden 1, P. Birkett 2, C. Ellison 3 G. Ingham (first as cond.) 4, D. Taylor 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, S. Blundell 7, S. Longbottom 8. Rung for Sunday School anniversary.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On Trinity Sunday, for Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Denise Sullivan (first quarter) 1, D. Hewitt 2, Joyce Finn 3, A. Hewitt 4, G. Thompson 5, F. Lacey 6, F. Lord 7, J. Kinnard 8.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On June 19th, at St. Mary's Church, Oldswinford, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Swadling (first quarter) 1, R. Moore 2, J. Southall 3, R. Cooper 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, F. V. Nicholls 6, C. Skidmore 7, A. Roden 8. Rung prior to service commemorating the granting of the Charter by King Edward VI, on June 17th, 1552, to King Edward VI. Grammar School, Stourbridge. Also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith on the sixth anniversary of their wedding day.

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Moss 1, G. Barnes 2, F. Erith 3, D. Went (first 'inside') 4, W. Bailey 5, P. G. Barnes (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On June 20th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. E. Wooldridge (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, H. Collings 3, R. Charge 4, C. D. Nichols 5, J. W. Chapman (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, S. Howard 8. Rung for Evensong.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On June 2nd, at St. Oswald's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Pamela James (1st of Caters) 1, W. Maughan 2, Mrs. W. Maughan 3, C. Ford 4, F. Robson 5, Mrs. K. Lawson 6, H. Short (cond.) 7, J. Clouston 8, K. Lawson 9, H. Neilsen 10.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Cracknell (first quarter) 1, W. Short 2, J. Carter 3, F. Wesley 4, B. Cracknell (cond.) 5, J. Chambers 6. Rung half-muffled by the Sunday service band in memory of the Rt. Rev. K. E. Kirk, Lord Bishop of Oxford.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On May 30th, 1,296 St. Clement's: D. Staples 1, W. J. Lancefield 2, E. S. Ruck 3, W. P. Garner 4, R. J. Carlton 5, A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 6. Rung for Empire Youth service. Also on June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, L. C. Smith 2, C. T. Hillis (first 'inside') 3, W. P. Garner 4, R. J. Carlton 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. Also 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck (cond.) 1, R. J. Carlton 2, A. J. Lancefield 3, L. C. Smith 4, W. P. Garner 5, M. S. Lancefield 6. These two quarter were rung by Mr. E. S. Ruck to celebrate his 87th birthday.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Whalley 1, A. Moore 2, Miss R. Snell 3, G. W. Biddulph (cond.) 4, P. Whalley 5, W. Massey 6, E. Edge 7, B. Clewlow (first quarter) 8. Also on May 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Collins 1, S. Ryles 2, W. Massey 3, R. S. Anderson 4, C. Page 5, G. W. Biddulph 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, S. A. Edge 8. Rung for the christening of Edward Charles, son of the secretary, Mr. G. D. Whalley and grandson of the conductor.

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WEDDING

PRICE—COLES. — On June 19th. 1954, at St. John the Baptist's Church, Hillingdon, Frank C. Price, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Price, of Feltham, and Sheila Mary May Coles, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coles, of Hayes. 4692

DEATH

COLLISON.—On June 21st, 1954, at his home, 3, Dale Street, Tunbridge Wells, William Collison passed peacefully away in his 91st year. 4042

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. B. Pidgeon is now Lees Farm, Talaton, near Exeter, Devon. Phone: Whimple 281. 4650

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PERSONAL

Mr. Ernest Weatherby hopes to meet a few of his old ringing friends at the joint meeting of the Hereford and Shropshire Guilds at Shrewsbury, July 10th.—1235 Mullen Avenue, Los Angeles, California. 4613

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PUBLICATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

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TEIGNMOUTH, SOUTH DEVON.—Sunday ringing during the season from 9.30 to 10 a.m. and, for the special 9 p.m. holiday-makers' service, from 8.15 to 9 p.m. 4657

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., Saturday, July 3rd, 3.30 p.m. Business meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4622

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Stourbridge on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Notifications for tea to R. A. Peakman, Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 4632

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meetings, Chippenham (6), July 3rd; Over (8), July 31st; both at 6 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 4668

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Dagenham, July 3rd. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to J. Armstrong, 46, Oval Road South, Dagenham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A combined practice will be held at Dunsfold, Saturday, July 3rd, 6–9 p.m., in lieu of the meeting fixed for this date.—Ron Kenward. 4628

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, July 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea in St. Christopher's Hall (near police station) 5.30 p.m.—R. G. Bell, Dis. Sec. 4615

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Queenborough, Saturday, July 3rd. — Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 4563

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting, Marden, July 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Individual names for tea to Mr. P. Carter, Vicarage Flat, Marden. 4536

LADIES' GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Cardiff, Saturday, July 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. John's. Tea 5.15 p.m. in St. James' Hall. Business meeting to follow. Bells available: St. John's (10) from 12.45 p.m.; Llandaff Cathedral (10) 2 p.m.–3 p.m.; Penarth (8) and Whitchurch (8) will also be available during the afternoon and evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Hardwick, Chepstow, Mon. 4608

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch. — Annual at Banbury (10), Saturday, July 3rd. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 4574

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting at Woodbridge, July 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea only if notified. Important business.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 4612

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —75th annual meeting. Winchester, July 3rd. Ringing times: New Alresford (8), Stockbridge (6) 10 to 12, 7 to 9 p.m.; Twyford (8) 10 to 11, 8 to 9 p.m.; Hursley (8) 10 to 11, 7 to 8 p.m.; St. Maurice (6) 1.30 to 2.45, 8 to 9 p.m.; Barton Stacey (6) 7–9 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 6 to 8 p.m. General meeting 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in St. Maurice Hall. Service 4.30 p.m. in St. Maurice Church. Tea (2s. 6d.) ONLY for those who notify Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester.—F. W. Rogers, Gen. Sec. 4614

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.2, on Monday, July 5th, 7 p.m. 4655

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Earlsheaton, July 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify, not later than July 7th, Mr. H. Dransfield, Ellenroyd, 18, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, near Dewsbury.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 4683

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Marston Bigott, Saturday, July 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Massey, Parbury Bungalow, Frome. 4636

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wellow (6) on Saturday, July 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, 16, Lynfield Park, Weston, Bath. 4691

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Annual meeting at Hutton Cranswick on July 10th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 7th, to the Rev. G. Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick. 4680

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—St. Mary's, Alderley, July 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, early, please, to A. A. Potts, 132, Great King Street. 4652

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Kentisbeare, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by July 4th to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 4605

DORSET RINGERS' FESTIVAL.—Blandford, Saturday, July 10th. Tower opens at 2 p.m. Service 4.30; preacher, Rev. A. Bryant. Tea to follow. Those requiring tea please notify, by July 5th, Town Clerk, Blandford. 4649

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Names for tea, by July 8th, to S. Hewitt, 36, Hartington Road, Cullercoats. 4682

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Brancepeth, Saturday, July 10th, 2.30 p.m. Ringers please bring own food; cups of tea provided. —D. R. Airey. 4664

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Turner's Hill (8), July 10th. Names to Ivan Butcher, East Bungalow, Mount Noddy, Paddockhurst, Crawley.—C. A. Bassett. 4662

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4673

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Burnham-on-Crouch (6), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Coach will leave Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, 1.30 p.m. Those requiring coach and/or tea please notify A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 4618

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Frampton-on-Severn, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 7th.—Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Glos. 4654

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Wanborough (6), July 10th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 4675

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Worplesdon (8), Saturday, July 10th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by the previous Wednesday, to Mr. S. Petter, The Laurels, Fox Corner, Worplesdon. Note that the Four Guilds' Festival in the Basingstoke area is now on August 28th, not 21st, as on District meeting cards.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 4651

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Flamstead (6), July 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead, Herts. 4689

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Boughton, July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, to Mr. H. Ford, 1, North Lane, South Street, Faversham, not later than Tuesday, July 6th. Free conveyance from church to tea room and back. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4625

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Aylesford, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. This meeting will celebrate the 1,350 years' history and 27th jubilee of the Rochester Diocese, and a warm invitation is extended to everyone. To ensure effective arrangements please send names or numbers to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 4619

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Langdale. Holy Trinity, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Birkett, Brae Garth, Elter Water, near Ambleside.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 4684

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Practice meeting at Saviour's, Deane Road, Bolton, Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2–5 p.m. Eight bells (20 cwt.). Three hours' practice only. All welcome.—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 4656

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walton, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) open at 3.30 p.m. Tea kindly provided by local ringers. Times of service, tea and meeting will be notified later.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 4658

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Whittle-le-Woods, Saturday, July 10th. Preston-Chorley main road. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 4648

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale. July 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Practice method: Cambridge. Cups of tea.—F. Pritchard. 4641

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Aylestone on Saturday, July 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Aylestone Boathouse. Please send names, by Tuesday, July 6th, to J. Bennett, 41, Valence Road, Leicester. 4674

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, North Kilworth, July 10th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 4672

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurmaston, July 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, at 5 p.m., to Mr. H Morton, 13, Forest Avenue, Thurmaston. 4669

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting of Lincoln District, Eastern Branch, and Elloe Deaneries, at Heckington (8), on Saturday, July 10th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. — C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 4640

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Norfolk Branch.—Interim meeting to be held at Gaywood, July 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers and friends welcome. Names and numbers to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 4681

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddington, Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Ambrosden bells during evening. Names for tea to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 4637

RINGING FESTIVAL at Shrewsbury, July 10th, arranged jointly by the Shropshire Association, the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

Ringing times: Condover (8), Berrington (8), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. Chad's (12), 11.30 to 12.30, 3 to 4.30 and 7 to 8 p.m.; St. Mary's (10), 2.30 to 3.30.; St. Michael's (6), 2,30 to 4 p.m. and 7.15 to 8.15 p.m. Tea by invitation of Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, Vicar of St. Chad's, and Church Council, St Chad's Parish Room at 5 p.m. Service, St. Chad's, 6 p.m., address by Rev. C. H. Barker Names for tea **must** be notified by July 7th. Lunch reserved at Morris' Cafe, Pride Hill, on receipt of 5s. per head. Bells at Condover or Berrington if required during the afternoon, or sixes at Cound and Bicton available. All communications to W. A. Farmer, 99, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. Tel. 3846. 4590

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Powerstock, July 10th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by July 5th, please.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 4677

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Rampton (6), Saturday, July 10th. Brumpton's bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, 2.15 and 3.45. Lincolnshire from East Retford Church at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by 6th, to Mr. A. Crawford, Rampton, Retford.—H. Denman. 4679

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Solihull, July 10th. Bells (10) at 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea not later than July 6th.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 4670

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Blaxhall, July 10th, 2.30 p.m. Tunstall 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Bridges, Theberton, Leiston, Suffolk. 4685

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Thakeham (6), July 10th, 2.30. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 4663

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Joint meeting of Basingstoke and Newbury Branches to be held at Thatcham on July 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 7th to Mrs. A. D. Cooper, 35, Henwick Lane, Thatcham, Newbury. 4606

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Sherfield English on July 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by July 5th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 4665

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Street, Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 13th. —William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 4661

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Capel, July 17th. Bells from 3. Tea at 5 (The King's Head). Numbers for same, by July 16th, to Mrs. Tullett, Baker's Cottage. It is hoped to have Oakley or Newdigate bells also available. 4666

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Market Bosworth on July 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 sharp. Service 4. Tea 4.45 at Central Cafe. Names, please, by Wednesday, 14th, to Mr. R. Proudman, Market Place, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton. General committee meeting, Cathedral, Thursday, 15th, at 7.30. —W. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4667

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth and Towcester Branches.—Joint meeting, Sulgrave, on Saturday, July 17th. Service 3.30. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretaries not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham, or A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 4653

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Deeping, July 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea **essential** by July 13th, to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 4633

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 17th, Wilton. Bells (6) 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. South Newton (6) after meeting. Names for tea by 13th, please.—Miss Eloie, 7, Victoria Road, Salisbury. 4671

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Twickenham, July 17th. Service 4.45, St. Mary's. Tea 5.15, St. Mary's Hall. Names, please, by previous Monday, to Miss P. Russell, 15, Craneford Way, Twickenham. Ringing: St. Mary's (8), 3 to 4.45 and after tea; All Hallows' (10), 2.15 to 4.15 and after tea. Both towers within easy reach of Twickenham Junction (S.R.)—P. N. Bond and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs. 4676

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Diocesan Festival, St. Columb Major, Saturday, July 17th, 2.30. Service 4.30, St. Columb, followed by tea. Bells: St. Columb (8), St. Enoder (8), St. Wenn (6), St. Mawgan (8), St. Eval (6), Little Petherick (6), Withiel (6). Replies by Monday, July 12th, to Rev. H. Trewhella, Crantock, Newquay. 4660

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Chawton (6), Saturday, July 17th. Bells 2.30. Tour of Jane Austen's house 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Grey Friar. Business meeting follows. Numbers for tea, by 14th, to C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 4659

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of William J. Eldred memorial plate and Coronation peal board will take place at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on Tuesday, July 13th, at 7.30 p.m., followed by ringing. 4690

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Heydour (8), July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Please bring own tea.—J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec. 4678

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