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THE SCISSORS AND THE HOMES

By J. SEGAR

THIS is not an article on dressmaking for lady ringers. It is not necessary to compare each of the 112 rows of Double Norwich Court Bob Major with the rows of Double Oxford to find they are the same. This pair of methods are placed together in Snowdon's Diagrams. Write out a course of Double Norwich and cut it with the scissors into leads and half leads. The cuts should be made between the rows with the treble at lead, and then between again when the treble is at the back. The lines in the Diagrams are wrongly placed. The rearrangement of the fourteen pieces, guided by the diagram of Double Oxford, will not cause any difficulty. Further rearrangement will produce Hereward Bob and Pershore Bob. These four methods are numbered 12, 13, 14 and 15 in the C.C. Collection of Plain Major. It is time now to look at the result of this experiment with the scissors and to see what use can be made of it.

(1) In a plain course all four have exactly the same changes. For splicing Minor extents and Triples composers have used the 'scissors splice' extensively, but its use in Major and above is not common. Scissor splicing can be applied to all numbers from Minor to Maximus and to all classes of methods from Plain to Surprise. An examination of a large number of methods will show that in many the opposite place cannot be used at the half lead. In other cases the opposite place at the full lead produces rounds and a group of three methods only.

(2) In my Four-Way Table of Minor methods a group of methods is arranged A B
C D so that A and C in one column have the same work above the treble. The same applies to B and D. The lines across show methods with the same work below the treble as A and B or C and D. In a table of Major methods A would be Double Oxford, B Pershore, C Hereward and D Double Norwich.

Now I must look at the Homes of these four methods. Everyone knows that a bob at 5 in Double Norwich brings the tenors together in 7.8. This Home is not at the seventh lead as it would be in seconds place methods with a fourths place bob. The C.C. Collection shows that this Home

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can occur at the first second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth leads according to the method, but never at the seventh lead of methods which have eighth place at a plain lead. In seconds place method the Home is always at the seventh lead and the row is 14235678. Referring again to the group of four named methods the number of leads to the Home position of the tenors is Double Oxford 7, Hereward 7, Double Norwich 5, Pershore 4.

So far I have dealt separately with the Scissors and the Homes without saying anything new, but by combining them I think I am able to introduce an entirely new type of composition. I have dispensed with the usual headings of the calling position such as W. M. H. or F. I. O., etc. The calling is Homes and nothing but Homes until the peal comes round. The compositions show the number of leads and therefore have a similar appearance to Grandsire Triples.

A	B
5,088 Plain Major	5,280 Surprise Major
23456	23456
42635—4	42356—7
64235—7	34625—6
26543—4	63425—7
52364—5	46325—7
35264—7	34562—6
23564—7	Four times repeated.
52436—5	
45236—7 (S)	
24536—7	
Five times repeated.	
S in 3rd and 6th parts.	

Example of methods for A:—

Course of 7 leads, Double Oxford or Hereward.
Course of 5 leads, Double Norwich.
Course of 4 leads, Pershore.

If Double Norwich is rung throughout instead of Pershore the peal is 5,280.

Methods for B: 7 leads Yorkshire or Belgrave, 6 leads Woodstock.

I have other compositions for other methods in Major, Royal and Maximus, all called Homes and nothing but Homes. The publication of peals of Royal and Maximus is postponed for a short time owing to the interest of a prominent conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PAUL	6
GWEN I. RUSBY	2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	7
STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	*ROBERT BROWN	8
DENIS A. FRITH	4	H. LESLIE PASK	9
DONOVAN R. WHITE	5	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.
A birthday peal for Mrs. H. L. Pask.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*STELLA HUGHES	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
HOWARD HOWELL	2	WALTER R. HUGHES	7
EDGAR T. SMITH	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES	8
SAMELA THOMAS	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	GORDON HOWLETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung to commemorate the quatercentenary of Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall, and the visit of Field Marshal the Right Hon. the Earl Alexander of Tunis, K.G.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

* MARGARET BARKER	*Treble*	D. MARGARET HAWLEY	5
†ALAN E. HARTLEY	2	G. FRED TERRY	6
*GEOFFREY THACKRAY	3	ALAN SHEPPARD	7
WALTER HICK	4	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by EDWARD M. BRADLEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12 Part (7th Observation). Tenor 15½ cwt.

*JOHN H. MCTEAR	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY TEMBEY	5
A. REX AGG	2	JOHN A. HAILE	6
ALFRED EILBECK	3	STANLEY RICHARDSON	7
*JAMES R. MOSSOP	4	HAROLD WILSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY RICHARDSON.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung to mark 21 years' service by Messrs. H. Simpson, A. Eilbeck, A. Williamson and F. Forbes as choristers of St. Mary's. Also on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. John H. Boadle and Miss Elizabeth Bates, which took place at Maidstone on that day. Also a 71st birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

NORMAN MALLETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
GILLIAN A. SMITH	2	CYRIL A. HURST	6
MARGARET SWANN	3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	7
RICHARD W. HOUSDEN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor and 200th peal. First peal in the method for the Association.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CEDRIC CURSON	*Treble*	*ARTHUR G. BASON	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	4	*BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* 100th peal together.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*OLIVE M. BOULDEN	*Treble*	‡GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
JOHN R. COOPER	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
†MAISIE VANTOM	3	MARK S LANCEFIELD	7
*ALAN PENDLEBURY	4	ROBERT SWIFT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

RALPH ELKINGTON	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
JOHN A. ACRES	2	*ALAN CARVETH	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal in the method
A compliment to the Rev. Canon J. R. Collins on his 25th anniversary as Vicar of St. Mary de Castro. Also an 87th birthday compliment to Josiah Morris, the G.O.M. of Leicester.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

FREDERICK PRICE	*Treble*	THOMAS PRICE	5
*HAROLD F. WHITE	2	†STANLEY R. HILLS	6
RAYMOND HAZELDINE	3	WILLIAM A. FARMER	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal on eight bells.
A birthday compliment to Miss D. Price, of Market Drayton.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, STOKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 13½ cwt.

PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	*Treble*	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	3	FRANK E. PERVIN	7
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	4	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
Rung for the 84th birthday of A. Roberts. Also as a farewell peal to the Rector of Stoke, Archdeacon L. Ashcroft.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 3, 1953 in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, HAMPTON,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	ALLAN MORGAN	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7
GERALD C. HEMMING	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
Arranged for the conductor during a visit to his native Worcestershire.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*ROY K. MOWFORTH	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
*EDMUND MALIN	2	†PETER BERESFORD	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	†DENNIS BERESFORD	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CARSHALTON BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's 10 Part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY	5
*JOHN W. BEST	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
BRIAN HARRIS	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
ROBERT W. HINDE	4	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* 150th peal. The first peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SHARNBROOK, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

*JOAN FOWLER	*Treble*	*HILARY APPLETON	3
BRIAN MAKEHAM	2	†ELIZABETH MARSH	4
RAYMOND LUCAS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRIAN MAKEHAM.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz., College Single Reverse, St. Clement's, Single Court, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

SHIRLEY WISEMAN	*Treble*	LOUIS WILLDERS	4
EVELYN WRIGHT	2	CHARLES E. BROWN	5
BETTY BROWN	3	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
Rung in memory of Frederick W. Stokes.

NEWTON PORTHCAWL, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, 2,160 Kent Treble Bob, 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

ERNEST STITCH	*Treble*	EDMUND J. MORRIS	4
BENJAMIN J. WILLIAMS	2	*TREVOR M. RODERICK	5
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* 100th peal. 75th peal as conductor.
Rung on St. John's Day for Patronal Festival.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	BRIAN SMITH	4
*MAURICE HOLGATE	2	GORDON WHEWELL	5
WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM	3	DEREK WHITFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to Brian Smith, who has since entered the Army.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 45 methods: (1) Plain, Double, Reverse, Canterbury, Fulbeck, Double Oxford, Thelwall, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, Childwall, College and Wavertree College. (2) Oxford, Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Norbury, College Exercise, Treble Bob, and Wath, Carisbrooke, Pontefract and Donottar Delight. (3) Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Crowland Delight. (4) Old Oxford, Wragby, Neasden, Willesden, College Bob IV., St. Albans, Newdigate and Charlwood Delight. (5) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise. (6) Norfolk and Ipswich Surprise. (7) London and Wells Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4
HOWARD SCOTT	2	DANIEL SMITH	5
HAROLD CHANT	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
The most methods rung to a peal of Minor by all and for the Association.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

E. BOWLEY	*Treble*	L. WOODBURN	4
WM. MARTIN	2	S. A. MARTIN	5
BRIAN MARTIN	3	A. E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. E. ROWLEY.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MAUREEN STOKES	*Treble*	GEORGE TALLIS	4
*DONALD GOVAN	2	WALTER BEEBE	5
ALAN TWIGGER	3	JOHN TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE TALLIS.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung for the Ordination of the Rev. J. Woodward-Court, the sixth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Beebe, and the Sunday School treat.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

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LITTLE DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, five extents of Clifford's Pleasure, four extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, 13 six-scores of Grandsire and 240 Morris's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ANTHONY P. MORRIS ..*Treble* | REGINALD T. JONES 3
†PHILIP G. MORGAN .. .. 2 | *MOLLIE TILBURY 4
JOHN J. WEBB .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal in six methods. † First peal in six methods 'inside.'

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ROBERT HYDER .. ..*Treble* | STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4
†MERVYN LATTER .. .. 2 | CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3 | WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE..*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell to Mervyn Latter, who is leaving Ticehurst.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JANE THORPE .. .. ..*Treble* | EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2 | MARIE K. ROBERTS 5
L. VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN.. 3 | WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal. Rung for the Festival of St. Peter.

WARBOYS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN R. G. SPICER .. ..*Treble* | JOHN J. PAWLEY 4
*MICHAEL J. DYER .. 2 | NORMAN MALLETT 5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 3 | WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Seven 720's in 16 methods: (1) York and Durham. (2) Lightfoot and Wearmouth. (3) Rossendale. (4) Stamford. (5) Berwick and Hexham. (6) Beverley and Surfleet. (7) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Bourne, Norfolk and Hull. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by JAMES W. HAW.

First peal as conductor in 16 methods.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

DENIS A. S. SYMONDS ..*Treble* | ERNEST W. FURBANK.. .. 3
*JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 2 | *PETER J. CAME 4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

*50th peal together.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 600 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 600 Grandsire, 3,840 Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

WILLIAM F. RICKWOOD ..*Treble* | *RICHARD STANNARD 3
*LEONARD SHARPE .. .. 2 | ARTHUR F. BALLAAM 4
*KENNETH G. BROWN.. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal of Doubles in three methods.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

A. GORDON LAWRENCE ..*Treble* | REGINALD W. WORRALL .. 4
VICTOR NEAL .. .. .. 2 | HENRY PARKER 5
DAVID GODFREY .. .. .. 3 | HARRY W. HOWARD .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

ALFRED E. BARRETT ..*Treble* | MARGARET J. LLEWELLYN.. 4
*SYBIL HIGHAM .. .. .. 2 | ALBERT W. STONE 5
†JOHN A. SOMERS .. .. 3 | ALAN WARD .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN WARD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung to commemorate the 108th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

*TREVOR WM. GREAVES ..*Treble* | WILLIAM H. REDFERN .. 4
HORACE L. DAWSON .. .. 2 | SIDNEY H. JONES 5
MRS. S. H. JONES .. .. 3 | WILLIAM E. MINOR .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

* First peal.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

MARCH BALDON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 changes each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, 480 changes of Grandsire, 360 changes each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints", St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place, and 240 changes of Stedman. Tenor 7½ cwt.

LINDA R. BINNINGTON ..*Treble* | HARRY P. FLOYD 3
MARIE R. CROSS .. .. 2 | *MALCOLM S. CLOKE 4
ALAN R. PINK .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in more than four Doubles methods.

The first peal on this recently augmented ring and rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Peter. Rung also as a farewell to the Rev. N. E. Hope, until recently Rector of this parish.

HANDBELL PEALS

LITTLE ASTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 26, 1954, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
AT ARBORFIELD, ROSEMARY HILL ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

*DAVID W. BARR .. .. 1—2 | †CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. 3—4
*MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. 5—6

Conducted by MICHAEL W. FAIREY.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal on an 'inside' pair. First peal in the method as conductor.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 27, 1954, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Double Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 13 in F.

*JOHN S. HARRISON .. 1—2 | †MAURICE BAILEY .. .. 3—4
†W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 5—6

Conducted by W. RODNEY HARRISON.

* First peal of Minor in two methods. † First handbell peal of Minor in two methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Harrison, mother of the ringers of 1—2 and 5—6.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM COLLISON

In his 91st year, Mr. W. Collison died at his home at Tunbridge Wells on June 21st after a long illness patiently borne.

His early ringing was done at Crawley Parish Church, Sussex, where he was a member of the local band, and it was here that he rang his first peal, on July 5th, 1885. Whilst living at Crawley he also rang peals at Charlwood, Horley, Worth and Lindfield. He moved to Steyning in 1892 and while there he rang several peals with the then famous Brighton band, including the late G. Williams and K. Hart. When he moved to Tunbridge Wells in 1901 he at once joined the local band at St. Peter's, and remained a member until he was unable to climb the belfry stairs. He last rang at St. Peter's on VE-Day, 1945.

On his 90th birthday in March of this year a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at St. Peter's in his honour. In all he rang 105 peals in the standard methods up to Superlative Surprise.

During the evening on the day of the funeral at the Borough Cemetery the bells of St. Peter's were rung half-muffled to his memory.

MR. SIDNEY M. HOLLIS

Godshill, Isle of Wight, have lost their oldest member by the death of Mr. Sidney M. Hollis, who for the past five years had been verger of the church and will be remembered by many ringing members.

He learnt to ring soon after the bells were augmented to six in 1887 and rang for the last time about a week before his death. In all he rang for 13 Royal occasions, the first being for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and the last a quarter peal for the homecoming of the present Queen. He was a good striker and rang in three peals.

He was carried on his last journey by six fellow-ringers, who with visiting ringers rang half-muffled touches after his burial. On Friday, July 2nd, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled to his memory by the following: E. Westmore 1, C. Callaway 2, E. Thorne 3, L. Bailey 4, C. Denness (conductor) 5, C. Morris 6.

MR. M. H. PALMER

The interment took place on Monday, July 5th, of Mr. M. H. Palmer, for nearly 40 years a bell ringer at Morecambe Parish Church.

Mr. Palmer was one of the founder members of the Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association. He was the last active member of the old six-bell band, and with his colleagues was largely responsible for installation of the present lovely ring of eight.

The writer's most vivid memory of Herbert was that cheerful smile and ever ready help he was always willing to extend to his devoted young learners, and the present bnad is perhaps his best memorial.

The funeral was attended by a large gathering of Lancaster Branch members and representatives from Furness and Blackburn Branches. 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' J. W.

MR. JAMES F. PRIEST

Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, writes:—

When my father left Ross for London in or about 1880 he went to lodge with Mr. Priest's parents at Wanstead. He was already a ringer and he interested Mr. Priest; both were members of Wanstead belfry.

Somewhere about 1882 my father left London for Monmouth, Mr. Priest following him there about two or three years later. Both of them rang in the first peal on Monmouth bells in 1886. Mr. Priest lived with my parents and he became my godfather.

He left for South Africa on May 21st, 1890 (not 1902), and four days earlier he rang his farewell peal with the Cumberlands at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington. This was his first and only peal on ten bells.

About ten years ago there was some correspondence in 'The Ringing World' as to who was the oldest member of the Cumberland Youths, to which at the time there were several claimants. I remember writing to suggest that it probably lay between Mr. Priest and the late Rev. W. C. Pearson. Both of them replied, but who was the older member I have forgotten.

An 1899 Peal at Bristol

Dear Sir,—I do not doubt that Mr. Hooper is correct about there being only six bells at St. George's, Bristol, in 1899, but that would mean an error in the following entry in 'Bell News,' Vol. xviii., p. 379:

BRISTOL

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association

On Thursday, December 21st, 1899, in Two Hours & Fifty-Two Minutes

At the Church of St. George

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5,040 CHANGES

Brooks' Variation. Tenor 18 cwt.

Fred G. May	Treble	Stephen Thomas	5
Gilbert Pearce	2	Frank Gooding	6
Henry Pring	3	George T. Daltry	7
Raymond J. Wilkins	4	William Bevan	Tenor

Conducted by George T. Daltry

I should be very pleased to know where this peal was rung if it wasn't at St. George's.—Yours sincerely,

Southampton. K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

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XV. GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

There are two commonly used ways of calling Grandsire Triples. One is to learn by heart the bells which will be Before (i.e., will make thirds place) at the lead end where a bob is due. Most people who call Holt's peal (the 'Original') use this way, as the peal is a one-part, and there is no one bell which repeats its work at regular intervals and can therefore be learnt easily.

The other way is to learn the work of an observation bell and call the bobs and singles when this bell is in the correct position to do the work you have learnt. For instance, Parker's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples can be arranged so that either the 2nd, the 6th or the 7th does the same work in each of the twelve parts. It is not at all difficult to learn the exact work of this observation bell throughout one part (fifteen calls in thirty leads) and simply keep repeating this calling.

In either of these ways, if this is all you learn, plus a few particular course ends (or the twelve part ends in the second example) so as to check that the bells are right at particular places, you are only bob-calling. To be sure of being able to correct any mistakes as they occur you must also watch the Coursing Order of the bells all the while.

When you try to do this, you will see some vital differences from the Plain Bob type of method. You must allow for a bell in the hunt as well as the treble—and it will not always be the same one. And you will have no fixed bell to make a 'framework' to each course, as each bell (except the treble and the bell making thirds place) is affected by a bob and each bell (except the treble) by a single. It is, however, equally as easy as in Plain Bob to pick up the Coursing Order from the order in which you follow the various bells as you go up to the back or down to the front. So if you should lose the thread of the Coursing Order at any time during a peal, you can pick it up again speedily, unless a trip happens at the same time.

Now let us examine a typical composition of Grandsire Triples—the first part of Parker's twelve-part, with the 7th the observation bell—and see what happens to the Coursing Orders:—

Lead Ends		Coursing Orders
234567	Call 7th	234675
— 752634	In	— 752346
765423		765234
746352		746523
— 237546	Out at 3	— 237465
S 562437	Single H.	S 562374
546723		546237
— 375246	Before	— 375462
327654		327546
362475		362754
346527		346275
— 753246	In	— 753462
— 627453	Out at 1	— 627534
642375		642753
634527		634275
653742		653427
— 276453	Before	— 276534
247365		247653
234576		234765
253647		253476
— 762453	In	— 762534
746325		746253
— 537246	Out at 2	— 537462
S 265437	Single H.	S 265374
— 742365	In	— 742653
— 537642	Out at 1	— 537426
S 625437	Single H.	S 625374
642753		642537
— 376542	Before	— 376425
357264		357642
— 423657	Home	— 423576

Eleven times repeated. Single for Bob halfway and end.

At the start of this peal the Coursing Order of the bells (the order, if you like, in which the treble passes the others on the way up to the back) is 234675. The bob at the first lead end makes 7 go in the hunt, 5 will make thirds place anyway, and 2 (which was in the hunt) falls in behind 7 and 5. The new Coursing Order will, therefore, be 752346—so that, although the bob varies the work of five bells, its effect on the Coursing Order is merely to make the last two bells become the first two. Now until we have another call, we must remember that 7 is in the hunt and we must keep track of our Coursing Order without changing this bell.

At the second lead, which is plain, we write down our Coursing Order, starting with 7, then altering the last five bells by moving the last one (6) to be the first of the five (752346 becomes 765234). The next lead is also plain, so again we start with 7, then alter the last five bells by moving the last one (4) to be the first of the five (765234 becomes 746523).

The next lead is bobbed so, as in the first lead, we transfer the last two bells (2 and 3) to the front of our Coursing Order—2 going into the hunt and 3 making thirds place. (746523 becomes 237465.) At the next lead a single is called and we make the same alteration to our Coursing Order as at a bob, except that in transferring the last two bells to the front we change them round as well (237465 becomes 562374). And so on to the end.

In the example I have emphasised the one bell at the plain leads and the two bells at the calls which are altered. These are the only ways in which the Coursing Order varies from lead to lead.

(To be continued)

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Southern District

Despite rather indifferent weather 35 ringers attended the meeting of the Southern District at Nutfield on June 12th. An excellent tea was provided by the local band at the Rectory.

Mr. A. P. Cannon (District Ringing Master) presided at the business meeting at which Messrs. F. Lambert, W. Kitchenside, A. Lewry and E. Jenner were elected compounding members and Miss F. Hankey (Redhill) resident member.

Reviewing the half year, Mr. C. J. Champion (District secretary) said meetings had been better attended than in 1953. Seven peals had been rung, producing three 'first pealers.' Combined practices were arranged for Redhill and Bletchingley, and Mr. W. F. Oatway (general secretary) reported on the Central Council meeting.

Before the Rector closed the meeting with prayer he and the local band were thanked for their hospitality. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund realised £1 1s. 3d.

North-West District

The visit of the Surrey Association to Dorking on July 3rd coincided with the Patronal Festival of the church (St. Martin's), and this happy choice of date was referred to by the Vicar (the Rev. K. D. Evans), who conducted the service and gave a short address.

Before the meeting started those present stood in memory of Mr. J. Hoyle, of Epsom, who passed away recently. Mr. F. E. Collins, the District Master, was in the chair.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford Ringing Master Retiring

The summer meeting of the Ashford District was held at Folkestone on June 26th. Ringing started at 3.15 at the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Eanswyth, and continued until 4.30, when the Vicar (the Rev. Ian Whyte-Thomson) conducted a service, during the course of which he welcomed the ringers to his church. Mr H. C. Chandler, the secretary of the Cheriton band of ringers, was the organist. The collection was given to the Church Restoration Fund.

Mr. L. J. Whittaker, secretary of the local band, had made admirable arrangements for tea in the Church Hall, assisted by his wife, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Henderson and Miss Godderidge. At the business meeting, with Mr. J. Willis in the chair, Mr. C. W. Everett announced that he did not intend to seek re-election as Ringing Master at the next annual meeting. He has been in the position now for over 30 years and captain of the Ashford band for 42 years.

Mr. S. G. Waters voiced the thanks of the meeting to the Vicar, organist and the members of the local band upon whom the onus of making the arrangements had fallen.

A return was then made to the church for further ringing.

Mayor Welcomes Rochester District to Queenborough

Approximately 80 members and friends attended the quarterly meeting of the Rochester District at Holy Trinity, Queenborough, on July 3rd. The Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Daws) conducted the service, at which the collection was given to the Church Tower Restoration Fund.

After the service tea was taken in the Church Hall and was attended by the Mayor of Queenborough, who, with the local ringers and townsfolk, gave the tea.

The Mayor gave a few words of welcome to the assembled company and remarked that the local ringers recently rang a quarter peal in honour of her wedding 50 years ago, as they had done on her wedding day. Mr. F. Cheal briefly responded on behalf of the District.

Ten new members were elected at the business meeting at which the Vicar took the chair, Mr. F. Cheal was chosen the District representative for 'The Ringing World.'

The secretary moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor for honouring the company with her presence on this occasion, to the Vicar for taking the service and the chair at the meeting, to the choir and organist and also to Mr. Stanley Rayfield, the local tower secretary, for making the arrangements for the tea and meeting, and also his lady helpers who looked after the gathering so well during tea. The Vicar briefly responded with the hope that it would not be long before the District once again returned to Queenborough. C. S. J.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

South Oxon Has Over 100 Members

A membership of over 100 from 17 towers was announced by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Badger) at the annual meeting of the South Oxon Branch at Watlington on June 19th. Mr. Badger was re-elected secretary, but the Branch has a new chairman, the Rev. F. E. W. Lewis, Vicar of Watlington, succeeding the Vicar of Benson. The Rev. F. Stuart, Vicar of Bledlow, is vice-chairman.

The meeting was attended by the Master, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, the general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert), Miss Cross, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock, Mr. Alan Pink and over 50 members.

Members of the Branch formed the choir for the service at which the Rev. G. E. Russell (Vicar of Didcot) was the preacher.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rowley (cond.) 1, J. Southey 2, T. Clark 3, C. Evans 4, N. Jenks 5, L. North 6, J. Rootes 7, T. Norris 8. Rung for the wedding of David Llewellyn Simon to Patricia Ann Kendrew.

BILLESDON, LEICS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Norton 1, J. G. Geary (cond.) 2, C. T. Whitman 3, R. Russell 4, A. N. Geary 5, E. Lewin 6. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. J. Norton, who has been a bell-ringer at Billesdon for 65 years.

BOW, E.—At St. Mary-atte-Bow, on June 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, I. H. Oram 3, B. G. Moore 4, J. L. Morris 5, F. W. L. Blewer 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, C. W. Ottley 8. Rung for Evensong.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On June 29th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Emery 1, P. Spice 2, D. Randall (first of Triples) 3, D. Brown 4, D. Martin 5, K. Minter (first as cond.) 6, D. Kirby 7, E. Mounter 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to I. Emery (83 on June 25th) and P. Spice (63 on June 29th). Also rung on patronal festival.

BUCKINGHAM.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. W. Vickers 1, F. Vickers, jun. (cond.) 2, F. Vickers, sen., 3, F. Townsend 4, C. W. Gough 5, W. A. Yates 6, G. W. Holland 7, W. H. Yates 8. Three generations of the family of Mr. F. Vickers rang in this quarter. Rung for Confirmation service.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Great St. Mary, on July 4th, 1,231 Stedman Caters: P. Pigg 1, S. Brown (first of Stedman Caters) 2, J. W. Ward 3, T. R. Dennis 4, J. G. Gipson 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, C. W. Smith 7, C. Hurst 8, J. W. R. Quinney 9, A. Rayner 10. Rung for children's service.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY, YORKS.—On June 20th, 720 Duke of York and 600 Violet: W. Broadhead 1, C. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. Moxon (cond.) 6. A welcome to the Bishop of Pontefract at Confirmation service.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Perry 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, G. A. Hartland 3, Miss R. Burge (first quarter) 4, H. C. Burge 5, G. Gaylard 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, H. J. Taylor 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, H. K. White 2, Pam Webb 3, A. Woodley 4, G. Bishop 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, J. Gordon 7, J. Napper 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ELFORD, STAFFS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Barr 1, B. J. Townsend 2, J. B. Webb 3, I. A. Townsend 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, M. Knight 6. Rung prior to Evensong in honour of the Dean of Lichfield's visit.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Howells (first quarter) 1, Ann Howells (first 'inside') 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, Cherie Payne 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, D. J. Oakshott 6, G. A. Howells 7, D. J. Evans 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

EYE, HEREFORDS.—On July 4th, 1,440 Doubles (240 Stedman, 1,080 Plain Bob and 120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): Leslie Evans 1, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 2, Philip Morgan 3, Laurence Mainwaring 4, Reginald Jones (cond.) 5, Sydney Daniels 6.

FULHAM, S.W.—On June 27th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. Rawlins 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, B. Lunn 3, J. Waters 4, H. Ellis 5, Miss H. Snowden 6, J. Stephenson 7, James Phillips 8, John Phillips 9, H. M. Page 10.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Pierce 1, R. Simmonds 2, R. Rose 3, L. Sharpe 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5. Rung for Confirmation service.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Rickwood 1, K. G. Brown (cond.) 2, L. Pierce 3, A. Balaam 4, H. King 5.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On July 4th, at the Church of St. James, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Drury (first quarter) 1, W. Mumby 2, S. Bromfield 3, F. Bloomfield (first of Grandsire as cond.) 4, G. I. Rusby 5, J. B. Budd 6, A. Pashley 7, H. Hadwick 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On June 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, G. Perkins 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On June 23rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, M. J. Dyer 2, H. S. Peacock 3, C. M. P. Johnson 4, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 5, N. Mallett 6. Rung on the eve of St. John-the-Baptist Day.

HOUGHTON, HUNTS.—On June 27th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: H. B. Bull 1, M. J. Dyer 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, N. Mallett 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on June 20th, 1,080 Cambridge Surprise and 180 Bob Minor: D. A. Tneedom 1, M. J. Dyer 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, A. Jesson 5, J. E. Cook (cond.) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on June 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, Miss N. Hales (first in the method) 2, Miss S. Barringer 3, M. Sinden 4, G. A. Parsons 5, J. W. Euston (cond.) 6, D. Neal 7, G. Peters 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On June 27th, 1,376 Little Bob Major: H. F. White 1, F. Price 2, B. Madeley 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, A. Hickman 6, R. G. Edwards 7, G. R. Edwards (cond.) 8.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hodgkins (first away from tenor) 1, B. Whitworth (first 'inside') 2, T. G. Cox 3, J. M. Clarke 4, D. Priestley (first as cond.) 5, W. G. Dickens 6, A. L. Priestley 7, C. Whitworth 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. The first quarter by a local band and for 3, 6 and 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. I. E. Douglas-Jones, who was recently inducted Rector of St. Mary's.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On June 13th, 1,440 Trinity Sunday Treble Bob Minor: Miss S. A. Richardson 1, E. R. Rapley (cond.) 2, E. Treagus 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller 5, F. H. Hicks 6. Rung as a compliment to the Bishop of Chichester, who has now been Bishop of this Diocese for 25 years.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Payne 1, E. J. Taylor 2, W. Cockram 3, E. Richards 4, P. Mayne (first of Triples as cond.) 5, W. H. Ware 6, J. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. J. Musgrove, for 40 years secretary of the P.C.C.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On July 1st 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Stannard 1, A. G. Ballam 2, J. G. Stannard 3, R. L. Stannard 4, A. E. Murrell 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On July 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. Higgins 1, Miss R. Snell 2, D. R. Whalley 3, Miss S. M. Collins 4, G. W. Biddulph 5, P. S. Whalley 6, W. Massey 7, E. H. Edge (cond.) 8.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On July 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. Endall 1, R. Keeley 2, T. E. Marks 3, R. J. Fox 4, G. S. Morris 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, G. Gaylard 7, H. J. Sanger 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9, J. Bennett 10. Rung to mark the centenary of the borough.

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Quarterly and half-yearly postal subscribers, whose renewals have not yet been paid, are reminded that this is the last week of grace. Remittances to be sent to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro.

BELFRY GOSSIP

B.B.C. 'West of England News' records that at a meeting of Lympstone Parish Council a councillor complained that he could not follow the proceedings owing to the noise made by the band practising in the next room and suggested that Council meetings be held on Wednesdays in future. The chairman pointed out that Wednesday was the bellringers' practice night and they made more noise than the band!

We are sorry to learn that Norman Smith, of Chichester, has his leg in plaster after an accident.

'Pipe's Pilgrims' Tour of Cornwall' starts on August 1st. There are two vacancies. Applicants should write to Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Maurice Holgate is the first of the band formed when the new bells were installed at Accrington, to reach peal standard. We are looking forward to other members of the band emulating his example.

Correction.—The name of the ringer of the third in the peal at Totternhoe on June 5th (see 'The Ringing World,' June 25th) should read Frederick J. Plummer.

Mr. Alan Ward, 8, Hadley Avenue, Manchester 13, has been elected as the Manchester area correspondent to 'The Ringing World,' and Mr. Allen Twyman, 9, Queen's Road, Hale, for the Stockport, Bowdon and Mottram Branch.

In the peal of Stedman Caters in honour of the quatercentenary of Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall, was Miss Stella Hughes, a pupil, and Miss S. Thomas, an Old Girl, and daughter of a former Grammar School Art Master. Stella started ringing 13 months ago—Stedman Caters is good progress.

Holy Trinity, Bolton, and Cambridge University have lost a good ringer with Mr. Ronald Edge accepting an appointment at Canberra and sailing from this country on July 2nd. His peals constitute a comprehensive list, including Surprise methods, and he has also rung handbell peals up to ten bells. It is to be hoped that he can make the journey occasionally to Melbourne Cathedral, where his help will be most welcome to Mr. Philip Gray.

Guildford has been selected for the next annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild on July 2nd, 1955.

Mr. Ernest Weatherby, who had a happy reunion last Saturday with friends at Shrewsbury, left Guildford for America on March 6th, 1924, and rang his farewell peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on March 3rd, 1924.

Mr. D. G. Wheeler informs us that Edlesborough is situated in Buckinghamshire and not Bedfordshire (see page 427). The Vicar will probably note the correction. His main concern is, however, raising £563 to restore the bells.

An American visitor who arrived this week is Mrs. William C. Scott, of St. Petersburg, Florida. She is specially interested in ringing and hopes to visit towers in London, Devon and Cornwall, Scotland and York. Her address will be Bentham Hall, 31-43, Cartwright Gardens, London, W.C.1.

Two enthusiasts from Bedford—P. J. Shipton and J. R. Taylor—have submitted for our consideration a quarter peal of Minimus 'in hand' (Plain Bob and Grandsire). Piquancy to the performance is added by the footnote, 'First quarter on bells (home-made).' We do not normally accept quarter peals 'in hand' and have no intention of adding 'Minimus,' not recognised by the Central Council, to our records.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival at Macclesfield

ON Saturday, June 12th, the annual festival of the Chester Guild was held at Macclesfield, when, despite transport difficulties, some 60 members were present.

Ringing was enjoyed on the bells of the Parish Church (12), Christ Church (10), St. Peter's (8) and Sutton St. James' (6) until the usual service held in the ancient Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels and conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Tom Clarke. The Rev. John Kingdon (general secretary) assisted and the Master of the Guild, Mr. J. W. Clarke, read the lesson.

In the course of his address the Vicar said that a visitor to the church that very afternoon, an Englishwoman who had lived in America for nearly all her life, and had brought her daughter to revisit the old country, had been overjoyed that on this, her first day in England, she had heard after so long, and her daughter for the first time had heard, the sound of the church bells. Ringing, though a pastime full of interest, was also a vital piece of work for God, and ringers were at one with the clergy, choir and organist in bearing witness to the whole world. In this world of confused values the bells reminded people of the true sense of values. 'Again, ringing is only effective if the team works as a whole, for in the tower there is no room for individualism, which serves to remind us of the great truth that we cannot live to ourselves alone. In this ancient church we might feel that we are surrounded by the legions of past ringers, but we should be awake to the fact that while tradition is valuable and useful, the church to-day requires not dead but live men.'

At the annual meeting which followed tea the meeting stood in silence to honour the members who had passed to higher service in 1953: The Duke of Westminster, Messrs. Robert Sperring, John Hayes, Harry Overton, Joseph C. Hough, Jack Price, Arthur W. Howard, Wilfred Matthews, Charles Edwards, Alfred Roberts and Samuel Bowker.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

The report disclosed that Sunday service ringing was at a high level in all branches and that the paid-up membership was: Honorary members 26, ringing members 713, arrears being one honorary and 67 ringing members. Membership represented 89 towers.

The accounts showed that expenditure still exceeded income slightly but the Bell Restoration and Augmentation Fund had grown nicely and was now £84 1s. 10d., after paying a grant to Handley.

Among the 101 peals rung by the Guild in 1953 were the first peals of Liscard Imperial Bob, Westminster Imperial Bob, St. Valentine's Imperial Bob, Malpas Imperial Bob, Bebington Imperial Bob, Poulton Imperial Bob, Cholmondeley Bob and Christleton Bob Major.

Cheshire has many grand old men ringers and mentioned in the report were the birthdays of William Rigby (92), of Lawton, Joseph Ashmole (90), of Northwich, Samuel Jones (85), of Eccleston, Alfred Barnes (85), of Reddish and William Gayes (80), of Macclesfield. All except Mr. Rigby still ring when opportunity offers, some of them very regularly, and Mr. Rigby still takes a lively interest in church affairs.

The social activities of the branches continue to be popular events and young ringers continue to come along and the youngsters of yesteryear are beginning to assume posts of responsibility in the branches.

RESTORATIONS — A WARNING

The committee expresses concern at the standard of workmanship of some of the recent restorations and urges ringers to ensure that when their bells are restored some knowledgeable ringer is appointed by the Church Council to keep an eye on the work. It also suggests that steeplekeepers should be on the lookout for loose stonework on the tower at all times and should advise the churchwardens of any suspected structural defects or damage so that appropriate action may be taken in good time.

A peal of Plain Bob Triples rung in memoriam George R. Newton is printed at the end of the report with a note to say that it is included there as the method does not conform to the Central Council's definition of a regular method, but that a tribute to such an old friend should not go unrecorded. The comment on this peal took the same lines as the debate on the subject at Newcastle, i.e., some taking the line that decisions should be adhered to, others that due notice should be given after such a lapse of time.

Mr. R. G. Corby gave an excellent report of the proceedings of the Central Council meeting and was cordially thanked.

After some discussion it was decided to abandon the annual dinner for this year with a suggestion that Branches should hold some comparable function and the matter be discussed again next year.

The following resolution was adopted: 'That this meeting deplores opportunity being afforded to introduce synthetic bells into any church of the Church of England where there are rings of bells in existence and to prevent such occurrences urges all members to do all in their power to get existing bells rung regularly.'

The meeting showed its confidence in its officials by re-electing them en bloc, with a cordial vote of thanks to them for their services.

The thanks of the meeting were accorded to the Vicar of Macclesfield, the organist and verger of the Parish Church and the incumbents of Christ Church, St. Peter's and Sutton for their assistance in making the meeting such a success.

The next annual festival of the Guild will be held at Frodsham on the Saturday before Trinity Sunday, 1955. C. K. L.

A MEMORABLE SERVICE AT RIPON

A special service held in the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, June 27th, to commemorate the granting by King James I., in 1604, of the two Charters, one to the City and the other to the Cathedral.

The Charter of King James revised and renewed the Royal Charters dating back to the reign of King Alfred in A.D. 886 granted to the city and advanced the civic constitution from a Wakeman and Town Council to that of a Mayor, 12 Aldermen with 24 assistants, a Town Clerk and a Sergeant at Mace.

The Charter of 1604 to the Minster—not then a Cathedral—reconstituted 'the late dissolved Collegiate Church for ever' to consist of a Dean, six Prebends, Organist, six Lay Clerks, six Choristers, a Parish Clerk and two Vicars Choral for the cure of souls. This Charter rescued the Minster from ruin and restored it to working order.

H.R.H. the Princess Royal, a Freeman of the City, attended the service, supported by dignitaries of Church and State together with the citizens and visitors to the City.

The Cathedral bells rang out to greet their Royal visitor, and in honour of the 350th anniversary of the two Charters, a touch consisting of 700 Grandsire Triples was arranged. The Master of the Essex Association (Mr. R. C. Heazel), being a guest of the local ringers, was invited to conduct the ringing. The music of these fine bells provided a grand prelude to the great service which followed. F. T.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

A Correction

The resolution passed by the Central Council meeting at Newcastle following the motion on anonymous letters should read:—

'That this Council expresses complete confidence in the ability of "The Ringing World" Committee to select such letters as it considers suitable for publication.'

The report of the resolution appearing on page 410 stated 'anonymous' letters.

The full implication of the correct resolution, which the Editor feels was not appreciated at the time, is under consideration by 'The Ringing World' Committee in consultation with the general secretary of the Council. Until a decision is reached will correspondents, as heretofore, send their letters intended for publication direct to the Editor, who will deal with them as he has done in the past. Any anonymous letters received will be passed to the Editorial Committee for their approval before publication.

The name of Mr. W. E. Critchley should be added to the Peals Collection Committee (see page 410).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

A Week-end in the Lake District

Instead of the customary day's trip the Company of Ringers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of Lincoln, decided this year on a week-end from Friday evening until Sunday evening, with the Lake District as their objective.

Leaving Lincoln on June 18th at 6.30 p.m. the night was spent at Ilkley. On Saturday morning ringing took place at Skipton for three-quarters of an hour, and the main headquarters, Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands, was reached at lunch time. Here Mr. Newby, the local secretary, whose arrangements and guidance meant so much, met the party.

After lunch the tour and ringing of the Lake District began, Dalton-in-Furness being first on the list, where we found a good ten, and then on to Broughton to find a very nice eight, where the local lady ringers were waiting to greet us. Soon we were on our way again, passing through some of the finest scenery we had seen, travelling by Lake Coniston on to Ambleside, then by Lake Windermere on to Bowness, where our ringing was curtailed owing to our late arrival. Then back to our headquarters at Grange.

On Sunday morning we reached Kendal later than schedule but were in time to ring two touches for morning service. Leaving Kendal en route for Sedbergh, we were able to visit Mr. Woodhouse to see his ringing machine, which interested our members, and hear his description of the same. Ringing at 12.15 to 1 p.m. followed this and some good touches were accomplished, which brought us to lunch time.

Ripon was reached at the appointed time, 4.30 p.m., and on arrival we found our friends from Newcastle (Mr. and Mrs. McGuiness) were waiting to meet us, also Mrs. Richardson. After tea we made our way to the Cathedral, where we much appreciated the local ringers giving us permission to ring with them for evening service for an hour. After saying farewell to our friends we were soon on our way home. After two short stops on the way Lincoln was reached at 10.45 p.m.

During the week-end, methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Major, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob, Yorkshire, Cambridge and Oakham Royal. One of the most pleasing things was that every member of the Company was able to go, which at one time did not look like being so, owing to illness. Approximately 400 miles were travelled, this being one of the longest and most successful outings yet undertaken by the Company.

48 METHODS OF SPLICED SURPRISE

Another Achievement for Yorkshire Band

A new record was established by the Yorkshire band conducted by Mr. W. Eric Critchley in a peal of 48 Spliced Surprise Major methods rung at Conisbrough on June 18th.

The conductor had a 'rocky' time, in a very real sense; about halfway through the peal what seemed to be 'a major portion of the tower' entered his right eye and remained there for the rest of the peal.

The umpire, Mr. D. A. Chapman, sat in the ringing chamber throughout the peal, and checked all figures, bobs and methods. So many of the band complained that his face would put them off that the poor man changed his position three times before the peal could start!

The peal was composed also by Mr. Critchley.

THE COMPOSITION

5,088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN 48 METHODS

2345678 Framley

4263857 Tring
2357486—Wembley
4523678—Lindum

2465837 Hitchin
5347286 Barnsbury
2453678—Hanbury

5264837 Trowbridge
4327586 Radlett
5243678—Watford

4562837 Lincolnshire
5237486—Falmouth
4352678—Derwent

5463827 Aldenham
3247586 Rutland
5432678—Uxbridge

3564827 Painswick
4257386 Campsall
3542678—Shoreditch

4365827 Langley
3527486—Scawthorpe
4235678—Lindoff's London

6342857—Superlative
2537684 Vauxhall
6325478—Chester

2643857 Warwickshire

Continued:
3567284 Claybrooke
2635478—Ramsey

3246857 Pudsey
6527384 Eastcote
3265478—London

4632857—Apsley
6257483—Lessness
5642378 Ickleton

4536827 Yorkshire
5627483—Wembley
4256378—Lindum

3542867 Cherwell
2657384 Rutland
3526478—Derwent

4235867—Bristol
3425867—Pyrford
5647382 Otley
3456278—Stockport

5324867 Jersey
3467582—Cray
5623847 Cambridge
6347582—Dublin
4637582—London
5346278—New Gloucester
4536278—Deben

2345867—Minsmere
5637284 Maulden
2356478—

Twice repeated.

The methods Campsall and Scawthorpe are now rung for the first time.

NEW METHODS RUNG IN THE 48 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Campsall	Scawthorpe
12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
12463578	12346578
21645387	21435687
26143578	24153678
62415387	42516387
62145837	24156837
26418573	42518673
24681537	45281637
42865173	54826173
42681537	58421637
24865173	85246173
42685713	58426713
24867531	85247631
42876513	58246713
24785631	85427631
42758361	58247361
24573816	85423716
42537861	58427361
24358716	85243716
42538176	58423176
24351867	85241367
24538176	82543176
42351867	28451367
43215876	24815376
34128567	42183567
34218657	24813657
43126875	42186375
41328657	41268357
14236875	14623875
41263857	41263857
14628375	14628375
14263857	14263857

4ths place bob.
False course-ends:—24365, 32465, 43265.

4ths place bob.
False course-ends:—24365, 46325, 54263, 62345, 34562, 63542, 56423.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The first summer meeting of the District was held on June 19th. The nice light eight (too light for some!) at Welwyn were open in the afternoon, when, among other methods, Single Norwich was attempted. Then, before and after tea, Kimpton bells were open, when up to London Minor and including Single Court (a 'method for the day') were rung.

The tea and business meeting were held in the garden of Mr. Wells cafe. Mr. Wells has been ringing at Kimpton for very many years. The next meeting is hoped to be at Essenden (newly rehung) and Tewin on July 17th. G. D.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Stockport Branch

Some 40 members and friends attended the meeting at Wilmslow on June 19th when the Rector at the service based his address on 'Worship.' He associated with worship—fellowship, which existed more among ringers than any other branch of the church; witness, they would never know how deep the influence of their bells was; and service, which was closely related to witness.

In the absence of Mr. James Fernley through illness, Mr. Elkins presided at the business meeting. The members heard with regret that Mrs. Hough, of Knutsford, was still in hospital and a message of good wishes was sent to her. Mr. Michael Sage (Wilmslow) was elected a member and Mr. Allen Twyman appointed Branch correspondent to 'The Ringing World.' The meeting concluded with a cordial vote of thanks to the Rector, wardens, local ringers and the ladies who prepared tea.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Yorkshire, Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Superlative were rung at the meeting of the Northern District on June 26th at Barkway, but Cambridge would not go. Twenty-three members and friends did justice to a good spread at the Three Horseshoes, and at the business meeting presided over by Mr. S. Carter, Hinxworth was selected for the July meeting with London Surprise Minor as the special method.

The band who took part in the peal at Newball, Derbyshire, on July 3rd, would like to express thanks to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dawson for entertaining them to tea after the peal.

DRIVE FOR NEW POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS

Where the First 250 Came From

'Ringing World' correspondents are getting to work in our drive to increase our list of postal subscribers. We are happy to announce that the first 250 have been received. There is still plenty of spade work to be done.

Keen rivalry exists between Hertfordshire and Essex for the county showing the best response. This week's leader is Hertfordshire. Who is to depose them?

To enable correspondents and officials to assess their contribution to this great effort we append the total of new subscribers by individual counties:—

24.—Hertfordshire.
22.—Essex.
17.—Surrey.
15.—Wales.
13.—London, Staffordshire.
11.—Lancashire.
10.—Birmingham, Leicester.
9.—Norfolk.
6.—Bedfordshire, Derbyshire, Somerset.
5.—Devon, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Kent, Sussex, Australia.
4.—Cambridgeshire, Hunts, Middlesex, Northants.
3.—Cheshire, Dorset, Durham, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, Worcestershire.
2.—Bristol, Bucks, Cornwall, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire, B.A.O.R.
1.—Berkshire, Cumberland, Herefordshire, Suffolk, Wilts, Scotland, Canada.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Resignation of Clerical Secretary

An enjoyable meeting was held at Woodbridge on July 3rd, when methods on the fine bells ranged from Bob Major to London Surprise. The Ringing Master occupied the chair at the business meeting and gave a welcome to the visitors, who came from as far as St. Albans.

The resignation of the Rev. C. P. Newell as clerical secretary was received with regret, and the general secretary was instructed to write the Rev. G. D. R. Taylor, of Ottley, with a view to filling the vacant office.

A letter from the Rev. Mr. Cribb appealing for a grant towards the cost of restoring Tannington bells was read and it was decided to grant £20.

The general secretary (Mr. C. W. Pipe) made a further appeal for 'The Ringing World,' which resulted in six members promising to become postal subscribers. Mr. Alan Bridges (Saxmundham), Miss Patricia Clark (Ipswich) and Mr. George Pipe (Woodbridge) agreed to act as 'The Ringing World' representatives.

A brief report of the Central Council meeting was given by the general secretary, who also asked members to let him have particulars of peal boards recording performances prior to 1825. It was agreed that the next general meeting be held at Stradbroke on September 25th, when, if enough names were given to the general secretary, a bus would operate specially from Ipswich. Thanks were accorded to Mr. Stanley Woodard for arranging tea.

Halesworth District

When the Halesworth District held their quarterly meeting at Southwold on June 19th the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Macfarlane) not only took the service but participated in the ringing. About 30 ringers attended, including those from Colchester, Ardleigh, Mistley and Acle.

At the business meeting which followed an excellent tea at the Pier Avenue Hotel, it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Chediston in September. Ringing was comprehensive, varying from call changes to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WEIGHTS IN STEEPLES

Dear Sir,—The effects of hanging a weight in a steeple are:—

(a) To lower the centre of gravity,

(b) To add to the weight of the comparatively light top part, without raising the centre of gravity, and prevent its being blown away in heavy wind, and

(c) To allow the spire to oscillate freely so that it shall not roll the top part overboard.

Most spires are kept stable by building the top few feet solid and integrating the mass of stonework by putting an iron rod through it. This rod usually appears externally as a weathercock or other ornament.—Faithfully yours,

F. A. CLUETT.

Gravesend, Kent.

CHURCH SPIRE WITH STONE

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Ernest J. Rowe's letter re church spires, the church he is thinking of is Worfield Parish Church

It is a very fine church with a high spire believed, I think, to be the third highest in the Midlands. This spire has a stone like a small millstone suspended by a chain from the top of the spire to just above the bell. There is a wooden platform a few inches below the stone in case the chain breaks.

This stone swings slightly if any of the bells are rung, but I cannot say if there is any movement when they are silent and there is no wind.—Yours faithfully,

R. INSTON.

Norton, Shropshire.

'RINGING WORLD' AND SENTIMENTAL ENERGY

Dear Sir,—I am dreadfully afraid that a Friday morning will come and no 'Ringing World' will arrive, or that, if it does come, it will contain a notice to the effect that from such and such a date the committee regret that they must discontinue publication.

Then, and **only** then, Mr. Editor, will the Exercise realise the magnitude of its loss.

I am convinced that such a day will come unless our weekly paper is subsidised by the 40-odd Guilds affiliated to the Central Council. If each Guild subscribed £5 per annum surely 'The Ringing World' could go forward with confidence; could the sum be doubled per annum the paper could be improved and thus win more readers. I have been told that such a scheme has been discussed and turned down as impracticable. Why?

At the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild's annual meeting held recently one speaker objected to the idea on the grounds that 'The Ringing World' was a **business** proposition and not a **sentimental** concern. Surely we should be without the journal to-day but for the 'sentimental' energy and devotion of its underpaid officers.

Recently the same Guild has effected a saving of some £20 to £25 by publishing an abridged annual report—a very necessary step, in view of the high cost of printing. May I suggest that some of this annual saving would be well spent if used to preserve our weekly paper. Better be without a report entirely than lose 'The Ringing World.'

It is my belief that the remedies now recommended by 'The Ringing World' Committee are but palliatives; with rising costs continuing another crisis is round the corner.

Those ringers interested in 'The Ringing World' are **taking** 'The Ringing World,' the others turn a deaf ear to our pleadings. Why should they listen? They will never miss that which they have never enjoyed.—Yours faithfully.

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Bournemouth.

KNARESBOROUGH BELLS

Dear Sir,—It is reported in your issue of July 2nd that, on their outing, the Manchester Cathedral ringers were unable to ring at Knaresborough 'as the tower is unsafe.'

Not only is the tower safe but the bells, which were increased to eight and rehung in a cast iron frame by Messrs. Taylor as a war memorial after the 1914-18 war, are in perfect ringing order except that only the treble bell has a rope, at least it had when I visited the tower three months ago.

The bells have only been sounded by Ellacombe hammers for the past 17 or 18 years (except when I pulled the treble up recently !), since the ringers were provoked into striking by a former Vicar, who detested bells but who sheltered behind his Church Council.

When the Kent tourists came to Yorkshire two years ago I made strenuous efforts to obtain permission to ring. I begged and pleaded and offered every inducement I could think of, all to no avail.

Although he has since had experience of another church where cordial relations exist between the Vicar and the ringers, the present Vicar happened, unfortunately, to have been curate here when the 'incident' occurred and he is quite adamant.

The only reason that the bells are not rung—and I gather there is still local opinion in favour of ringing—is that the Vicar will not allow it.

If one could trace back to their origin all cases where bells have been stopped 'because the tower is unsafe' it would probably be found that the majority are quite safe and that the bells have fallen into disuse through other reasons, as, in this case, the personal dislike of one man.

Not far from Knaresborough lies the six-bell tower of Hunsingore, where the bells were also reputed to be unsafe. Investigation showed that ringing lapsed during the war and was never resumed. The bells were chimed from an Ellacombe machine and a new vicar came along who took it for granted that because the bells **weren't** rung they **couldn't** be— an impression I was able to dispel when I took a band to ring on them.

Still more recently I took a band to a Nottinghamshire six-bell tower, where, 30 years ago, ringing was stopped on the grounds that the tower was bulging under the weight of the bells. We found that, despite lack of oil and 30 years' idleness, the bells ran remarkably well and there was not a tremor in the oak bell frame. My latest information is that steps are now being taken to ring the bells regularly, another architect having pronounced the tower to be safe although in need of some pointing.

The excuse that the tower is unsafe can often be a cover for idleness or indifference—sometimes for deliberate dishonesty. It should never be accepted without question nor, if possible, without a personal examination.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

MR. WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Macey's suggestion that the late William Weatherstone may have been a tailor by reason of his never working on Mondays, I am able to say he was not. He was a furniture maker by trade.

I knew him well for many years. He never wore a collar and tie but always a narrow black and white check scarf, and he always wore a frock coat.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

RINGING TOURS

Dear Sir,—Your excellent leading article concerning ringing outings prompts me to write concerning those other pleasant summer activities known as ringing tours. The West Country is very popular for these, and Cornwall, with its magnificent scenery and excellent bells, is a ringer's paradise. Also, in the delectable duchy, with its kindhearted and hospitable people, permission to ring, even at very short notice, is very rarely withheld without a really legitimate reason.

When applying for the use of bells for a peal it would save perhaps misunderstanding if the time of ringing was stated, for in many parts of the West the word 'peal' has not the technical meaning given to it by a change ringer, but implies a 'touch.' When visiting a tower a small courtesy, which is often appreciated, is to ask the locals to stand in for a touch of call-changes, but if the visitor is not well versed in the West Country variety he would be well advised to let the local captain do the conducting, and he himself to keep his ears and wits alert. Also, the covering of a well-struck touch of Triples or Doubles with a round ringer on the tenor, ringing solely by ear, has to be heard to be believed.

Change ringing is not widely practised in Cornwall (or parts of Devon either) but the round or call change ringer strives to and usually does attain perfection in rising, falling and striking. A good rise followed by a well-struck touch of Doubles or Triples will bring the commendation deserved. A ragged or one-at-a-time rise or a rough touch brings forth the equally well-deserved comment of, 'Why can't the scientific ringers learn to strike their bells?' What answer should be given? Surely not the explanation given the other day by an 'Easterner' when he said, 'Oh, we have to raise our bells singly otherwise by the time the whole band was in the tower there would be no time for ringing after raising the bells in peal,' for punctuality is one of the Cornishman's many virtues.

You 'Surprise' bands who this year are contemplating a tour in the West Country, why not devote the remaining practices before your departure to 'Rising and Falling'? It is really quite simple, will add to the enjoyment of ringing and also remove the one real prejudice now remaining against 'Scientific' ringers. The 'West' is famous for its hospitality and courtesy to visiting ringers; surely it is not too much to ask visiting bands to show their appreciation by rising and falling properly in peal.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. P. FIELD.

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

HAS SURPRISE OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS?

Dear Sir,—As a student of ringing I have always understood that the basis of producing changes was 'to move not more than one place at a time and not more than two consecutive blows in one place.'

I am aware of some departures from this, chiefly as concession to five-bell ringing.

But Bob Triples and the 4th place bob in Kent Treble Bob, well, I ask you?

What, however, concerns me more is the rubbish that is now being rung because the label 'Surprise' may be attached to it.

Surely it is time to revise the definitions and open the field to a wider variety of good but yet neglected Treble Bob methods.

I would suggest only two types of Treble Bob methods—the simple and the difficult. The term 'Surprise' as at present defined has outlived its period of usefulness.—Yours faithfully.

K. A. ROE

Wigston, Leicestershire.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Bishop's Views on Recorded Bells

The 26th annual festival of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held on June 26th in the lovely Cathedral town of Brecon. The town can boast of many rings of bells, but sad to relate, no ringing bells at the Cathedral. Perhaps some day a generous donor will make good this omission.

The service was conducted by the Dean (the Very Rev. W. Edward Jones) and an inspiring address given by the Lord Bishop (Dr. Glyn Simpson).

Over 60 members and friends attended the annual meeting in the Chapter House. The hon. general secretary opened the proceedings by welcoming the Bishop to the chair as the Guild's new president.

Acknowledging the welcome, Dr. Glyn Simpson referred to the difficulty they had in getting the bells of Llandaff rung, and thought, generally speaking, they had not quite overcome the setback caused by the silencing of the bells during the war. As to recorded and synthetic bells, he said that no faculty would be given by him to have any of these substitutes installed.

A tribute to Dr. Williamson, the late Lord Bishop, was given by Mr. D. J. Williams.

The general secretary submitted a short report on ringing throughout the Diocese, the hon. treasurer presented the statement of accounts, and Mr. G. I. Lewis reported on the Central Council meeting at Newcastle.

Before the election of officers took place a motion was submitted by Mr. S. Edwards, 'that in future only members within the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon be eligible for the office of Master of the Guild.' After a great deal of discussion the motion was withdrawn.

The officers elected were:—Master, Mr. Cyril Rowles; hon. general secretary, Mr. J. Arthur Hoare; hon. treasurer, Mr. David Stokes; hon. auditor, Mr. Trevor Roderick.

A motion to alter three of the rules was received.

Several members promised to buy 'The Ringing World' after a circular letter re the financial position of the journal was read.

Knighton, Radnorshire, was selected for the 1955 festival, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the president.

After tea, ringing took place on the eight- and six-bell towers. Younger members, however, preferred rowing on the Usk to the bells ringing out their music to Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

The Monmouth Branch quarterly meeting was most successfully held at Llangibby on June 19th. Favoured with glorious weather, 65 ringers gathered at this delightful church.

The Master, Mr. David King, arranged ringing for all. Canon E. T. Davies, Rector of Llangibby, conducted the service and, after a most encouraging address, stressed that ringers accomplished far more for the church than they knew—a clergyman's voice could be heard only by a few, but the voices of the bells by many. The Rev. F. A. Oswell (Llanfrechfa) was organist and the singing was unusually hearty.

Tea was prepared by Mrs. E. T. Davies, who fed the 'multitudes' in the Church Hall and the 'overflow' on the grass outside! Mrs. Davies and her helpers were sincerely thanked by Mr. R. E. Coles. Ten young ladies and two boys were elected new members. Progress was reported from St. Woolos'. Mr Luff, supported by Mr. Clench, invited the Branch to hold its next meeting at Usk. This invitation was accepted.

DEDICATION

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD

Guildford Diocesan Guild have a new light ring of six at St. John-the-Evangelist, Stoke-next-Guildford. The two new bells and the four old bells, which have been retuned, were dedicated on Trinity Sunday morning by the Rector (the Rev. F. Hurd). The bells are hung with modern fittings in cast iron framework, the contract having been undertaken by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The Rector, in his address, said the restoring of the old bells and the provision of the two new bells was made possible by a legacy of £850 from the late Mr. Albert Shrubb, and gifts from the relatives and friends of the late Mrs. Bowyer.

He paid a tribute to the ringers of S. Nicolas', Guildford, for their help in training the band of local ringers being formed, and called for volunteers to augment the existing band. The Rector thanked Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for the successful way they had carried out the contract.

Particulars of the bells are:—

Treble.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. F sharp. Mears and Stainbank, 1954.

Second.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. E. Richard Phelps of Whitechapel, 1700.

Third.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. D. Mears and Stainbank, 1954.

Fourth.—4 cwt. 1 qr. C sharp. Brian Eldridge, Chertsey, 1600.

Fifth.—5 cwt. 2 qr. B. Brian Eldridge, Chertsey, 1600.

Tenor.—7 cwt. 14 lb. A. Brian Eldridge, Chertsey, 1600.

The opening touch was rung by: W. J. Robinson 1, F. Bowden 2, G. L. Grover 3, E. John Walls 4, A. Harman (conductor) 5, R. H. Kenward 6.

84th BIRTHDAY PEAL AT COVENTRY

When Mr. Adolphus (Bob) Roberts, father of the band at St. Michael's Church, Stoke, Coventry, was asked, 'What would you like to ring for your 84th birthday?' he replied, 'A peal of Stedman Triples for the College Youths; it is 65 years since I rang my first peal in the method for the Ancient Society.' So a band was arranged and an excellent peal rung at Stoke on July 3rd.

When recalling the 1899 peal, which was rung at Evesham, old Bob said there were three men on the tenor, the composer of the peal rung at Stoke, J. W. Washbrook, a famous heavy-bell ringer, being on the box, assisted by two strappers. The conductor was the Rev. F. E. Robinson, a firm believer in raisins as an aid to peal ringing, but the seedless variety was unknown in those days, so the belfry floor got the pip. Bob looks good for many peals yet, and was booked for another peal before the band dispersed.

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS

Selston Bell-ringer 79 Not Out

East Derbyshire and Notts Association of Church Bellringers' quarterly meeting at Selston on June 26th had special significance. It was the 79th birthday of Mr. Wilson Dobb, a member of a well-known Selston family, who was for some years president of the Association and is now vice-president.

A good company assembled at the church during the afternoon, and ringing was enjoyed until 4.15 p.m., when the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Biddell), who gave a short address. The president, Mr. J. W. England, read the lesson.

Members, their wives and friends then adjourned to the Vicarage for tea, provided by the Selston members. A short business meeting followed, and the president extended the best wishes of the company to Mr. Dobb.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' July 17th, 1914

THE YOUNGEST PEAL BAND

Stimulated by the achievements of the veterans, youth has now shown what it can do on tower bells. As we recorded the other day, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Saxlingham by a band whose average age was 18½ years. Despite their youth, however, the band were not by any means novices at peal ringing for their aggregate on leaving the tower at Saxlingham was 262 peals. The ringers, with their peals and ages, were:—

	Age	Peals
George H. Cross (Norwich) ..	20	83
James F. Duffield (Tasburgh) ..	14	7
Edward P. Duffield (Tasburgh) ..	15	10
Alfred Funnell (Saxlingham) ..	21	46
Cecil R. Chamberlin (Wroxham)	21	16
William C. Duffield (Tasburgh) ..	18	9
Bertie F. Turner (Tibenham) ..	19	48
Frank R. Copeman (Saxlingham)	20	43

A CRICKET MATCH

On July 14th, 1914, a cricket match was played on the Cricket Green, Mitcham, between the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Royal Cumberland Youths. The Cumberlands won by two runs. Scores were: Ancient Society of College Youths 30, Royal Cumberland Youths 32. After the match a social was held at a nearby hostelry. The proprietor, Mr. Charles Bance, a well-known personality and ringer in Surrey circles, granted the use of a special room for the occasion.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District at Bridlington Priory

Mr. R. C. Heazel, Master of the Essex Association, was a welcome visitor to the annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association at Bridlington Priory on June 26th. During the service, conducted by Canon Lamb (Rector), a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

At the business meeting Mr. A. E. Sellers was re-elected vice-president, and Messrs. L. Rodmell, T. Southwick and L. M. Woodhead to the District committee. Mr. Rodmell was elected for a further period of three years on the general committee of the Association.

An appeal was made by the vice-president for more postal subscribers to 'The Ringing World,' which was strongly endorsed by Mr. Heazel.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Good weather again favoured the Society for the monthly meeting held at St. Mary's Church, Beverley, on June 12th. Ringing was held up during the afternoon for a wedding.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon T. H. Tardrew, the Rev. G. Storer read the lesson, and the Rev. J. A. Harlow was the organist. For his parting sermon the Canon spoke on the various motives that made a man enter a tower, and on the higher motive which he hoped was the cause of ringers entering a belfry.

Tea was taken in the Market Cross Hotel, where the clergy and ringers were joined by the Vicar of Beverley Minster, the Rev. R. C. Collwyn Hargreaves. After tea, tributes were paid to Canon Tardrew for his services to St. Mary's Parish and to ringing in particular. He had made a point of getting to know all the ringers in both churches in the town and the ringers who visited the church. A keen critic of the standard of ringing, both at home and when on duty away, he never failed to compliment good ringing or inquire what was the matter with the bad ringing.

The standard of ringing improved as the evening wore on and ended with a good touch of Caters.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD

Organised by Miss Winifred Keys, the Guild of Chichester Cathedral Bellringers had an ideal outing on June 26th

After ringing at Romsey Abbey there was a brief halt for 'elevenses' and then to Downton, where Peter Blackman, from Salisbury Theological College, joined the party. The highspot of the day was the grand eight at Kingston.

At Lymington, the last ring, the incumbent gave a warning that Mr. C. Arnold, whose name appeared on the tablet recording the first quarter peal on the bells in 1902, lay in bed a stone's-throw from the church and would be most upset if the striking was amiss.

Dick Blackman was an able Ringing Master for a programme ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The counties of Warwickshire and Worcestershire were visited by Loughborough Parish Church ringers and friends on June 26th.

Ringing took place in the ancient and massive tower of St. Denis', Monks Kirby, St. Michael's, Stoke-in-Coventry, now restored after the blitz, and on the grand ten at St. Mary's, Warwick.

A break in the traditional routine took place in the afternoon when the famous and well-preserved Tudor house of Compton Wynyates was inspected. Evesham was visited for tea, followed by ringing on the nice new eight at Great Hampton, in which several local ringers joined in some good ringing, and finally came the heavy twelve in the Evesham bell tower, cast at Loughborough in 1951. Loughborough was reached soon after 10 p.m., thus bringing to a close a most enjoyable trip.

ST. MARY'S, PORTSEA

About 200 miles were covered by St. Mary's, Portsea, on their annual outing, the band being augmented by ringing friends from Chichester, Washington and Southampton.

An excellent choice of towers had been made, the first being the heavy-going eight at Gillingham. Then followed the fine ten at Evercreech. (unfortunately the acquaintance of the local band could not be made as they were on a similar errand to Hampshire), the magnificent eight of Chewton Mendip, and Warminster where challenges were exchanged between aspiring tenor ringers. Home was reached about 11 p.m.

Methods rung were Stedman Triples and Caters, Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal, Double Norwich Major, Cambridge, Superlative, London, Yorkshire, Bristol and five Spliced Surprise Major.

ST. MARY'S, READING

A coachload of 29 ringers and friends left Reading at 6.30 a.m. on July 3rd en route for Canterbury. On the journey down, the recast bells at Bromley were enjoyed, a small contribution was made to the 27th jubilee of the Diocese on Rochester Cathedral bells and a quick call at Sittingbourne.

At Canterbury there was ringing at the Cathedral, a sumptuous tea at Long's Cafe and a short visit to St. Stephen's, Hackington. The day passed all too quickly.

RHYL, NORTH WALES

Eight ringers from Rhyl, Llandudno, Bangor and Reading had an outing to Gresford on June 19th.

Visits were paid to Halkyn (6), Mold (6), Buckley (8), Hawarden (6), Eccleston (8), Pulford (8) and Hope (6). The conducting was shared by Messrs. J. Evans (Rhyl), L. S. Griffiths (Llandudno) and A. Salisbury (Bangor and Hornchurch).

Owing to the rather lengthy programme, no time was taken for lunch and it was a very hungry party that partook of a fine tea provided at the Gresford meeting.

OUTINGS

BALDOCK AND NORTON

For the first time Baldock and Norton, for their outing on June 12th, crossed London and into Kent. In the morning ringing took place at Sevenoaks, where the party were met by Miss Colgate, and Tonbridge, where Mr. W. H. Dobbie awaited their arrival. West Malling and Chatham were in the afternoon's programme and then followed the best ring of the day at Gravesend and Dartford, where the name and address of one of the members was taken for the local Press, he being the youngest and smallest ringer ever to call a touch of Stedman in Dartford. Home was reached at 12.30 a.m. Special thanks to Mr. R. Wood, of Tonbridge, and Mr. C. Norris, of Chatham, who arranged the meals. 'Thank you, Kent.'

BRAINTREE ST. MICHAEL'S GUILD

An enjoyable outing to Windsor and district took place on June 19th. Ringing took place at Rickmansworth, Uxbridge, Windsor, Old Windsor and Denham. A pleasant afternoon was spent by some of the party looking over the Castle and grounds. Methods rung included London and Bristol Surprise Special thanks are due to Mr. Glass, of Windsor, and Mr. Goodfellow, of Iver Heath, for helping to make this one of the Guild's most successful outings.

HELMINGHAM

Some 240 miles were travelled by Helmingham ringers for their annual outing on June 26th, when the Thames Valley was the objective. A start was made at 6 a.m. and home reached at 2 a.m.

Beaconsfield was reached at 10.30, ahead of schedule, then followed Marlow for lunch and ringing for a smiling bride-to-be. Other towers visited were Farnham Royal, Slough and Stoke Poges. Methods rung included seven spliced, London and Bristol Surprise Major Mr. W. Birmingham is thanked for his valuable help in the organisation.

PRESTBURY, GLOS

On July 3rd a very enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent in the North Cotswolds ringing at Willersey, Chipping Campden, Blockley and Bourton-on-the-Hill (in which local ringers participated). Tea was taken at Chipping Campden and ample time allowed to see something of the beauty of these lovely places with their grand stone buildings. The ringing ranged from rounds and call changes for the learners to Kent Treble Bob for the more advanced members.

The bells were found to be to the liking of the Prestbury ringers, who would like to see someone in the district with enthusiasm enough to get things moving. There is the material to form a very good branch,—enough towers, some ringers, and at least one interested parson (Blockley), but the start must be made from within the area if it is to succeed. C. R.

SYSTON

Syston, Leicester, ringers spent a pleasant day in Lincolnshire on June 26th. Before lunch at Lincoln, ringing took place at Barrowby and Caythorpe. Everybody managed the climb to Lincoln Cathedral belfry although a number looked worried as they rang Maximus for the first time though the result was creditable. Afterwards, on St. Giles' bells, a course of Surprise Major was rung.

After an extra large tea, Barkston, a six-bell tower, was visited. An all-ladies' touch of Minor concluded the ringing here. Coming into Waltham, bells were heard and some energetic members 'grabbed' the tower and renewed acquaintance with friends of the Melton District.

ALFORD

Members of the St. Wilfrid's Guild of Church Bell Ringers, Alford, together with their Vicar (the Rev. P. E. Mann) and Mrs. Mann, accompanied by ringing friends from Mablethorpe, Sibsey and East Keal had a most enjoyable day on July 3rd, touring some of the towers of Norfolk.

The first stop was at Long Sutton, where ringing on the eight bells was greatly enjoyed. Further stops for ringing were made at Walpole St. Andrew's (6), Gaywood (6), a visit to Sandringham Church, then on to Dersingham (6) and Hunstanton for tea. The eight-bell tower of Terrington St. Clement's was visited on the return journey.

APSLEY'S LONG DAY

The annual ringers' outing from St. Mary's, Apsley End, is one of the most popular ringing occasions in Hertfordshire, and several patient friends of the local band are obliged to wait several years before a seat is available for one of these ambitious tours. This year the party set out at 6.30 a.m. on the long trip to Westbury, where the grand ring of eight seemed to set the tone for the excellent day that was to follow.

The next tower on the programme was Trowbridge and this gave the six-bell experts from Apsley an opportunity to show their skill on twelve. It was a successful experiment and the happy couple who were married at Trowbridge on June 26th should be well content with the ringing for their big occasion.

After lunch the party moved on to Melksham, where the countryside (as at Newcastle) resounded to the music of Bob Triples, conducted by an elder statesman of the Peals Analysis Committee. During the afternoon there was further ringing at Wootton Bassett, and, after tea, the company spent a pleasant hour at Burford, where the ringing commenced with rounds and finished with a delightful course of Bristol.

Mr. W. Ayre arranged the programme in his usual masterly fashion and no doubt it was not accidental that the last stop should be at a six-bell tower. The six at Eynsham surely have never been rung to so many methods in the space of an hour. The younger ringers of Apsley are very keen on Mr. Ayre's 'gymnasium' touches of Spliced Plain Minor methods and, as befitted the occasion, there were so many changes of method that your weary correspondent failed to count them.

Refreshments were arranged at the Red Lion at Eynsham and the evening concluded with a lively selection of tunes, old and new, played on the handbells by Roy Shutter and Reg Shepherd. B. M. B.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS

Ringers of St. Laurence, Stanwick, and friends had a half-day's outing on June 19th. Towers visited were Lower Hayford, Weedon (a fine eight), Lichborough, Lois-Weedon (where the Rev. T. P. Hamerton, son of a former rector of Stanwick, had tea ready), Green's Norton and Gayton (where the day ended with Cambridge, Double Court and Stedman). The Rev. D. A. and Mrs. Brown, of Stanwick, joined the party for tea and visited the tower.

WALTON-ON-THAMES

Ely was selected for the Whit Monday outing of Walton-on-Thames ringers and friends and they found interest not only in the bells but in the Cathedral and Cromwell's house and in the lunch at the Cutter Inn by the side of the Ouse, where they were met by Mr. Leslie Houghton, a former member, now residing at King's Lynn.

An hour's ringing at Sawbridgeworth, tea and ringing at Harlow Town, and finally Epping, completed a happy day.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Summer Meeting at Windsor

The summer meeting was held on June 12th at Windsor Parish Church. Following a wedding, members and friends enjoyed ringing on the fine octave in methods up to London until the service at 4.15, conducted by the Vicar of Windsor, the Rev. Creed Meredith.

About 40 members and friends enjoyed an excellent tea in the W.V.S. Hall, and the business meeting took place after tea. In the unavoidable absence of the Master (Mr. F. E. Hawthorne), the senior steward (Mr. T. H. Francis) took the chair. Apologies for absence were received from the Master, who was still in Newcastle following the Central Council meeting, Mrs. Matthews, convalescing after an operation, and Mrs. J. S. Barnes.

The following belfry elections were confirmed:—Miss K. Marwood, Mr. A. H. Sturgess, Fareham; Mr. J. A. Russell, Quex Park, Birchington; Miss M. R. Andrews, Bexley; E. A. Wilcox, Knightsbridge. The following new members were elected:—Miss M. Rule, Miss A. Cox, S. Nicolas', Guildford; Mr. F. Cherryman, Pirbright; Miss E. Turner, Worplesdon; Miss A. Berry, Rickmansworth; Mr. H. Douglas, Malins Lee. The secretary gave an account of provisional arrangements for the annual dinner and again asked for members to support this function.

The secretary announced that the next meeting would be a joint meeting with the Middlesex County Association at Twickenham on July 17th by kind invitation of that Association, and he asked members to come along in large numbers. The next quarterly meeting will be at Croydon on September 18th.

Following the meeting the ring of ten at Slough was available and the Society was cordially welcomed by the Rector and Mr. Birmingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A very enjoyable meeting of the Chertsey District was held on June 19th at Thames Ditton, the church being 800 years old and containing some very fine brasses.

The tower has flint-faced walls some three feet thick and is surmounted by a wooden bell chamber which houses the six 18th century bells by Thomas Swain. Above the chamber is a lead-covered spire.

The bells hang in a wooden frame which also forms the base of the spire, the whole weight and thrust being taken by wooden beams resting on the walls of the lower part of the tower. Ringing is from the ground floor.

The Vicar not only conducted the service but acted as chairman of the business meeting. 'The Ringing World' finances were discussed, during which it was mentioned that if every tower took a copy by post, financial difficulties would be largely solved. The Vicar promised to see that the Parochial Church Council purchased one for Thames Ditton and suggested that perhaps other Church Councils would do the same if approached.

Mr. J. Dodson promised to act as 'The Ringing World' representative for the time being

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

The Isle of Wight District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild held a ringers' service at Godshill on Sunday, July 4th. The address was given by the Rev. R. H. Bassett, R.D. (District vice-president), and instead of an anthem a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Mrs. C. F. Guy 1-2, F. Taylor 3-4, W. Upton 5-6, C. F. Guy 7-8.

Ringers from most island towers attended and among the visitors was one from Grimsby.

A LINCOLNSHIRE TOUR

On a bright yet cool Easter Monday a party from the Lincoln area set off on a day's 'tower grabbing' expedition.

The first church visited was St. Mary's, Stow, the mother church of Lincoln Cathedral, which acted as the Cathedral until the present Minster was built. The six bells here are housed in a central tower and go quite well despite the considerable time they have been rung. After a short time here way was made to Willingham, a very pleasant six, although they are not heard to their full advantage due to the elastic quality of the ropes, and the fact that the tenor is up wrong side, making it very odd-struck.

The next tower was Upton-cum-Kexby (5), a moderate ring of the much tug, grunt and sweat variety. Here we were entertained to tea by the wife of a local ringer—a gesture which was greatly appreciated.

After taking a short cut over a U.S. aerodrome we arrived at Corringham (6), a ring in the same class as Upton, the fifth loose on its headstock being added for good measure.

Then came Blyton (5), the notes of the bells being deep and melodious. (Dove gives 5 cwt. but it sounded more like 15 cwt.)

Dinner was had before the next tower, Sturton-le-Steeple, was visited. Strangely enough this tower does not possess a steeple. The tower here is really vast and could quite comfortably house a heavy ring of twelve. The five ropes hang in the middle of this vast tower and look completely out of place.

The next two towers visited were both new sixes, Rampton and East Drayton, the latter being voted the best six of the day. At this latter tower we were very interested in the cheese rings, some dating to the middle 18th century. These are circles with the initials of the bride and bridegroom inscribed inside, and were put up when the happy pair gave the ringers a barrel of ale, a cheese and a cake, a tradition which has now, unfortunately or fortunately, ceased, depending upon the outlook of the person reading this report.

The last tower of the day was Dunham-on-Trent (5), quite a pleasant five, recently rehung after being out of action since the 1914-18 war.

The thanks of the party are due to the incumbents and local ringers and Miss Margaret A. Swann, who so ably arranged the tour.

Methods rung: Cambridge, London, Bourne, Norwich and Plain Bob Minor and Plain, Grandsire, St. Simon's and Stedman Doubles.

J. E. C.

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EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

The Guild selected Surrey for their summer outing on June 26th. Towers visited were Dorking, Albury, S. Nicolas', Guildford (where the problem of noisy bells has been overcome). Bramley (bells went well to London), Ewhurst (the carpeted staircase to the ringing chamber is not in keeping with the bells, but a good course of Superlative was brought round) and Capel.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ALDERSHOT.—There will be no ringing practice at Aldershot on either 17th or 23rd July, 1954. 4733

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Deanery. — Quarterly meeting, Chard, Saturday, July 17th. Usual arrangements. Notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Langport. 4705

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The meeting on Saturday, July 17th, will take place at SALTBURN, not Marske as previously announced.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 4755

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, July 17th. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 at the Denbigh Arms. Business meeting to follow tea. Bells again until 8 o'clock. — D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone: Nuneaton 3296. 4708

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bottisham, Saturday, July 17th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Swaffham Prior (6) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4716

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham (6) on Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Hon. Sec. 4714

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 to Mrs. Tullett, Baker's Cottage. It is hoped to have Ockley or Newdigate bells also available. 4666

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Brenchley, Saturday, July 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. 4696

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Hinxworth, Saturday, July 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: London Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4709

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. — Meeting, Essenden (6), July 17th, 3 p.m. Tewin (6) from 6.30 p.m. Tea at Essendon. Special methods: Primrose and Cambridge Surprise Minor.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 4712

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, July 17th. Note change of venue. Ringing meeting and service only; no business. Please make own arrangements for tea. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bells available after service. All holiday-making ringers welcome.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 4699

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Lane End, Saturday, July 17th, 3 p.m. (Note date.) 4697

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available: Checkendon, 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.; Nettlebed, 6.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—N. E. Swann 4701

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Summer meeting, Dingley (5) with Brampton Ash (6), Saturday, July 17th. Towers open 2.30. Service at Dingley 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. 4711

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. 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

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury-Lavenham District.—Meeting at Hartest, July 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names, please, to Mr. G. Garwood, The Green, Hartest. 4703

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted, July 17th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. 4695

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Leigh, Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4717

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Congresbury, July 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Local Sec., Railway Farm, Cheddar. 4738

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Meeting, North Petherton, July 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 4742

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Charlton Mackrell, July 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 4745

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bigleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting in belfry at 6 o'clock. Look up Bristol and London.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 4747

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Hayfield, July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise, before July 20th, Mr. J. Hadfield, Spring Vale Road, Hayfield, via Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 4721

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury, July 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by July 21st—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4739

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Capenhurst, July 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying by 20th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4750

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Darley Dale, Saturday, July 24th, 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Own food arrangements. Cups of tea available. — A. B. Cooper. 4737

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.— Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Dumbleton (6), July 24th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. Baker, 40 St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 4732

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, North Nibley (6), July 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by July 21st Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 4753

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Quarterly meeting, Downe, Saturday, July 24th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea (2s.), not later than Tuesday, July 20th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 4702

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Churchtown, Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—J. H. Foster. 4751

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.—Meeting at Calverley July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Own food; cups of tea provided. Business meeting after tea.—I. Slack, Hon. Sec. 4734

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hinckley District. — Broughton Astley, July 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5. Please notify by July 20th: Mr. Drury, Willowbrook, Cosby Road, Broughton Astley. 4736

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Great Dalby, Saturday, July 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting in Royal Oak 5 o'clock prompt. Names, by the 21st, to T. H. Bonshor, Great Dalby. 4746

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Caistor (6), July 24th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by July 21st, to Mr. T. Richards, Nettleton Road, Caistor, Lincs. 4719

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

NEWARK PARISH CHURCH.—Rededication of 10 bells after tuning and rehanging, on Saturday, July 24th, at 3.30. Ringers cordially invited. Ringing until late in the evening.—J. W. Raithby, Ringing Master. 4735

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Oxford, Saturday, July 24th. Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m. Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. Applications, by July 21st, to A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. Ringing: Cathedral, Merton, New College, Magdalen, St. Giles', St. Thomas', St. Aldate's, Holywell, St. Mary Magdalen, Carfax, St. Ebbe's, All Saints'. Choristers please write F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 4693

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Woodford (6), July 24th. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—L. R. C. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 4748

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Salehurst (8), July 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Special method: Stedman Triples. Names for tea, 5 p.m., must be received by July 21st.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 4741

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 24th, New Alresford. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Bell Hotel. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 4725

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cleeve Prior, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea. Names, please, by Tuesday, July 20th, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 4744

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Saturday, July 31st, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 3.30. The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m. There will be no ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, during August. — A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4730

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn (close to Kilburn Park Underground Station) on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business in School Room. Names for tea to Miss A. Barker, 37, Summerfield Avenue, N.W.6. Telephone: Ladbroke 3733. 4743

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden, July 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 28th, to Mr. J. Paul, 127, Brandon Road, Elveden, Thetford, Norfolk.—Miss E. M. Peckett, Dis. Sec. 4749

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL.—At Basingstoke, August 28th. Towers available: Basingstoke (2), Oakley, Deane, Overton, Upton-Grey, Odiham, Bramley, Sherborne-St.-John and Monk-Sherborne.—J. Chesterman. 4740

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