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SOME BERKSHIRE BELLS

BERKSHIRE seems to be a happy hunting ground ground for old bells, and Part XIII. of the 'Church Bells of Berkshire,' by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, gives a number of such instances. The archæological side of bells is making an increasing appeal to many of our younger ringers. It is a good sign that the art of change ringing can extend in this direction and lead to individual research. The work of Mr. Sharpe, Mr. J. W. Clarke and Mr. R. Clouston will, we trust, lead to equally keen antiquarians in the next generation.

One of the most interesting of Berkshire bells is to be found under the cupola on the top of the tower of St. Andrew's, Sonning. It is a genuine 13th century bell, and strange to relate, after nearly seven centuries of life, is still in use as a clock bell. Formerly hung for ringing, it retains its clapper and headstock, although it is now hung 'dead.' Mr. Sharpe gives its date as 1280, and because of the associations between Sonning and Exeter suggests that this bell might have been cast in that city. There is no date on the bell—just a cross and the word 'Maria' in a primitive type. The principal dimensions of the bell are: diameter at lip 23 inches, height from lip to crown 19½ inches, canons 4½ inches high, thickness at sound-bow 1½ inches. Its strike note is approximately G natural. The four largest bells of the ring of eight at Sonning are by Ellis Knight I., of Reading, 1640–41.

It is perhaps only natural that the Knights of Reading should be strongly represented. Lettering to them did seem important. A letter 'X' was substituted for 'I' on a number of occasions by Henry Knight. Thus the treble at Stanford Dingley is inscribed: 'HENRX KNXGHT MADE THXS BELL 1609,' and the second at St. Michael's, Steventon, reads: 'HENRX KNXGHT MADE THXS BELL ANO X6X7.' This substitution of 'X' for 'I' is also found in two bells at S. Nicholas', Sulham, by Henry Knight I. and Ellis Knight I., and also on one of the two bells at Sulhamstead-Banister.

The Georgian cupola at the top of the tower to house a sanctus bell is also found at Streatley. This bell, which was doubtless the one referred to in the Commissioners' Inventory of 1552, is now preserved in the tower. From its lettering Mr. Sharpe deduces that it was of the first half of the 16th century. Its founder's name is unknown, but it closely resembles a bell at Loxwood, Sussex, which Mr. A. D. Tyssen describes in his 'Church Bells of Sussex.'

We hope that the attention of the Parochial Church Councils are called to where the bells need attention. For example, at Sulhampstead-Abbots there are three bells, two being of the 17th century. 'All the bells,' writes Mr. Sharpe, 'retain their canons and have not been quarter-turned—a process which should not be long delayed if the 17th century ones are to be preserved. The tenor has a false crown staple secured by means of 17th century slotted pins and keys.' Frequent inspections are rarely carried out of old bells unless they are rung regularly, and a ring of three is naturally outside the ken of a diocesan guild. These old towers, with bells that are not rung and neglected by the parish, are apt to get into a deplorable condition that beggars description. One ringer, archæologically bent, found in a North Bedfordshire tower enough rubbish to fill a three-ton lorry. The condition of the tower and bells of a church would be a good subject for an archdeacon to address the churchwardens on at his annual visitation. It should be incumbent upon all churchwardens to visit their tower at least once a year and undertake a thorough inspection. We feel that the Central Council's handbook, 'The Preservation and Repair of Bells, etc.,' is not sufficiently known. It should be in the possession of every Parochial Church Council, and ringers who serve on diocesan and ruri-decanal committees would perform a useful service in publicising this publication.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5076 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

*G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	*Treble*	GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
†DAVID HEIGHTON	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
WILLIAM LOVE	3	GEORGE SAYER	8
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	BERT GOGLE	9
ARTHUR G. BASON	5	JOHN MOORE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	*JEFFREY B. WEBB	6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	PETER BORDER	9
GEORGE E. FEARN	5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
* First peal of Royal.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	*G. ALEC DIMMOCK	6
*JOHN R. NASH	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
E. ROGER MARTIN	3	*PATRICIA BOURNE	8
*JEAN DAWSON	4	ERNEST J. GOWER	9
*WALTER WILKINSON	5	†DEREK HEATON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal.

A joint tribute from the Blackburn and Preston branches to Dr. W. M. Askwith, late Bishop of the Diocese, who was recently enthroned Bishop of Gloucester.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., July 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5152 FRANKLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	MICHAEL G. MORTON	6
TERRY R. HAMPTON	3	PETER BORDER	7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The first peal in the method. (Tipler's F40/3.)

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Composer's Twelve-part, No. 13, in the method: 4th's place bobs
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	*Treble*	THOMAS R. SIMMONS	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
DAVID HEIGHTON	3	JOHN MOORE	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., July 24, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	ARTHUR PEARSON	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	PETER BORDER	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

FREDERICK J. ROBERTS	*Treble*	ALAN CARVETH	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
HARRY HARPER	3	CLEMENT W. JOSE	7
A. HUBERT EPLETT	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells on July 22nd, 1904.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., July 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 48 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE W. PIPE	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
*DIANA M. MATTHEW	3	BERT GOGLE	7
CECIL W. PIPE	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method. The ringer of the treble has 'completed the circle' at this tower.
Rung in honour of the enthronement of Suffolk's fifth bishop.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*DAVID BANKS	*Treble*	JOHN W. GIBSON	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	*GEOFFREY TOWNEND	6
PETER WOODWARD	3	*KENNETH PARK	7
J. MARTIN THORLEY	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal on eight bells.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*PETER G. SMITH	*Treble*	STANLEY H. WALLIS	5
ALAN S. SMITH	2	*NORMAN J. BETT	6
SHEILA DUFFIN	3	CYRIL J. SMITH	7
HAROLD W. SMITH	4	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.
* First peal on eight bells. The ringers of Nos. 5 and 7 have now 'completed the circle.' First peal of Major by a local Sunday service band.

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LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

*THOMAS LEE	*Treble*	JOHN E. SPICE	5
†LESTER L. GRAY	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
PERCIVAL W. CAVE	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
ALAN P. CAVE	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal in the method. † 300th peal.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

DAVID BRAND	*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER	5
LESLIE FORSTER	2	ALAN G. FEVER	6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

JACK BRAY	*Treble*	HARRY HALL	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	*ROLAND W. MORANT	6
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
RONALD CHAFER	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

ELSIE K. FULTON	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
SYDNEY A. WARWICK	2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	6
SIDNEY WADE	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
HAROLD J. HAZELL	4	JOHN W. EUSTON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. EUSTON.
First peal as conductor. In honour of the Queen Mother's birthday.

LYDD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

MAISIE VANTOM	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	5
JACK R. WORRALL	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	ROBERT SWIFT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
Rung as a welcome to the Ven. L. Ashcroft, who was instituted and inducted to this parish on July 15th; also to Rev. F. Woodford, his assistant.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*ERIC N. HARRISON	*Treble*	*KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH	6
DENIS A. BAYLES	3	†KENNETH ARTHUR	7
*MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	4	†THOMAS W. CROWE	*Tenor*

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringers of the treble, 6th and tenor have now 'circled the tower.'

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

CHARLES A. BASSETT	*Treble*	*BERNARD V. COLLISON	5
ERNEST J. LADD	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	DORIS E. COLGATE	7
KEVIN S. HOHL	4	ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 75th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Ladd and F. H. Hicks.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Treble*	DENIS BERESFORD	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	RALPH BIRD	6
*CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
*TREVOR A. CROSS	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Eric Naylor and Miss Moira I. Hemer, who were married earlier in the day at Bath.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	RICHARD E. PRICE	6
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*MRS. E. CHANDLER	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
WILFRID F. MORETON	3	†WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	7
*BRIAN WERRY	4	MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal in the method.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat. Aug. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's No. 2. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFFE	*Treble*	PHILIP H. WHITAKER	5
JOAN HOODLESS	2	BRIAN BUSWELL	6
ALLAN SIMPSON	3	PHILIP H. SPECK	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal in the method by all; also on the bells and by the Guild.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	5
JOHN E. CANNELL	2	DENNIS BERESFORD	6
*MARGARET M. LEWIS	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

* First peal on eight bells.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

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

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

The first peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 99 lb. in A flat.

WILLIAM LOVE	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
ANNIE E. HUMBERSTONE	2	†DAVID HEIGHTON	6
*J. DESMOND PAINTER	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	SAMUEL J. HAINES	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal in the method.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES

Tenor 17¼ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. BEST	5
DANIEL T. MATKIN	2	JAMES E. DANIELS	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
LOUIS J. LOCKYER	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by E. S. POWELL. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

First peal of Triples in the method for all the band and the first peal in the method on the bells.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 9, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Composer's Twelve-part No. 14 in the method; all singles.
Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

CEDRIC CURSON	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
ANNIE E. HUMBERSTONE	3	JOHN MOORE	7
*EDWARD G. CURSON	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and two extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MRS. A. D. SAYER	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. SAYER	4
PERCY G. BAILEY	2	†BRIAN PRATT	5
*ALAN E. LING	3	†GEOFFREY PRATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY PRATT.

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

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK	*Treble*	*BRIAN BLADON	4
*MALCOLM S. CLOKE	2	MARIE R. CROSS	5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in eight methods. First peal of Minor in more than one method on the bells.

Rung for the Feast of St. James-the-Great, also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Hilary Eason, a member of the local band.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being thirty 120's and six 240's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*ANTHONY J. COLLIN (16)	*Treble*	WALTER WESTON	4
DONALD H. METTAM	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
HENRY P. COLLIN	3	ALBERT FRITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of esteem and respect to Miss Isabel Dobney, Miss Jesse Dobney and Miss May Forrest, devoted friends and faithful church members.

TEMPSFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*PETER G. SMITH	*Treble*	†C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	4
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON	2	BRYAN F. SIMS	5
JOAN HARDING	3	C. HENRY HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. HENRY HARDING.

* First peal. † 250th peal.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. Harding, of Toronto, Canada.

STANDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 TAXAL DELIGHT MINOR

Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 96, 98, 97; 99, 100, 101; 95). Tenor 17 cwt.

*DEREK BROYD	*Treble*	*JOHN W. SINFIELD	4
*RICHARD CASTLEDINE	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
MICHAEL ORME	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Delight. Believed to be the first peal in the method.

ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 22 cwt.

JEAN C. BROWN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	4
DAVID VINCENT	2	ALAN J. BROWN	5
A. NEVILLE BROWN	3	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of Plain Bob, two of Single Court and four of Single Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

DONALD H. METTAM	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
HENRY P. COLLIN	2	*WALTER WESTON	5
DENIS A. FRITH	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in three Minor methods.

Rung with the best wishes of the company to Engineer Officer Frank R. Mitchell, a membe: of the Silk Willoughby band, and Miss Maureen Ann Lowbridge, whose wedding was solemnised at the above church previous to the peal.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM C. SHUTE	*Treble*	*WILFRED J. MOGG	4
*CHARLES E. BISHOP	2	*ALFRED F. WREN	5
PHILIP W. MOGG	3	HERBERT I. PITMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug.-4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*HARRY JARVIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	4
PETER JARVIS	2	†WILFRED W. RING	5
HARRY BAKER	3	†MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

* First peal and first attempt. † 50th peal together.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being three extents of Norwich and four extents of Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

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

Conducted by NORMAN MALLETT.

* First peal in two Surprise methods.

Rung on the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*WILLIAM O. WHARTON	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
TERRY OWEN	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN.	3	GEORGE BATTLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

* First peal of Minor and first attempt.

A birthday compliment to H.M. the Queen Mother.

GOLDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being four Morris' 240's (two variations) and 34 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*ROGER A. LENNARD	*Treble*	THOMAS SENIOR	4
*STEPHEN IVIN	2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	5
*PHYLLIS M. GRAY	3	†HOWARD D. G. BROOKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

PETER W. CROFT	*Treble*	GEORGE CHERRY	4
*ROY HEAD	2	FRANK W. CROFT	5
*KENNETH C. TIMBURY	3	JOHN CHURCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER W. CROFT.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. W. Croft.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

HUGH MATTHEWMAN	*Treble*	ERNEST F. PAYNE	4
*JEAN A. KIRKMAN	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
MARY C. PAYNE	3	ROYSTON WILMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal of Minor.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., August 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

An extent each of Thelwall, Childwall, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford Plain and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.

ERNEST BROWN	*Treble*	SAM J. TWITCHETT	4
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
GEORGE WATERMAN	3	TOM BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, five different callings. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

CECIL HINTON	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4
*BARRY SAUNDERS	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to William A. Yates and George Shellard.

KENTISBURY, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 8 cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS	*Treble*	DEREK JEWEL	4
*BEATRICE M. BOYLE	2	FRED YEO	5
D. KENVYN WALTERS	3	LESLIE WALTERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells recently augmented to 6. Except for the conductor this is the first attempt for a peal of Minor by the rest of the band, who are service ringers from the neighbouring parish of Combe Martin.

Arranged for the 15th birthday of D. Kenvyn Walters.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. BALLAM	4
KENNETH G. BROWN	2	LEONARD SHARPE	5
GEORGE E. CATTON	3	DAVID BRAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. M. R. Newman, M.A., after his Induction Service.

HORSLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, London Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*ELIZABETH GRIME	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	4
†SAMPSON WALKLATE	2	†DAVID K. WALKLATE	5
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	3	DENIS CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Conducted jointly by DENIS CARLISLE (one 720 London and two 720's Cambridge) and D. WALKLATE (one 720 London, one 720 Oxford and two 720's Kent).

* First peal in four methods. † First peal of Minor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. F. Murfin, of Etwall, and E. Walklate, of Derby.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents 120 each of: Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

*DENNIS SIMPSON	*Treble*	*ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN	4
WILLIAM L. EXTON	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	†J. BRYAN SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Westminster, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Pontefract and Wath Delight, Trinity Sunday and Killamarsh Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

RICHARD REECE	*Treble*	ERNEST PRESTON	4
HAROLD DENMAN	2	HERBERT T. ROOKE	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Ralph Vincent Larmour as Vicar of Rampton, inducted on July 27th.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
ERNEST MORRIS	3—4	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK W. PERRENS	1—2	*DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD	7—8

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Major in the method 'in hand.' Mr. A. Ballard has now rung each pair to a peal of Major in the method.

BAMPTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. H. Oxenham 1, V. N. Burrow 2, T. Toze (first quarter) 3, J. F. A. Waite 4, D. Bellamy (first of Grandsire as cond.) 5, A. Cooke 6. Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, and a farewell to T. Toze on joining H.M. Forces.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Hulbert 1, A. R. Price 2, G. Jones (first quarter) 3, J. Alsop 4, Miss J. Powell (first of Triples as cond.) 5, A. Evans 6, W. Dare 7, G. Williams 8.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Griggs 1, Miss J. Haffenden 2, H. Payne 3, H. Deacon 4, F. Goodearl 5, G. Waters (cond.) 6, C. Deacon 7, V. Paine 8. Rung with 7, 8 cover.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss Groves 1, Mrs. Bridges 2, Miss Solly 3, H. Luck 4, J. Russell (cond.) 5, A. Hinkley 6, C. Durham cover. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the Vicar of Birchington (Canon and Mrs. Sharpe).

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

BLUNHAM, BEDS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Harding 1, B. Pattison 2, C. H. Harding (cond.) 3, C. E. Jeffries 4, B. F. Sims 5. Rung as a welcome to Eric Woodward Harding, born July 16th, 1954.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Burman 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, R. Line 3, N. Line 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. Rung as a welcome home to R. Daniels and R. Line from the Forces.

QUARTER PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Modwen's, on July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: Janet Cochrane 1, C. G. Smith 2, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 3, Jill Cochrane 4, A. W. Skelton 5, S. Hood 6, K. Pulford 7, M. C. Dunn (first quarter) 8. Rung as a wedding day compliment to Mr. Roy Pryce, a ringer at St. Modwen's, and a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane, parents of the ringers of 1 and 4. The tenor ringer is joining H.M. Forces.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Hart 1, Miss A. Scarfe 2, L. Baughan 3, T. Lanaghan 4, E. Baughan 5, D. Jones 6, E. Busby (first 'inside') 7, H. Osborne (cond.) 8. First of Major for ringers of 2, 3 and 5. An 80th birthday compliment to the conductor's mother, and also a birthday compliment to the sister of the ringer of the third.

CHESTERTON, CAMBS.—On July 18th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. A. D. Sayer 1, A. D. Sayer 2, A. E. Ling 3, B. W. Cracknell 4, G. Pratt (cond.) 5, B. Pratt 6.

CORSTON, Nr. BATH.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. J. Taylor 1, R. O. Fry 2, Miss M. L. Hannam 3, S. G. King 4, D. Miller (first of Triples) 5, R. Short 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 8. Rung for the birth of a grandson to the ringer of the 4th, who is the local tower master.

CROMHALL, GLOS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Holpin 1, Miss D. M. Drew 2, Miss B. Bridgeman (first 'inside') 3, Miss D. Edwards 4, C. Rouse (cond.) 5, R. Beale (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the treble ringer, who went to Egypt on August 5th.

DUNBLANE, PERTHSHIRE. — At the Cathedral, on Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, on the back six: Miss M. S. Taylor 1, Miss A. I. Whitson 2, R. S. Wilson 3, A. W. Lloyd 4, M. Orme 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On Aug. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Parker 1, J. Carter 2, C. Savage 3, S. Skinner 4, J. Quick (cond.) 5, M. Board 6. First of Bob Doubles for all.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Aug. 1st, on the front six, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Patricia Craig (first of Treble Bob) 1, Dr. Katherine Branson 2, M. Orme 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, A. W. Lloyd 5, Wm. H. Pickett 6.

ESHER, SURREY.—On Aug. 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Marriner 1, Margaret M. Lewis 2, A. H. Winch 3, R. Tomlin 4, Joan Beresford 5, G. W. Massey 6, A. H. Smith 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): R. Thatcher 1, E. Brown 2, D. Hoare (cond.) 3, C. Marshall 4, E. Bray 5.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. W. Croft (cond.) 1, R. Head (first of Cambridge) 2, G. Cherry 3, K. C. Timbury 4, J. Church 5, P. W. Croft 6. Rung for Evensong.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Foreman 1, Miss A. Bailey 2, W. Newnham 3, H. J. Hazell 4, W. Wheeler 5, J. L. Morris 6, R. H. Young 7, J. R. Ketteringham (cond.) 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Aug. 8th, 720 Norwich Surprise and 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Perkins 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, N. Mallett (cond.) 6.

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LATE NEWS

The B.B.C. has dramatised Dorothy Sayers' famous book 'The Nine Tailors,' and is broadcasting it in the Light Programme in four parts, commencing on Tuesday, August 24th. For this recordings were made at Banstead on Friday last, consisting of tolling, muffled ringing, Kent T.B. Major and handbell practice.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Kent ringers extend their congratulations to Mr. Eric Naylor, of Rainham, on his marriage at Bathampton on August 6th to Miss M. Hemer. Unfortunately a peal attempt in honour of the event at St. Mary's, Upchurch, failed owing to the Vicar knocking on the door when only five more 120's were needed to complete the peal of Grandsire Doubles. An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Rainham was also lost.

With a peal at Wimborne (St. Giles) Mr. D. T. Matkin, of Bournemouth, has now rung peals of Erin from Triples to Cinques.

Two Hitchin ringers—Derek P. Jones and Michael Orme—scored quarters at Dunblane Cathedral and St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, while on a recent holiday.

In connection with the Stonham Aspal Bell Restoration Fund, Mr. W. J. Button, on behalf of the committee, thanks all ringers for their donations and help in restoring the bells. The fund is now closed.

Mr. F. W. Cooke, of 10, Limehurst Road, Darlington, has been appointed 'Ringing World' representative to the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

A good start in peal ringing was made by Mr. J. Desmond Painter, of the Norwich Diocesan Association. His first peal was of Cambridge Surprise Major on a working bell at Marsham on August 7th.

Mr. John Long, of the Bedfordshire Young Ringers on tour in Dorset, appeared in the 'Eye Witness' broadcast of the B.B.C. on August 11th. A well-struck touch of London Surprise Minor on the bells of St. Peter's, Shaftesbury, followed the interview. This was the Bedfordshire Young Ringers' fifth tour.

The peal of Double Norwich recently rung at Liverpool Parish Church was only the second in the tower. The first was on the old bells on July 29th, 1924, almost 30 years to the day before the present peal. This first peal was rung on the front eight of the twelve, but there was no semitone bell in those days and the music must have been somewhat peculiar. George Newton was the conductor, and the only three members of the band who are still alive—Messrs. Hammond, Larkey and Lintott—are still regular members of the St. Nicholas' band. Tom Hammond was recently taken ill while in the South of England on business, and had to have an emergency operation in a hospital near Tunbridge Wells. His many friends will be glad to hear that he has made a good recovery and has now returned home to Liverpool.

A correspondent asks which dog has bagged most belfries. If Mr. David Vincent has kept a record, his 'Bess' which accompanied him to Newcastle at Whitsun has a substantial tally.

The friends of Mr. John Arbury, of Ottery St. Mary, will learn with regret that he has gone into the Devon and Exeter Hospital for an operation, and will wish him a speedy and successful recovery.

Seventy-three-year-old Mr. C. F. Popple, of Lincoln, has rung at Kelvedon, Essex, his first quarter away from his home tower. The selection of Kelvedon is appropriate, as his grandfather was a ringer in that tower 100 years ago.

The bells of Howden mentioned in Miss Wyman's article on 'Sussex Tour of Yorkshire' were from the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. She expresses regret for wrongly attributing these bells to another foundry in her report.

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RINGING IN CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

AFTER Cornwall comes, in alphabetical order, Cumberland, and since conditions are almost the same in the neighbouring county of Westmorland, it is convenient to consider both together. We found that peals were few and far between in our extreme south-western county, and the same applies to an even greater extent in these two most north-westerly ones. But the reasons are different. There is much ringing in Cornwall, but mainly of the 'stony' variety, but in Cumberland and Westmorland there is very little ringing at all, partly, no doubt, because of the sparse population and the difficulties of communication in that wild part of the country.

There are only 37 rings of bells in the two counties as against Cornwall's 145, but although only 114 peals have ever been rung on them, the average per tower is better than Cornwall's! As far as peal ringing is concerned, visiting bands have been responsible for an even larger percentage than in Cornwall, so few are the resident change ringers. Most peals in both counties were rung between 1925 and 1933, the latter year being the peak in both cases—eight in Cumberland and nine in Westmorland. The years 1925, 1927, 1930 and 1931 all saw more peals than have been rung in any year since the war, when the highest combined total has been seven in each of the years 1950, 1951 and 1953. None were rung in 1949 and 1952 and there has only been one this year, so far.

The only ten-bell tower in the two counties has recorded the most peals—Kendal with 16. The first was rung in 1894, but this was not the first to be rung in that part of the world although it was the first in Westmorland. This honour belongs to Carlisle (St. Stephen's), where two peals were rung in 1890 and 1892. The 16 peals at Kendal are spread fairly evenly over the whole period since 1894—the biggest gap being the last, for no peal has been rung there since 1936.

The only other tower to have reached double figures is a six-bell tower, also in Westmorland—Burton. This has 15, commencing in 1927. Eight of them have been rung since 1950, so here is a centre where something is 'happening' at the moment. St. Bees also deserves mention in this respect, too, for five of its six peals have likewise been rung since 1950. Three eight-bell towers (the highest number for any county except Devon and Warwickshire) do not appear in the lists at all. They are Aspatria, Irton and Silloth, and all are in Cumberland. There are likewise nine six-bell towers and the only five-bell tower in the two counties still waiting to be conquered. No doubt they will fall before long!

The highest number of peals in Cumberland is nine, at both Crosthwaite and Egremont. The former had its first peal in 1895 and the last in 1950, whilst the latter's list commences in 1921, and it is here that the one and only peal of this year was rung.

THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING TOUR

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weatherby, of Los Angeles, who are touring this country as a golden wedding anniversary, have since their landing in July met ringers at Shrewsbury, Market Drayton (Mr. Weatherby's birthplace and where, in 1889, he was captain of the ringers), London and Guildford. It is 30 years since Mr. Weatherby was in England.

While at Scarborough, where he stayed with his sister, Mrs. Annie Harper, he was interviewed by the local Press, and mentioned that when Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C., was opened in 1936, he travelled 1,500 miles to ring the bells there. Nine years later he made a similar trip to ring these bells as a tribute to Sir Winston Churchill.

Mr. and Mrs. Weatherby left Scarborough last week for York and Edinburgh on their way to Lossiemouth on the Moray Firth. On their return journey they are calling at Loughborough, Leicester and Basingstoke before sailing on the Queen Mary for America on September 2nd.

Now 83 years of age, Mr. Weatherby writes: 'It has been a wonderful experience and a great pleasure to see so many old friends again and the memory of their kindness will remain with me for the rest of my life. My ringing has not been of the best—but I cannot expect to ring too well after so many years without any practice.'

All we can add was at Holy Trinity, Guildford, Mr. Weatherby rang a touch of Stedman Triples on his old bell, the fourth, to the satisfaction of his one time conductor, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

AN AMERICAN SEES ENGLISH RINGING

Mrs. Carol S. Scott, of St. Petersburg, Florida, U.S.A., who, on a brief visit to this country, was anxious to see something of English ringing, writes to the Editor expressing thanks for the opportunities that have been accorded to her in various towers.

On her first Sunday in London Mrs. Scott saw ringing at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields in the morning and St. Paul's in the afternoon. The two views of London from the towers, she states, were magnificent. The following evening she was allowed to attend the handbell ringing at St. Martin's.

The next Sunday she was in Edinburgh and in the morning was with the ringers at St. Mary's, and in the evening at St. Cuthbert's.

The third Sunday she was privileged to visit the ringers at York Minster and later in the week attended a practice at Cambridge. She concludes her letter by stating: 'The six towers have all been as different as one could wish—from six bells to twelve bells, with different rhythms and methods and every one has been interesting.'

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL

The quarter peal rung at Llandaff Cathedral on August 10th was the first on the bells since they were rehung after the extensive air raid damage done to the Cathedral during the last war. It was specially arranged by Mr. Tim Yeomans as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joe Bailey on his 82nd birthday. Mr. Bailey was a member of the Cathedral band for 30 years prior to the war. In the quarter were ringers from Aberavon, Birmingham, Bridgend, Cardiff, Cowbridge, Llantrisant, Porthcawl and Whitchurch.

A WELSH WEEK-END IN SOMERSET

Unfavourable weather did not damp the spirits of seven ringers and two wives who gathered at the Angel Hotel, Bath, on July 31st, for a ringing week-end in Somerset. This was a reunion of the party that travelled to Pembrokeshire last August, with the Welsh contingent this time 'playing away.'

Everyone was prepared for a hectic week-end and Saturday morning found us gathered at Newton St. Loe, where we were joined by friends from Corston. Several methods were rung including an ill-fated attempt for London Minor. It was but a short ride to Corston, where the topping little eight just rang themselves.

On then to St. Stephen's, Bristol, where we were met by Mr. Albert Tylor. A good peal of Grandsire Caters ran round in 3 hours and 14 minutes.

The party then retired to the lounge of the Angel, where friends from Bristol, Bath, Corston and Colerne assembled. A very pleasant evening ensued, during which Mr. Robert Coles, on behalf of the company, presented a perpetual calendar to Miss Jacqueline Evans and Mr. David King. This would be a constant reminder of a wonderful week-end in West Wales.

On Sunday we joined the band at Twerton-on-Avon and attended Matins. In the afternoon, with the help of Mr. S. Woodburn, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Weston, Bath. After tea we made our way to Bath Abbey and a very cordial welcome was given us by Mr. W. Prescott.

In such good company it was very difficult to say 'Good night.' This became evident on Monday morning, when an attempt for Double Norwich at Bitton 'went up in smoke.' We were told that the bells didn't know the method and after half an hour the conductor found he didn't know it either!

After lunch came the 'goodbyes,' and the 'Umbrella Brigade' went their several ways in all innocence of the 'ordeal by confetti' which they had so narrowly escaped! (It had been planned to fill their 'gamps' with the stuff.)

Everyone expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Roger Fry for his wonderful arrangements and hearty welcome to Somerset. There is much speculation about next year but we know that if the plans are in Roger's hands they will indeed be successful.

J. E.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

North-West Branch Meet at Holsworthy

The summer meeting was held at Holsworthy on August 7th and some 25 members and friends spent a very enjoyable afternoon. Much good instruction work was done while the more expert ringers brought round good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples as well as Kent Treble Bob Major.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. Warne), assisted by the president, Prebendary E. V. Cox. The Rector preached and Mr. Pulsford was at the organ.

Tea was served at Sanders' Cafe.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Mr. F. C. Smale, the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill being unable to attend.

Two new members, including the Rector, were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rector for his fine address and the use of the bells, as well as Mr. Pulsford and all who had contributed to the excellent meeting.

Visitors from Ross, Rewe, Dorset, Redruth and Plymouth were heartily welcomed, and pleasure was expressed on all hands with the bells and arrangements on this happy occasion.

F. C. S.

PEAL RINGING IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Dear Sir,—The present series of articles on county peal totals makes interesting reading, but an analysis of the varying totals may add to this interest.

In Bucks, Hughenden has a tremendous lead. The older generation will remember John Evans, pioneer of Surprise ringing in Bucks, who hailed from Hughenden, conductor of the first peals of London in Bucks and Berks. Contemporary with him were the Biggs's, all splendid ringers, Mr. Roland Biggs (Ringing Master of the E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild) and his son continuing the family record. Hughenden has always possessed an advanced band, and to-day has one able to ring a non-conducted peal. Being in the middle of a large park (Disraeli's home), peal ringing is no nuisance at Hughenden tower, and this, together with an enthusiastic band, accounts for its peal total.

High Wycombe (111 peals), being the only ring with more than eight bells until Slough had ten bells in 1951, naturally attracted the attention of enthusiasts for the higher numbers. Under the leadership for so many years of Fred Hayes, now in his seventies, numerous peals of Stedman were rung.

Burnham (143) has always been a popular tower and it was here that Surprise ringing was first practised in S. Bucks, George Martin taking a prominent part. Since the advent of George Gilbert, who has trained countless young ringers up to peal standard, Burnham's total has soared. In recent years there was almost a monthly peal attempt.

Beaconsfield (103) has long had a good band and Surprise methods have been regularly rung under Harry Wingrove's leadership, with the Fletcher family well to the fore. In the 30's, when Mr. Wingrove's band and Mr. Alan Pink's were competing for honours in S. Bucks, there was a terrific scramble for towers, Mr. Pink being forced to perform mainly in Berks, Middlesex and Surrey. Besides his own tower, Mr. Wingrove scored many peals at West Wycombe, the church being ideally situated for peal ringing, right on the crown of a hill behind the village. Both bands rang peals at Wooburn, which helped along its total (55).

Wraysbury's 60 peals are probably due to its being easily obtained for peal attempts, and many peals were rung here in the 30's. Although not in Bucks, being almost opposite Wraysbury on the south bank of the Thames, one must mention Old Windsor, a very popular tower for peals. Bill Welling has trained many bands and conducted 'local' peals here, and has made his tower available for numerous attempts.

Farnham Royal (47), of course, enjoyed popularity under the leadership of J. J. Parker (of Twelve-part fame), but since his decease in 1934 there has been a decline, despite all the labours of Bill Henley who, since the last war, trained a good young band which has recently dispersed.

Fulmer (35), Hitcham (58) and Horton (32) were sixes easily obtainable, and so created a diversion from Major ringing and another opportunity for a peal. At Horton one earns a peal, Fulmer might be more popular if they were in the usual scale, and Hitcham, being a light ring on the outskirts of Burnham, provided an excellent training ground for George Gilbert's ladies' bands in their early peal-ringing days.

Slough's total of 48 would have been much greater had the tower been more easily obtainable. Even with the Fussell brothers (W. H. and A. C.) in the band the total remained low, complaints being common. During the recent war an 'emergency' hospital was erected adjoining the church (it seems to be there 'for keeps'!), so all ringing is seriously restricted, but the local band exerted enough pressure to raise the attempts from one to two per year.

Of the towers in North Bucks I have little knowledge, but I was very surprised to see no mention in Mr. Felstead's article of Buckingham, as this tower has long boasted a first-class band, and one would have expected a good peal total.

The general conclusion is that the Buckinghamshire peals have been scored mainly in towers easily obtained for attempts and in those led by an enthusiastic conductor.—Yours faithfully,

Slough. W. BIRMINGHAM.

JOINT MEETING AT COTTESMORE

The annual joint meeting of the Peterborough Guild (Rutland Branch) and the Leicester Diocesan Guild (Melton District) was held at the Parish Church of Cottesmore, a beautiful old-world village in the heart of Rutland.

This meeting attracted over 40 ringers from the following towers: Asfordby, Ancaster, Ashby-Folville, Anstey, Barrowden, Cottesmore, Claybrook, Edithweston, Empingham, Grantham, Hough-on-the-Hill, Melton Mowbray, Market-Overton, Preston, Sapcote, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Treeton (Yorks), Wing and Wymondham.

At 4.30 p.m. a service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. Howells) with Mr. R. Scott as organist. Tea was served in the Rectory.

Mr. Scott, chairman of Rutland Branch, thanked the Rector for his services, also for the splendid tea. He also extended a warm welcome to the Leicester Diocesan Guild. Mr. J. H. Cook (secretary), in his reply, apologised for the absence of the chairman and thanked Mr. Scott for his warm welcome, and hoped they would be able to have another joint gathering next year.

Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise. J. H. C.

WEST WICKHAM PARISH CHURCH

In common with many of England's lovely and ancient churches, the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, West Wickham, Kent, is beginning to show the effects of its age. A recent complete survey undertaken because of the need of repair to the fabric, revealed the presence of dry rot and woodworm in various timbers to an extent that demanded immediate action.

All the woodwork in the church has been treated to control this, but as a considerable proportion of the timber in the tower is being replaced, ringing has had to be suspended for about a month. The ceiling of the ringing room is to be renewed, but fortunately the bell-frame is not affected.

Built in the 15th century and replacing an earlier building, of which traces are still to be found, West Wickham Church stands in what is now London's Green Belt, and in recent years has been too small to accommodate growing congregations. To overcome this, plans have been approved to extend the building on two sides and thus provide over a hundred additional seats. When this work will commence is not yet known as the complete restoration and rebuilding programme, which includes recasting the cracked fourth and fifth bells, and rehanging all six, is estimated to cost £25,000. The source of this sum is also not yet known!

A. S. R.

LONDON SURPRISE

Because of the high rail-fares some members of the Ladies' Guild and their friends going to the meeting at Kilburn on July 31st went to London on the 'workers'' train. To occupy the time gap between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. arrangements were made to ring at a few London towers.

The rendezvous for ringers from Baldock, Finchley and North Mimms was at Finchley (8). After enjoying ringing on the fine light octave in this beautifully modern church, Mr. Blake kindly guided the party to St. Anne's, Highgate (8), where the Norton members were already ringing Minor. The Norton ringers, including the organiser, had earlier attended the funeral service of their beloved organist, and so were delayed.

At St. Anne's the clock-case is unusually worn on one place, the reason being painfully obvious if the ringer of the sixth forgets to keep his elbows strictly to himself. Afterwards we went to St. Margaret's, Edgware (6, 9 cwt.), where we achieved Cambridge. Leaving half an hour late, we travelled to Hyde Park, intending to eat our lunch by the Serpentine and then visit St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington. There was no time to finish lunch, for the main road was being torn up and traffic was restricted to 'one way only'—the wrong way for us—so we had to walk all the way to St. Mary Abbot's!

However, when we eventually arrived, extremely late, we were welcomed and allowed to ring for an hour. These heavy ten are a pleasure to ring. Our youngest ringer thoroughly enjoyed ringing 'inside' on the back end; and the tenor itself (32 cwt.) was rung down easily by one young lady. We only wish that we could have done full justice to the bells before we had to leave for Kilburn (8), where the meeting was held.

So a young band, whose average age is probably only 18 'went London.' 'Thank you' to all who helped us. The surprise mentioned in the title is that of the organiser. J. S

It is a treat to hear of new bands being formed in London. St. George's, Camberwell, ringers rang their first quarter on Aug. 1st. The whole of the band learned to handle in this tower and without outside help have managed to pass one milestone. The conductor, Mr. F. R. L. Brewer, hopes it will be the prelude to many more quarters together.

AND SHALL BOB TRIPLES DIE?

By G. L. GROVER

A good tower and a trusty band,
A merry peal and true,
Those Council chaps shall understand
What Plain Bob chaps can do.

They may have fixed the where and when,
But should Bob Triples die?
There's many a hundred Plain Bob men
Who'll know the reason why.

We'll cross the Avon, ropes in hand,
The Severn is no stay,
And westward we will send a band
To bid the Council 'Nay.'

At Bristol then, ye ringing kings,
If you some sense would see,
Confine your talks to other things
And let Bob Triples be.

Bob Triples he is threatened bad;
Bob Triples he may die,
But there's many a hundred Plain Bob lad
Who'll know the reason why.

With apologies both to the Bishop of Trelawny and to R. S. Hawker, both of whom, however, are long since dead.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LET DOUBLES RINGERS DECIDE?

Dear Sir,—From personal contact and reading between the lines of his recent letter, I would say that W. Birmingham is more biased against Doubles than concerned about Plain Bob Triples, Caters and Cinques. After the peal of Plain Bob Cinques all you could get from him was, 'We must ring a peal of Plain Bob Caters,' but if anyone mentions Doubles he rises up in wrath and denounces all those who ring four blows behind.

What is wrong in making exceptions if they are clear-cut and there is adequate reason for making them? The advantages of allowing Plain Bob on odd numbers should be obvious to him if he compares the high local standard at Burnham with that of stick-in-the-mud Grandsire and Stedman towers. Learners who begin with Plain Bob Doubles and Triples advance far more rapidly than those who begin with Grandsire, but what is the point of learning the method if you are not allowed to ring a peal of it.

If four blows are not allowed in Doubles we are left with twelve plain methods and twelve principles, all of which can be included in a quarter peal, whereas on other numbers it is impossible to ring all the methods in a true peal. Surely that is adequate reason for allowing four blows in Doubles.

There is a ruling that Minor methods shall not have fifths place made unless treble is making sixths, but the peals of 35 Surprise Minor include methods with this fault, and which fetch up 6-5's at backstroke in the first lead of the plain course. This is the result of an exception made by the 1928 Council at Hereford, allowing Double Surprise Minor. I wonder how many members of the 1953 Council knew of this when they were led into voting against non-Plain Bob lead ends by C. K. Lewis's twisting of figures.

Finally as W. Birmingham does not ring Doubles I would suggest that he, the Methods Committee and the Central Council leave it to Doubles ringers to decide what they shall ring in peals.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell, Middlesex.

'PEAL RINGING IN CHESHIRE'

Dear Sir,—This very interesting article stated that Overchurch is one of the seven churches not having rung a peal. This statement, I feel sure, is correct, for some few years ago I examined all the records of the church and there is no reference to ringing a peal.

The bells were hung in 1868, so 86 years have passed without a peal. Is this a record? —Yours faithfully,

W. G. H. JONES

Upton, Wirral.

PEAL RINGING IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Edman's query, I have not recorded any peals at Great Horwood so this tower is one of the 14 'pealless' ones mentioned in my article.

Owing to lack of space it is not always possible to list such towers—it depends how many there are—but I shall always be very pleased to give more detailed information if those interested would care to write to me.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD,

Southampton.

NOMENCLATURE!

Dear Sir,—I am a regular reader of 'Belfry Gossip' and 'The Ringing World' in general. I think you may be interested to know that '**campanology**' is not only of use in ringing circles.

As a breeder of pedigree Cairn terriers and a member of the Universities Association (I was at Bristol), it occurred to me to unite, as it were, my two hobbies—dog showing and breeding and ringing—by choosing as my registered prefix the word 'Campanologia.' This is registered at the Kennel Club and can only be used by myself. (In fact a sort of trade mark in the dog world.)

It is most surprising to find the number of people who have not a clue as to the word's derivation or meaning. At shows I am constantly being approached by complete strangers (who see my dogs' names in their catalogues) asking what the word means—if, in fact, it has any meaning!!!

A great honour has recently fallen to my lot—that of exporting to America a Cairn puppy whose full name is '**Campanologia Epexegesis.**' This news (not least the name) has created much interest in the local and the canine Press.—Yours faithfully,

(MISS) M. SYBIL CHURCHILL.

Warmley, Glos.

Note.—We would be interested to know if any other ringers' dogs have names associated with the Exercise.—Ed.

ATTEMPT TO RECAPTURE FORMER STANDARDS

Dear Sir,—Owing to the decline in the standard of ringing throughout the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, several members have suggested holding a monthly Surprise practice as well as the Guild meeting.

If older ringers glance back to pre-war years they will notice many Surprise peals were rung at Boyne Hill and neighbouring towers by George Martin and Co. A high standard of ringing was indeed reached and would have continued had not World War II. ensued.

This standard was maintained by monthly Surprise practices. A method would be named and ringers would come prepared to ring this method until they knew it thoroughly. Then, and only then, would they venture further afield.

We intend to hold a meeting of this nature in the Windsor area, and provided it is well attended, will continue to do so on the second Saturday of each month. The first meeting will be held on September 11th, 6 p.m., at Old Windsor, and a notice to this effect will be published.

All ringers interested will be most welcome, the greater the attendance the wider the scope of ringing and, what is more important for the learner, the stronger the band.—Yours sincerely,

FREDERICK R. SCOTT.

Slough.

FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN FOR ST. DAVID'S GUILD

Dear Sir,—Now that we are all satisfied about the first peal of Stedman for the St. David's Guild, may I, as one who believed the peal on June 29th at Tenby was the first, apologise to Mr. Poole for assuring him it was. However, it must be the first of Stedman on the bells—or is it?

I maintain that the most certain way to find out these things is to claim them as such.—Sincerely yours,

GWYN I. LEWIS.

Cadoxton, Neath, Glam.

THE LATE MR. G. L. JOYCE

Dear Sir,—I greatly regretted to read of the passing of Mr. G. L. Joyce. He was one of the first to realise the truth of round blocks and transpositions in methods, principles and systems and he wrote several articles on the subject which were published in 'The Ringing World' in 1928.

About the same time the late Mr. A. T. Baker (Irenæus Pistor), no relation of mine, also wrote calling attention to the articles of 'Minor Mania' (G. L. J.), and in an article headed 'The Light of Truth' urged the Exercise to study them, and he wound up with: 'George Baker's Round Block progression is established, it is on a Rock, and not even the Powers of—beg pardon—can move it. Study it, that's all.'

May the souls of 'Irenæus Pistor' and 'Minor Mania' rest in peace, and, as I am nearing 89, it cannot be so very long before I join them.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

P.S.—The ringers who do understand round blocks and transpositions are gradually dwindling and, as far as I know, they could now be counted on the fingers of one hand.—G. B.

PARSONS AND MUTED BELLS

Dear Sir,—Apropos Mr. Atkinson's letter of August 6th and his reference to a 'Parson's Gag,' I would draw attention to a similar instance.

At a certain North London tower where repeated efforts have been made since the war to get the bells restarted, I was recently informed by the Vicar that a chiming apparatus had been installed which would prevent any further ringing. On investigation I found that the apparatus consisted of pieces of rope attached to the clappers for clocking. These bells are absolutely ringable and in a perfectly safe tower. If only the clergy realised how much of the present antagonism to the church is due to this underhanded type of attitude that is all too common!

At another six-bell tower in London, where since the war a thriving band were practising multiple methods, the bells now hang mute and still. Why? Because 'the Parson' doesn't like ringing.

One is tempted to ask what right he has to adopt such an attitude. The bells were given to be rung for service, whatever he personally may think about ringing or ringers. Needless to say his church is like the majority to-day, about as full of life as a charnel house.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Tottenham.

MUST TAKE SECOND PLACE

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to disappoint the ringers concerned, but I fear I have recorded a single previous peal at both Midgham and North Marston. At the former Grandsire Doubles was rung on May 6th, 1922, and at the latter Grandsire Doubles on January 30th, 1932.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

THIRTEEN-FEET CLOCK PENDULUM

Dear Sir,—May I thank, through your columns, those who have so kindly given me information about clocks with 'great' pendulums. This includes some who have written to me personally as well as those whose letters you have printed. The list so far is not a very long one, but many counties are represented showing a wide interest in the subject.—Yours sincerely,

P. J. NIXSEAMAN.

Northill Rectory,
Biggleswade.

OUTINGS

GREAT TEY, COLCHESTER

Kent and Surrey were visited by the ringers of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, for their annual outing on July 24th, which was organised by Mr. Dyer.

Leaving Great Tey at 7.30 a.m. the first stop was at St. Mary's, Westerham, where they were met by the verger. Members of the local company gave them a warm welcome at St. John's, Croydon. After lunch the party travelled across to St. Peter's, Old Woking, where two local ringers met them. Tea was partaken of in Woking.

A good pull was enjoyed in the evening at St. John's, Epping, on the fine bells. Home was reached at 11.55 p.m. after a long and enjoyable outing.

MELTON MOWBRAY

Ringers from St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray, and friends had their annual outing on August Bank Holiday. Leaving the Car Park at 8 a.m., the first tower visited was Claybrooke with its beautiful ring of eight, which was much enjoyed. The party arrived at Evesham about noon and after partaking of a cold lunch paid a visit to the famous bell tower. Ringing later took place at Hampton and Hinton-on-the-Green was reached by tea-time, where a splendid tea was very kindly provided by Mrs. and Mrs. J. Thomas. After ringing on these famous bells the return journey was made via Norton and Stratford-on-Avon. A very enjoyable day was had by all.

CHRIST CHURCH, NORTH SHIELDS

The ringers, with wives and friends, held their annual outing on July 18th. Travelling by coach the first halt was made at Alnwick for lunch, and then on to Howick Hall, the seat of Earl Grey, where a walk through the grounds and gardens was enjoyed.

The weather improved and the sun broke through and we enjoyed the run over the moors to Rothbury. After an excellent tea, the bells of Rothbury Parish Church were rung for the evening service, by kind permission of Canon G. H. Harris. The older ringers were impressed by the way in which the not so experienced ringers handled strange bells. The return journey was via Scots Gap and Hexham, where a short stop was made, and then to North Shields, thus concluding a much appreciated outing.

WANLIP

The first annual outing took a party of Wanlip ringers into south-east Leicestershire, where touches of various Minor and Doubles methods were rung at Thurnby, Billesdon, Hallaton, Medbourne, Illston-on-the-Hill and Arnesby. At Medbourne the Vicar, Canon F. D. H. Harris-Evans (a former curate of Wanlip) joined the ringers for tea and afterwards showed the party round the church. The bells at Arnesby had not been rung for three years but after some attention a couple of courses were successfully concluded. The Wanlip ringers are indebted to those responsible for placing the bells at their disposal and so ensuring a most enjoyable outing.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Aug 8th, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Peacock 1, F. Elsom 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, H. W. Pratt (first 'inside' Treble Bob) 4, E. J. Parish 5, L. W. Fisher 6.

DEDICATION OF NEWARK PARISH CHURCH BELLS

WRITING in 1820 of the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Newark-on-Trent, a local historian recorded that the present edifice, as a parish church, was, perhaps, scarcely to be equalled in the kingdom. That description is as true to-day as it was then.

Newark-on-Trent stands at the intersection of the Great North Road and the ancient Fosse Way and countless numbers of people pass through the town in the course of a year. Perhaps they have time to pause and reflect on the skill and devotion of the mediæval craftsmen who fashioned a wondrous building out of stone and whose masterpiece is the glorious spire which dominates the town. The spire has a grace and symmetry of surpassing beauty and is unusual in that it has 16 window lights.

It was to this noble setting that the footsteps of many ringers turned on Saturday, July 24th, when the ring of ten bells cast by John Taylor in 1842 was rededicated by the Vicar of Newark (Canon G. W. Clarkson), assisted by Canon R. F. Wilkinson, the Rector of West Bridgford and chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers.

The bells (tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.) have been rehung on the old cast iron frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. with completely new fittings consisting of Ransome and Marles ball bearings, cast iron box headstocks, new wheels, clappers, etc. The ringing chamber has been redecorated and new lights installed and a measure of sound control introduced.

Retuning has improved the tone of the bells to a considerable degree although the tenor seems inclined to 'thump' more than the old bell.

It is interesting to recall that the present ring was the first complete ring of ten bells cast by John Taylor in 1842. They were rehung in 1896 and again in 1913-14. The circle is excellent, but in the past the bells have always proved rather heavy and lumbering to ring. The present restoration should completely alter that unsatisfactory aspect.

THE OLD BELLS

There were five bells in the tower in the early 1600's and later in the century another bell was added. In 1713 these were recast and with additional metal made into a ring of eight, largely through the generosity of Richard Sutton, a brigadier-general, who resided at neighbouring Kelham Hall.

Records of this worthy create the impression of a swashbuckling cavalier. He is reported to have diverted the waters of the Trent to improve the flow of a small stream which flowed past his house and in consequence to have been sued by the inhabitants of Newark for lowering the level of the river and interfering with the working of the mills.

Then, having largely paid for the new ring, he had inscriptions on three of the bells to sing his praises and these are worth recalling.

On the 4th:—

'Brave Sutton rais'd us to declare
The joys of peace, the end of war.'

On the 5th:—

'If Sutton's praises we could speak
Much sweeter echoes we should make.'

On the 6th:—

'While here we're loud in Sutton's fame
What place rings not of his great name.'

The old inscriptions were not repeated on the 1842 bells.

Few peals have been rung at this church and the writer can only find a record of three.

Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1816 and 1913 by local bands, and a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in 1897 by the St. Peter-at-Arches Society, Lincoln.

The present restoration has been made possible by the munificence of Mr. Charles Henry Newbald, Master between 1896 and 1909, and founder of the present local Society, who died last year and who bequeathed a legacy for that purpose. The balance has been provided by public subscription.

It is intended shortly to place a tablet in the ringing chamber to his memory as under:—

'To the memory of Charles Henry Newbald.
Born 24 Aug., 1872. Died 19 Mar., 1953.
Master of the Ringers 1896 to 1909.
By his faithfulness the Band of Voluntary Ringers was sustained from its foundation in 1896, and by his generosity the bells were retuned and rehung in 1954.' J. W. R.

LYME REGIS

Some of the most beautiful scenery of Devonshire was enjoyed by Lyme Regis ringers on their annual trip on August 7th. Moreton-Hampstead provided a pleasant ring, and time for a break with excellent coffee afterwards. At Chagford the grand eight unfortunately could not be heard in Major as, after some Triples, a jammed slider, and fruitless efforts to adjust it, brought the ringing to a close. This ancient granite church possesses a unique processional cross of beautiful craftsmanship in aluminium from the Zeppelin brought down at Cuffley, Herts, in September, 1916.

Picnic lunch was taken on a quiet edge of the Moor, near Throwleigh, and rain just at that point was rather a disappointment. At Okehampton, where high country separates the church from the town, the ringing was good enough to gain the commendation of the local 'call-changers'—which must be praise indeed! A pleasant cross-country run brought the party to Crediton, where the heavy eight were very respectably handled in Triples and Surprise Major. A well-earned tea followed at the Ship Hotel. The final tower of the day was St. David's, Exeter.

Methods rung during the tour included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise Major. The thanks of all are given to the incumbents of the various towers, also to the local ringers and others. C. C. C.

FARNHAM DISTRICT HAVE A CYCLING TOUR

The cycling tour, organised and led by Mr. E. J. Wells, Ringing Master of the Farnham District, proved very successful and enjoyable to the few who had the courage to face the 50-odd miles of pedalling.

The party gathered at Farnham on Saturday, July 31st by 9 o'clock, and set out for the first ring at Upton Grey. Then on to the old church at Rotherwick. All these bells can boast of are long ropes and the belief that the third bell is the second oldest in the country.

Picnic lunches were followed by ringing at Bramley, Hants. Here the band were joined by local ringers. The travellers then went to the ancient church of Silchester, where they enjoyed many Doubles methods on the five bells.

A good place was found for picnic teas and then on a short distance to the best bells of the day, those at Stratfield Mortimer. Here again the party were joined by local ringers and the band were greatly encouraged when these joined the last part of the tour, which was to Heckfield. Less said about these bells the better, but it was all good practice in how to handle a bell!

'Goodbyes' all said, the band left for home, which they reached by various routes by ten o'clock, perhaps a little tired and sore, but triumphant. M. A. C.

A CORNISH JUBILEE

St. Kea's Interesting Record

ALL HALLOWS', St. Kea, Cornwall, delightfully situated in unspoiled countryside some two miles out of Truro, is the third church to have been built in the parish. The first was on the banks of the River Fal, but in 1802 it was taken down. The 15th century tower was left standing in the churchyard. To-day it is but a hollow shell. The battlements remain. One pinnacle is missing. Jackdaws nest high up in its walls. It is silent but for their ceaseless sounds at nesting time. A mission church was built close by.

The second church was built in the centre of the parish some three miles away. It was rectangular and ugly. In 1894 this, too, was taken down and the present church of beautiful design, with tower and spire, was consecrated in 1896. Three bells had been brought from the old tower by the river and were incorporated in a new ring of eight from Loughborough, which was dedicated on July 22nd, 1904. This was a great day, far surpassing most present day dedications. There was Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m. The bells rang from 11.30, although the dedication service was not until 3 p.m. Luncheon was at 1 p.m. and tea later; 4.15 to 5.30 and 6 to 7 were set aside for two quarter peals of Grandsire Triples by chosen bands. At 7 p.m. there was Choral Evensong, after which the Kenwyn band, whose bells were recast in the following year, and with which band there has ever since been a strong fellowship, rang until 9 p.m. Two of the three ancient bells were recast, but one, the present seventh, remained intact. It bears the Royal Arms of the 15th century and is inscribed 'Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum.'

The late Squire J. C. Daubuz, of Killiow, on whose land the church had been built, inspired the hanging of the bells and enthused the ringers. He did not ring but he loved bells and change ringing. He gave the second bell at Truro Cathedral. The new Kea band, encouraged by the Squire, made rapid progress. On August 2nd, 1909, two peals of Grandsire Triples were rung with the help of visitors, and eight local ringers rang their first peal. In 1910 two peals in the same method were rung in six days, one being conducted by William G. Sandercock, who was the first resident member to call a peal for the Truro Guild.

In 1913 three peals were rung in five days. The late William Pye took a touring band to Kea and rang London. The next morning, starting at six, they rang Superlative. After refreshments at the Vicarage they left by train for Plymouth to ring Kent Royal at St. Andrew's, but this failed nine leads from the end, not owing to fatigue, but because the ball of the ninth clapper broke off. The Kea men seemed to have been enthused by this visit, for three days after, John Thomas, of Edmonton, called The Original for them. The local captain was also called John Thomas. The former returned in 1933 to call the same peal. In 1934 Stedman Triples was attempted one evening and lost, but rung the next. District peal enthusiasts took part in these, and all this activity, and more, is evidence of the tradition of generosity in allowing the use of the bells that had been established.

For a period of 25 years the Vicar was the late Rev. A. D. Sowell. He was a ringer. His only son, Arthur, became a keen ringer, and rang in several peals in Devon whilst studying at Exeter, and at Kea. He hoped to be ordained but was killed in the 1914-18 war. A tablet in Kea tower perpetuates his memory.

The Jubilee was duly celebrated with a peal. On Saturday, July 22nd, Parker's peal ended abruptly and mysteriously in the twelfth part. In this attempt were two young Kea ringers—Paul Harding and Anthony Locke—whose first peal it would have been, and who rang well. The present Vicar, the Rev. V. A. Callow, who always meets and, afterwards, either congratulates or condoles with visitors, at once said another attempt could be made on the following Monday evening. This was successful.

Mr. Clement W. Jose is the present congenial and enthusiastic captain, and is splendidly carrying on the tradition of the past. He trains many young ringers who inevitably go away from this type of rural parish, but his band building goes on, and the essential task of manning the bells on Sundays and festivals is fulfilled.

Kea has been a tower of activity and learning for many years, and for some its memory is fragrant and fresh. It has played a fundamental and essential part in the history of the Truro Guild; for example, in 1927 resident members of the Guild took part in a peal there which was the first by any living in the county of Cornwall for a period of no less than 14 years. This began a revival. Kea was the place of revival. May this tradition of inspiration go on. For all who visit Kea it is a pleasant place, but it is much more—it is holy ground. God bless priest and people who serve Him there. A. S. R.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District at Chiddingstone

From Cheshire to Chiddingstone is a long journey, and it is more than probable that most of the Cheshire ringers have never even heard of it, but on Aug. 7th, when the Tonbridge District held a meeting, the locals were pleased to welcome the Rev. E. Taylor, Vicar of Norbury (Hazel Grove), and in his most helpful address he proved that although he himself is not a ringer he is very familiar with ringers and their ways.

In spite of travelling difficulties, ringing commenced punctually at 3 p.m., the oldest member of the District, Mr. G. Edwards, of Penshurst, now in his 86th year, having overcome the lack of buses by walking from his home, a journey which took him an hour.

The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Taylor, who was in charge of the Parish during the absence of the Rector, and Mrs. Taylor played the organ. At the business meeting the grateful thanks of the ringers were expressed to the Rev. and Mrs. Taylor for giving up a day of their holiday so that the service could be held.

One new member was elected, one election prior to a peal confirmed, and nine non-resident members from Lancashire, Cheshire and Warwickshire were elected. The hope was expressed that these non-resident members, who were to stay in Sevenoaks for a week's tour, would enjoy their holiday and have a successful time.

Ringing catered for all tastes, although there was a marked reluctance on the part of even the most enthusiastic to turn in the tenor.

A notable feature of the last few meetings of the District has been the number of young ringers attending. It these continue with the same enthusiasm as they have begun the future looks quite promising.

COMPOSITIONS

WINCHESTER SURPRISE

MAJOR

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	21436587	
	12463857	U
	21648375	
		V
	26143857	
	62418375	
A	62148735	W
	26417853	
B		X
	62471835	
	26748153	
C	26471835	Y
	62748153	
D		Z
	26784513	
	62875431	
E	68257413	
	86524731	
F		
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	2nds place L H	
	15738264	
	4ths place Bob	

F.C.E.'s as Cambridge Major

First rung at East Tytherley, May 29th, 1954.

ROYAL

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	2143658709	
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		V
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A	6214803957	W
	2641089375	
B		X
	6240183957	
	2604819375	
C	2640189735	WI
	6204817953	
D		X1
	2608471935	
	6280749153	
C1	6820471935	Y1
	8602749153	
D1		Z1
	6820794513	
	8602975431	
E1	8069257413	
	0896524731	
F1		
	8069257431	
	2nds place L.H.	
	1573920486	
	4ths place Bob	

F.C.E.'s as Cambridge Royal

First rung at St. Michael's, Southampton, July 31st, 1954.

5,056 Yorkshire Surprise Major

By ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 8)

M	W	H	23456
	—	3	52436
—		3	42635
—	—	2	65324
	—	3	26354
	—	2	23564
	—	3	62534
—	—	2	54326
—		3	34625
X		2	23456

Rung for the first time at St. Thomas', South Wigston on May 22nd, 1954.

WEDDING BELLS

AT BATHAMPTON

The picturesque old village church at Bathampton, on the outskirts of Bath, Somerset, was an ideal setting for the wedding of two well-known Bath ringers on August 6th. Even the sun put in one of its rare appearances and shone brightly for the occasion.

The bride was Miss Moira Hemer, who rings at Bathampton, and the bridegroom Mr. Eric Naylor, formerly of Rainham, Kent, a ringer well known in that county, who now resides in Bath, and is a member of the Bath Abbey and St. Michael's, Bath, ringing companies.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a ballerina length dress of white lace and carried a shower bouquet of flame roses with white sweet peas and stephanotis. Her bridesmaids, Miss Pamela Hemer (sister, and formerly a ringer at Bathampton), Miss Rachael Sanger-Davies and Miss Anne Rigden (friends), wore ballerina length blue organdie dresses. They carried shower bouquets of white roses and delphiniums, with headdresses to match. Best man was Mr. Harold Cross.

As the couple left the church a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Mrs. Cooper (Bathampton), G. Hawkins and W. Cope (Bath) and G. Naylor, G. Kenward and E. Barton (Rainham).

Somerset and Kent ringers were well represented at the reception held at the bride's home.

A large number of congratulatory telegrams were received and many of these had a strong campanological flavour, whilst among the presents on view were gifts from the ringers at Bath Abbey, St. Michael's, Bath, and Bathampton.

AT ILFORD

Mr. H. A. Bradbury, secretary of the Rickmansworth tower, was married to Miss Sheila Harvey at Ilford Parish Church on Saturday, August 7th.

In honour of the wedding 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung on Monday, August 9th, by D. Bell (first quarter) 1, T. Clark 2, F. W. Elliott 3, C. Wenban 4, A. Wenban 5, D. C. Bartholomew 6, G. Seaman (conductor) 7, J. Lloyd 8.

AT LINCOLN

On Saturday, August 14th, the wedding took place at St. Giles', Lincoln, between Mr. Edward W. Colley, a ringer of Worthen, Shrewsbury, and Miss Nancy E. Swann, a ringer of St. Giles', Lincoln, who is secretary of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The couple will now reside near Reading.

The service was conducted by the Rev. V. I. Dalby, Vicar of St. Giles', and Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Rev. E. A. C. Buckmaster, Rector of Worthen. The bells were rung before and after the ceremony, and in the afternoon a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung to celebrate the occasion.

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QUARTER PEALS

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 8th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: D. M. Salisbury 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, M. Bland 4, J. Fowler 5, C. E. Wright 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. Rung for the baptism of Janice, daughter of Dr. C. E. and Mrs. D. Wright.

HOUGHTON, HUNTS.—On July 30th, 480 St. Simon's and 960 Bob Doubles: J. R. G. Spicer 1, Miss L. Allen 2, M. J. Dyer 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Popple 1, J. Papworth 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Aug. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. T. Yeomans 1, F. J. Bailey 2, F. Hannington 3, T. M. Roderick 4, F. Rowsell 5, W. H. Dare 6, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 7, Geo. Davis 8, R. E. Coles 9, Thos. Petty 10.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Aug. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Page 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, P. L. Dadds 4, A. F. Udall 5, A. J. Dadds 6, L. Twyman 7, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, H. Purchase 2, T. N. Bristow 3, G. Davis 4, F. Branchflower 5, W. Nurcombe 6, C. W. J. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Commins 8. Also on Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. N. Bristow 1, D. V. Smith (first as cond.) 2, Miss M. A. Robbins 3, C. W. J. Tarr 4, R. Winter 5, F. Branchflower 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, H. Commins 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. B. P. Walker 1, A. J. Dunk (first 'inside') 2, H. Springate 3, S. V. Rayfield 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, T. A. Cross 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, W. Hollands 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Eric Naylor to Miss Moira Hemer, which took place at St. Nicholas' Bathampton, on August 6th.

RIBCHESTER, LANCS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth A. Downing (first quarter of Minor) 1, Rosemary Parkinson 2, E. J. Gower 3, Jean Dawson 4, W. E. Wilkinson 5, Patricia M. Bourne (cond.) 6.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. N. Stevens 1, S. J. Ivin 2, G. Olney (first quarter 'inside') 3, T. P. Harris (cond.) 4, J. F. Olney 5, P. J. Lawton 6. Rung after Evensong for the patronal festival.

STAINES, MIDDLX.—On Aug. 9th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, Miss M. E. Collins (first quarter 'inside') 2, P. E. Parry 3, R. Lathbury 4, W. Shepherd (cond.) 5, W. A. Goldstone 6, M. W. Harbott 7, H. Hancock 8. An 88th birthday compliment to William C. Parker, the well-known steeplekeeper and ringer.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Aug. 19th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cox 1, P. Devenish 2, T. Welbourne 3, R. Charge 4, R. Sanders 5, J. Chapman (cond.) 6, F. E. Corfield 7, J. Tomsett 8. A birthday compliment to ringers 1, 3 and 6, also to Mrs. R. Sanders. Rung by a combined Wimbledon and Streatham band, four of each tower.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Clarke 1, Miss R. Morgan 2, J. Sutton (Salisbury) 3, H. Huckle 4, K. Orchard 5, M. J. Soper (Monkton Hadley) 6, C. Turner (cond.) 7, W. Damer 8. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 4th, who is leaving the district.

AT LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL

It was a happy day at Longbridge Deverill, Wilts, on August 4th, when two of the local band, Miss Ruth Avery, daughter of the captain, and Mr. Reginald F. Jones were married. Appropriately, the best man, Mr. Patrick White, and the chief bridesmaid, Miss Carol Jones, are both Longbridge Deverill ringers.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR HALE

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Arthur Hale, of Tirley, Glos, on August 7th, after a short illness, aged 65 years.

One of the oldest members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, Mr. Hale joined some 30 years ago and was an active member of Tirley band. Although not a peal ringer (he only rang one peal), he was a regular Sunday service ringer and supporter of Branch meetings and also a keen churchman. He originated from Tewkesbury, where his father, the late Mr. John Hale, was a member of the Abbey band for many years.

The funeral took place on August 11th at Tirley Church and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. S. T. Parker), an honorary member of the Association. The bearers were Messrs. H. Ball, A. Chamberlain, F. Chamberlain and G. Goulding. The service was attended by many of his ringing friends, including Messrs. E. T. Newbury and J. Beech, chairman and secretary respectively of the Tewkesbury Branch.

The bells were rung half-muffled following the service, by Tewkesbury Branch members and during the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was attempted by the local band but failed after 40 minutes.

Mr. Hale will be sorely missed at Tirley and much sympathy is expressed to his widow, son and two daughters. J. B.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Gransden (6) on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4842

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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Harlington, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) from 3. Tea 5.15. and business meeting in Church Hall. Cranford (6) in evening. Note: Hillingdon meeting is Oct. 23rd, not 16th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 4838

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Great Wakering, Saturday, Aug. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food. Further ringing after tea.—P. A. Sadler. 4833

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Aug. 28th. St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. 3.30. Ship, Talbot Court. 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 4837

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting, Wembdon, Aug. 28th, 6.30 p.m. Provisional date, Thurloxton. Sept. 18th — R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 4858

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Arksey (8), Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Aug. 25th, to D. E. Smythe, 19, Kirkby Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.—D. E. Smythe. 4869

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION — Northern District.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, Aug. 28th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, Aug. 26th. to Mr. R. Gofton, 8, Hermiston, Monkseaton. 4861

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Wingerworth, Aug. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. All welcome.—B. A Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4866

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FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL.—At Basingstoke, Aug. 28th. Guildford Guild (Farnham District), Ladies' Guild (Southern District), Oxford Guild (Sonning Deanery Branch) Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Basingstoke District). Service in St. Michael's Church 4.30. Tea in the Church Cottage 5. Towers available: Basingstoke (2), Bramley, Overton, Upton Grey, Odiham, Deane, Sherborne St. John, Monk Sherborne and Oakley from 2.30.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 4874

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTROL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Mangotsfield, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea by Tuesday, Aug. 24th.—W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 4871

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—St. Ippolyts, Saturday, Aug. 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Kirkstall Delight.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4880

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Business 6. Names to J. Leatherbarrow, 43, Wigshaw Lane, Culcheth, near Warrington. 4888

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.—Meeting at Otley, Aug. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—I. Slack, Hon. Sec. 487

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoke Golding, Aug. 28th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Names for tea, by Aug 25th, to Mr. H. Hill, Gables, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton. 4867

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Repton, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Aug. 26th. S. H. Jones, 24, Brook End, Repton. 4887

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dersingham, Aug. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea to G. Batterbee, White Horse Drive, Dersingham, King's Lynn. Look up Single and Double Oxford. 4885

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Burnham, Aug. 28th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by 24th. No name, no tea.—Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 4857

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, West Overton, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 4870

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Rotherfield (8), Aug. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, 5 p.m., must be received by August 25th.—R. W. Pankhurst. 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 4884

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Crusader meeting, Epping, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.; own arrangements. Rounds to Surprise. All welcome. 4873

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and contest, Lightcliffe, Sept. 4th. For teas please notify by Aug. 30th, F. Popplewell, 51, Well Grove, Hove Edge, Brighouse.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 4817

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Great Mongeham, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Names, with cash, please, to Mrs. C. E. Court, Owen Sound, Northbourne Road, Great Mongeham, Deal, not late than Wednesday, Sept. 1st. Northbourne bells after tea.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4882

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Lamberhurst, Sept. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) at 5.15 p.m. Names, by Sept. 1st, with cash, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 4879

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Mablethorpe, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Make own tea arrangements.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 4868

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting at Llandudno on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. followed by business meeting and tea. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 1st, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 4863

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Olney, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Aug. 30th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 4881

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Uffington, Sat., Sept. 4th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 1st.—R. F. J. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon. 4876

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Colston Bassett (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. **only** for those notifying, by Wednesday, Sept. 1st, Mr. G. R. Payne, Colston Bassett, Notts No name, no tea. 4859

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Gorseinon (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names, please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 4860

FARNWORTH, LANCS. — Dedication of new eight bells (Taylor's, 12¼ cwt.), Saturday, Sept. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names **essential** by Aug. 31st to Joseph Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth, near Bolton, Lancs. 4816

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Overton, Hants, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Sept. 8th, to G. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 4875

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (13s. each) available from the undersigned.—Apply NOW, as the seating accommodation is limited, P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, near Tonbridge, Kent. 4849

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—317th Anniversary Dinner, Bridge House, London Bridge, Saturday, November 6th, 1954. A. B. Peck. 4889

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