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FIRE!

By P. AMOS

FIRE can be a friend. It can also be a terrible enemy. Its disastrous effects during the six years of war, 1939-45, can still be seen, and many a sad heart resulted from it. What will no doubt be a memorial for years ahead of those days can be seen hanging in the tower of the ruined Church of St. Lawrence, Old Jewry (furnished as a chapel)—a bell cast from salvaged metal of the old bells, bearing the inscription, 'Ecce Post Ignem Vox,' meaning, 'After the fire, a still small voice'!

Some of us can think back further and recall what fire did in 1931 to the church at Eaton Socon, near St. Neots, Beds. At Wellingborough since the war a towerless church was the victim of mischievous children—fire destroyed the building, which has cost around £18,000 to reconstruct.

I was delving into histories of another church, not far from here, the other day—Souldrop, Beds, where apparently fire took toll of the edifice, which had to be rebuilt early in the 19th century. Yet for all this, I found up in that bell chamber (as I did a short time previously at Pertenhall close by) enough highly inflammable material—twige, hay, feathers, etc., carried by birds—to start a first-class blaze should a few sparks from a nearby burning hay or straw rick blow into this bell chamber and fall on to that mass of rubbish.

At Souldrop there were no louvres or wire protection of any kind and birds could enter at random. This state of affairs sometimes goes on for years, for two or three generations, and every year at the Visitations the churchwardens, whose responsibility it is to give a true report upon the state of the fabric and church furnishings (which includes the bells and their fittings), will give an O.K. report, or a mention only a dilapidations on the ground level—not troubling to go up into the bell chamber to see, as their responsibility it is, the truth of things for themselves, or even to call in knowledgeable advice if there happened to be no ringers. There must be hundreds of cases like this, especially in towers with but one, two, three or four bells.

What of those towers with more than four? It was said a short time ago by another writer that ringers in far too many cases show no interest in what is up in the bell chamber so long as there are six or more bells and they go all right! Truer words were never written, and it bestows shame upon us as a community, or as individuals, that it should have to be said that this is so. Such ringers are equally guilty as are those wardens who make out an O.K. report year after year when 'O.K.' is just a distortion of facts. To them the bell chamber is out of sight, but—not always out of danger! The casual bell archæologist is all too often the only person to bring some alarming situation to light. That ought not to be!

It would seriously astound, and alarm, many a reader to see the state of some of the bell chambers I have been in when from time to time out searching for history. Not only highly inflammable material from birds up to the waist and sometimes the crown of the bells (as at Pertenhall), but frames and headstocks are so rotted that, apart from fire dangers, it is really a miracle that the bells do not crash under their own weight. Only a report on the presence of death-watch beetle will, as a rule, shake the authorities out of their complacency—as it has done after many years at Marston Trussell, Northants. Straight words can do no harm; in fact, they are, in the end, very often appreciated. I have had evidence of this through the post only this morning (July 26th). A certain rector writes, 'I had no idea that the situation was so bad. I am calling a P.C.C. meeting next week. Thank you for all you have told me!'

So much for the efforts of individuals; but as Guilds what are we doing to counteract these situations? Some (like the guilty churchwardens with their reports) are content to say, 'What's the good of restoring all these bells or adding more when there are not enough ringers to ring them?' At a Guild meeting these same ringers will sing, 'Fight the good fight with all thy might.' Where is their consistency?

'Fire-fighters'—yes, they'll be there like a shot if fire should occur. But preservation fighters—'Oh, well, leave it to Mr. Smith or Mr. Jones, he'll do the necessary,' is often their attitude. As Guilds, we have the Central Council with its literature on the care and maintenance of bells and belfries, but how many clergy, especially where with only three or four bells, ever hear of this publication? We could do worse than to set aside a sum of money to print a leaflet and send it to every incumbent pointing out all the dangers which I have stated in this article, and it would be money well spent! We ought not to stop at the number of bells in any tower: the three or four-bell tower of to-day may easily become the five or six-bell tower of

a year or two hence. Who knows if we show sufficient interest and co-operation?

Finally, we should do all in our power to correct and counteract the erroneous idea obsessed of some clergy and church councils 'that the installation of a chiming apparatus is a cure and the answer to all their belfry and bell chamber evils.' The apparatus will not prevent bells crashing under their own weight if left in frames and fittings riddled with worm and death-watch beetle for generations, sometimes for an indefinite period altogether. Some of us are alive to these facts, others are just slothful.

A KENT RINGING TOUR

All peals rung for the Kent County Association.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	2	JOHN WORTH	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* 100th peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

On Sun., Aug. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	*GEORGE E. FEARN	7
C. KENNETH LEWIS	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* 100th peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.

On Mon., Aug. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
MURIEL REAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

On Mon., Aug. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
JOHN WORTH	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

CHILHAM, KENT.

On Tues., Aug. 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

C. KENNETH LEWIS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	JOHN E. FEARN	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

On Tues., Aug. 17, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt.

*MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	7
MURIEL REAY	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	PETER LAFLIN	9
†FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	10
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	11
JOHN WORTH	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Surprise Maximus. The conductor's 100th peal on twelve bells.

ASHFORD, KENT.

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

WINGHAM, KENT.

On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
JOHN WORTH	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1954, *in* 4 *Hours,*
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	7
MURIEL REAY	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	JOHN WORTH	9
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	PETER LAFLIN	10
*MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	11
†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus 'inside.' † 300th peal. Conductor's 40th peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

ST. LAWRENCE-IN-THANET, KENT.

On Fri., Aug. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
MURIEL REAY	3	EDWARD JENKINS	8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
PETER LAFLIN	5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

LEEDS, KENT.

On Fri., Aug. 20, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	PETER LAFLIN	6
MURIEL REAY	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	JOHN WORTH	8
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	4	EDWARD JENKINS	9
GEORGE E. FEARN	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

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TEN BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	JOHN R. DISERENS	6
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	§ BRYAN C. STIRLAND	7
†SUSAN JACKSON	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	8
‡MARGARET A. SWANN	4	DAVID BEACHAM	9
§ KENNETH L. BROWN	5	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by FREDERICK W. PIPE.
* 100th peal. † First peal of Royal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Royal. § First peal on ten bells.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*SYDNEY R. ELWICK	*Treble*	*THOMAS M. COX	6
†HAROLD PARKER	2	BERT SUTTON	7
*HARRY SHORT	3	HAROLD WALKER	8
*JOHN PEARSON	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	9
SEDMAN H. STEEL	5	EDWARD HUDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*MARION GRAIN	*Treble*	*ERNEST G. HIBBINS	5
†BRIAN STAFFORD	2	*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	6
J. HENRY FIELDEN	3	*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	7
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. The first peal in the method for the Association.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1954, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	2	RONALD M. EDWARDS	6
*MAURICE HOLGATE	3	*GORDON WHEWELL	7
KENNETH HARTLEY	4	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Major.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 24, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

*SUSAN JACKSON	*Treble*	R. GEORGE MORRIS	5
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	JOHN N. DISERENS	6
RONALD F. DISERENS	3	DAVID BEACHAM	7
*KENNETH L. BROWN	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

*DAVID W. EVANS	*Treble*	ALFRED HANNINGTON	5
TREVOR M. RODERICK	2	WILLIAM T. PETTY	6
THOMAS YEOMANS	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
FRANK ROWSELL	4	DAVID L. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Triples. Specially arranged and rung for the 50th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells from six to eight.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

LESLIE BRETT	*Treble*	CHARLES W. BEECROFT	5
MURIEL PIPE	2	HAROLD LEATHER	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	3	WALTER MILLER	7
FRANK RUFFLES	4	ALBERT WHITING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT WHITING.
First peal in this method by all the band. Also first for Suffolk Guild. Rung as birthday compliment to Charles Beecroft.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	*ROBERT SWIFT	5
*JOHN R. COOPER	2	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
*GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	7
*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

ROBERT E. COLES	*Treble*	TREVOR M. RODERICK	5
THOMAS YEOMANS	2	WILLIAM DARE	6
FRANK ROWSELL	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
ALBERT J. PITMAN	4	WILLIAM T. PETTY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

STANLEY CLARK	*Treble*	DAVID W. BEARD	5
AUDREY M. BAILEY	2	†REGINALD D. HAYDEN	6
*CHRISTINE M. FORD	3	FRANK V. GANT	7
FREDERICK C. WHITBY	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* First attempt for a peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.' The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

WOLBOROUGH, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., Aug. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*F. MAURICE ATKINS	*Treble*	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	5
†HAROLD P. BURTON	2	THOMAS G. MYERS	6
†ERNEST J. TAYLOR	3	*FREDERICK WREFORD	7
CYRIL C. DEEM	4	†WILLIAM SIMMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Rev. J. G. M. Scott and Miss Claire Isles. The Rev. J. G. M. Scott is due to take up his new duties with this parish in September.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E flat.

*JOAN HILLS	*Treble*	ALBERT PRYKE	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	ROBERT C. HEAZEL	6
JAMES W. FURBANK	3	BERTRAM C. HINES	7
HARRY TURNER	4	JOHN H. SITCH	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID W. BEARD. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal of Surprise Major. The ringer of the 2nd has now 'circled the tower.'
Mr. James Bennett, now of Grundisburgh, Suffolk, rung his first peal at Brentwood about 25 years ago. He has rung eight on the tenor, eleven on the 7th and one on each of the other bells.

BURES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*Evelyn R. M. Cansdale	*Treble*	Samuel J. Twitchett	5
Leslie D. Mills	2	Terry Earle	6
*Edwin C. Hynard	3	*Donald L. Mills	7
*Mrs. Leslie Mills	4	Thomas Bird	*Tenor*

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Donald L. Mills.
* First peal in the method.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

Ernest J. Butler	*Treble*	*James H. Edwards	5
Edward P. Duffield	2	Chas. E. Willmington	6
*Allen W. Cansdale	3	*Urban W. Wildney	7
Lewis W. Wiffen	4	Harry J. Millatt	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Harry J. Millatt.
* First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to Mr. L. W. Wiffen.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Collegiate Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

Frederick W. Cooke	*Treble*	Thomas Cooke	5
Dennis R. Airey	2	Thomas Senior	6
George F. Newton	3	Roland Park	7
Denis A. Bayles	4	W. Norman Park	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Roland Park.
First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells.
In memoriam George William Park.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Brian Buswell	*Treble*	Clement Glenn	5
Joan E. Hoodless	2	Allan Simpson	6
Margaret A. Softley	3	John Walden	7
J. Brenda Softley	4	Arthur E. Hoodless	*Tenor*

Conducted by Clement Glenn.
A compliment to John David Clarke, of the Whatton company, and Miss Pamela C. Martin, on the occasion of their wedding at Whatton-in-the-Vale.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5152 ENFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

Lionel S. Woods	*Treble*	Alfred J. House	5
Barbara A. Mitchell	2	Richard E. Price	6
David W. Beard	3	John R. Mayne	7
Frank V. Gant	4	Richard F. B. Speed	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
The first peal in the method.

FROME, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 30 cwt.

Percy H. Harding	*Treble*	†Ernest Bray	5
John Phippen	2	Frederick H. Slatford	6
Eunice D. Overend	3	Donald Flower	7
Joseph T. Dyke	4	*Hugh Vennell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph T. Dyke.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5152 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt.

*Frederick Wreford	*Treble*	*Frank L. Harris	5
Mrs. H. J. Poole	2	Peter J. Staniforth	6
G. Stedman Morris	3	*Brian Pidgeon	7
*Elizabeth Brown	4	†Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Pye. Conducted by G. Stedman Morris.
* First peal in the method. † 1,200th peal. First peal in the method for the Guild.
A wedding compliment to the Rev. J. G. M. Scott and Miss Claire Isles, married at All Saints', Hanworth, Middlesex, August 26th, 1954.
Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Royle, wife of the Vicar of Heavitree.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 DUNEDIN DELIGHT MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent. Tenor 9 cwt.

Rex M. Dixon	*Treble*	Maurice A. Collings	4
Philip Mehew	2	Derek P. Jones	5
Angela Willes	3	Michael Orme	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
Believed to be the first peal in the method.
A farewell to the Rev. G. Edwards on his departure to continue his Ministry at Blunham, Bedfordshire.

KEDINGTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes.*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Mrs. L. D. Mills	*Treble*	*Donald L. Mills	4
Samuel J. Twitchett	2	Rosemary Seabrook	5
*Owen Ballard	3	*Leslie D. Mills	*Tenor*

Conducted by Rosemary Seabrook.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal of Minor as conductor.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Court and Plain Bob and three of Single Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

Hugh Longland	*Treble*	Ronald Russell	4
John Nicholls	2	Robin J. Worsdall	5
Percy D. Baldock	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Hugh Longland, to the conductor and his son, Rodney, aged 10.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (six callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A.

*Ann Manners (aged 12)	*Treble*	William Ramsbottom	4
Charles W. Blakey	2	Roger Leigh	5
†James Schofield	3	Leonard Walsh	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Ramsbottom.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

ANCASTER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 20 120's (10 callings), six 240's by Morris and five 240's by A. J. Pitman. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

William Towns	*Treble*	Frederick G. Vickers	3
Joan Brandon	2	Arthur E. Towns	4
James H. Musson	*Tenor*		

Conducted by James H. Musson.
A silver wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. William Towns, of Ancaster.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and five of Plain Bob (each called differently). Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOYCE MORSE	*Treble*	THOMAS F. STONE	4
MRS. W. A. GODWIN ..	2	*BRIAN R. MYLES	5
WILLIAM A. GODWIN ..	3	RALPH E. W. WENBAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell peal of Brian R. Myles, who shortly joins H.M. Forces.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM HOWE	*Treble*	ERNEST ROWE	4
MARIELLA MUNDY	2	FREDERICK WREFORD ..	5
WILLIAM WILLS	3	FRANK WILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM HOWE.

Rung after meeting short for Triples. First peal of Doubles for all except the conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. G. M. Scott and Miss C. Iles, who were married earlier in the day at Hanworth, Middlesex.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*JOHN CHURCH	*Treble*	G. CHERRY	4
†ROY HEAD	2	P. W. CROFT	5
MICHAEL C. ORME	3	F. W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. W. CROFT.

* 100th peal. † First peal in seven methods.

HORDLE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*IAN H. ORAM	*Treble*	†MICHAEL J. BEST	4
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods. The conductor's 400th peal (conducted 217, and rung in 350 towers). Also 100th tower for a peal of Minor.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

BETTY BROWN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PAUL	4
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY ..	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	5
J. BRENDA SOFTLEY	3	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*G. R. MARCHANT (12) ..	*Treble*	†WILLIAM L. SELLEY ..	4
*CLIVE E. MARCHANT (18)	2	RONALD D. SHORT	5
*DENNIS G. MILLER (17)..	3	*CHARLES DYMENT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES DYMENT.

* First peal. † First peal on six bells and first 'inside.' All ringers at this tower except the conductor.

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DRAYCOTT-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Court, St. Clement's, College and Double Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb.

EWART H. EDGE	*Treble*	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	4
MICHAEL SLANEY	2	ALAN LAMBERT	5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In nine methods, being one extent each of Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; Spliced Capel and London Scholars' Pleasure; Spliced Sandal and Kingston; Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ALLEN TWYMAN	*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	2	†SYDNEY SAGE	5
†IVOR JENKINS	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

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

Rung to celebrate the marriages of Miss Beryl Swann to Mr. John Scott and Miss June Worthington to Mr. Geoffrey Bennett.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's (five different callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

MARGARET A. SWANN	*Treble*	BRYAN C. STIRLAND	4
RONALD F. DISERENS	2	*DAVID BEACHAM	5
JOHN N. DISERENS	3	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except the treble ringer. The conductor has now rung Cambridge from Maximus to Minor.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE PIERCE	*Treble*	HARRY KING	4
RICHARD ROSE	2	LEONARD SHARPE	5
ERNEST BISHOP	3	KENNETH G. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

Rung for dedication of new church roof.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEEVE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 24, 1954, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
AT WOOLMERS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. 1—2 | JOHN THOMAS .. .. .. 3—4
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 5—6

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug 29, 1954, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL RINGING CHAMBER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*RICHARD H. SMITH .. 1—2 | ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 3—4
†ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 5—6

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside;' and first on a working pair. First peal of Minor 'in hand' for all the band. First peal of Minor as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

AXMINSTER, DEVON. — On Aug. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. G. Keeley 1, W. H. Poole 2, C. W. Powell (cond.) 3, Dr. D. Gullick 4, P. J. Staniforth 5, R. Keeley 6, H. J. Gaylard (first in method) 7, G. S. Morris 8.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.—On July 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Goddard 1, N. Bell (first quarter in thte method) 2, J. Tomlinson 3, A. Hoodless 4, G. I. Rusby 5, F. G. Bloomfield (cond.) 6, A. Crowder 7, G. Dobbs 8. First quarter of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung for the wedding of Miss E. Borrill and Mr. Laybourne.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,264 Bob Major: M. Walker 1, W. Goddard 2, N. Bell 3, J. Tomlinson 4, H. Day 5, A. Crowder 6, G. Dobbs 7, A. W. Hoodless (cond.) 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. Edward Dannatt, who had been a ringer at this church for over 50 years.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Peter Soars (first quarter on treble) 1, Peter Chambers 2, Kenneth Graham (first quarter 'inside') 3, Royston Wilmore 4, Roger Soars 5, Keith Lovett (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. B. S. Payne and Miss M. Thompson.

BASSINGBOURN, CAMBS.—On Aug. 17th, 2,640 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, 960 St. Simon's, 240 St. Martin's): A. Tuttle 1, R. Castledine 2, C. Harwood 3, P. Mehew 4, D. Jones (cond.) 5. Believed longest length on the bells.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS. — On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Powell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. E. Roome 2, B. Linnell 3, R. Line 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Laughton on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (60 of Grandsire and 1,200 of Plain Bob): Janice Grenham (first quarter) 1, Betty Tester 2, Reginald Lambert 3, Colin Tester 4, Robert Lambert (cond.) 5, Leonard Pierce 6.

CADOXTON, NR. NEATH, GLAM. — On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: David Lewis 1, J. Bloxham 2, D. J. Lewis 3, H. Boyce 4, G. I. Lewis 5, E. Morris (first quarter peal of Minor as conductor) 6.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Bennett 1, J. Marsh 2, G. Goodson 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, C. Jones 5, F. Bennett 6, F. Hinton 7, J. Courtman 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. George Green, former churchwarden, who died on Aug. 16th.

COLNE, LANCS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,344 Bob Major: R. Leigh (cond.) 1, T. Barker 2, J. Schofield 3, J. Pilkington 4, C. W. Blakey 5, W. Ramsbottom 6, J. Charnock 7, R. M. Edwards 8. First quarter of Major for 4 and 6. Rung (after a broken rope had ended a peal attempt) for the patronal festival.

DALWOOD, DEVON.—On Aug. 28th, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: S. Pitman 1, C. Deem 2, C. Savage 3, J. Quick 4, S. Skinner (cond.) 5, N. Skinner 6. First in the method for all and the Guild by resident members.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, F. Barker 2, T. H. Taffender 3, A. Goodall 4, A. Warren 5, P. Blake 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. Rung for evensong.

FRINDSBURY, KENT. — On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. S. Benson 1, S. T. Jarrett 2, R. C. Burns 3, P. F. Borer 4, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 5, A. J. Hewitt 6. First quarter for the ringers of 1 and 3. Rung on the back six.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS. — On Aug. 15th, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, G. Perkins 4, N. Mallett 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Aug. 29th at St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Stevens 1, Pamela M. Stevens 2, A. Hodge 3, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 4, F. Warren 5, B. Tozer 6. Rung for morning service.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Triples (15 changes of method): F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, M. Blond 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, A. J. House 6, T. East 7, W. J. Carter 8.

HUNTINGDON. — At all Saints' on Aug 15th, 1,440 Bob Minor: N. Mallett 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, R. F. Baker 4, C. Clarke 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung for Princess Anne's birthday.

LITLINGTON, CAMBS. — On Aug. 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Buck 1, R. Dixon (first in the method 'inside') 2, R. Castledine 3, Miss P. Hutton 4, M. Orme 5, C. Harwood (first of Surprise as cond.) 6.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 2, Roger Keeley 3, Dr. D. Gullick 4, W. H. Poole 5, Canon C. C. Cox 6, P. J. Staniforth 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. For evensong.

NEATH, GLAM.—At St. Thomas' Church on Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Galvin (first quarter) 1, L. Oliver (first quarter) 2, H. Boyce 3, T. Scott 4, E. Morris (cond.) 5, G. I. Lewis 6.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Sharpe 1, E. G. Catton 2, K. G. Brown (cond.) 3, A. G. Fever 4, D. Brand 5.

RUMNEY, MON. — On Aug. 27th, 1,440 Minor (one 720 each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob): Jennifer M. Stephens 1, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 2, K. G. Jones 3, Jean Powell 4, A. R. Price 5, R. C. Lucas 6. First quarter peal in these two methods by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hurrell 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, B. Aldridge 3, J. Hurrell 4, W. Prockson 5, F. Hurrell 6, G. Ashdown (cond.) 7, E. B. Crowder 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Daynes, who passed away suddenly on August 19th

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: A. Warren 1, Mrs. P. Aldwincle 2, R. F. Turner 3, L. Toseland 4, R. G. Black (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to Miss J. J. Black, daughter of the conductor and also a ringer, and Mr. A. Bradshaw, who were married this day.

HARESFIELD, GLOS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 480 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): Jessie Cockburn 1, Roselyn Crewe 2, F. E. Tranter 3, H. Worral 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, S. J. Pugh 6. First quarter in four methods for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Stone 1, D. Miller 2, C. Marchant (first of Minor) 3, C. Clarke 4, W. Stevens 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First of Minor on the bells. Rung for thanksgiving for installation of electricity and organ blower and redecoration of the church.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Aug. 24th at St. Leonard's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Charge 1, J. Rea (first in the method on an 'inside' bell) 2, J. Euston (cond.) 3, J. Chapman 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, A. J. Farndell (first quarter on eight bells) 6, S. Howard 7, R. Sanders 8. Rung as a farewell to A. J. Farndell, of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Mitcham, who leaves shortly to commence his National Service Training.

SHOREDITCH, LONDON.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. S. Hawkins 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Mrs. L. Pearson 3, Mrs. T. H. Francis 4, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 5, F. J. Matthews 6, L. Pearson 7, A. R. Ling 8, R. F. Deal (cond.) 9, T. H. Francis 10.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James' on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Chedgey 1, W. H. Poole 2, Miss B. Rowsell 3, G. Sage 4, W. Priddle 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, P. Pengelly 8. First quarter on the bells, since rehung recently by Mears and Stainbank. Also rung for the rally of the South-West Old Contemptibles Association at this church.

THRYBERGH, YORKS. — On Aug. 28th, a quarter peal of Bob Minor: Denise Shaw 1, G. R. Hiner 2, Margaret Rodgers 3, F. Pickering 4, F. Brunt 5, H. Mortimer (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. R. Bowen, wife of Canon G. C. Bowen, M.A., Rector of this parish 1901 to 1944, who died at Cobham, Kent, on August 19th, 1954. This is believed to be the first quarter peal to be rung in this ancient church by members of Rawmarsh parish and local company.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. W. Dix 1, W. G. Paul 2, J. Schofield 3, K. R. Dunstan 4, S. A. Warwick 5, S. H. Hoare 6, W. Wenban 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8.

WHITBY, YORKS. — On Aug. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. P. Sandford 1, A. V. Coates 2, J. R. Waller 3, J. Pearson 4, G. W. White 5, H. Short 6, D. Elwick 7, S. R. Elwick (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret A. Elwick, daughter of the conductor. Also for the harbourside service, 'the blessing of the boats.'

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

Little Aston a Tower of Great Promise

The summer meeting of the Society took place at Little Aston on August 21st. The small but beautiful church of St. Peter is delightfully situated in a sylvan setting, and the tower contains a pleasing, easy going ring of six bells.

This was the first visit of the Society to Little Aston, and the Vicar (Rev. H. H. Follis) and his young ringers had gone out of their way to ensure the success of the meeting.

The fully choral service, accompanied by the organist, Mr. E. Porter, was bright and cheerful, with a good address from the Vicar, and is is worthy of note that the Little Aston ringers are choristers as well.

Tea served in the Parish Hall and very kindly given by the Vicar, his lady helpers and the local band, was one of the most sumptuous which the members of the Society have enjoyed for some time. Thanks and appreciation to all concerned were duly expressed by Messrs. B. G. Key, K. W. Knowles and F. Bennett.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of the newly-appointed Ringing Master, Mr. Dennis Holden. The attendance of 49 (including the local band) was below average, and those who failed to attend missed one of the Society's most enjoyable meetings of recent years.

St. Peter's, Little Aston, is fortunate in having such an enthusiastic band of young ringers, whose efforts, not only for their own church, but for the Society, deserve special commendation.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Brewood on October 16th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A correspondent writes: 'I have to-day visited the three most famous reference libraries in the North of England, viz., Manchester Corporation, the John Reynolds Library, Manchester, and the Picton Reference Library, Liverpool. All have numerous copies of the 'Church Bells' series (Bells of Kent, Suffolk, etc.), but there is no publication of the Central Council in Manchester, and Liverpool has an old copy of the 'Triples Collection' (1911, I think). I think the Central Council should do something about the matter.'

Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, will be 87 next October, and not 89 as was recently stated.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Raymond Philpott died on Tuesday afternoon at the Farnham (Surrey) County Hospital.

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, having rung his 400th peal, has set himself the target of reaching the 500 mark in the next two years.

A new ring of bells will be dedicated at St. John's, Farnworth, near Bolton, on Saturday, September 11th, at 3 p.m.

A bracelet was left by a member of one of the outing parties to Burnham. Will the owner please write to George Gilbert, Burnham, Bucks, and it will be forwarded.

After the peal at Ancaster, Mr. and Mrs. W. Towns entertained the band to an excellent supper. They also sent their car to Silk Willoughby to fetch Mrs. Musson so that she could join in a happy evening.

Mr. F. G. Wilton, of Swindon, expresses thanks, through 'The Ringing World,' to the ringers of the Guildford area for making his recent stay at Guildford Fire Station so enjoyable and profitable.

When Miss Maureen Gillott was married at Whiston Parish Church on August 28th her bridegroom, Mr. P. Coote, of Rotherham Parish Church band, and his best man, Mr. Robin Rhodes, took part in the ringing prior to the service.

Mr. Colin J. Champion rang his 25th peal at Much Wenlock on August 9th.

The bells of St. Mark's, Jersey, will be broadcast on September 19th at 7.45 p.m.

The second 720 of the peal at Clive (reported on page 546) should read St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and not Double Oxford and Plain Bob. The peal at Market Drayton of Braunstone Surprise, reported on the same page, was accomplished in 2 hours and 57 minutes.

We regret to record the death of Mr. W. E. Herbert at Woburn, Beds, member of the Bedfordshire Association for 65 years. Details will appear in our next issue.

Congratulations to Miss Christine Ford, of Loughton, Essex, who scored her first peal at Harlow Common on August 26th. Christine has show a great enthusiasm for ringing and has already reached the realms of Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Cinques. This peal will surely be the first of many.

St. Bartholomew's, Colne, has rarely figured in 'The Ringing World,' the last peal having been rung there well before the war, despite the fact that the 'go' of the bells is good. An attempt for a peal was made on August 21st (he nearest available date to the patronal festival) but a rope broke after 40 minutes and there was insufficient time for a fresh start. A quarter peal was, however, scored. Afterwards Mr. William Heaton, of the local band, who had to stand down at short notice, entertained the ringers to a very good tea.

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A KENT RINGING TOUR

THE party from the North and Midlands which in former years was under the guidance of J. E. Cawser, chose for their venue this year the lovely county of Kent, and right well it merited the choice. The party this year had one or two new faces, and some old friends had rejoined us, making ten in all from the upper part of the country.

The long journey south began at London Road Station, Manchester, whence the now familiar Dormobile had been piloted by Ann Worth. At about 12.30 p.m. we got under way with three of the tourists on board, stopping at Macclesfield to pick up our driver for the week, John Worth; then on to Newcastle-under-Lyme, where after a few minutes wait Fred Wilshaw joined us, and on we rolled to Birmingham, where near the Cathedral a tea-less trio of Birmingham ringers waited patiently at 4 p.m., while we had tea. Soon we were once more on the road, to our haven for the night, the Bell Hotel, Aylesbury. There dinner was ready for us and, needless to say, we were ready for it. This disposed of, a certain quartette expressed their desire for a stroll (?), and sallied forth on what turned out to be a remarkably short stroll, for a painted sign of some male animal beckoned them into a very comfortable room, and a rather hilarious evening ensued, to the delight of Rosemary, who, it is hoped, did not hear all the yarns swopped.

ROAD CONGESTION—A MISSED ATTEMPT

Saturday morning found us on the road in good time heading for Gillingham, and all went well until, some few miles from Rochester, it became evident there were other vehicles on the road beside ourselves, and eventually we found ourselves in an outsize traffic jam, which must have been some miles in length, and after nearly two hours there we moved slowly on to Gillingham, arriving at 12 noon, far too late to start for the first peal of the tour. So no ringing was to be had there, and the inner man having been fortified at a nearby cafe, we fought our way back through a rather lesser traffic block in Rochester, reaching Northfleet in time to find two more of our party awaiting us. Soon the bells were rolling out to Middleton's Cambridge, whist the organising secretary was highly delighted to encounter old friends who had turned up: Arthur G. Mason, who was to be with us for a few days, Herbert Audsley, whom the organising secretary had not met for some 26 years, and Wilfred Williams. The peal over without incident, the road was used once more to take us to our headquarters for the week, the Royal Oak, Sevenoaks, depositing on the way the Birmingham trio at a rather lesser 'pub,' on the pretext that the Royal Oak was full up.

Sunday found us at the Parish Church of Sevenoaks, where Miss Colgate and Mr. Collins warmly welcomed us to a comfortable ringing room, and we soon had this mellow old ring going to the tune of Bristol, Spliced Surprise, then Stedman. A morning stroll of great interest was then taken in the precincts of Knole House, now in the care of the National Trust, and when, watching the almost tame deer in the park, the organising secretary referred to the animals' head adornments as 'horns,' he was promptly informed that they were called antlers; he now knows that when he meets a bull he must take care to avoid its antlers!

The tower for the afternoon was Sittingbourne, and here we were very pleased indeed to meet Harry Parkes, the organising secretary getting into such deep conversation with him that he had to be reminded that a peal attempt was waiting. Yorkshire was duly rung, thus completing for George his century each of Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major. Meanwhile Harry took the two 'spares' on what proved to be a very successful tower-grabbing expedition, together with a certain amount of grabbing of any local ringers who showed up, to augment the party. The peal over, some of the local company joined us to ring for evening service. A violent thunderstorm cut short the gossipers afterwards, and soon we were heading back to headquarters.

TENTERDEN NOT CHILD'S PLAY

On Monday morning we were heading south for Brenchley (via Kippings Cross!), the latter part of the journey being enlivened by a technical discussion between two method-minded ringers, probably invoked by the sight of signposts marked Capel and Horsmonden. After an inspection of the ropes and some minor adjustments, the bells were quickly set rolling to the sound of Bristol, with almost mechanical precision. The peal successfully accomplished, there remained only time to pay a very brief visit to the only other building of any size, undaunted by the large notice which declared, 'Gipsies not served here.' So very soon we were on our way to the next port of call, Tenterden. Lunch over, we had an inspection of this interesting town, the tower coming in for a great deal of attention.

At 5 p.m. we ascended the roomy tower, and the experts were taken upstairs by Harry to inspect the bells. It was then that we realised that this attempt was not going to be child's play. Tenterden's are a distinctly heavy ring, the treble weighing about 7 cwt. They are hung on the old-fashioned system of deep headstocks, which with big wheels carrying much rope means that good handling is essential. Harry's attention to the bearings ensured that the bells went well, and we appreciated his kindly thought for our comfort. Soon London was being heard, the conductor choosing one of Worsley's compositions with parted tenors, which may have sounded unfamiliar to the listeners for quite a while. This promised to be a peal to be remembered, though about half-way there seemed to be a bit of quarrelling going on upstairs, but this was the only blot on what otherwise was a grand performance. After the peal a tired band sought refreshment in the shape of an excellent meal at the Spinning Wheel, and after dissuading some of the members from seeking other places of rest, we made our way back to Sevenoaks.

AT CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

On Tuesday the route lay along the Canterbury road as far as Chilham, where we were welcomed by the incumbent, the Rev. Sir Reginald Champion. After a look at the bells and a sorting out of possibles and impossibles, Superlative was chosen and was soon under way, while Muriel and the organising secretary watched the antics of a film unit making a reel of Chilham Square; unfortunately, as this was vision only, the Superlative will not be heard throughout the land. Canterbury was the next stop, and after a late lunch at the County Hotel the city was duly inspected despite the narrow, crowded streets, until at 4 p.m. we were guided to the ringing room by Mr. Unwin. The bells were raised, ropes adjusted, and a start was made for Cambridge Maximus; but after a few leads 'Stand' was called, the tenor man calling for a slower tempo. Perhaps he was tired after his efforts at Tenterden on the previous evening. After 3 hours and 51 minutes 'Stand' was called by the conductor, and we were all very pleased to have rung a peal in this historic Cathedral. Mark Lancefield rang the treble for us, his previous twelve-bell ringing having been limited to rounds, Fred Wilshaw had rung his first of Surprise Maximus, and Arthur Mason had renewed acquaintance with the method on twelve after a lapse of 30 years. It was also the conductor's 100th peal on twelve bells.

On Wednesday morning Wye proved to be a tower well suited for an attempt at Spliced, and all seemed to be going well, but it turned out to be our first failure. The Vicar met us afterwards and proved to be very understanding of the needs of man after a peal attempt. The Bridge Cafe attended to our more substantial needs, and we rolled on to Ashford to ring an almost immaculate peal of London, albeit rather slower than peals rung by the resident ringers. Mr. Everett, who has worked hard for so long to keep ringing going here, met us, and saw that everything was in readiness. Without wasting any time, we hurried back for dinner at headquarters, so that advantage could be taken of Miss Colgate's success in obtaining permission for us to have three-quarters of an hour's ringing at Sevenoaks; after which a pleasant evening was spent in the company of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins and Wilfred Williams.

A GOOD PEAL AT QUEX PARK

Thursday morning found us en route for Wingham, where the incumbent met us and provided audience for the preparations. The band then settled down in earnest to ring a peal of 4-Spliced, which was never in doubt, another good peal resulting, while the spares, together with Arthur Mason, went in search of a 'cuppa.' After the peal Arthur piloted us to the Beresford Hotel at Birchington, where he invited us to a splendid lunch, a gesture deeply appreciated by all. Tracks were then made for Quex Park and a hunt made for the Bell Tower, which proved to be rather elusive, until some one spotted the weather vane above the trees. After a look at the bells, and a hunt for o. lamps, the bells were raised, and an attemp made to adjust the sound effects, but this was not very successful, the four sound turrets, which are built right up to the bells, defeating our efforts in that respect. After settling down, a good peal resulted in rather slow time; despite their lightness, these bells are not to be hurried. Mark Lancefield rang his first of Surprise Maximus on an 'inside' bell, and the feat of progressing from rounds on twelve to Surprise Maximus in three days is a record to be proud of. Perhaps it is not too much to expect to hope that this might be the foundation stone of a peal of Surprise Maximus by an entirely resident band, though it will not be easy; it means unity of purpose of an unprecedented order.

Friday was a long trek, and we were not surprised to be late at St. Lawrence-in-Thanet, where Arthur Mason and the local company already had the bells raised for us. Here we were pleased to meet George Butcher on holiday—we had missed him at Northfleet, but this now made amends. Rope adjustments made we were soon going to the tune of Cambridge Royal in the tittums, and with that redoubtable pair from Birmingham, George Bannister Fearn and Clifford Landy Barron, on the tenors, quick going was indicated, and the bells ran round in just under three hours. Lunch at the Rising Sun was enlivened by dialogue in Cockney (genuine) and Yorkshire (synthetic) dialects, which proved to be highly amusing.

Leeds was our next stop, and the bells in this huge tower proved to be quite good going, in spite of the fact that it is nearly 50 years since they were restored by Bowell. This tower has no louvres, and it may well have been the first tower to have an acoustic lantern. Two of the ropes here are rather tricky, and it caused amusement when one ringer lost his sally, ultimately finding it behind him! Ralph Edwards joined us here, and after much persuasion kindly consented to ring the tenor, which he did in his usual immaculate style; Tom Cullingworth also joined us, to ring his first peal of Yorkshire Royal, though the organising sec-

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District at St. Ippolyts

A most enjoyable meeting was held at St. Ippolyts on Saturday, August 28th. The church is dedicated to St. Hippolytus, but the signposts all spell it Ippollitts.

Ringing commenced promptly at 3 o'clock, followed by a service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. A. Symmington.

Tea was provided by Mr. A. Harris, leader of the local band, and Mrs. Harris and helpers, and this once again proved too much for the younger generation, as plates of food were left over.

The Vicar took the chair for the business meeting, when it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Rushden, Sandon and Wallington with the special method, Dunedin Delight. If this goes as well as Kirkstall the District will do well.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, it was agreed that the joint meeting with the Biggleswade District be held at Hitchin on October 23rd and not October 30th.

The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Rector and to the ladies who had provided the tea. This was greeted with acclamation.

Further ringing continued until 9 o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal. Methods rung ranged from rounds to London Surprise. The sum of 17s. 6d. was collected for the General Fund.

Towers represented were Baldock, Biggleswade, Cardington, Clifton, Enfield, Great Wymondley, Hitchin, Henlow, Houghton Conquest, Norton, St. Albans, Silsoe, Stotfold, Walkern, Welwyn and the local tower.

KENT RINGING TOUR—Cont.

retary thought that by the way he rang he must have rung a dozen.

A BROKEN ROPE AND CLAPPER

For Saturday we had Edenbridge and Westerham. The former's are the peal ringer's dream, soft in the ringing room, quiet outside, just the right weight, and perfect 'go.' All seemed set for another peal of Spliced, but it was not to be, for after two and a half hours of really good ringing the conductor called 'Stand,' with the major portion of a broken rope around his feet We were all very disappointed, but this is all part of a ringer's day. After an enjoyable lunch at Westerham we made out way to the Parish Church. For this attempt the band had been made a mixed one, being strengthened by Messrs. T. E. Sone, H. E. Audsley and A. G. Mason. Soon Yorkshire was on the way to a steady beat, but this was unlucky, too, for after 50 minutes' ringing a broken clapper put an end to the tour in Kent. Soon we went our devious ways, and the last occupants of the Dormobile found their destination at 2 a.m.

We hope we satisfied our Kentish friends; they more than satisfied us, and everything possible for us was done, and probably more would have been done for the asking. Our attempts were spread out over the county, for we did not wish to concentrate on a small area, though that would certainly have meant far less travelling; as it was we covered over a thousand miles, but with the satisfaction of not spoiling the residents' own limited opportunities for peals, hoping to match in this respect the great efforts they made for us. For a week they gave us the freedom of their lovely county, its soft summer air, and, by a miracle, its sunny weather. We shall not easily forget this very English Corner of England. E. J.

EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN

By P. AMOS

CHOOSE the corners of any county and you are almost sure to find towers seldom visited, too wide of the mark for many Guilds' activities, or where lack of such activity has resulted in no progress so far as bell restorations and augmentations are concerned.

In my travels to over 1,000 churches (298 of these with under five bells) I have gleaned much history, and the north corners of Bedfordshire are no exception.

From a point north of Sharnbrook it can be said that no ringing activity exists. Except for the unringable fives at Wymington and Swineshead practically all the churches in the two bulges of North Bedfordshire have three, four, and in some cases two or one bell.

EAYRES OF KETTERING

Let us take first of all the case of Yelden with four bells! When I visited this low broached steeple I found what I had been looking for for a long time—one of the very first bells of the Eayres of Kettering, dated 1717, the year in which it is said they added bell founding to their trade of clock-making. I had previously found one of 1718 at East Farndon, Northants, and many of later dates, but from this bell at Yelden I learned two things; the Eayres had evidently not made up their minds as to how and where to inscribe their names on their first bells. On the bell at East Farndon (the third of their five) is T. E.—the initials of Thomas Eayre sen.—inscribed on the rim of the bell. On the bell at Yelden (the third of their four) is T. and J. Eayre inscribed on the crown, where the cannons join, of all places—the first I had seen with an inscription on top of the bell.

A learned friend of the Archives Committee, from whom I often get requests for bell history, having earlier asked for details of the Eayres' first and last bells, naturally found this, and one other, with which I shall deal later, of immense interest. On the waist of this Yelden bell is inscribed 'October, 1717.' Can this be the first bell of the Eayres'? If not, it must certainly be one of their first. The question may be asked, 'Who was the J designated to, John or Joseph?' It is most sure to have been John, who was the uncle of Thomas sen. and of Joseph. Joseph does not come into the picture until 1735.

John, who was a clockmaker with Thomas sen died in 1718, shortly after the Kettering bell foundry was established, and so this Yelden bell must go down in history as being one of the very few which John took a hand in casting. Of the other three bells at Yelden, the second, bearing the inscription of John Taylor, of Loughborough, 1885, is actually a recast of 'a very bad bell' by Bryanus Eldridge (probably from his Coventry foundry rather than his Chertsey foundry) dated 1660.

HUGH WATTS, OF LEICESTER

Both the treble and the tenor are bells by that renowned founder, Hugh Watts, sen., of Leicester—the treble, dated 1617, and the tenor, which is 1610, bearing the letters of the alphabet, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, etc., together with Watts' stamp of three bells and a crown inside a shield. John Taylor fitted all four bells with new framework in oak, and new fittings, in 1885. The tenor is about 6¼ cwt. in B flat. They are ringable.

Next we come to Shelton, noted for its inn with the peculiar name—The Cat and Custard Pot. The church here is a gem of antiques in a number of ways. Its antique pews and its old porch straightway catch the eye, as does its low, west-end tower, capable of five or six light bells, but with only three, the tenor again in the region of 6½-7 cwt. This is another of Watts' bells with his favourite inscription, 'Nazarenus Rex Ideorum File Dei Miserere Mei,' and 1634, around the rim The treble, with 'Praise the Lord, 1599,' is possibly one by Francis Watts, predecessor of Hugh. This bell is one of a few which the firm of Barimar, of London, in 1926, tried their skill at scientific welding, like the seventh at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and the old tenor at Stoke Goldington, Bucks, which had to be recast two years ago. I must say that this bell at Shelton shows no sign of where it was cracked and welded, and its note is not all that bad as one would imagine.

Of the second, we again come to some more history of the Eayres. Whereas the bell at Yelden is possibly their first casting, the second at Shelton is likely to be their last, for it bears the inscription, 'Joseph Eayre, 1770.' In that year Joseph died, handing on his business at St. Neots to Edward Arnold. The Kettering foundry of Thomas, sen., and later Thomas, jun., ceased early in 1762, when Joseph, who left his brother in 1735 to go to St. Neots, had to be called in to finish the work upon the bells of Lilbourne, Northants, which Thomas, jun., had in hand at the time when he is said to have been bankrupt. Lilbourne's bells (4) were in 1761-62 made five and here again was a bad bell by Eldridge of 1658—the then tenor. It is likely that this second bell at Shelton was originally the same as the tenor—a 1634 bell, and that Joseph Eayre recast it in 1770.

A DEPLORABLE SIGHT

Pertenhall is another North Bedfordshire steeple which holds a gem of history—the first (or one of the first) bells which Thomas Russell, the bell founder of Wootton, Bedfordshire, cast. Russell was in business at Wootton from 1716 to 1745, and this bell, the second of Pertenhall's three, is dated 1716.

Never before have I seen so much rubbish as I witnessed in this steeple—a disgrace to such a fine broached structure (capable of eight bells) with a fine church in picturesque surroundings, out of all keeping with what I found immediately I tried to open the door leading up to the belfry. I had to use force to enter — twigs up the stairs and under the bells enough to fill a three-ton lorry. A letter of mine to the Rector pointing out the danger in the event of fire, brought the reply, 'I blush at the sight of what you point out, but I can get no one interested to move it.'

These three bells are a minor three. The tenor is by the Chandlers, of Drayton Parslow, Bucks, inscribed, 'Chandler made me. 1863.' The second bears the names of the churchwardens as well as Thomas Russell, of Wootton, 1716. It is a disgrace to see this historic bell engulfed in rubbish half way up to the waist, and the treble is even worse—rubbish right up to the crown. This bell's inscription reads, 'Robeart Smith, Edward Pecoke, churchwardens. William Hull made me. 1666.' Hull was a London bell founder from 1654 to 1672. The tenor is about 9 cwt.

I hope as the result of a 'straight from the shoulder communication' to the Rector (who also serves Swineshead, with five derelict bells), I have 'planted an acorn' in these two parishes, which we may see grow into an 'oak tree' very soon, despite the fact that Pertenhall has an appeal for £1,620 for roof replacement.

(To be continued.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BY FERRY TO RING

Dear Sir,—I have gathered some very happy memories during my 34 years' ringing career, but I think 1954 will prove the most interesting.

Our summer holidays were spent at Salcombe, in South Devon. After the usual investigations concerning ringing facilities, I found that the lovely floodlit tower of Salcombe Parish Church only contained one bell. However, I also found out that East Portlemouth, across the estuary, had a ring of bells.

Out early one Sunday morning, my wife and I got down to the ferry landing stage. Twelve passengers a time is the order, but we were soon across and climbing the very steep lane to the church. It was hard going but well worth the effort to see the marvellous view from the top. I found a very handy six in the 'Tower on the Hill' and was invited to stand in. We pulled up in peal, rang Devon call changes for 25 minutes, and down again in peal.

After an enjoyable service we descended and caught the ferry back to Salcombe, just right for dinner. So very nice, we repeated the excursion the next Sunday. Many thanks to Devon call change ringers.

ARTHUR BIGLEY.

Irthlingborough, Northants.

'A HOSTILE LAND'

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' thank my friend, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, for so ably replying to the anonymous writer who called Cornwall 'a hostile land.' As a 'foreigner' who has spent many happy holidays in the Delectable Duchy I have always found the Cornish a very friendly and hospitable race of people, and wherever I have gone to ring I have always been welcomed, both by the incumbents and the local ringers. If anonymous letters are not permitted, neither should anonymous articles when they are used for abuse.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. P. FIELD.

Long Sutton, Somerset.

'THE NINE TAILORS'

Dear Sir,—On August 24th, practice night at Bowdon, Cheshire, started half an hour earlier than usual, so that neither the ringing practice nor 'The Nine Tailors' should be missed. At eight o'clock prompt, ringing ceased; all sat round a portable wireless set, kindly brought up the tower specially for the occasion by one of the ringers.

The play was enjoyed by all, especially the three leads of Kent Treble Bob which, besides being a joy to listen to, set the example for the rest of the evening's ringing, when the striking showed signs of great improvement.

As the last touch came round, two gentlemen entered the ringing chamber, one an American on a short visit to this country; their interest had been aroused by Dorothy Sayers' play.

It would be interesting to know if any recruits are enlisted through this radio advertisement.—Yours faithfully.

A. J. BROWN.

Bowdon, Cheshire.

A PRIME NUMBER!

Dear Sir,—I would like, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' to congratulate Pat Cannon on reaching another landmark in his remarkable ringing career. It must give him great satisfaction to have at last rung in his 1,823rd tower. I am sure all your readers look forward to his next achievement. Incidentally, the only thing I can find of interest about 1,823 is that it appears to be a prime number.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Hampton Wick, Surrey.

THE BELLS OF LUNDY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Patrick Chapman's letter in your issue of August 27th is most interesting. 'The Times' appears to have published a report which is not correct. I did not see any account in 'The Daily Telegraph,' which is the paper I usually rely on.

The Editor's note is quite correct; yes, Mr. Editor, quite correct, and I can add little to it except to say that you have put it somewhat mildly.

The tower of the Church of St. Helena is a disgrace, and nothing is done from year to year to remedy the defects, most of which are caused by heavy seas and salt water spray.

I know of no restoration scheme and, if there happened to be one, who would ring, there being a population of about 20 on the Island, and that includes the staff of two lighthouses?

More and up-to-date information might be obtained from the priest-in-charge, the Vicar, The Vicarage, Appledore, N. Devon.

I visit the Island most summers, and last year found the board recording the peal rung in 1905 to be in bad condition. I went over again armed with turpentine, linseed oil, etc., and spent some two hours cleaning it up as well as I could, but further attention is required if the board is to be preserved, as I hope it will.

I should have gone over last week had not the steamer developed paddle trouble in the Bristol Channel, but I have every intention of making the voyage within the next few weeks, and then I can give more up-to-date information, although I feel certain there will be little to add to previous reports and the Editor's note.

You may ask, what is this to do with me—someone who is not interested in peals? The answer is, I have the photographs and records (which belonged to the late Canon Coleridge) of the memorable trip to the Island on August 23rd, 1905, when I was a boy of 9 years.

A full account of the journey was published in 'The Bell News' of September 2nd, 1905.

Nearly 50 years have passed by and can we, on the 50th anniversary, which will be August 23rd next year, do something about the peal board and possibly arrange a visit, with handbells?

H. J. CANN (Major).

Bridgwater, Somerset.

Dear Sir,—When staying on Lundy Island in 1951 I climbed the tower and found that the bells were unringable and that obviously some hundreds of pounds would be required to put them in order. I was, therefore, astonished to read Mr. Chapman's letter in 'The Ringing World' of August 27th, in which he says 'The Times' reported that they had been rung recently for a wedding. Accordingly I wrote to Mr. F. W. Gade, the manager of the very comfortable hotel on Lundy, to find out what had occurred, and his reply, received August 31st, says that Mr. S. Johns, one of the ringers of Stoke, Hartland, who has been working on Lundy, attached cords to the clappers and showed some amateur ringers how to chime for the wedding.

Unfortunately, it seems extremely unlikely that this ring of bells can ever be rung again in the true sense of the word, as long as it remains on Lundy, firstly because of the prohibitive cost of rehanging, and secondly because the population of Lundy could not provide the necessary ringers. I have, therefore, wondered whether the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have ever considered disposing of them and using the proceeds towards the badly-needed renovation of the church itself.—Yours faithfully.

EDITH LOMAS.

Whimple, near Exeter.

BELLS RUNG IN 1927

Dear Sir,—Like your correspondent, Mr. Patrick Chapman, I was interested to read in the press that the church bells on Lundy were rung for a wedding recently.

I visited this wind-swept island two years ago and recall seeing in the porch of St. Helen's Church the board recording the first, and I presume the only, peal to take place there. It was one of 5,040 Stedman Triples, in which the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Canon G. F. Coleridge took part. The words on this weather-beaten board were just legible, and I think the date was about 1908.

Quoting from the 'Guide Book of Lundy,' by J. Watt Smyrk, 6th Edition (February, 1950), which was the latest in 1952, 'No rector was formally inducted until 1927, when the Bishop of Exeter visited the island with a choir and band of bellringers from Ilfracombe. The ring consisted of eight bells, which have since been taken down because the frequent gales rendered their presence in the tower unsafe.'—Yours sincerely,

D. A. NEWCOMBE.

Cheltenham.

A STATE OF DECAY

Dear Sir,—Some two years ago I was talking about Lundy and its bells to Mrs. Keast, wife of the headmaster of Frensham Heights School, Surrey, whose father is the owner of the island.

She said the church, dedicated to St. Helena, was under the jurisdiction of the Vicar of Appledore, but that a good deal of neglect was apparent in the church and that rats and mice had caused much damage to curtains, kneelers and the back of the organ.

Mrs. Keast did not seem to know much about the bells but I should imagine that if there is such a state of decay in the church itself there would not have been much done in the way of bell restoration.

W. J. PAICE.

Reading.

BELLS WERE CLOCKED

Dear Sir,—I am in a position to be able to answer Mr. Chapman's query ('Ringing World,' August 27th, 1954).

On the occasion of the wedding on Lundy the bells were 'clocked' by a local inhabitant.

The fittings and frame are in an advanced state of decay.

I can assure any would-be 'snatchers' that if there were any chance of ringing these bells, it would have been taken some time ago.—Sincerely yours,

E. J. ROWE.

Tottenham, N.15.

A NATIONAL SERVICE REMEMBRANCE

Dear Sir,—Having recently completed National Service my I, through 'The Ringing World,' express my appreciation for the very pleasant time spent during my 17 months in the Huntingdon area.

During my stay I had the pleasure of partaking in several peals, quarters and regular Sunday Service ringing in and around the county, due mainly to the keenness of Harold S. Peacock, that very efficient secretary of the Hunts District of the Ely Diocesan Association, of whom the Branch should be proud. Thank you, also, William J. Ridgman, of Arrington, ringers at Somershall, Holywell, Hemingford Abbots, and many others with whom I had the pleasure of ringing.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN MALLETT.

Barnstaple.

ANSWERS WANTED

We propose to start a column of questions and answers. Those replying should write as concisely as possible.

(1) Who is (or was) E. W. Tipler, and can any of his works be purchased? If so, where?

(2) What was the origin of Erin Triples?

LETTERS—Continued

B.B.C. TAKE ACTION

Dear Sir,—I note that in your issue of August 27th Mr. H. J. Sanger complains of the lack of co-operation which the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has received from the B.B.C. in the matter of information about bell broadcasts.

We have now taken steps to ensure that you are kept as fully informed as possible of all broadcasts of church bells, in connection with broadcast and televised services or otherwise.

We are, of course, most interested to hear that the Council has elected a committee to deal with broadcasting and television and would like to assure you of our desire to give all the help that we can.—Yours faithfully,

F. L. COBB,
Publicity Officer.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL BAND

Dear Sir,—Through the columns of 'Tthe Ringing World' I should like to express my regret to Mr. Cyril Jarrett, of Chatham, and Mr. Trevor Cross, of Rainham, that owing to the bad striking of the Ringing Master and myself at Rochester Cathedral they are unable to attend any ringing there.

The statement was made to the secretary of the Cathedral Company after a practice at St. Mary's, Chatham, on August 25th.

After 50 years at Chatham and 32 years at Rochester. I would be glad of some advice on the matter. I am not anxious to stand in any peals he may arrange. The Dean of Rochester is the deciding factor for granting permission to use the bells.—Fraternally yours,,

CHARLES NORRIS,
Steeplekeeper, Rochester Cathedral.
Chatham.

'WINCHESTER SURPRISE'

Dear Sir,—No doubt Mr. Sedgley will be told that the method of Royal he suggests is entirely a different method from the Major, which is quite true. Should the author of Major and Royal, as published in 'The Ringing World,' be one and the same person, I beg to tell him; or her, that judged by the mathematical progression of Double Bob Major the Royal given contains only 20 round blocks related to the Major, the first and last ten rows of the Royal.

Double Bob has a mathematical progression in its round blocks of 3 4 1 2—4 3 2 1 to infinity.

I have extensions to Royal and Maximus, **with a different lead head,** of Winchester Major with the same progression as Double Bob!—Yours faithfully, GEORGE BAKER
Brighton.

RINGING IN CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

Dear Sir,—The author of the above article may be interested to know that the first peal to be rung in the county of Westmorland was at Kendal in 1796.

From 1796 until 1894 exactly 12 peals of Triples and one of Caters were rung at this tower by local bands.

The 1796 peal and several others are recorded on boards in the ringing room, and all these boards are in excellent condition.—Yours, etc., EDWIN JENNINGS.
Braintree.

NOMENCLATURE!

Dear Sir,—I am not a dog breeder, but in case I should decide to become one later, I have registered the name 'Treblebob' at the Kennel Club for my exclusive use. My present cocker spaniel, although generally known as Sally Ann, rejoices in the exotic official name of 'Lady Vega of Treblebob.'

Unlike Miss Churchill, nobody has yet asked me what it means, as not many people know.—Yours sincerely, V. T. O. BOASE.
Wallasey, Cheshire.

WEDDINGS

Mr. A. J. L. Bradshaw—Miss J. J. Black

The wedding took place at Geddington Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 28th, of Mr. Arnold James Lewis Bradshaw, only son of Mrs. Bradshaw, of Kettering, to Miss Jennifer Jean Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Black, of Geddington.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss B. Bradshaw and Miss M. Baxter. There were two child train bearers—Miss Linda Glennis and Master D. Hearn.

The bride is a Sunday School teacher and a bellringer at Geddington, and the bells were rung as they left the church by her fellow ringers. After the reception at the Village Hall a quarter peal was rung and is recorded on page 583.

On returning from their honeymoon at Penzance they will reside at 89, Midland Road, Wellingborough.

Mr. J. D. Clarke—Miss P. C. Martin

At Whatton-in-the-Vale Church, Notts, on Saturday, August 28th, the wedding took place of Mr. John David Clarke, of Whatton, and Miss Pamela C. Martin, of Stapleford. The bridegroom is a prominent member of the local band, and his bride is learning to ring. Following local custom, the pair were rung both 'in' and 'out' of church, the ropes being manned by the local band and Nottingham friends.

Ringers also officiated as best man (Mr. Allan Simpson) and chief bridesmaid (Miss Joan E. Hoodless) and the former complimented the ringers on their striking both before and after the ceremony.

Guests at the reception, numbering 100, sat down to a bountiful repast. After the toasts, the guests were delighted to hear the handbells rung by the chief bridesmaid, best man and two Nottingham ringers, all of whom, following the departure of the bridal couple to Bournemouth for their honeymoon, finished off a good day by taking part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Daybrook as a parting send-off to their happy friends.

Rev. J. G. M. Scott—Miss C. A. Isles

A member of the Central Council representing the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, the Rev. John Gilbert Mortimer Scott, of St. Thomas', Exeter, was married at the beautiful new Church of All Saints, Hanworth, Middlesex, on August 26th to Miss Claire Alice Isles, of Hanworth.

The bridegroom's father, the Rev. John Mortimer Scott, officiated at the wedding service, which included the hymn 'Father, hear the prayer we offer' sung as a processional with the entry of the bride, who was attended by her sister. Psalm 67 was sung, and following the Benediction, the hymn, 'May the grace of Christ our Saviour.'

A celebration of the Holy Communion to the setting of Merbecke followed with the Rev. Mr. Shergold as celebrant. During the signing of the register the chorale prelude, 'Sleepers, Wake!' (J. S. Bach) was rendered and the Bourree from the 'Water Music' (Handel) was played by the organist as a recessional. Mr. H. Reed, of Exeter, was best man.

As there is only one bell at All Saints' Church ringers could not make their usual contribution to the service, but a peal in honour of the event was rung at Exeter.

It is understood that the bridegroom has accepted the appointment of priest-in-charge of Wolborough, near Newton Abbot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Bolton Branch at Newchurch

For some time now Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association have enjoyed successful meetings and, as in other matters, there are outstanding features, the meeting at Newchurch, near Warrington, on August 28th was in this category.

The church, rebuilt on the site of an old church, is not dedicated to a patron saint. It has a low tower with eight very good bells and a ringing chamber like a parlour. The walls are beautifully panelled in oak and the floor carpeted.

There was a large attendance, both sexes, very young and not so young. There were visitors from the neighbouring branches, College Youths, Cumberlands. Three Guilds were represented, viz., Manchester and London Universities and Chester.

The early arrivals rang quite a number of Minor methods, followed by Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, and in the Major methods were Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and London Surprise.

The striking in the higher methods was of a very high order, which drew out many complimentary remarks. This striking must have created in the minds of the learners something which they hope to achieve. There was something for everyone, every request was fulfilled, the learners got just as much as the more accomplished. Nobody envied the Ringing Master, Peter Crook, his job.

A splendid tea was provided by the Parochial Church Council, and all received a cordial welcome from the Rector, who himself is a pupil in the art.

A vote of thanks was accorded to all who had helped to make the meeting a success, also for providing and serving the food.

Members were reminded that a new ring of bells will be dedicated at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11th, at St. John's, Farnworth, nr. Bolton.

FORTY YEARS AGO

SURFLEET, LINCS
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
On Wed., Sept. 2nd, 1914, in 3 hours & 22 mins.
At the Vicarage
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
5,040 CHANGES

J. Bruce Williamson	1-2
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	3-4
Rev. H. S. T. Richardson ..	5-6
E. Maurice Atkins	7-8
Rev. E. Bankes James	9-10
Rev. H. Law James	11-12

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Rev. H. S. T. Richardson.
First peal of Treble Twelve 'in hand' by all, and first peal of Treble Twelve by the Guild.

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OBITUARY

DR. F. C. EELES

Reference was made in our last issue to the death of Dr. Francis Carolus Eeles, of Earlham, Dunster, who died at the age of 78, on August 17th, the day before his resignation from the secretaryship of the Central Council for the Care of Churches was due to take effect.

In 1917 Dr. Eeles was appointed hon. secretary to the Central Council for the Care of Churches, and two years later became full-time paid secretary. In conjunction with Sir Cecil Harcourt and others he was the creator of the system of Diocesan Advisory Committees for the Care of Churches, which in 1938 were given statutory authority.

During the 37 years he was secretary he had inspected and advised on the restoration or maintenance of some 10,000 churches, cathedrals and other buildings. In the early months of the last war one of the responsibilities that fell upon Dr. Eeles was to arrange safe storage in Somerset of London church treasures of historic or artistic importance. As the result innumerable lorry loads of such objects were sent. These ranged from church bells, which were sent to Cleeve Abbey, to precious artistic fittings and important archives, the latter being stored at Earlham.

Another war-time task of Dr. Eeles was to build up on systematic lines a collection of photographs, plans, sketches, etc., and other records of the churches of the country, so that in the event of any of them being damaged or destroyed by enemy action, they could be completely restored. This collection came to 170,000 files and was kept in safe custody at Earlham and Dunster Priory.

Dr. Eeles was a noted antiquarian. The degrees of D.Litt. of Oxford University and LL.D., of St. Andrew's University had been conferred upon him and he was appointed an O.B.E. in the Birthday Honours of 1938.

A TRIBUTE

Dr. Francis C. Eeles had a life-long interest in church bells. Almost his earliest publication was 'The Church Bells of Kincardineshire' in 1897, and in 1913 he added an equally careful and meticulous account of 'The Church Bells of Linlithgowshire.' At his death he had a great deal of material in hand towards listing the bells of other Scottish coupties which he longed to complete. However, by the time the Linlithgowshire inventory was published he had moved South, and was working in the Victoria and Albert Museum. He joined with the late H. B. Walters, perhaps the greatest bell-antiquary we have had in this country, in making a MSS inventory of the church bells of Middlesex, which never found publication, and must still be in existence somewhere. His love of church bells was part of a wide interest in everything to do with churches and their furniture. During the first war he became hon. secretary of the Central Council for the Protection of Churches, of which he was also a founder, and through it gradually brought into existence the Diocesan Advisory Committees for the Care of Churches which now exist in 42 of the English and several of the Welsh Dioceses, as well as, in a rather different form, in Scotland. In 1924 he was appointed secretary. Through this system he strove for 38 years to safeguard all that was best worth preserving in our churches, the ancient and beautiful goods they contain, and the good old customs connected with them. Old ringing customs especially interested him, and he always encouraged their continuance.

Dr. Eeles knew the bells of most of the principal founders by their marks and characteristics to a remarkable degree, and could never resist climbing about in the belfry of any church he was visiting, even towards the end of his life when severely hampered by a deformed spine. The preservation of old bells he fought hard to enforce, and at his instigation the Central Council passed some strong resolutions against the recasting of bells earlier than 1750, scrapping of old and interesting wooden frames if they could be in any way preserved and kept in use, and more especially against the mockery of mechanical bell-substitutes. Nothing made him more angry than a parish whose ringers did not know the date, the founder and the historic value of their own bells, or a bell founder who failed to state these facts in a specification for recasting. Dr. Eeles was awarded the O.B.E. for his work on the care of churches, and its great value was also recognised by two honorary degrees of Doctors of Letters from Lambeth, and Doctor of Laws from St. Andrew's for his work in Scotland.

It was very appropriate that after the funeral on Aug. 20th the Dunster ringers should pay their tribute by ringing a half-muffled peal on the bells of St. George's Church, where Dr. Eeles frequently assisted in the Sunday services until ill-health prevented him from doing so.

A. R. T.

MR. HERBERT JERMY

Survivors of the ringing company of the 'blitzed' Church of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, lost one of their stalwarts when Mr. Herbert Jermy died on August 20th, aged 70 years.

A native of Bungay, Suffolk, he moved to Yarmouth in 1920 and became a member of St. Nicholas' band in the following year. He had taken part in nine peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Never aspiring to great ringing heights, Herbert Jermy was a devoted Sunday service ringer and although he invariably 'blew the tenor' from Doubles to Cinques, he could occasionally on practice nights be persuaded to hunt the treble. When he was 'on the box' for a touch or a peal the rest of the band knew the 30½ cwt. tenor would set the pace with a sure and measured beat.

It was, however, as steeplekeeper, which he was in every sense of the word, that he was perhaps best known and truly found his mark. Not many Saturday afternoons passed without his ascending the tower to attend to one or other of the several maintenance tasks in which he took a just pride.

His ringing career ceased with the war-time ban, and when his charges were destroyed in June, 1942, he felt it keenly and after the war he could not be prevailed upon to ring elsewhere, although he read 'The Ringing World' to the last.

So passed another faithful servant of the Church and of the Exercise. J. G. W. H.

MR. ALBERT EDWARD NORMAN

The announcement in 'The Ringing World' of the death of Mr. Albert Edward Norman, of Worcester, at the age of 52 years, came as an unexpected shock to his many friends in the Midlands, particularly to those in Birmingham.

'Bert' or 'The Pup,' as he was familiarly called, passed way suddenly early on July 24th, he having been at work until his usual time the previous day. During the night he complained of feeling unwell. This he thought was indigestion. He arose early, as usual, and was found dead in his chair by his wife. The cause of death was coronary thrombosis.

A man of fine physique, Mr. Norman was a carpenter by trade and came to Birmingham from Swindon early in 1917. He joined the St. Martin's Guild with whom he rang many peals on tower- and handbells. The deepest sympathy of his friends is extended to his widow, son, daughter, daughter-in-law and his aged parents, left to mourn his loss.

Bert was a splendid ringer and conductor, equally at home in the tower at the light or heavy end, and a very reliable handbell ringer on any pair of bells. His first peal, Stedman Triples, in December, 1917, was followed by many on eight, ten and twelve bells. Among them he rang 11-12 in the famous peal on handbells, Stedman Sextuples, by the St. Martin's Guild on June 24th, 1922, this being the first peal ever rung on 14 bells. His 100th peal, Stedman Cinques, on handbells, he conducted from 3-4 on his 21st birthday, April 5th, 1923. Others of his peals included the first on the augmented 12 bells of Exeter Cathedral rung by the Guild on July 5th, 1924, the 'silent' peal of Stedman Cinques rung by the Guild on handbells when the position for the first five pairs of bells was drawn for out of the 'hat' (December 15th, 1933) and a 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells at Erdington on October 23rd, 1938.

In 1939 Mr. Norman left Birmingham for Worcester and only rang two more peals—Stedman Cinques at Walsall and Evesham. His list of peals totals 178 on tower- and handbells in a variety of methods, and is of interest:—

Tower bells:—

Triples.—Grandsire 6, Stedman 30 (conducted 6 and one non-conducted).

Major.—Plain Bob 6, Double Norwich 9 (3), Kent Treble Bob 3 (1), Cambridge 4 (1), London 1, Bristol 1 (1).

Caters.—Grandsire 6 (4), Stedman 8 (1).

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge 6 (1).

Cinques.—Grandsire 1 (1), Stedman 39 (5).

Maximus.—Cambridge 6.

Total.—127 (conducted 24 and one non-conducted).

Handbells:—

Triples: Stedman 1. Caters: Grandsire 1, Stedman 5 (1). Royal: Kent Treble Bob 1. Cinques: Stedman 41 (7 and one non-conducted). Maximus: Kent Treble Bob 1. Sextuples: Stedman 1.

Total.—51 (conducted 8 and one non-conducted).

A. W.

MR. S. HOOPER

We regret to record the death of Mr. Sidney Hooper at the age of 62. He was a lifelong ringer at St. Andrew's Church, Stratton, Cornwall. Although not a change ringer, he was most regular at all practices and Sunday ringing.

Mr. Hooper was first taken ill when pulling the tenor on Sunday, August 22nd, and died on the following Wednesday morning. A half-muffled peal was rung immediately after the burial service, his fellow ringers acting as bearers. The Marhamchurch captain (Mr. J. Hicks) was represented by his son, Mr. A. Hicks.

A. E. B.

Norwich Diocesan Association

A very enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent at St. Nicholas' Church, Dersingham, on August 29th, when 30 members of the Western Branch, including the vice-president, branch chairman, ringing master and secretary, met to hold the second quarterly meeting. The numbers were a little low, as the fine weather found many ringers busy in the harvest field.

Divine service was conducted by the Rector of Dersingham (the Rev. Mr. Tippen). Tea was served in the Church Rooms.

At the business meeting four life members and one hon. member were elected. An interim meeting is to be held at Holme Hale on Saturday, October 2nd, and the next quarterly meeting at North Creake on November 27th.

THE CORNWALL AND DEVON BORDER

Combined Outing Amongst the 'Sixes'

At 10 a.m. on August Bank Holiday a party of ringers, representing the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset, converged on Davidstow in Cornwall for the start of a day's outing. A thick drizzle prevailed everywhere, and although it continued throughout the day with varying intensity, the spirits of the party were in no way damped.

Davidstow's (tenor 9 cwt.) are quite a nice ring, but the protective grease on the ropes, both above and below the sallies, made handling somewhat awkward. Laneast (9¼ cwt.) were a real job, and a touch of Stedman Doubles here was the fastest the writer has ever taken part in, about 36 per minute! Over into Devon for the next tower, North Petherwyn (9 cwt.), where a 'demonstration' course of Cambridge was rung.

After a short break for refreshments, back into Cornwall again to Lawhitton (9 cwt.) and Lezant (7 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.), both with nice going bells, although at the former a wall monument was so placed as to be liable to make an impression on the ringer of the 5th! Over again into Devon to Bradstone (7 cwt.), a lonely church with only a farm as a neighbour. Then to Kelly (8 cwt.), where once the Rev. Maitland Kelly, a pioneer of change-ringing, was incumbent. The bells go well, but there is so much rope rattle that one looked apprehensively at a tablet on the wall which stated that the tower had at one time collapsed, but the party left the church intact!

Milton Abbot was the next tower and, although the tenor is only 13 cwt., the bells are none too easy to ring. This was officially the last tower of the day, but it is rumoured that some of the band went back into Cornwall for further ringing at St. Stephen's-by-Launceston.

During the day 18 methods were rung (nine each of Doubles and Minor), including a mystery Minor method by Alan Carveth and Co. Despite the weather, the outing was conspicuous for the good humour and friendship of the party and also for the standard of striking, particularly the rises and falls. Best thanks are due to all incumbents, local ringers, etc., who helped to make such a happy time.

E. T. P. F.

ST. JOHN'S, LOUGHTON, OUTING

On August 21st ringers of St. John's, Loughton, with their wives and friends, had an enjoyable outing into Kent. The first stop was Aylesford, then on to Marden, where there is an excellent example of cleanliness in the ringing chamber.

After lunch at Hawkhurst the badly bomb damaged church of St. Lawrence was visited. This might almost be called a tower without a church. Next came Goudhurst, then Hadlow and finally Wrotham, where we more than satisfied our appetites at tea before visiting the church. This was voted the best ring of bells of the day.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

D. R.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM. — On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. James 1, R. Webster 2, Mrs. W. Maughan 3, Miss M. Fletcher 4, W. Maughan 5, A. Watson 6, L. Greenhow 7, K. Lawson (cond.) 8. Rung for morning service. — Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. James 1, R. Webster 2, Mrs. W. Maughan 3, Miss M. Fletcher 4, A. Watson 5, K. Lawson 6, L. Greenhow (cond.) 7, W. Maughan 8. Rung for evening service.

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ENGAGEMENT

THURLOW—HOOK.—The engagement is announced between the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, Precentor of Norwich Cathedral, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Norwich, general secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, etc., and Thelda Mary, younger daughter of the Dean of Norwich and Mrs. Hook. Miss Hook is at present a student at Durham University. 4982

IN MEMORIAM

BLAXCELL.—In memory of Garnham Arthur, called home September 12th, 1953. Always remembered by his ringing friends.

Year by year the bells so softly
O'er the graves their music pour,
Where the dust of saints is gathered,
Till the Master comes once more.

4974

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. D. P. Roberts has now removed from Marston Vicarage, Stafford, to Whiston Vicarage, near Prescot, Lancashire. 5005

The address of Mr. D. Mottershead is now once again 8, Hawthorn Walk, Wilmslow, Cheshire. 4976

HANDBELLS WANTED

BOY SCOUT TROOP require set eight handbells. Contact P. Bilham, Bohune, St. Ives, Cornwall. 4998

MISCELLANEOUS

ST. LEONARD'S, BEOLEY.—As church repairs are not yet completed, there will be no service or practice ringing for **September.** 4968

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—There will be no ringing at Southwark Cathedral on Tuesday, Sept. 14th.—A. B. Peck. 4994

EXTRA COPIES. — It is an advantage if those requiring extra copies will send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter peals is submitted.

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MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Chelford, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. A. Potts, Branch Sec. 4955

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting,, Thorverton (8), Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 4916

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Turner's Hill (8), Sept. 11th.—C. A. Bassett. 4942

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting, Haddenham (6), Sept. 11th (not as card). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special business: Election of new District Secretary.—Miss M. Grain. 4893

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Coaley (6), Sept. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 4986

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Hawley (8), Saturday, Sept. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4934

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting at Bredenbury (6) on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. 4925

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Oxhey (8), Saturday, Sept. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. 4955

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Meeting at Charing (6) (not East Farleigh), Sept. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Important reminder.—Book Oct. 23rd for the dinner and dance at Maidstone. Further details later. 4897

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at St. Mary Magdalene's, Windmill Hill, Enfield, on Saturday, Sept. 11th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in nearby shops. Business, and evening ringing, at St. Andrew's from 6.15 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 4931

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—Surprise practice, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 6 p.m. Tower available for **Surprise ringing only.** Special method: Rutland.—D. W. S., F. R. S. 4935

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A monthly practice will be held at Bradfield on Saturday, Sept. 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Englefield bells may also be available.—N. E. Colley. 5006

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Overton, Hants, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 4875

RINGERS' SERVICE.—To be held at Christ Church, Swindon (10), on Sept. 12th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 4.15. Service ringing from 5.15. Special service 6.30. All welcome. Names for tea as soon as possible to F. G. Wilton, 48, Groundwell Road, Swindon, Wilts. Tel. 3912. 4965

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined practice at Bletchingley (8) on Wednesday, Sept. 15th, 7.30-9 p.m. 5001

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Combe-Florey, Sept. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 4921

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Thurloxton, Sept. 18th, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 4985

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Publow, Sept. 18th. Bells 4 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock for those notifying by Sept. 16th.—C. Mogford, 184, Woollard, Pensford, near Bristol. 4997

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Woburn, Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Everyone welcome. Look up Four-Spliced.—Dennis Knox. 4996

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Whitby on Saturday, Sept. 18th at 3 p.m. It may be possible to arrange a private bus from Tees-side or, if not, cheap day fares are availaible by train.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec., 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 5010

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Berkswell, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meriden after tea if possible.—Garner-Hayward. 5012

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District—Meeting at Great Hallingbury (5) on Saturday, Sept. 18th, at 3 p.m. Please support this, our first meeting at Great Hallingbury. It is a lovely church set in beautiful countryside, near main road and railway at Bishop's Stortford. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea in Church Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4953

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Evening meeting, Lacock (6 bells), Sept. 18th, 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.—R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 4988

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly, Taynton, September 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. Names, by Wednesday, Sept. 15th. Barrington (6) in evening.—R. Wenban, Williamstrip Cottages, Coln-St. Aldwyn, Cirencester. 4977

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Ticehurst (6), Sept. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Look up Double Court and St. Clement's. Tea notifications by Sept. 15th.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere, Hawkhurst. 4978

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—A meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Inquiries for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 15th, please. —H. G. Thomas, Hildon, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 5007

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Northchurch (8), Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday. 15th, to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 4995

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Meeting, Hatfield (10), Saturday, Sept. 18th, at 3 p.m. Service and tea. Ringing up to 7.30 only.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5013

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hartlip on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 15th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 4938

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting, Bagshot, Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Sept. 15th, to Mrs. M. A. Welton, Ringwood, Vicarage Road, Bagshot. All friends welcome.—W. Oliver, Dis. Sec. 4963

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham, on Saturday, Sept, 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 5003

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Chorley, Sept. 18th, jointly with committee meeting. Bells available from 2.30 p.m., St. Laurence's and St. Mary's. Business 6 p.m. No tea arrangements; cafes nearby.—L. Walmsley. 4915

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Leonard's, Middleton, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea served in Long Street School.—F. Pritchard. 5011

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Easton, September 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Notify me by Sept. 15th.—L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 4990

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Messingham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—G. L. A. Lunn, Hon Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 4923

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Sunbury-on-Thames (8), September 18th. Details next week.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 4999

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Uttoxeter, Saturday, Sept. 18th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Roberts, 125, Smithfield Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4971

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Attleborough, Saturday, September 18th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Besthorpe (6 bells) evening. Names for tea, by Sept. 14th, to Mr. C. E. G. Banham, Caston, Attleborough, Norfolk.—A. G. Harrison, Sec. 4928

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Buckhorn Weston, near Gillingham, Saturday, Sept. 18th. Visitors welcome.—Write Rev. William Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 4972

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Croydon on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available:—St. Peter's (10) 3-4.30 p.m.; St. John's (12) from 6.30 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at Sylverdale Hall. Names for tea, **by Tuesday, Sept. 14th, please,** to Miss P. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton. Surrey.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 4848

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at East Bridgford (6) on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 2.30. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 for those who inform me by previous Tuesday.—S. L. Barley, North Muskham, Newark. 4927

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Chailey, Sept. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please notify for tea by Sept. 15th.—C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 4969

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Annual meeting, Clent, Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4992

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The September general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Scarborough, on Saturday, Sept. 18th Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in vestry. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Northcliffe Hotel, adjoining church, only to those who notify, by the 16th, Mr. B. Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough. It is hoped to arrange the meeting on the same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 4961

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 25th, The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4993

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District. — Quarterly meeting, Bromfield, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas. — G. Randle, Ashford Bowdler, Ludlow, Shropshire. 4991

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Annual meeting at Ashford, Sept. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, in Parish Room. It is hoped all towers in District will send representatives. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, by Sept. 21st. 4987

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District. — Meeting at Bottesford (8) on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at the Bull Hotel, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. W. Ward, High Street, Bottesford, Nottingham, not later than Saturday, Sept. 18th. All ringers and friends welcome. 5008

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Whickham, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Ringing commencing at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday. Sept. 23rd, to Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, Whickham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. All ringers welcome—N. I. Lea, Hon. Sec. 4980

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gedney (6), Sept. 25th. Bells 2.30, service 4, tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Shepherd, Stonegate, Gedney, Holbeach, by Sept. 20th. 4979

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Meeting at Hough-on-the-Hill, Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15, at the Brownlow Arms, followed by business. Names for tea by Sept. 20th to J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec., 61, North Street, Bourne, Lincs. 4983

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch. — Autumn meeting at Radley, Sept. 25th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 21st, to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 4970

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Meeting, Cogenhoe, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Sept. 20th, to G. F. Roome, 31, Clare Street, Northampton. 4973

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Beaminster, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 21st.—Barrett, Prout Bridge, Beaminster. 4984

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Benhilton, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting after. Names to me by Sept. 23rd, please. Carshalton bells (8) available in evening as well. — W. Parrott, Hon. Sec., 30, Hamilton Avenue, N. Cheam. 4981

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Sparsholt, Sept. 25th. Five bells. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Woodman Inn, Crawley, after tea. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester, 4989

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at St. Peter's, Sowerby. The recently recast octave will be available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. It is essential that those requiring tea notify Mr. G. A. Briggs, Farcroft, Sowerby New Road, Sowerby Bridge, by Sept. 23rd.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5004

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Anstey on Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey, near Leicester, by Wednesday, Sept. 29th. General committee meet Sept. 30th, Cathedral, 7.30. Please note festival date—Oct. 23rd. New report, containing 86 new compositions and a few copies of previous report (182 compositions) available from General Secretary, W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. Price 3s. and 1s. 6d. 5000

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—A Ringing Festival has been arranged to take place on Saturday, Oct. 16th. The bells of a number of churches within a six mile radius of Coventry will be available during the afternoon, followed by dinner and social evening in Coventry. Details later. — D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec. 5002

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice: Annual dinner. The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 23rd, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) shortly available and obtainable from Dinner Committee, Branch secretaries and J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 4957

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Preliminary Notice. — The annual dinner will take place at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on Saturday, Nov. 13th, next. Tickets will be 8s. 6d. each. Further details later.—F. C. A. Bennett. 5009

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