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VARIETY IN GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

By WILLIAM SHEPHERD

LISTENING outside many towers to touches of Grandsire or Stedman Triples, it has often occurred to me that wider scope could be forthcoming in the selection of touches, especially in the Grandsire method. Many conductors know that with struggling bands they hardly like to make things more difficult by calling touches which strike terror to some of the learners, but with experienced bands who can ring Grandsire well the conductor can have a large and varied selection of touches and quarter peals to suit all occasions, yet we hear some touches oft repeated while others are seldom heard.

How delighted the writer was a short time ago when he listened to one of his favourites, a 251, being rung, and in case anyone would like to try it here it is: 6th in and out, before with double, then singles at 3.1.1. After the last call there are five plain leads before the bells come round at handstroke. At one time those 'call every lead' touches became a novelty and on this plan it is possible to ring a touch of 336, but why not try a 252 by calling SSB SBS SBB repeated by way of a change from the usual type of touch?

In the early days of this century John Carter, the Birmingham wizard, gave me several touches on the course end system, a plan seldom seen nowadays, and here is a 167 on these lines:—

2 3 4 5 6 7	1	2	3
3 5 4 2 7 6	S	—	—
4 3 5 2 7 6	—	—	—
3 2 5 4 7 6	—	—	—

One could go on producing many touches of varying length by pencil and paper, all of which have found their way into lots of pocket books and collections, but no matter if they have previously been arranged or discovered there is still a fascination in pricking out suitable lengths which might come in handy at a future date. Some might like to try their hand at a piece of Holt's Original; if so, it is possible to ring the first 33 leads, which produces 476532, and then call a single at three, after which rounds at hand appear in three leads. The length of this touch is 545 and the calling by the bells before for the 33 leads is: 5.3.4.5.4.4.4.3D.3D.7, finishing as stated above.

Quarter peals are plentiful, and in many cases the calling is simple, such as the 4th in and out at five and in and out at four, five times repeated, single midway and end. Another six-part one is by bobs at 3.3.1.4.4 with single for bob halfway and end, a quarter with plenty of changes pleasing to the ear. Years ago quarter peals from Holt's Original were popular, and there is a 1,259 commencing 18 leads before halfway. From rounds a bob at two produces 672453 and you proceed with the peal until the plain lead 425376 is reached, then call a single at one, and rounds will come at hand in three leads.

A quarter peal given above contains only 24 calls, but how about having a try for one with the maximum number just by way of a change? The following quarter contains 85 calls out of 90 leads and consists of 60 singles, 25 bobs and 5 plain leads. Experience has shown that care should be taken at the 5 plain leads on account of the sudden absence of a call. The calling of this unique quarter is S.S.S.B.S.S.S.S.B.S.S.S.B, plain lead, B.B.S.S. Four times repeated.

Another quarter with 56 singles, 24 bobs and 10 plain leads might appeal to some conductors as a simpler composition than the one given above, and is best explained by the calling and figures set out in original style:—

2 3 4 5 6 7

B	7 5 2 6 3 4	1
B	4 6 7 3 5 2	1
S	3 2 4 5 6 7	1
S	7 6 3 4 5 2	2
S	4 2 7 5 6 3	1
S	5 3 4 6 2 7	1
S	6 7 5 2 3 4	1
S	2 4 6 3 7 5	1

Nine times repeated. Bobs to be substituted for singles at the 4th and 6th calls in the 5th and 10th parts.

Short touches and quarter peals form the main features of our work, and there are plenty of both available if some pricking out is done, preferably away from the tower. The autumn and winter evenings with pencil and paper can be the means of bringing fresh sets of figures, which will be helpful towards variety in ringing and also add to the conductor's repertoire.

TEN BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1955, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*MAUREEN M. FELLOWS ..Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 6
*STELLA HUGHES 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 7
MURIEL REAY 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 8
ALBERT WALKER 4	PETER BORDER 9
HENRY H. FEARN 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

*First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Mon., Aug. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT WALKER ..Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON 5
*STELLA HUGHES 2	PETER BORDER 6
MURIEL REAY 3	HENRY H. FEARN 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. . 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

*First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5152 XANTHUS SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ..Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
MURIEL REAY 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. . 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. . 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal in the method.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HARRIS ..Treble	EDWIN T. NEWBURY .. . 5
G. LENNARD HEWITT .. . 2	LESLIE BARRY 6
VALERIE WILLARD 3	R. GORDON CORBY 7
LESLIE ASTON 4	*DONALD TOWNSEND .. Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

*First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Southern Branch.)

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GORDON A. CROPPER ..Treble	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. . 5
†COLIN LONGMORE 2	WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. . 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. . 3	‡R. ROGER SAVORY 7
†HAROLD E. BAXTER 4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal on eight bells. ‡75th peal. Tenor ringer has now 'completed the circle.'

Rung as a 51st wedding anniversary peal to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hyde, Mr. Hyde having been people's warden at St. Andrew's for the past 20 years.

XANTHUS SURPRISE MAJOR.

58, 16, 1258, 36, 34, 58, 16, 3. 2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob
Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, August 18th, 1955.

WALLINGFORD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-MORE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*NEVILLE PAGE (16) ..Treble	JAMES BLOND 5
FREDERICK SMITH 2	ROBERT BLOND 6
HARRY WELLS 3	JOHN CASTELL 7
JACK BERRY 4	ERNEST GARRARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

*First peal of Triples.

Rung as part of the celebrations taking place in this town to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the granting of the borough charter by Henry II. in 1155.

BUCKINGHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt.

FRANK TOWNSEND ..Treble	ALAN R. PINK 5
BARRY E. SAUNDERS .. . 2	FREDERICK C. CASE .. . 6
*HERBERT JONES 3	FREDERICK VICKERS .. . 7
*W. CHARLES GOUGH .. . 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

*First peal of Major.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Hultgen, who is retiring through ill-health.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

JOHN J. SIMSTreble	*W. GWYNNE JONES .. . 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. . 2	ROBERT E. COLES .. . 6
GLYN F. JENKINS 3	DAVID J. KING 7
DONALD G. CLARKE 4	†CHRISTOPHER E. SLADE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

*First peal of Grandsire Triples. †First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Donald G. Clarke.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

VICTOR NEALTreble	FRED JACKSON 5
ERIC HORNBY 2	WILLIAM B. ALLMAN .. . 6
CECIL RADDON 3	HENRY O. BAKER 7
WILLIAM E. BIBBY 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

Rung for the wedding of Harry W. Howard and Miss J. Carter, which took place at Northwich previous to the peal. C. Raddon has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

Tenor 15 cwt.

MAURICE SELBY ..Treble	ALLAN SIMPSON 5
HAROLD MARCON 2	*JAMES H. PAILING .. . 6
MRS. A. SIMPSON 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. . 7
CLEMENT GLENN 4	GEORGE R. PAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First peal of Triples, also in the method. First peal on the bells. 500th peal as conductor.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX. — On August 27th, 1.260
Bob Minor: M. Freeman 1, D. Sims 2, G. M. Rouse 3, S. W. Bigmore 4, H. Stebbings 5, K. Everett (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES TOMSETT .. Treble	*SIDNEY HOWARD .. 5
MICHAEL H. SINDEN .. 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 6
GEORGE A. PARSONS .. 3	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 7
JOHN W. EUSTON .. 4	EDWARD G. TALBOT .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN W. EUSTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since their augmentation in 1927.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Alan Jeremy) to Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Sinden, and also to commemorate 30 years' Sunday service ringing at Wimbledon by the treble ringer.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

STANLEY H. WALLIS .. Treble	GEOFFREY MAYES .. 4
JILL MAYES .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. 5
ARTHUR W. DILLEY .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

First peal for Jill Mayes, who is the first lady ringer of Clifton to ring in a peal.

Rung for the wedding of Miss June Dear, a ringer of Henlow, and Roy Measures, of Arlesey.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one extent of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM T. COOK .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4
BRIAN PRATT .. 2	DEREK LATCHFORD .. 5
HAROLD J. HAZELL .. 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

ST. IPPOLYTUS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIPPOLYTUS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANLEY H. ASHTON .. Treble	LEWIS RUNNACLES .. 4
GEORGE CHERRY .. 2	ALFRED C. HARRIS .. 5
ROY HEAD .. 3	FRANK W. CROFT .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

Rung for the Feast of St. Hippolytus.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

SHEELAGH SANDS .. Treble	ROY A. WARD .. 4
LESLIE DUFFIELD .. 2	JOHN B. LONG .. 5
ROBERT L. PIRON .. 3	BRYAN PATTISON .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

STANLEY SHIPP .. Treble	HAROLD J. HAZELL .. 4
T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 3	BRIAN PRATT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal in more than one method.

Rung as a 72nd birthday compliment to T. Reginald Dennis.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's, viz., one each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

RUTH MORGAN .. Treble	CECIL WADE .. 4
JAMES W. HAW .. 2	REGINALD SCOTT .. 5
ALBERT E. SCOTT .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

100th peal as conductor.

Rung in honour of the christening of the conductor's daughter (Beverly June). Also as a birthday compliment to the conductor's son, Rodney.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents and two 240's Morris' arrangement of Grandsire, 12 extents of St. Simon's and 16 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. Treble	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 3
DAVID VOKES .. 2	JOHN R. SMITH .. 4

LEONARD G. TOOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung as a farewell to Rev. F. E. Vokes, for three years chairman of the South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120, ten different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

RONALD C. MILNES .. Treble	FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 4
MARK W. LEWIS .. 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
*JOHN F. W. READ .. 3	CHARLES J. COPP .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. E. A. Rigden, Vicar of North and South Muskham since 1946, and a ringing member of the Southwell Guild, who died August 18th, 1955, and was laid to rest at South Muskham this day.



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GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN AND GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

HENRY A. PRATT Treble	H. WALTER SMITH 4
JOHN WARNER 2	WALTER ARNOLD 5
TERRY EARLE 3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN Tenor

Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon P. E. T. Widdrington, D.D., Rector of Great Easton for the past 37 years.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt.

LINDA R. BINNINGTON .. Treble	DOUGLAS O. WILKS 4
M. ANGELA CARTER 2	*PETER G. DAVIES 5
ALAN R. PINK 3	†MALCOLM S. CLOKE Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEORGE S. DEAS Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON 4
MARGARET GIBSON 2	PHILIP DRAFFAN 5
KENNETH ARTHUR 3	†CHARLES N. LEA Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

Rung to celebrate the completion of 50 years as a ringer at this church by Mr. S. Thompson.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 26 six-scores, ten callings, and eight 240's of Morris' arrangement. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*PETER HURCOMBE Treble	FREDERICK E. TRANTER 4
*CLIVE WIXEY 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
†SIDNEY PUGH 3	R. GORDON CORBY Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Norwich, Bourne, Cambridge, Oxford, Kent, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

JEAN A. BROOKS Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER 4
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER 2	LOUIS WILLDERS 5
AMOS INGALL 3	JOHN E. COOK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* 100th peal.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Treble	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 4
*BRIAN J. HOWARD 2	JOE E. G. ROAST 5
PETER J. CADE 3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

Ivan Saunders has now 'circled the tower.'

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.
SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM BUTTON Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 4
ALBERT RELFE 2	WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 5
*STANLEY G. PONTING .. 3	*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* 25th peal together.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

GRACE BURCHNALL Treble	*JOHN F. W. READ 4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 2	F. LEWIS HEMSTOCK .. 5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 3	GEORGE E. FOSTER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hemstock on the 23rd anniversary of their wedding.

WESTON-ON-THE-GREEN, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Oxford Society.)

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 12 extents of Grandsire, 10 Bob Doubles, 12 April Day and 8 Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in A flat.

DAVID C. WOODWARD .. Treble	MALCOLM JOURNEAUX .. 3
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD 2	*CLIVE HOLLOWAY 4

ALEC GAMMON Tenor

Conducted by ALEC GAMMON.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal by a Sunday service band of ringers

of St. Nicholas', Marston.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Madderson, sister of the conductor, and as a farewell to Horace Mair, who has been called up.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.

CECIL R. LONGHURST .. Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDY 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	ERNEST TREAGUS 5
IVAN C. BUTCHER 3	LEONARD STILWELL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

PEASEMORE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

JAMES E. DANIELS Treble	*MICHAEL H. MAISEY .. 4
*PATRICIA A. GAUNT 2	*C. JOHN CASTELL 5
GEOFFREY K. DODD 3	HAROLD P. REED Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.

* First peal of Minor in four methods. First extent of Grandsire Minor for all the band.

HANDBELL PEAL

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
IN THE BELFERY OF ALL SOULS' CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C sharp.

*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD.. 1—2	WILLIAM T. COOK .. 5—6
JOHN HENRY FIELDEN .. 3—4	*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First peal 'in hand.'

QUARTER PEALS

ABERGELE, DENBIGHSHIRE.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Williams 1, Mrs. J. P. Parkington 2, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 3, L. J. Evans 4, J. W. Sinfield (Dunstable) 5, P. C. Parkington 6. First quarter for the ringer of the 6th. First for the treble away from the tenor. Arranged for the ringer of the fifth, so as to give him the opportunity of ringing in three counties, Llandudno, Caernarvon and Rhyl, Flintshire, while on a short visit.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On August 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (being 60 Grandsire and 1,200 Plain Bob): A. J. Frost (first quarter) 1, P. G. K. Davies (first quarter) 2, P. I. Chapman 3, B. Hendry (cond.) 4, L. G. Toseland 5.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS. — On August 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, J. Harrison 2, Imogen Darrell-Waters 3, R. Buckland 4, G. Swift 5, D. Lamb 6, W. Edwards 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung to celebrate the 25th birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS. — On August 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Aston 1, Miss S. Parsons 2, Miss B. Beeson 3, Miss C. Eustace (first 'inside' and of Triples) 4, C. Rouse 5, C. A. Wratten 6, L. Aston (cond.) 7, D. Field 8.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On August 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. L. Mills (cond.) 1, E. R. Cansdale 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, J. M. Spurgin 4, C. Bower 5, S. T. Hume 6, A. W. Cansdale 7, L. D. Mills 8. Rung for a wedding.

CASTLE ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Doubles (2 extents Stedman, 2 St. Simon's, 2 St. Nicholas', 2 St. Martin's, 2 Plain Bob, 60 Grandsire): F. E. Crosier 1, D. W. Janes 2, B. Hendry 3, P. I. Chapman 4, B. S. Cope (cond.) 5.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On August 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Haydon 1, S. Wyburn 2, P. R. Tudball 3, G. Maidment 4, A. R. Jones 5, I. Farmer (cond.) 6, A. R. Tudball 7, J. Tudball 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to T. A. Elliott, a member of the tower since 1886, who was buried on this day.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKS. — At the Church of St. Stephen, 1,344 Bob Major: Mrs. N. Chaddock 1, Betty Wardill (first quarter) 2, Miss D. J. Shaw 3, F. Brunt (first on 8 bells) 4, George Hiner 5, H. Mortimore 6, G. S. Lee 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On August 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Shellard 1, W. J. Chester 2, Miss Betty Mansfield 3, M. Saunders 4, A. Mansfield 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to the ringers of 1, 4 and 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On August 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Rankin 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss A. Lowings (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. W. Beard 4, J. Carrott 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, T. East 7, A. J. House 8.

HORNINGSHAM, WILTS.—On August 24th, 1,260 Doubles (being one extent each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Stedman, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, April Day and 60 changes of Grandsire): R. G. Beck 1, W. J. Phippen 2, D. Hoare (cond.) 3, E. Naylor 4, E. E. Bray 5, P. Bray 6. Rung for St. Bartholomew's Day. First quarter in 11 methods by all the band.

HURWORTH-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.—On August 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Hodgson 1, Mrs. T. Rooke 2, M. Stewart 3, T. Hill 4, L. Hodgson 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss E. M. Patchett and Mr. B. R. McMain.

LAMBOURN, BERKS.—On August 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dr. G. Roworth (first of Triples) 1, C. J. Gardner 2, Mrs. P. Wilton 3, F. G. Wilton 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, R. G. Townsend 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, W. W. T. Daniell 8.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On August 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): D. Sweet 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 3, P. Cox 4, J. Taylor 5, H. J. Taylor 6. Rung in honour of the 5th birthday of H.R.H. Princess Anne, as a 23rd birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th and to commemorate the 10th anniversary of V.J. Day.

MELBOURNE, VIC., AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Gray 1, K. Minchinton 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, Joan Gray 4, J. Spencer 5, A. Bennett 6, J. Roper (cond.) 7, D. Cornish 8. First quarter as conductor. First quarter for 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On August 28th, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. D. Harris 1, T. R. Taylor 2, Marion J. Parker (first of Surprise 'inside') 3, R. H. R. Parker 4, A. York-Bramble 5, F. W. Burnett 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, E. N. Harrison 8.

RANDWICK, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. M. Rowe 1, R. L. Altass 2, R. Edge 3, J. Giddens 4, J. Duncan (cond.) 5, H. Curll 6. First quarter peal in Australia for the ringer of the 3rd.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On August 14th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minor: W. Pratt 1, P. Jackson 2, L. Runnacles 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, A. C. Harris 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.



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QUARTER PEALS

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On August 31st, for practice, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Stainthorpe (age 12) 1, F. V. Sinkins (age 90) 2, W. Butler 3, A. N. Other 4, Mrs. A. Butler 5, G. W. Limmer 6, W. Welling (cond.) 7, Miss F. Murkitt 8. First quarter of Triples by No. 1.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 12th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob): G. Fry 1, R. E. Lambert 2, C. A. Tester 3, E. J. Jenner 4, S. Jenner (first quarter in two methods as cond., aged 14) 5, K. S. Hohl 6.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—For evening service, at St. Bartholomew's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Shellard 1, Rev. G. F. Hales 2, Betty Mansfield 3, C. Rigby 4, A. Mansfield 5, G. Mansfield (cond.) 6. First quarter-peat 'inside' and first attempt by Rev. G. F. Hales.

HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, ESSEX.—On August 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. K. Lunn 1, T. G. Fox 2, J. Phillips 3, W. J. Rawlings 4, G. W. Cecil 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to John W. Stephenson (of All Saints', Fulham) and Blanche Louisa Goodwin, married at Havering this day.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On August 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Strong 1, M. Fray 2, L. Derrick 3, M. Horseman 4, C. Lewington 5, C. Kortright 6, D. Yeo (cond.) 7, H. Hardwidge 6. First quarter of Triples by the ringers of 1 and 2.

MARCHINGTON, STAFFS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,320 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 600 Cambridge Surprise): J. McDonald 1, Miss M. Fellows 2, P. J. Rigby 3, M. G. Morton (cond.) 4, P. J. Morton 5, A. Ager 6. Rung by a band from Erdington Abbey, Birmingham, after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On August 13th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 Stedman, 240 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire):

R. Strong 1, M. Horseman 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, M. Fray 4, C. Kortright 5, R. Gaunt (first quarter) 6. Rung for the opening of the Nailsea annual sports day.

NEWINGTON-next-FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (being 600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): Shirley A. Martin 1, G. F. Gray 2, W. C. Chandler 3, E. J. Walker 4, M. J. Martin (first as cond.) 5, J. F. Soles 6. Rung as a farewell to J. F. Soles, who is leaving the district.

OXHEY, HERTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Brinklaw 1, F. J. Clark 2, J. E. Rootes 3, J. M. Bentley 4, Miss M. Delderfield 5, D. C. Bartholomew (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to the ringers of the 1st and 6th. Wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, married at this church on August 27th.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.—On August 28th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: B. H. Onions 1, B. R. Jones 2, R. Nicholls 3, A. E. G. Owen 4, R. F. Davies (cond.) 5, Miss M. V. James 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. Rung after Evensong for the dedication service of the 125th anniversary of the church.

SILEBY, LEICS.—On August 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. C. Payne 1, R. Russell 2, E. Morris 3, Diana Seal 4, E. Payne 5, R. Wilmore 6, B. S. Payne (cond.) 7, H. Matthewman 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Nancy J. Ward, of Sileby.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On August 28th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Anne Garnett 1, H. Belcher 2, J. Waters 3, C. J. Watts 4, W. J. Rawlings 5, A. B. Peck 6, James Phillips 7, J. Chilcott 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, B. K. Lunn 10.

SOUTH HACKNEY, LONDON.—On August 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. S. Bullock 1, W. D. Grainger 2, J. A. Hales 3, L. Battley 4, L. W. Bullock 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. Rung for Evensong.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on August 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean M. Powell 1, L. J. Fox (cond.) 2, J. C. Malden (first quarter 'inside') 3, W. A. Hughes 4, A. F. Lewry 5, T. G. Fox 6, J. F. Crampion 7, E. J. Rowe 8. Rung for Evensong.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On August 21st, 1,680 Doubles (1,200 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): M. F. H. Lacey 1, E. C. Barton 2, A. J. Dunk 3, T. A. Cross 4, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Mr. David George Filmer to Miss Patricia Anne Wildash.—Also on August 21st, 1,440 St. Simon's Doubles: M. F. H. Lacey 1, E. C. Barton 2, A. J. Dunk 3, C. S. Jarrett 4, T. A. Cross (cond.) 5. First in the method for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for Evensong and the birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on August 18th, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Stella E. Miles (first quarter) 1, P. Anger 2, A. T. Collins (first as cond.) 3, W. A. T. Carter 4, E. Sutton 5, T. R. Collins 6.

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—1,260 Doubles (Plain, Old and Norfolk): M. Clift 1, Felicity Eggleton 2, P. Cooper 3, H. Bagot (cond.) 4, R. Lamphee 5, F. Staude 6. First quarter as conductor.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On August 21st, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss G. Higgins 1, D. R. Whalley 2, Miss R. Snell 3, Miss S. Collins 4, E. H. Edge 5, R. Barlow 6, P. Whalley 7, G. W. Biddulph (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 3, 4 and 7.

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A MISCELLANY OF OUTINGS

SEVEN RINGERS IN THE SEVERN VALLEY

One car from Frome and another from Bath set forth towards Gloucestershire early on July 30th with a total of seven ringers on board. We hoped to meet the eighth ringer at Wotton-under-Edge (8), but he failed to appear. We rang various Minor methods, and one special touch at the request of a local inhabitant, for the wedding of his son, which was then taking place in Hong Kong.

Our next tower was Stroud (10), where, fortunately, we met several friends who joined us for much of the ringing on the tour. The bells had just struck nicely into Stedman Caters when the rope on the second bell broke, but we had some pleasant ringing on the back eight (although we didn't enjoy the 8-7's, David!). Next we paid a short visit to the light and odd-struck eight at Quedgeley.

Our last tower for the day was Hinton-on-the-Green, where Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas joined the six male members of the band for a peal of Double Norwich. This was thoroughly enjoyed by the lady ringer who was sitting in a cool room near the church—the only cool spot we found that afternoon. After the peal we greatly appreciated the refreshments provided by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas before we left for our headquarters in Worcester.

On Sunday morning we joined the Worcester ringers at the Cathedral (12) and at All Saints' (10), where some stayed to the service while others spent a pleasant time by the River Severn.

After lunch we went to Claines, where most of us enjoyed ringing on the very light ten.

In the evening we paid a memorable visit to Pershore Abbey, where the ringing chamber resembles a bird cage, suspended high above the floor of this wonderful building. The nerve-racking surroundings (or lack of them!) probably made the bells seem more difficult to ring. The remainder of the evening was spent ringing handbells at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, where we were again provided with refreshments before returning to Worcester for the night.

On Monday our first stop was at the excellent ten at Leominster. From there we travelled through Hereford (ringing on the six) at St. Nicholas' to Ledbury (8), where the bell tower is separated from the church. Ringing here included a good course of Bristol.

We enjoyed ringing on the nice eight at Upton-on-Severn, and after that the beautiful scenery of the Malvern Hills as we drove to Malvern Priory, a wonderful church with an enjoyable ring of eight. Our last tower for the day was Malvern Link, another pleasing eight. Handbell ringing at our hotel brought the day to a close and almost heralded in the next.

We left our headquarters on Tuesday morning and were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas at Eckington (6), and Bredons Norton, a very light six, before driving to Tewkesbury Abbey, with its light and pleasant 12.

The last tower of the tour was Cirencester, Watermoor (8), where a peal of Cambridge Major was rung. Here we said goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, to whom we were all extremely grateful for their help and kindness.

We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to David Hoare for organising the tour, and to the incumbents and ringers at all the towers.

Here's to the next time!

H. M. M.

NORFOLK YOUNG RINGERS

On August 20th several young Norfolk ringers, helped by a few older friends, set out to visit some six-bell towers in West Norfolk and South Lincolnshire. Starting with Wiggan-hall, St. Mary Magdalen's, a light ring which Taylors restored in 1952 after the bells had been only chimable for 40 years, and where we admired the capable handling of 11-years-old Jane Bridges, we visited next Terrington St. John, where we had to climb on to the church roof to enter the ringing chamber.

At Tilney, All Saints', Mr. and Mrs. Tony Price, of Feltham, Middlesex, joined up with us, and after a picnic lunch, we rang on the light six at Lutton—the tenor is about $4\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., and not so long ago Taylors added the treble. Mr. Price rang in turn 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6, the latter pair to London. We look forward to seeing three people ring a peal of Minor here!

A contrast awaited us at Moulton, where a beautiful tower houses a glorious ring with a 16 cwt. tenor. This must surely be the best six in the district. The metal of one bell dates from 1588, but recasting was necessary in 1923. On to St. Mary's, Whaplode, a fine church—some of it Norman—and where, in the tower, the tenor rope has a black sally to remind the incumbent that it is the funeral bell. After tea in Gedney Mr. Price took a hand to ring on the six there before joining the rest of us at our last two towers of the day, St. Peter's and St. Andrew's, Walpole.

Ringling during the day was of fairly good quality and ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor. We thank all who helped for a successful day, including David Heighton and George Sayer for driving, John Barnes for organising, and all incumbents and ringers who met us.

J. S. B.

WATFORD AND DISTRICT

That two coaches were necessary to convey ringers and friends on the annual outing on August 20th, this time into Essex, was in itself testimony to the Watford District of the Herts County Association arrangements. At the first tower, Loughton, ringing was restricted, due to a funeral. A mishap occurred here which resulted in the sixth rope breaking during Stedman Triples. On then to Brentwood, where a wedding was in progress. However, it had been agreed that we should commence ringing, and so Bob Major was accomplished, not without some experiencing difficulty with the 'go' of the bells during the actual wedding ceremony. The writer wondered whether a baptism would be encountered at the next church!

After a good lunch at Chelmsford, Great Tey was the venue for the afternoon. The Vicar and a local ringer welcomed the party and a very good course of London was achieved.

Tea was taken at The Barn, Braintree, and the last call of the day was at Great Waltham, a fine ring of eight bells. Here Six Spliced Surprise Major was brought round, ably conducted by Harold Cashmore, and was considered the highlight of the day's ringing. Ringing continued until 7.30, after which most of the male section spent a pleasant hour in the nearby 'house.'

During the journey home the usual batches of balloons were let loose inside both coaches and caused much amusement.

Watford was eventually reached about 10 p.m., and everybody seemed to be well satisfied with the day's outing. Grateful thanks are once again due to 'Steve' Hoare for so admirably arranging yet another successful day. Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Cambridge, Bristol, London and Spliced Surprise Major. K. R. D.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.

On August 27th a happy coachload of Wychbold ringers and friends from various towers, their ages ranging from seven to 97, spent a most enjoyable afternoon, in perfect weather, covering 116 miles in search of country towers.

Mickleton was the first stop, where Plain Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on a pleasing octave. After a brief ring on the six at Shipston-on-Stour the majestic eight at Stow-on-the-Wold were then visited and acclaimed by all to be the plum of the day.

A grand tea at Bourton-on-the-Water made a welcome break and soon afterwards the eight there were in changes.

Off, then, to Great Rissington, where the six bells are pleasing though very noisy and are seldom rung. Local interest was aroused by our invasion. After several touches the coach set out for our last tower of the evening, Bourton-on-the-Hill (6).

Our thanks are due to all those whose efforts made the outing such a success, especially those waiting for us at each tower. After 'medicine' had been partaken by those in need of it, home was the target, Wychbold being reached at 11 p.m.

A.D.C.

MEREWORTH, KENT

Mereworth ringers and friends from neighbouring churches had their annual outing on August 20th, when towers in North-East Kent were visited.

The first tower was Milton Regis, with a ring of six in a tower large enough to hold 16 bells. The local band should be complimented on the cleanness of the belfry. Two other towers were visited before lunch, Teynham (6) and Lynsted (5). In the latter village we had lunch in relays while the bells were kept going to various methods, including a spliced 360 of Bob Doubles, Grandsire and April Day.

At Ospringe (8) we were honoured to ring for a wedding. Whitstable provided both ringing and bathing for some of the party. The last tower was Selling (8).

Compliments and thanks are due to Mr. Harry Osborne, captain of Mereworth ringers, for organising the outing and to those who welcomed us.

P. J. B.

PINCHBECK, Lincs

The Pinchbeck ringers, along with wives, friends and sweethearts, chose the Norfolk-Suffolk border for their outing this year. Loddon was reached just as the rain decided to pour down, but, not dismayed, the journey was continued to Lowestoft. After lunch, during which the rain ceased, we enjoyed ringing at the Parish Church of St. Margaret. From there along the sea front to Pakefield, where we rang for a bride and bridegroom and were congratulated on falling the bells in peal, which is not often heard in the district.

The glorious ten in the detached campanile at Beccles were much enjoyed. An excellent tea followed, thanks to Mr. Goates for all his arrangements. Off then across country to find Saxlingham Nethergate, the driver trying to impress upon us the beauties of Norfolk. After a pleasant ring on this light eight we set off with a D.R. to guide us to Wymondham, where ringing for the day ended with a good course of Cambridge on this stately octave.

Thanks are due to all who met us, for their generous hospitality, to the incumbents and all who helped to organise such a good outing.

R. C. N.

A DATE TOUCH

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On August 24th, a date touch, 1,955 changes of Minor (being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 156 Plain Bob, 359 Cambridge Surprise): W. Chamberlain 1, M. Dyer 2, J. Spicer 3, F. Baker 4, H. S. Peacock 5, P. J. King (cond.) 6.

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Back at St. Margaret's, Wolstanton, is Mr. Ronald Barlow after completing his National Service, the bulk of which was spent in Korea and Japan. The congratulatory quarter of Kent Treble Bob Major on August 21st was rung entirely by service ringers and contained four 'firsts.' It is over 20 years since a similar feat was accomplished. The band are now waiting to hear Ronald call a bob in Japanese!

A courageous couple were those who spent a part of their honeymoon with 'Pipe's Pilgrims.' The bells of Milton-next-Gravesend are temporarily out of action owing to repairs to the tower.

Who are the members of the Southampton University Society who are more at home with a peal than a Scottish reel?

In the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Witney during the recent Oxfordshire tour, reported in our last issue, Miss Daphne Castell rang her first peal on eight bells and Miss Monica E. Collins her first peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

The peal of Minor rung at West Grinstead, Sussex, on August 27th, was a wedding compliment to Mr. T. W. Jackson and Miss J. M. Barratt, who were married prior to the peal. It was also a birthday compliment to Miss A. Rawson, of Horsham, who, appropriately enough, was present during the whole of the ringing.

The peal of Plain Bob Major at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on August 27th, is reputed to be the first on the eight bells. There was ample evidence in the tower that the removal of the present ring of bells for transformation into a heavier octave was imminent. Mr. E. G. Talbot comments: 'Thus the peal we rang could carry the unique distinction of being "the first and last peal on the bells."'

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. James H. Musson, of Silk Willoughby, returned on August 20th to Folkingham to attempt his 100th peal as conductor on the same bells and in the same seven methods as he called his first peal on February 7th, 1934. It was a very excited conductor who called 'That's all' after an excellent peal had been rung, and he was warmly congratulated. Mr. Albert Scott rang in both peals and Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, the local captain, who was in the 1934 peal, entertained the band to tea at his home.

'Copper' Coward wishes to thank the West Country ringers for making him so welcome, and the ringing farmers for the refreshment supplied before and after handbell ringing.

While on holiday the Editor visited St. Alphege's Church, Greenwich, to see the excellent restoration after bomb damage. He hopes the prominent notice 'Bell-ringers wanted' will receive an appropriate response and keen learners will be forthcoming. A church with such a history and good bells deserves to have a strong local band. Saturday is practice night.

The London County Association are planning big things for their dinner and social on October 22nd, which it is hoped to make an annual function. The venue, Redcliffe Hotel, Fulham Road, is approached by bus from South Kensington Underground Station. Entertainment will be provided by a male voice choir and there will also be tune- and change-ringing on handbells.

After calling a quarter peal of Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, on August 21st, Mr. Lewis Head, of Maidstone, had the honour of being elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He thanks all those who took part, especially Mr. W. H. Hewett for making the arrangements.

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JULY 31st to August 6th, 1955, will long be remembered by those who took part in Pipe's Pilgrims' tour of Lancashire as being one of the best, if not the best, of the several we have enjoyed.

The Grundsiburgh contingent boarded the new coach (afterwards known as 'the jet') at 5 a.m. and made for Ipswich. Cambridge, Huntingdon and Stamford just flashed by. We hoped to reach Oakham at 9.30 a.m. in time to ring for Eucharist, but the surprised looks of those members of the party who had stayed the previous night at the Crown Hotel when we looked into the breakfast room at 8.15 were well worth seeing!—108 miles in 3½ hours.

We were in the belfry by 9 a.m. and our first touch of the tour—Yorkshire Major—was well nigh perfect. My, oh my! What lovely bells (24 cwt. in E flat). After thanking Mr. Hoy we made for Nottingham, where William Stote and family and Harry Millatt and his pretty new wife joined us. Lunch, and up the steps to St. Mary's beautiful bells (10, 36 cwt. in D flat). Back in 'the jet' and on to Chesterfield to a good tea arranged by Sam Scattergood, then up under the famous crooked spire, where we were joined by Ron Bullen and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lock and family, on holiday at Ron's. Some more good ringing and away on the road to Bolton via the Snake Pass, with its breathtaking scenery of mountains, gulleys and reservoirs. We had a 'quick 'un' at the Snake Inn, although the R.S.M. had to be content with a Double Diamond instead of the customary Bass! The Swan Hotel, Bolton, our H.Q., was reached one minute earlier than the scheduled 9.30 p.m., and we were pleased to see Mr. Joseph Thornley, of Farnworth, who had 'pulled the local strings' and obtained permission for us to ring on all the bells requested.

TOUR OF LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

Monday morning saw us up bright and early for our first tower, St. Helens (10, 22 cwt.), which we found quite pleasing. Off to Liverpool for a short tour of the Cathedral arranged by the Dean, which we would not have missed for anything. Then came the treat of the tour, the new twelve at St. Nicholas' (42 cwt. in C). We were met by Mr. P. Cave, Mr. L. Gray and the locals, and the bells were soon going to Cambridge Maximus, followed by Stedman Cinques, Caters and Bristol Major. This is certainly one of the premier rings in the country.

A grand four-course lunch was enjoyed with Mr. Cave as our guest. Back on the coach we found that two of the youngsters were lost or stolen. As we were due to enter the Mersey Tunnel, Ronald Edwards and Cecil Mayne volunteered to wait outside the cafe and the tunnel entrance. Away we went under the great river, led by Ralph Edwards in his car. Emerging at Birkenhead, we drove round and re-entered the tunnel, truly a magnificent experience. The boys were found, Cecil and Ron picked up and we were soon off to Southport, where a pleasant hour was spent on the sands and by the sea. The newly marrieds and young couples roamed hand in hand, the kids went to the fun fair, Fleming went for a donkey ride and the others... well? Ormskirk was our next tower (8, 21 cwt.), followed by tea at Rufford Old Hall. Thence on to two very good peals, Leyland (10, 23 cwt.) and Whittle-le-Woods (8, 21 cwt.), where Spliced Surprise Major went like clockwork. Back to H.Q. for a late snack, the usual chinwag and handbells and a talk with Joe.

Tuesday dawned bright and clear (?) and everyone was ready for a busy day. Wigan was reached on time and we soon had this grand ten (29 cwt.) going to excellent Yorkshire Royal. An advance party moved off by bus to St. James' (8, 24 cwt.) and enjoyed good ringing

on these fine bells before the others arrived. Newton-in-Makerfield or Newton-le-Willows (we never did seem to settle which) was next on the programme, where the bells (8, 24 cwt.) are rather better than the 'go.' Then came Lymm, over the border into Cheshire, the famous heavy eight (tenor 30 cwt. in D flat). We were very pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Ken Lewis, the Beamish family, Uncle Tom Cobley and all, here. After a good course of Superlative the 'big feller' was still thirsty so off he went with the local ringer, Mr. Kirkpatrick. Others, to wit, Stilwell, Wiffen and Co. likewise found the local air infinitely preferable to the small belfry.

SPEEDING TO MACCLESFIELD

By the time the bells were lowered and all had boarded 'the jet' it was discovered that we were some minutes late; we hoped to reach Macclesfield 29 miles ahead in 35 minutes. Arthur Beamish volunteered to show us the way, and with John Mayne in the back seat with Margaret for moral support, we were soon away. Gee whiz! Did we go! Meanwhile Mrs. Lewis offered to telephone the restaurant to say that we were on our way. Arthur did 70, and we, close on his tail all the time, swept what few vehicles there were off the highway. A.D.B. reckoned that we left the ground for some miles after crossing a bridge, but we arrived at Macclesfield before Mary Lewis had got the 'phone message through!

But, terrible news. We were told that a clapper at the twelve-bell tower had broken, so gloom covered the sky. One Blair, famed for his numerous theses, said that he knew of a five-bell tower close where he had not rung; we could go there and ring some Gog and Magog Doubles! C.W.P. roared 'No!' If John Worth was worth the name he reckoned he was worth, that clapper would be repaired by the time we got there. We would stick to the schedule and fiddlesticks (or something like that) to Magog! After a good lunch we boarded the space-ship and dismounted in front of St. Michael's. A great cheer went up as we heard the bells raised. John had done it; he had proved his worth! Cambridge Maximus went well on this mellow twelve (26 cwt. tenor), Jim Morley ringing his first half-course.

Another party went ahead to 'get on with it' at John's local tower, Christ Church (10, 23 cwt.). These bells, in a very slender tower, have been lowered some 30ft. We felt that our ringing did justice to this pleasant ring. Tea was at Stockport, then came a very bold and fine ring, St. George's (10, 29 cwt.), looked after by Mr. Peter Lafin. Ronald Edwards called a very musical touch of Little Bob Royal and more good ringing followed. A rope broke at St. Mary's (10, 23 cwt.), but this was soon replaced, and as it was so hot everyone had a short pull here, the gradual drift to the hostelry opposite becoming very evident!

HALIFAX A GREAT TWELVE

Our first call on Wednesday, an even fuller day with nine towers, was Heywood (8, 21 cwt.), followed by the bright and very noisy octave at Todmorden (23 cwt.). The climb to the tower of long-peal fame of Heptonstall (8, 18 cwt.) was, to say the least, breathtaking. Several of the party 'got the wind up' as we climbed higher and higher, so that we were able to look into the tops of the factory chimneys of Hebden Bridge. A magnificent eight are Heptonstall's and well worth the effort to reach them. After an ample lunch at Halifax, we were met at the Parish Church by the Rev. Mr. Tremayne. This lovely twelve (tenor 28 cwt.) is rarely rung due to the shortage of local ringers. All the bells are audible and they are a great pleasure to ring upon. Vernon Bottomley arranged the next tower, Haley Hill (8, 25 cwt.). Here a local reporter took photographs.

Birstall's (8, 22 cwt.) is another lovely ring in a cramped belfry though. G.R.E. really

excelled himself here with a touch of Little Bob Major, containing Queen's, Whittington's, Tittums, Doh-soh-me-dohs, Buff Orpingtons, etc. After another excellent tea at Huddersfield we made for Ashton-under-Lyne (12, 26 cwt.), always remembered for the 15,312 Cambridge Maximus. Then came an awaited treat, Oldham (12, 25 cwt.). We had been warned that the front bells required more handling than the big 'uns, so we set our band accordingly and rang a reasonable half-course of Cambridge. Ted Jenkins joined us here and rang the tenor to Surprise Royal. On the whole, we made a good job of this beautiful twelve, spoiled only by the tiny, swaying tower.

BLACKPOOL'S OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Preston bells (10, 24 cwt.) were going well before 9 a.m. on Thursday, prior to our visit to Blackpool. This proved our downfall! Half an hour was allowed at the fun fair. All returned but six, at 10.40; we guessed they had gone tower-grabbing. Then some wanted to go to the 'Tower', so the coach left without them to look for the others. Fatal! Nearly everybody finally got astray. In the end, though, the coach returned to the fair and the whole party just 'turned up' from seemingly nowhere!

Off to Lancaster, to the R.C. Cathedral (10, 25 cwt.), followed by lunch and a ring at the Priory (8, 31 cwt.), where W. Norman Park met us. A pleasant run followed to Clitheroe for tea and ringing on the delightful octave (18 cwt.). Here eight of the fair sex showed us how to do it! Mesdames Barker, Pipe and Millatt and the Misses Clarke, Matthews, Bourne, Fellows and Parkinson. Another first-class eight (22 cwt.) was found at Whalley, an excellent, all-round ring. We were met at Blackburn Cathedral by many of the locals, including Arthur Tomlinson and Joe Thornley. Inside and out these bells (10, 25 cwt.) are magnificent. We had some good ringing, too.

Friday morning was local, ringing taking place at Bolton St. Peter's (8, 15 cwt.). All Souls' (8, 23 cwt.), Deane, a lovely new octave (12 cwt.), The Saviour (8, 20 cwt.) and Holy Trinity (8, 17 cwt.). Even then another tower or two was grabbed by the enthusiasts, but we were all ready for the splendid lunch at the H.Q. In the afternoon visits were made to Walkden St. Paul (8, 18 cwt.), a very fine eight, and Swinton (8, 22 cwt.), spoilt by the swaying tower. A tea for gourmands followed at the original Eccles Cake Shop, with fresh salmon salad and as many iced cakes as we could eat. The last tower of the day was Worsley, where the ringing was a disgrace. A rope broke here and nothing seemed to go right; we blushed to think what Mr. Percy Derbyshire thought of us. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Pipe were presented with a coffee table in appreciation for all the hard work they had put into the tour, and Leslie Woods, the driver, with a thermos jug; altogether a convivial evening.

Up bright and early once again on Saturday morning for the long journey home. A long ride in beautiful countryside brought us to Burton-on-Trent, via Glossop, Bakewell, Buxton, Matlock and Belper. We enjoyed some good ringing on the noble ten at St. Paul's (tenor 28 cwt.), met by Barney Key, who unfortunately joined us at lunch. Our last tower was Lichfield Cathedral (10, 31 cwt.). Words cannot express these wonderful bells, although all our ringing wasn't quite up to standard. We were pleased to see Henry Fearn and George Oliver here and many other friends.

Then came the customary farewells and handshakes to some of the party, the sad part. And so ended another Pilgrimage. We rang in 43 towers in seven counties and the majority of us climbed 2,087 steps! The scenery was good and the towers, hotel, people, food, etc., couldn't be bettered. Thank you, 'Northerners,' for making us so welcome! 'PILGRIM.'

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL

THE Chelmsford Cathedral Festival, once again arranged by the Friends of the Cathedral, was this year marked by the special interest shown in the bells, the Essex Association having been invited to arrange for the bells to be rung each evening during the Festival Week and also to provide items of interest for inclusion in the exhibition held in the Chapter House.

The exhibition handbook, 'The Singing Church in Essex,' produced by the Succentor, the Rev. J. Hughes, contained much of interest in regard to church music as it was in bygone days, and the following is an extract:—

'To complete the picture, something must be said about that specialised form of church music, change ringing. Essex churches have some fine bells and a worthy history of ringing them. In this brief space, no more than an outline can be given, for indeed the history of England during the last few centuries might be told by the "bell" entries in Churchwardens' Accounts. Examples in the Chelmsford Accounts could be multiplied all over the diocese:

1561 It(em) paid to the ryng-
gares when the quene
cam thorowe the towne vis. viiid.
It(em) paid for drynk for them xiid.

'It would seem that it is very thirsty work. bellringing, because the last item is a very frequent one! Some of the old Essex ringers' jugs are still in existence.

1642. It(em) given ye Ringers
on gunpouder treason da(y) 00:03:06

'And this delightful entry in 1805:—
Pd Ringers on acct of Admiral
Lord Nelsons Victory off Tra-
falgur, when he most gloriously
defeated the Fleets of France
and Spain of superior force and
took 19 sail of the Line!!! but
unhappily lost his own Life in
the Action 1. 0. 0.

'And entries concerning the purchase of new bell ropes and clappers, of cubbiss and cash and trundle, of oiling and repairing, are too numerous to count.

'The Thaxted Accounts for 1617 include numerous items which together give us an almost complete picture of the work of an itinerant bellfounder. There is the purchase of bricks for building the furnace, the clay for packing it, the metal for the bell, the food and clothing of the bellfounder and the labourers. Altogether an expenditure of something like £50, which was a considerable sum of money in those days.

'Itinerant founders were quite common, but Essex had its own foundries at Colchester. There, the foundry is pre-eminently associated with the Graye family, though at an earlier date the founder there was Richard Bowler; 1587-1603 are the dates which cover his known workmanship. But it is Miles Graye operating during 1600-1649 who is known as "the prince of founders": his masterpiece, the tenor at Lavenham, weighed over a ton. Over 400 bells cast by Miles Graye remain to-day, 130 of them in Essex. Some of these were cast by Miles Graye junior and some by a third Miles Graye, probably grandson of the first. Again and again in Essex towers there can be found inscribed on bells in square well-formed letters "MILES GRAYE MADE ME." The foundry of Miles Graye appears to be the only Essex foundry of any note, but over seventy bell-founders are represented in the County by its two thousand bells. Of these about nine per cent. are pre-Reformation, some of them dating back to the fourteenth century or earlier. The two long-waisted bells at Little Braxted are certainly among the earliest

in the county, probably being 13th century in date.

'Among the ancient bell customs must be related the practice at Great Bromley Church, of hanging up the hat of a ringer when he died. These hats are hung on the wall above the arch leading into the nave. The earliest is dated 1716 and the latest 1935.'

The Association produced many of its treasures to be shown in the exhibition and ringers throughout the county loaned their own treasures and items of interest. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank sent a number of exhibits, all of which helped to make a very comprehensive and valuable contribution.

In accordance with the wishes of the Provost, the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, the Cathedral bells were rung every evening with one exception during the period of the Festival. The Cathedral band opened on Friday, June 3rd, with touches on twelve in various methods. On Saturday, the 4th, the following members from the North-Western District rang a quarter peal of Stedman Triples on the back eight in 55 minutes: Frederick C. Whitby, Robert C. Heazel, Reginald H. D. Hayden, Henry A. Bird, Benjamin C. Burton, William H. Wheeler, Stanley F. Clark (conductor), Alfred J. Eley (tenor).

On Monday, June 6th, the Northern District members rang a quarter peal, 1,259 changes of Grandsire Cateters, in 51 minutes: *H. G. Felton, Lewis W. Wiffen, *Frank Claydon, *Allan Syder, *Ronald Suckling, *John Warner, Frank B. Lufkin (conductor), *Terry Earl, Miss Hilda G. Snowden, Walter Arnold (tenor). * First quarter peal of Grandsire Cateters.

On Tuesday, June 7th, a peal of Plain Bob Maximus (recorded in the peal columns) was rung by officers and members from all the Districts, Wednesday the bells were manned by ringers from the North-Eastern District, and on Friday by ringers from the South-Western District. To round off the week members of the South-Eastern District rang a quarter peal, 1,264 changes of Bob Major, in 59 minutes: Arthur H. Everett (conductor), Miss Mary Dowsett, L. P. Joslin, Edward W. Roast, Ivan Saunders, Peter Came, Joe E. Roast, Denis Symonds (tenor).

The Cathedral ringers, under their Master (Mr. Leslie J. Clark) supported the country members in every way, filling in the vacant places when required. The Provost visited the tower to thank all those who had assisted with the ringing and with the exhibition.

AN ESSEX MASTER'S WEDDING

The bells of St. Peter's, Colchester, rang out merrily on July 23rd for the wedding of Mr. Harry J. Millatt (Master of the N.E. Division of the Essex Association and captain of the St. Peter's ringers) and Miss Pauline Nice, a member of the St. Peter's ringers. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. H. Hollingdale (Vicar of St. Peter's).

At the reception held in St. Peter's Hall the guests included many Essex ringers. The health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Mr. R. C. Heazel (Master of the Essex Association), while the toast to the bride's parents was proposed by Mr. E. P. Duffield (a former Master of the N.E. Division).

The first part of the happy couple's honeymoon was spent at Matlock, and for the second part they joined 'Pipe's Pilgrims'—a team of East Anglian ringers who toured Lancashire and rang on many famous bells in the north-west. The presents included an oak chiming clock from local ringers.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch at Preston

The ringers of Preston welcomed their colleagues of the Dorchester Branch to a quarterly meeting at the Church of St. Andrew (6).

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Isdell-Carpenter), the lesson being read by the branch chairman (the Rev. Canon A. Wilkinson Markby).

Tea was served in the Scutt Memorial Hall, and the business meeting which followed was conducted by the chairman. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Wyke Regis on Nov. 5th (subject to confirmation) to coincide with the 500th anniversary of All Saints' Church.

Branch practices were arranged for Cattistock, Sept. 10th; Puddletown, Sept. 24th; Piddlehinton, Oct. 8th; St. Peter's, Dorchester, Oct. 22nd.

The chairman thanked all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

Towers represented were Abbotsbury, Charminster, Dorchester (St. Peter's), Fordington, Preston, Wool, Wyke Regis and Yetminster, with a visitor from Nottingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bicester Deanery Branch

Ringling at the quarterly meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch at Brill on August 27th included Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

The branch service was conducted by the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe), with the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Elkerton) as organist. The sermon was preached by the Vicar.

Tea was served on the Vicarage lawn and was kindly provided by Mrs. Elkerton and the wives of the ringers.

Mr. F. Sharpe presided at the business meeting and Souldern was selected for the October meeting. The branch outing was fixed for early May, 1956.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Brill, Mrs. Elkerton and the ladies who provided the tea, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. C. H. Kinch (branch secretary) and Mr. A. Crozier.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Hertfordshire ringers have a new ringing friend in the Rev. A. Marshall Taylor, who welcomed the Northern District to their successful meeting at Graveley (6, tenor 9 cwt.) on August 27th. He conducted the service, and Mrs. Taylor and helpers provided tea in the Village Hall, the profit going to the restoration fund.

Dr. D. Gullick presided at the business meeting, and the election of Mr. W. J. Ridgman, of Arrington, Cambs, was confirmed. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Ashwell on September 24th, with Aston as an alternative. Ringing continued until 8.30 with Weston also available for an hour. After ringing the Rector invited those that were left to coffee and biscuits, which was very much appreciated.

Gratefully Acknowledged

Personal.—M. C. 2s.; Southampton University Ringers 2s. 10d.

Peals.—N. Muskharn 3s.; Lydney 2s.; Quedgeley 1s. 6d.; Weston-on-the-Green 2s. 6d.; Wimbledon 4s.; St. Ippolyts 3s.; Orston 3s.; West Grinstead 3s.

Date Touch.—Eynesbury 3s.

Quarter Peals.—Dunster 4s. 6d.; Bishop's Cleeve 3s. 6d.; Langport 3s.; Stepney 2s.; Lambourne 4s.; Burnham-on-Crouch 3s.; Hurworth-on-Tees 2s. 6d.; Eastwood 2s.; Nailsea 3s.; Oxhey 3s.; Wolstanton 4s.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HYMNS INSPIRED BY BELLS

Dear Sir,—Everybody knows that some hymn tunes may be chimed on bells, but in view of the fact that in music you may often recognise the instrument meant to be used in playing it, notably bagpipes, it appears to me that there must be some hymn tunes which were consciously or otherwise inspired by the bells, and the Exercise at large might like to find out a few.

For example, Salisbury Cathedral was anciently famous for bells, which might explain E.H. 624 (Sarum Processional).

The tune 'Charity,' A. and M. 210, sounds as if Sir J. Stainer was used to hearing a ring of 12. More obvious is the once well-known 'Kenilworth,' A. and M. 575, in which bells are mentioned in the text.

Bells might have also been at the 'bottom' of Shakespeare's dialogue in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream':—

'We will have such a prologue, and it shall be written in eight and six.'

'No, make it two more: let it be written in eight and eight.'

When you remember that Bottom was a weaver, and that psalms were the traditional music of weavers, and were all written metrically, at a time when bells were becoming popular, and that you may manufacture any number of psalm tunes out of six or eight bells, there would appear to have been some connection.

It was a mystery to me why a certain clocksmith should have taken 1-4-3-6 for the quarter chimes of the church at Frome, and there may be some other explanation for it, but the same notes occur in 'Jesus Lives,' A. and M. 140, first tune, by H. J. Gauntlett.

Whatever useful purpose may be served by the above I do not know, but I seem to be a natural centre for the recondite, and perhaps others may be interested in following up. I claim no honours, except perhaps for coining the word 'clocksmith.'—Yours faithfully,

F. A. CLUETT.

Gravesend.

JOHANNES DE STAFFORD AND JOHN TAYLOR AND CO.

Dear Sir,—I was hoping that a correction may have come from Loughborough to the one historical inaccuracy that marred the useful article reproduced from the 'Jenolite News' on August 5th.

The Eyres started founding at Kettering about 1717, and although they may have claimed business descent from the Watts, of Leicester, it has never been proved. Therefore neither Edward Arnold's nor his successors' claims to 'trace their descent directly from a business established in Leicester as long ago as 1360' (as stated in the article) holds water.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE P. ELPHICK

Lewes, Sussex.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE TOWERS

Dear Sir,—I should like to express appreciation to Mr. E. H. Edge for his most enjoyable articles on Staffordshire, its bells and a little of its history and geography, and not least of all the illustrations provided. Such articles do much to brighten our journal, provide interesting reading for the layman and ideas for next year's outings.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham, Yorks.

FIRST QUARTER AT ST. MATTHIAS', RICHMOND

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest the little insertion in last week's 'Ringing World' (August 19th) re the 97th dedication festival of the Church of St. Matthias, Richmond, Surrey. While I must congratulate the band who rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major at Richmond Parish Church for the commemoration of this festival, I feel loath to disappoint them by mentioning that their claim for it being the first quarter on the bells for over 25 years is not correct. I myself took part in an excellent quarter peal of Stedman Triples rung to Sunday evening service during the winter of 1947; it was conducted by Mr. T. H. Taffender. I am afraid I cannot give you the exact date of the quarter peal, but the year is most certainly correct.

It is interesting to note that at least four members of the choir of St. Matthias' Church are ringers. Are they doing anything about a ring of bells in their church sometime in the future?—Yours faithfully,

OLIVE L. ROGERS.

Isleworth.

NOMENCLATURE DUPLICATED

Dear Sir,—May I send to Mr. G. E. Feirn and his band my congratulations on ringing 106 Minor methods 'in hand.' I would like to point out to him, however, that extent number six in his peal was rung at Copt Oak in the 126-method peal there, and that Gosberton and Sibsey were then rung as Copt Oak and Charnwood Alliance. I understood that Gosberton and Sibsey were only suggested names and that they need not be adhered to.—Yours, etc.,

Coalville, Leics. ROLAND BENISTON

A Letter From a Real Learner To An Imaginary Learner

My dear Jim,—Thank you for thinking about the learners, and for your obviously sincere desire to help them. I particularly wish to commend your advice not to waste the time of instructors and their devoted bands should the learners feel uninspired after having given bell ringing a trial.

There is, however, another picture, as seen through the eyes of a real learner. Life is quicker in the jet-age than it was in the horse-and-buggy age, and many young learners feel frustrated when their progress is to be slowed down to the pace of that of some of the older tower captains, such as Mr. F. in 'Bill's Progress' and 'Old Bob,' in the two articles by William Shepherd in 'The Ringing World' for May 13th and July 8th this year.

May I tell you of my experience? My interest in bells was first aroused one week-day when I heard the bells in the city church near the place where I worked. I climbed the tower to find out how the ringing was done and by whom. I came upon a band about to start a peal. They were courteous and friendly but obviously did not want me there and then, nor did they suggest I should come back on a practice night. Good bands tend to become self-satisfied, and it is an interesting coincidence that there is now a silent tower at that particular city church.

Some time later the Rector at the village church where I lived invited the choirmen to help the ringers, who were shorthanded. On arrival in the tower the captain eyed me, and beyond inviting me to sit down did not say much. I noticed the front six of the octave were being rung to call changes. Practices were irregular for lack of attendance. We often went home after having waited outside for

half an hour to one hour, the captain not deeming it worth while going up until everybody had arrived. After four months I was promoted to Sunday ringing. By then I had discovered that the captain could not ring 'inside,' but only drummed behind, and that the rest of the band only knew the work of their own particular bell in Grandsire Doubles Plain Course, no bobs or singles were called.

I realised I had to go outside my own tower in search of greater knowledge; I also bought text books, pencil and paper. One of the troubles which confronted me was the strange vocabulary. 'When you go in you dodge in 3-4 down' seemed confusing, and when once told to 'run out to the back' I wondered whether it was to spend a penny. I thought I detected annoyance in the experienced ringers whenever I lost my place, because several of them shouted on top of one another, as if there were three or four conductors of the same touch.

On one occasion three ringers standing behind me told me what to do next, but I failed to carry out at one and the same time the three different directions given to me. I began to suspect that some of the experienced ringers in neighbouring towers were not quite so experienced as I had at first thought.

One day I attended a meeting as a place where I was not known. I boldly took hold in a Plain Course of Stedman Caters, which I had not rung before. I wasn't specially watched, nobody shouted at me, nobody stood behind me, and I did not lose my place! I know now that some experienced ringers are loath to admit their mistakes, and cover them up by admonishing the learners. I have seen an experienced ringer break a stay, and heard him remark 'I don't know what happened, the stay must have been cracked. Perhaps the learners bumped it last time they had hold.' I have a feeling that you may perhaps agree with me to some extent, because you advise us learners 'Don't be put off if curious little squabbles break out from time to time,' and 'If you notice some of your seniors intolerant of criticism, you needn't imitate them in their touchiness.'

Perhaps one day I shall no longer smart under the indignity of being 'only a bob-caller,' but be a real ringer and conductor, and I have the ambition to learn and call a peal of Duffield Maximus as a compliment to my maternal grandmother, who by all accounts was a persistent and determined lady, because such qualities are needed by any learner who feels himself inspired.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES.

MR. MALCOLM CLOKE'S FIRST HUNDRED

Mr. Malcolm S. Cloke, who is now living at Harwell, Berks, completed his first hundred peals on August 23rd. Details are appended:—

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 18 (cond. 12), Regina Bob 1, Double Oxford Bob 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 8 (2), Kent Treble Bob 7 (1), Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Surprise Major.—Superlative 5, Cambridge 3, Yorkshire 3, New Cambridge 1, Pudsey 1, Ashted 1, Lyme 1, Southwell 1, Gainsborough 1, Rutland 1, Lincolnshire 1.

Triples.—Plain Bob 1 (1), Grandsire 9 (4), Stedman 1, St. Edmundsbury Bob 1 (1), Oxford Bob 2 (2).

Minor.—Plain Bob 12 (9), three methods 1, seven methods 5 (2), eight methods 2, eleven methods 1.

Doubles.—Two methods 3 (2), three methods 1, four methods 1 (1), ten methods 1.

RANDOM THOUGHTS ON TREBLE BOB MINOR

By H. CHANT

(Continued from page 542)

IN order to demonstrate the use of the table given in a previous issue, here are the four lead-ends that can be produced by using the B section (inverted) together with its associated links:—

'B' SECTION LEADS

2nd Place ends	Lead- ends	6th Place ends	Lead- ends
541263	541632	541263	541632
514623	514623	514623	514623
156432	156432	156432	156432
516342	516342	516342	516342
153624	153624	153624	153624
156342	156342	135264	135264
513624	513624	312546	312546
153264	153264	132456	132456
512346	512346	314265	314265

2nd Place link	Lead- link	6th Place link	Lead- link
521346	521364	341625	341256
Place- link	Place- link	Place- link	Place- link
(Chad- kirk) bridge S.)	(Cam- bridge S.)	(Nelson T.B.)	(Waltham D.)

Notice how thoughtful it was of me so to arrange the rows that regular lead-ends turn up! And so observe that with 14 Frontworks and 36 Backworks it is possible to devise all Treble Bob Minor methods, whether regular, Irregular, Refragable or Irrefragable. But it can so be arranged that the Frontworks and Backworks are welded together in 36 methods so that in order to be able to ring any Treble Bob Minor method one has only to remember 36 methods—not an insuperable task if one groups them in their 'natural' grouping order.

The difficulty that arises is the mental ability to change over from 'Frontworks' to 'Backworks', an accomplishment effected in the 2nd and 5th sections. This may be assisted by the injunction sometimes given, 'Ring so-and-so above the treble and so-and-so below.' This can be abbreviated. Say one has already learned Cambridge Surprise and London Surprise, a pithy description of York Surprise would be 'Cambridge and London.'

This knack is fairly easily acquired like drying the best china, driving a car, riding a bicycle or ringing Spliced Surprise Major. (In descending order of difficulty!)

Here is a list of the 36 methods from which all other Treble Bob methods may be formed:

1. Oxford
2. London Scholars
3. Kingstone
4. Sandal
5. Capel
6. Burton
7. Coventry
8. Killamarsh
9. Conway
10. Snowdon
11. Ludlow
12. Morning Star
13. Berwyn
14. Skipton
15. Chepstow
16. Balmoral
17. Fotheringay
18. Nelson
19. Woodcock's Victory
20. Dunedin
21. Chiltern
22. Merton
23. Braintree
24. Annable's S.
25. Warkworth S.
26. Norwich S.
27. Westminster S.
28. Cambridge S.
29. Hull S.
30. London S.
31. Wells S.
32. Coldstream S.
33. Kelso S.
34. Munden S.
35. Chester S.
36. Whitley S.

This list, then, contains 14 different lead-ends and 36 different 'backwards.' Notice that I say it is a list, stressing, like a well-known panel, the indefinite article; many other lists can, of course, be compiled and if the reader is not satisfied with this one he can always make his own.

Certain old favourites are conspicuous by their absence; this does not mean that they should be ignored. Kent, for instance, will be learned by most people immediately after (in some cases, before) Oxford. There is no harm in thinking, or speaking, of Killamarsh

as Kent lead-ends, nor of Morning Star as College Exercise lead-ends. In my own case, for instance, I think and speak of numbers 14, 15, 16 and 17 above as New London lead-ends, Dunedin as Tulip lead-ends, Annable's Surprise and Warkworth Surprise as Woodbine lead-ends, and Hull Surprise as Duke of York Bob lead-ends, whilst Killamarsh is still in this locality regarded as 'Kent and College Pleasure'!

But a list like the one above, culled as it is from the Central Council Collection, is more likely to be of service to a band of ringers who are starting to climb the hill, than one similar to my own notebooks, cluttered with odd bits of information collected from various sources, and consequently containing methods, with appellations thereof, that in many cases have passed out of current coinage.

Here, then, are the tables. Asterisks denote 'regular' methods and may be found in the Central Council Collection. Alternative names in brackets.

* OXFORD (No. 1) LEAD-ENDS	
Backwork	Method
*London Scholars (2)	London Scholars T.B.
*Kingstone (3)	Kingstone T.B.
*Sandal (4)	Sandal T.B.
*Capel (5)	Capel T.B. (Overton T.B.)
*Burton (6)	Burton T.B.
*Coventry (7)	Coventry (Evening Star) (Carlisle)
*Kelso S. (33)	Richbrough D.
Nelson (18)	Snowdrop
Merton (22)	Coll. Youths Pleasure
Munden S. (34)	Blythe D.
Berwyn (13)	Cawthorne
Cambridge S. (28)	Morning Exercise
Chester S. (35)	Pilsey
Whitley S. (36)	Wellington
London S. (30)	Worcester
Wells S. (31)	Chichester

* KILLAMARSH (No. 8) (KENT LEAD-ENDS) and:—

Backwork	Method
*Oxford (No. 1) (9)	Kent
*Conway (10)	Conway Castle
*Snowdon (11)	Snowdon (S. Hindley) (Geranium)
*Ludlow (27)	Ludlow Castle
*Westminster S. (28)	Wath
*Cambridge S. (35)	Oswald
*Chester S. (13)	Edinburgh Castle
*Berwyn (34)	Waterford (Shamrock)
*Munden S. (32)	Kentish Delight (Kenilworth)
*Coldstream S. (14)	Carisbrooke (Howard)
Skipton (15)	Staveley
Chepstow (16)	Sciby
Balmoral (17)	Boston
Fotheringay (20)	March
Dunedin (7)	Woodgrove
Coventry (19)	Repton
Woodcocks V. (25)	Stockbridge
Warkworth S. (26)	Ardley
Norwich S. (12)	Dove D.
Morning Star (33)	Evesham

* MORNING STAR (No. 12) CUMBERLAND EX.) and:—

Backwork	Method
*London Scholars (2)	College Exercise (Islington)
*Kingstone (3)	Norbury
*Sandal (4)	Duke of Norfolk (Grandsire T.B.)
*Capel (5)	Ockley (Trowell)
*Burton (6)	Rochester (Lond. T.B.)
*Hull S. (29)	Disley
*Kelso S. (33)	Conisborough
*Coventry (7)	Evening Star (Coventry)
Chester (35)	Nostel
Munden (34)	Hadfield
Coldstream (32)	London Delight
Westminster (27)	Houghton
Conway (9)	

* SKIPTON (LINDEN) (No. 14) and:—

Backwork	Method
*Chepstow (15)	Chepstow
*Balmoral (16)	Balmoral
*Fotheringay (17)	Fotheringay
*Nelson T.B. (18)	Nelson T.B. (Denton T.B.; Lytham T.B.)
*Whitley (36)	Cambridge D.
*Woodcocks V. (19)	Woodcocks V.
*Dunedin (20)	Pevensey (Leytonstone)
*Warkworth (25)	Belvoir Castle
*Norwich (26)	Dover Castle
Oxford (1)	New London Pleasure
London Scholars (2)	Royston
Kingstone (3)	Penistone
Sandal (4)	York Minster
Capel (5)	Bolton Abbey
Hull S. (29)	Walsh's Delight
Morning Star (12)	Nelson's Victory
Burton (6)	Ecclesfield
Kelso (33)	Strathmoor D.

* DUNEDIN (BRISTOL) (No. 20) and:—

Backwork	Method
*Whitley (36)	Francis Genus (Tulip)
*Woodcocks V. (19)	British Scholars Pleasure (Cambridge T.B.)
*Nelson T.B. (18)	Chadkirk
*Skipton (14)	Knutsford
*Chepstow (15)	Roshterne
*Balmoral (16)	Wilmslow
*Fotheringay (17)	Bogdone
*Coventry (7)	Ely
London Scholars (2)	Gladstone
Kingstone (3)	Hemsworth
Sandal (4)	Campanulla
Capel (5)	Crofton
Coldstream (32)	Staines
Merton (22)	Slaithwaite
Braintree (23)	Thurton
Chiltern (21)	Hasley
Wells (31)	Lichfield
London (20)	Bristol

* BERWYN (BLUEBELL) (No. 13) and:—

Backwork	Method
*Killamarsh (8)	Trinity Sunday (Coventry; Sandiacre)
*Coldstream S. (32)	Donottar (Lily)
*Munden S. (34)	Berkley Castle (Kil-larney)
*Ludlow (11)	Warwick Castle
*Westminster S. (27)	Pontefract Castle (Vulcan)
*Cambridge S. (28)	Barham D. (Kent D.) (Kent Ex.) (Wellington)
*Chester S. (35)	Pembroke (Tavistock)
*Conway (9)	Caernarvon Castle
*Snowdon (10)	Quantock (Dahlia)
London Scholars (2)	South Kirkby
Kingstone (3)	Felkirk
Sandal (4)	Barnsley
Capel (5)	Havercroft
Kelso (33)	Rawmarsh
Coventry (7)	Ranskill

* CHILTERN (FUCHSIA) (No. 21) and:—

Backwork	Method
*Braintree (23)	Cheviot (Daffodil)
*Ludlow (11)	Castleton
*Annable's S. (24)	Stirling Castle
*Conway (9)	Bucknall
*Killamarsh (8)	Pennine (Marigold)
*Burton (6)	Cotswold (Foxglove)
*Skipton (14)	Beeston
*Chepstow (15)	Melandra (Waterloo)
*Balmoral (16)	Pevril
*Fotheringay (17)	Leasowe
*Woodcock V. (19)	Mendip (Hyacinth)
*Dunedin (20)	Chelsea
*Snowdon (10)	Norton-le-Moors
Merton (22)	Longwood
Morning Star (12)	Almondbury
Wells (31)	Gloucester
Chester (35)	Beauchief

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Random Thoughts on Treble Bob Minor — Cont.

*MERTON (No. 22) and:—	
Backwork	Method
*London Scholars (2)	St. Albans (College Bob IV.)
*Kingstone (3)	Wragby
*Sandal (4)	Neasden
*Capel (5)	Charlwood (Grove D.)
*Braintree (23)	Braintree (Newhall)
*Chiltern (21)	Humber (Hull)
*London S. (30)	Rossendale S. (Lancashire S.) Immanuel
*Wells S. (31)	Stamford S.
*Annable's S. (24)	Annable's (London S.)
*Warkworth S. (25)	Warkworth S.
*Norwich S. (26)	Norwich S.
*Kelso S. (33)	Bacup S.
Oxford (1)	Woodbine
Killamarsh (8)	Tanners Pleasure
Conway (9)	Billingly
Ludlow (11)	Whiston
Munden (34)	Sutton S.
Chester (35)	Norhorpe S.
Berwyn (13)	Markham
Cambridge (28)	Royal Bob

*WESTMINSTER (No. 27) and:—	
Backwork	Method
*London Scholars (2)	College Bob IV. (Bocking) (Norwich)
*Kingstone (3)	Willesden (Grove)
*Sandal (4)	Old Oxford (modernised)
*Capel (5)	Newdigate (Poynton)
*Braintree (23)	Marple
*Merton (22)	Bedford
*Chiltern (21)	Taxal
*Coldstream S. (32)	Allendale S.
*Kelso S. (33)	Bamborough S.
*Annable's S. (24)	Netherseale S.
*London S. (30)	Lightfoot S.
*Wells S. (31)	Wearmouth S.
Skipton (14)	Thorne S.
Chepstow (15)	Ripley S.
Balmoral (16)	Luton S. (College Bob V.)
Fotheringay (17)	Rhyl
Woodcocks V. (19)	Paddock
Dunedin (20)	Linden
Coventry (7)	Nocton

*CAMBRIDGE S. (No. 28) and:—	
Backwork	Method
*Merton (22)	Burnaby
*Berwyn (13)	Burslem
*Morning Star (12)	Kirkstall (Middlewood)
*Nelson (18)	Elston (Woodside)
*Munden S. (34)	Surfleet S.
*Chester (35)	Beverley S.
*Hull S. (29)	Bourne S.
*Whitley S. (36)	Ipswich S.
*London S. (30)	York S.
*Wells S. (31)	Durham S.
Ludlow (11)	Darfield
Chiltern (21)	Kimberworth
Skipton (14)	Hatfield S.
Chepstow (15)	Redcar S.
Balmoral (16)	Beighton S.
Fotheringay (17)	Appleby S.
Braintree (23)	Midhope
Annable's S. (24)	King Edward S.
Woodcocks V. (19)	Berrybrow
Conway (9)	Goldthorpe
Dunedin (20)	Eastwood

*HULL S. (No. 29) and:—	
Backwork	Method
*Cambridge S. (28)	Primrose S. (Ringers)
*Munden S. (34)	Hexham S.
*Chester S. (35)	Berwick S.
*Whitley S. (36)	Norfolk S.
*Nelson (18)	Clarence (Armley)
*Morning Star (12)	London V. (Sutton)
*Berwyn (13)	Waltham (Shelly)
London Scholars (2)	Queen Bess
Kingstone (3)	Hoylandswaine
Sandal (4)	York D.
Capel (5)	
Annable's S. (24)	Primrose S.
Warkworth S. (25)	Woodhead S.
Norwich S. (26)	Stretton S.
Coldstream S. (32)	Monsal S.
Kelso S. (33)	Coverleigh S.
Braintree (23)	Flouch
Chiltern (21)	Scholes

*LONDON S. (No. 30) and:—	
Backwork	Method
*Wells S. (31)	Wells S.
*Coldstream S. (32)	Coldstream S.
*Kelso S. (33)	Kelso S.
*Westminster S. (27)	Lincoln S. (Southwell)
*Annable's S. (24)	Cunecastre S.
*London Scholars (2)	Vale Royal
*Kingstone (3)	St. Werberg
*Sandal (4)	Combermere
*Capel (5)	Crowland
*Braintree (23)	Abbeyville
*Merton (22)	Southwark
*Chiltern (21)	Canterbury D.
Skipton (14)	Spalding
Chepstow (15)	Retford
Balmoral (16)	Dronfield
Fotheringay (17)	Minthead
Dunedin (20)	Brampton
Coventry (7)	Gainsborough
Whitley S. (36)	Dearne Valley
Woodcocks V. (19)	Langsett

*MUNDEN S. (No. 34) and:—	
Backwork	Method
*Chester S. (35)	Chester S.
*London S. (30)	Alnwick S. (Canterbury)
*Wells S. (31)	Newcastle S.
*Cambridge S. (28)	Carlisle S.
*Hull S. (29)	Sandiacre S.
*Whitley S. (36)	Northumberland S.
*Morning Star (12)	Tewkesbury
*Merton (22)	Marsden
*Berwyn (13)	Glastonbury (Cuckney)
*Nelson (18)	Fountain D. (Langland)
Annable's S. (24)	Lindley
Chiltern (21)	Wortley
Braintree (23)	Fulstow
Conway (9)	Melton
Skipton (14)	Chester-le-Street
Chepstow (15)	Sleaford
Balmoral (16)	Bangor
Fotheringay (17)	Grantham
Dunedin (20)	Netherwood
Woodcocks V. (19)	Deepcar
Killamarsh (8)	Kirkheaton
Burton (6)	Kirkburton

*WHITLEY S. (No. 36) and:—	
Backwork	Method
*London S. (30)	Canterbury S. (Alnwick)
*Wells S. (31)	Morpeth S.
*Hull S. (29)	Wooler S.
*Nelson (18)	Melrose (Mumbles)
*Morning Star (12)	Evesham
*Merton (22)	Sherborne
Oxford (1)	Hepworth
Killamarsh (8)	Farnley

OBITUARY

THE REV. E. A. RIDGEN

It is with deep regret that we received the news of the death of the Rev. E. A. Ridgen on August 18th. An ex-naval chaplain, he had been Vicar of North and South Muskham, Notts, since 1946.

A kindly man of good cheer, the late Vicar was a staunch friend of ringers, and the revival of ringing at the North Muskham tower was due largely to the enthusiastic support he gave to any plans that were made. He was a ringing member of the Southwell Diocesan Guild and set a good example by attending practice nights whenever he could and often joined in service ringing.

A half-muffled peal was rung to his memory by a local band at North Muskham in the evening following the funeral at South Muskham. F. W. M.

MR. T. A. ELLIOTT

Through the death of Mr. T. A. Elliott, of Dunster, the Bath and Wells Association has lost one of its oldest members. He was elected a member of Dunster Branch in December, 1886, and continued as an active Sunday service ringer until four years ago, when an accident which entailed a broken hip prevented him ascending the belfry steps.

He rang his first peal in 1890 and rang over 40 during his lifetime, the last being in 1931. He was a member of the band which rang the first peal of Stedman for the Bath and Wells Association at Dunster in 1895.

A quarter peal to his memory was rung on August 24th, the day of his funeral.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at North Muskham on August 22nd was rung at the request of the conductor, Mr. F. G. Hooper, as a tribute to the late Rev. E. A. Ridgen, but the band also had in mind the conductor's father, who died suddenly three weeks ago.

Ingworth, eight miles from Cromer, has a thatched roof to the church but unfortunately there is no tower—only a west end gable with one bell. We should be pleased to hear of any other thatched roof churches, especially with tower and bells. Another sight in Norfolk, unusual in other parts of the country, writes our correspondent, is the many churches with short, small, round towers, resembling from a distance the stump of a chimney.

The tribute by the peal at Great Easton, Essex, on August 23rd, to Canon P. E. T. Widdrington, D.D., who has been Rector of this parish for the past 37 years and is retiring this month to live at Lichfield, was one of the many high regards for his outstanding personality. Nineteen tributes appeared in the Dunmow Deanery Magazine in July, and there were others in 'The Church Times.' Of those taking part in the peal three were present officers of the Northern Division and two past officers.

Those who took part in the recent 'Sussex' tour of Somerset will be interested to learn that a young lady of South Wales has developed a keen interest in change ringing after having been content to ring rounds and call changes for many months. Within a week of hunting the treble to an extent of Grandsire Doubles she persuaded her uncle to arrange a quarter peal attempt, in which she rang faultlessly. It is thought that her progress is a result of tuition received at The Ancient Gate House, Wells, together with further lessons received from a Hertfordshire member of that party who has twice travelled the considerable distance to South Wales in order to continue them.

Memorial To Mr. Thomas Werrett

A memorial plaque to Mr. Thomas Werrett, of Norton, Herts, was unveiled on July 17th by the Vicar. It reads: 'In affectionate memory of Thomas Werrett, captain of the ringers of this church, whose enthusiasm brought about a complete peal of eight bells. Erected by his friends, who also contributed towards a bell

fund for a new church in the centre of the parish.' Mrs. Werrett sent this note, published in the parish magazine: 'My family and I wish to express our thanks to all who have taken part in presenting the tablet which has been placed in the church in memory of Thomas Werrett as an appreciation of his untiring work in connection with the bells. Thank you all very much.'

SOMERSET INVASION OF CORNWALL

THE five Somerset ringers who attended the Truro Guild practice at the two eights of St. Austell and St. Stephen-in-Brannell on August 6th formed the nucleus of a band which was to do considerable ringing in Cornwall during the following week.

On Sunday one of the five enjoyed service ringing at Redruth, whilst the others rang at St. Budock, St. Gluvius and St. Keverne, all eights.

On Monday all the towers visited were sixes, the first being Mabe, followed by Stithians, where a lady member of the local band joined in the ringing; then on to Perran-ar-Worthal and Gwennap, with its detached tower. After a short break for lunch, a move was made to Illogan (another detached tower), where a welcome and pleasant surprise was the provision of tea and cakes by Mrs. Morrish, wife of one of the locals, to whom the band expressed suitable gratitude. The next call was at St. Agnes, where is one of the few spires in the Duchy, and finally to Perranzabuloe, where after a few touches a quarter peal of Minor was rung (as has been reported elsewhere).

Tuesday was an 'off day' until the evening, when the five joined in the weekly practice at Truro Cathedral (10).

Wednesday morning the band arrived late at Veyan, the first of the sixes for the day, and after a short ring the convoy proceeded to St. Michael's, Caerhays. The bells here go well, but the tenor has a most peculiar note as it sounds rather like 'plop'! A ring on the nice six at Gorran completed the morning's programme, and a welcome meal of hot pasties was partaken in the 'local.' Next place to be visited was St. Ewe with its spire and very light, well-going bells in an extremely cramped ringing chamber. St. Mewan provided the first setback of the week, for a rope suddenly broke and had to be replaced. This was officially the last touring tower of the day, but after a conference and a telephone call, permission was obtained to ring on the nice six at St. Erme. Four of the party then went to the weekly practice at Crantock and the others to Redruth.

BELFRY DOOR COLLAPSES

The first tower, St. Mawgan-in-Meneage (6), on Thursday, was not a happy start to the day. First it was found that one bell was 'over,' and on attempting to get to the bell chamber to turn it the belfry door collapsed! Soon after starting to ring the visitors were informed that there was matins, and when the bells were half-way down the Rector requested the ringing to stop 'at once.' Gladly the band proceeded to St. Hilary, with a spire, a nice six, but very dark ringing chamber. Ludgvan, the next six to be visited, completed the morning programme. After a good lunch at the Cape Cafe, St. Just-in-Penwith, a move was made to Sennen, with a very light six and the most westerly bells in the country. A drive along the coast road with its wonderful views led to Zennor (6) and Towednack (8). Finally, after a brief break, the band made for Kenwyn (8), where great hospitality was received from the locals despite practically monopolising their practice.

Friday was another rest day until the evening when some of the band visited the two eights of Phillack and Tuckingmill.

Saturday was the finale with a visit to the three sixes of Botus Fleming, Antony and Maker, the last tower being reached after a mystery tour-cum-trial provided by a signpost arm having been reversed! The band were very pleased at Antony and Maker in having with them Alan Carveth, president of the Truro Guild, and two of his Kenwyn lady ringers.

So ended a very happy tour, in which the five originals were joined at various towers by ringers from their own county, Cornwall,

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BIRTHS

MEYER.—On Wednesday, Aug. 10th, 1955, to Gwendoline and Charles Montagu Meyer, of Westminster, a daughter, Caroline Helen Elisabeth. A sister for Peter 6909

PRICE.—On Monday, Sept. 5th, 1955, at Colwyn Nursing Home, Hayes, Middlesex, to Sheila and Frank Price—God's gift of a daughter—a granddaughter for Mr. and Mrs. Tony Price and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coles. 6926

MISCELLANEOUS

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Staplegrave, Sept. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea, in Village Hall, to A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 6850

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Congleton, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6881

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Sept. 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Dickenson, 8, High Street, Staveley.—A. B. Cooper. 6886

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Brampford Speke, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec., 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 6852

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Horningsea, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Fen Ditton (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6869

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Devon, Hants, Herts, Kent, Warwickshire and Staffs.

Excluding those at local practices, the following were rung: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, Stedman and Union Doubles: Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Double Court, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Cambridge Surprise Minor; Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

All arrangements except for the last day were made by Ron Short and the tourists are grateful to all incumbents, local ringers and others who contributed to such a happy time in the friendly and delectable Duchy.

E. T. P. F.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Old Woking, Sat., Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Collins. 6878

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Battle, Saturday, Sept. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Bells unavailable on Sept. 17th.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 6846

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at East Sutton, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 6817

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wood Green (near Tube station) on Saturday, Sept. 10th, at 3 p.m. Service and business. Bells at Tottenham (opposite Bruce Castle) also available 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. and in evening.—T. J. Lock. 6863

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wotton Underwood, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Ayris, Pollicott, Ashendon, Aylesbury Bucks. 6870

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Rowde (6), Sept. 10th. Usual arrangements.—F. Slatford, North Bradley. 6903

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Dunstable, Beds, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available: Dunstable Priory (8) and Totterhoe (8) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Dunstable Priory. Tea and meeting 5.30. Both towers open after tea.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 6678

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Lingfield (8), Sept. 10th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Ringing after until 8.30. 6862

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Butcombe, Sept. 17th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6917

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Moorlinch, Sept. 17th, 6.30 p.m. Look up something.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 6920

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Goostrey, Sept. 17th, not Sept. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Sept. 14th, to Mr. R. J. Ongley, The Villas, Station Road, Goostrey.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 6898

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shute, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Numbers for tea, by Sept. 12th, to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road Honiton. 6849

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Ault Hucknall on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 6913

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Winwick (5), Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6921

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Watlington, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6923

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Combined practice, Tarrington (turn off main Hereford-Ledbury road at Foley Arms) on Sept. 17th. Bells (6) available 6-8.45 p.m.—R. H. Stickley (for A. Wingate, Dis. Sec., on holiday). 6888

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Hope Bowdler, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 6907

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, St. Michael's, St. Albans (8 bells), Saturday, Sept. 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 6925

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halling (6) on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Names for tea to me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 13th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 6860

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District and Midland District.—Joint meeting, Tamworth, Staffs, Sat., Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 14th, to Miss S. Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall, Staffs. All ringers and friends welcome.—S. Hughes and J. S. Simpson, Hon. Dis. Secs. 6861

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea.—F. Pritchard. 6904

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Long Clawson, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names must be sent, by the 14th, to Mr. Ed. Tinsley, Long Clawson, Melton Mowbray.—J. H. Cook. 6912

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Billesdon, Sept. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by the 15th, please, to Mr. G. Geary, 1, Leicester Road, Billesdon. All members and friends welcome.—B. Stedman Payne. 6901

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Frampton, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Moore's Arms 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, Sept. 12th, to Mr. J. R. Young, 19, Linton Way, Frampton, near Boston. 6868

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ancaster (5), Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Butchers Arms, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 12th, to Mr. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs.—J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec. 6890

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 17th, Christ Church, Poplar. Cubitt Town (8) 3-4.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business meeting and further ringing till 8.30. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6915

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and **SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Joint meeting, Sept. 17th. Ringing at Hampton (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea available locally. Ringing at Sunbury (8) 6-8 p.m.—J. D. Rock. 6906

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Annual meeting, Northampton, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Ringing: St. Peter's (8), Marefair, St. Edmund's (8), Wellingborough Road, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. John's (6), Kings-thorpe, 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; St. Giles' (10) 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; All Saints' (8), Town Centre, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Own arrangements for lunch. Business meeting 3.30 p.m., Lecture Room, Borough Police H.Q., Campbell Square. Dinner at Angel Hotel, Bridge Street, 6.30 p.m., followed by social evening. Tickets 9s, each, by Sept. 12th, from P.C. C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Oadby Road, Wigston, Leicester. 6867

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice at Mapledurham on Saturday, Sept. 17th, 6 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 6894

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Waltham St. Lawrence on Sept. 17th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 6896

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Bradpole on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 12th, please.—Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 6875

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Marnhull, Sept. 17th. Visitors welcome.—Write Rev. William Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 6887

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Thorpe Bay (8) on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own eats. Cups of tea provided. More ringing to follow.—B. C. Sadler. 6922

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. S. Payne, Dis. Sec. 6862

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Burgess Hill, Sept. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 14th, certain.—C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 6895

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 17th, at Bournemouth. St. Peter's bells 2.30 p.m. Tea, St. Peter's Hall, 5.15 p.m. Meeting, St. John's, Surrey Road. Bells, evening.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 6908

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Bishopstoke on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Arrangements as usual. Names for tea, definitely by Sept. 14th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 6905

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Bromsgrove (10), Saturday, Sept. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Numbers for tea by 14th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 6857

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at St. Oswald's, Guiseley. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. C. Walsh, Dunster, Oxford Avenue, Guiseley, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 14th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6889

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Easingwold (8 bells), Sept. 17th. All welcome. Names for tea, by Sept. 15th, to Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lister Cottages, Sharow, Ripon. 6902

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Drayton (8), Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify—T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 6914

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held in Sunderland on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells: St. Andrew's, Roker, 11-12 and 1.30-2.30; Parish Church 2.30-3.30; St. Ignatius' 3-4.45 and 8-9; Bishopwearmouth 3.30-5 and after Evensong. Committee meeting 4. Tea (price approx. 4s.) at 5 with business meeting to follow tea, all in Bishopwearmouth Church Hall. Service, Bishopwearmouth, 7. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 21st, to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 6918

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Joint meeting with **LADIES' GUILD**, Long Sutton, Sept. 24th. Usual times. Names for tea, before Sept. 19th, to Mr. H. Harrison, Roman Bank, Long Sutton. 6892

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 24th, at Bedwellty. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—J. S. Evans. 6897

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—A meeting will be held at Childey, near Wantage, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 3.30. Tea at 4.30 for those who advise me by the 20th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon. 6911

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM.—Meeting at Ruddington, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea in Church House 4.30 p.m. Names, by Wednesday, Sept. 21st, to Mr. S. Adams, Wilford Road, Ruddington. Frequent buses from Broad Marsh. 6891

SOUTHWELL AND LINCOLN GUILDS.—Joint meeting of Newark and Lincoln Districts, Sept. 24th. Newark Parish Church (10) 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements. Balderton (6) also open from 6 p.m. 6899

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting will be held at Ewell (8), Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Room at 5. Names, by Sept. 21st, to Mr. J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, Epsom.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6910

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 24th, Goole (8), from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 6893

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (13s. 6d.) available from the undersigned.—P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 6876

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Dinner at King George Hotel, Barnsley, October 8th at 6 p.m. Tickets 8s. each from me.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 6918

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Branch.—Meeting, Monks Kirby, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 12th, please, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 6916

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. Accommodation limited to 100. Early application and stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 6900

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner and Social, also handbell ringing, Redcliffe Hotel, Fulham Road Saturday October 22nd, 6.30. ((14 bus from South Kensington Underground.)) Tickets 15s. 6d. Apply quickly, please. Everyone welcome. Afternoon ringing; details later.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 6865

ROTHERHAM RINGER MARRIED

The bells of Rotherham Parish Church pealed out merrily for the wedding of Mr. Fred Fisher to Miss Clara Ann Oliver on August 20th. Mr. Fisher is a ringer and sidesman at Rotherham Parish Church, and Miss Oliver comes from Brampton, near Barnsley.

The bride wore a gown of white French brocade with train and full-length veil, and headdress of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of yellow tea roses, white stephanotis, white heather and fern.

The bells were rung to Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal and Little Bob Major prior to the wedding, and for about 20 minutes afterwards, the local ringers being joined by friends from neighbouring towers. On the previous Tuesday Mr. Fisher was presented with a silver cruet set from his fellow ringers as a token of their good wishes.

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