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THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

MAYBE there are some readers who, on once more seeing this title, will feel that this organisation has already had sufficient space in the columns of this paper, but, following the debate of the Central Council, the time seems opportune to attempt an unbiased assessment of the College and its activities.

That there is a need for text books of instruction in our Art is evident from the requests to the Librarian for such publications. Indeed, the Council, conscious of its duty in this respect, set up at Leicester in 1956 a Committee whose terms of reference were the compilation of a book for beginners. Opinion in the Council was that the greater need existed in this direction and it is hoped that the manuscript will shortly be ready for the printers. A companion publication for instructors has not, we feel sure, been forgotten and possibly the same committee will be asked to continue their work along these lines.

However, great imagination is not required to appreciate that the present publication can serve a dual purpose in that it can be used by instructors as a most helpful addition to practical instruction.

The College of Campanology has produced a manual of which Part 1 has appeared in 'The Ringing World.' The principal of the College stated that he would welcome suggestions for improvements to the manual from any source, but it is to be regretted that his reactions to criticism leaves much to be desired.

Some criticism may have been flippant, but J. P. F. in his article headed 'A good idea — but' put forward some sound advice only to be severely taken to task under the title 'Fair enough.' This last by A. Y.-B. was far removed from its title in several instances, although one is reluctant at this stage to take up space in recriminations which invariably lead nowhere.

Two motions dealing with the College of Campanology were included in the Chelmsford agenda, for whilst the College was not named in the first there was no doubt that it was towards the College that the motion was directed. The mover of the first motion suggested that the Council should be the body to decide whether or not a College of Campanology be established. Since when has the Council had authority to dictate such a course? As will be seen from the report of one Association meeting where the Council's deliberations were discussed, the opinion was forcibly expressed that with the exception of that part of the second motion dealing with 'The Ringing World,' both motions were outside the province of the Council. We feel that the Council certainly has no power to prevent the formation of any organisation in the ringing field, although it can, if it so desires, withhold its recognition of the body.

In opposing the first motion, a speaker suggested that the principal of the College had focused attention on the problem of teaching ringing in the early stages. Is this not rather an exaggerated claim when one considers the books which have been available over the years, one by a member of the Council which, we believe, sold out two editions.

So far as the second motion is concerned, who can say at this stage what success or failure will attach to the College or say that it is unlikely to prove of any service to change ringing?

It is not necessary to be an advocate of the College of Campanology or any other similar organisation to say that efforts directed towards the advancement of change ringing should not be rejected out of hand as has been done by some ringers.

The concept of the College from the instructional aspect is worthy of the serious consideration of all ringers. Few will deny the problems besetting anyone in compiling a text book on ringing, and if the manual produced by the College of Campanology is good, then support will not be lacking. All material finds its proper level, and certainly this will also be the case so far as concerns the College Manual.

In conclusion, it seems appropriate at this point to inquire when the publication of the Manual can be expected. Part 1 has been seen in our columns, but Part 2 has apparently yet to see the light of day.

Might we also suggest to the authorities of the College that few have seen the College constitution, know its terms of membership, or can say what benefits are available to members.

R. S. A.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	7
RICHARD PRIME	2	J. FREDK. MILNER	8
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	WILLIAM A. LACEY	9
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	JOHN E. COOK	10
ALFRED BALLARD	5	E. ALAN JACQUES	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
*300th peal.
Rung on the feast of St. Martin.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	6
ELIZABETH A. G. GRIME	2	ALBERT M. TYLER	7
PATRICIA M. BOURN	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	8
*PATRICK J. BIRD	4	NORMAN H. COOMBES	9
F. CECIL MOGFORD	5	FRANK D. MACK	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by PATRICIA M. BOURN.
*First peal on ten bells. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	JOHN PHILLIPS	6
DONALD G. CLIFT	2	THOMAS A. SOUTHAM	7
ARTHUR H. REED	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON	8
WILFRID F. MORETON	4	DEREK P. JONES	9
FRANK E. DARBY	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt.

*†WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	5
*†FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
*C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	3	WALTER FORD	7
HERBERT F. LASKEY	4	*DERRICK W. PARDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TAYLOR. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
*First peal of Grandsire Triples. †50th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lbs. in F.

*ERNEST G. JONES	*Treble*	ALAN R. PINK	5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	6
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	3	CYRIL H. KINCH	7
CHARLES COLES	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
*First peal of Major. Rung on the Feast of St. Edburga.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 23 cwt.

LEONARD E. LAST	*Treble*	TOM FORD	5
*FREDERICK C. ROPER	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
ALBERT G. HARRISON	4	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
*First peal in the method.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 23 cwt.

EDWARD C. WICKHAM	*Treble*	JOHN W. OWEN	5
MARJORIE LEGG	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	6
EDWARD F. CONNOCK	3	LEONARD DERRICK	7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	4	*HERBERT HARDWIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
*First peal in the method.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. T. George, also a wedding compliment to R. P. Hardwidge, son of the tenor ringer.

CHURCHILL, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (second observation). Tenor 11 cwt.

JACK KEYTE	*Treble*	BRIAN W. HALL	5
FREDERICK W. SODEN	2	JOHN J. BENFIELD	6
REGINALD H. JARVIS	3	WILLIAM J. DIXON	7
THOMAS W. TIMMS	4	PHILLIP F. COOMBES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. SODEN.
The first attempt for a peal on the augmented eight.
Rung by members of the Chipping Norton Branch.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F.

ANN MILES	*Treble*	ALAN STREETER	5
WILLIAM F. SLAUGHTER	2	ERIC H. KNAPP	6
ALFRED J. BULL	3	BRIAN A. CRACKNELL	7
*ROBIN J. ELLIOTT	4	F. ERIC ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN A. CRACKNELL.
*First peal at first attempt. First of Major as conductor.
The ringers of 2 and 3 have now 'circled the tower' for the first and fourth times respectively.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB AND PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

ERNEST G. ORLAND	*Treble*	ROBIN WILSON	5
DAWN V. ELSON	2	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN	6
W. JOHN KINCHIN	3	VICTOR A. PERRY	7
MICHAEL F. AMOS	4	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. SPICE. Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.
First peal in two Plain Major methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild. Each course was rung P.P.G.P.P.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

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FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	GEORGE A. COOKE	5
WALTER FORD	2	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	6
HERBERT F. LASKI	3	*JOHN E. COUZENS	7
CECIL V. EBBERSON	4	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
*First peal of Major.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 1st, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

TOM GREENACRE	*Treble*	JOHN WILSON	5
E. GREENACRE	2	LESLIE HOUGHTON	6
M. R. REED	3	WILLIAM ROSE	7
*MICHAEL GATHERCOLE	4	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.
Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
*First peal away from the treble.
A compliment to Tom Greenacre and William Rose who have now completed 35 years as members of St. Margaret's Society.

HEYDOUR, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Adapted from J. F. Penning. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*MRS. F. W. PINCHBECK	*Treble*	*ROY STEPHENSON	5
FREDK. W. PINCHBECK	2	*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON	6
†W. RUSSELL READ	3	DENIS A. FRITH	7
PETER E. PARRY	4	†BRIAN HUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
*First peal of Triples. †First peal of Grandsire Triples.
First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD	*Treble*	BRIAN A. CRACKNELL	5
F. ERIC ROBERTS	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
GEORGE FRANCIS	3	RALPH BIRD	7
*ALAN STREETER	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
*First peal of Double Norwich.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM SIMPSON	*Treble*	ALFRED MOULD	5
FRANCIS R. LOWE	2	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	6
JACK BAILEY	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
KENNETH WAGSTAFFE	4	GORDON A. HALLS	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD F. GOBEY. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
Rung by Rolls-Royce, Ltd. employees.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 RICHMOND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANCASTER	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
DENNIS KNOX	2	*THOMAS J. LOCK	6
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
BRIAN BLADON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
*150th peal on the bells. 350th peal on the bells. First peal in the method.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

SIDNEY ANTHONY	*Treble*	FREDERICK JACKSON	5
HENRY PARKER	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
WILLIAM BIBBY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	7
CECIL RADDON	4	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
First peal for the treble ringer since 1938.
Rung half-muffled for the local tower master, Mr. Stanley Booth, whose funeral took place during the week.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F.

MRS. LESLIE D. MILLS	*Treble*	ALLEN W. CANSDALE	5
DONALD L. MILLS	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	6
EVELYN R. CANSDALE	3	LESLIE D. MILLS	7
EDWARD E. DAVEY	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Essex Association. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12lb. in D.

ROGER HAWKESWORTH	*Treble*	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	5
DENNIS BERESFORD	2	EDMUND MALIN	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK WREFORD	*Treble*	BRIAN PIDGEON	5
MRS. C. W. POWELL	2	WILLIAM YATES	6
ROGER KEELEY	3	HENRY G. KEELEY	7
NORMAN MALLETT	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
BASIL JONES	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	6
*BRIAN HARRIS	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
JOHN WORTH	4	PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
*First peal of Bristol Surprise Major.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 7, 1957, in 3 Hours
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

WILLIAM ROGERS	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
ROGER BALDWIN	2	FRANK H. HICKS	6
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	*ARTHUR J. HART	7
ROBIN G. LEALE	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
*First peal in the method 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CROMER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford T.B. and one of Kent T.B. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	DERRICK W. PARDON ..	4
RAYMOND W. BALLS	2	*WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE..	5
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY ..	3	WILLIAM H. HOLDOM ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

*50th peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and for the tenth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. D. T. Dick.

BLO' NORTON, NORFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 8 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury and St. Simon's, 9 of St. Martin's, 1 of Grandsire and 16 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE ..	*Treble*	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO ..	3
*WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ..	2	PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE (15)	4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.

*100th peal. First as conductor. Rung on the Feast of St. Peter and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Lilian A. Cattermole, grandmother of the conductor.

STANTON LACY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb.

*REGINALD HERBERT ..	*Treble*	LESLIE EVANS	4
JEAN HUTTON	2	DESMOND FERGUSON.. ..	5
LAURENCE T. MAINWARING	3	HARVEY SHERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by DESMOND FERGUSON.

*First peal away from a cover bell.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*JOHN E. ADAMS	*Treble*	FRANK OLLIER	4
J. DEREK SMITH	2	R. ANTHONY TRICKETT ..	5
HERBERT SUTTON	3	JOHN E. BROUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

*First peal of Minor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert Crawley, tower captain at Wistaston from 1924–1954.

INGATESTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 13 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Primrose, (2) Chester and Munden, (3) York and Durham, (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (5) London and Wells, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

*PETER WILSHER	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	4
*MARY DOWSETT	2	†HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5
*BRIAN J. HOWARD	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

*First peal in 13 Spliced Surprise. †First peal in 13 Spliced Surprise 'inside.'

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and four extents of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G.

FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Treble*	†ALAN J. SALSBURY	4
*DEREK P. JONES	2	GORDON A. HALLS	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

*225th peal. †First peal. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 8 methods, as follows: (1) 432 London and 288 Wells, with 12 changes of method; (2) York; (3) Durham; (4) Beverley; (5) Surfleet; (6) Cambridge; (7) Norwich. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

JOHN R. MAYNE	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	4
WILLIAM WENBAN	2	BRIAN BLADON	5
RALPH BIRD	3	PHILLIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., July 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*ANN LEWIN, B.A.	*Treble*	ISOBEL INMAN, B.A.	4
PAUL W. M. JONES, B.A.	2	M. WHITE, B.Sc., F.R.G.S.	5
M. E. L. BEAMISH, B.Sc.	3	RAYMOND FINCH, B.Sc. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH.

*First peal and first attempt. First peal for the Guild.

Rung by members of the Guild on their graduation this term.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 49, 50, 51, 54, 55.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*WILLIAM E. GREEN ..	*Treble*	JOHN F. PEARSON	4
*GERALD T. SPEED	2	*ALLAN BRUMMITT	5
AMOS INGALL	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

*First peal of Bob Minor. First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung by a Sunday service band to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the wife of the second ringer.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

HERBERT G. SMITHSON ..	*Treble*	DERICK W. PARDON	4
WALTER C. MEDLER.. ..	2	DOUGLAS E. RUST ANDREWS	5
*PEGGY WILLIAMSON.. ..	3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Brian E. Mason (local ringer) and Sylvia E. Norton, married this day at St. Botolph's Church, Hevingham.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK D. MACK	*Treble*	PATRICIA M. BOURN	4
DAVID HEIGHTON	2	ALAN F. LEE	5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Oxford Bob and Single Court Spliced (2) Double Oxford, (3) Double Court, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Bob Minor. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb. in F.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	LEONARD G. THOMPSON..	4
PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	*LOUIS WILLDERS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	*JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

*25th peal together.

A birthday compliment to Lucy E. Musson, wife of the conductor.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

PATRICIA M. BOURN	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	4
*ALAN F. LEE	2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	5
*FRANK D. MACK	3	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICIA M. BOURN.
* First peal in four methods of Minor.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 36 methods spliced into seven extents: (1) Balmoral, Fotheringay, Chepstow, Skipton and Dover Delight; (2) Wilmslow, Bogedone, Rostherne, Knutsford and Ely Delight; (3) Combermere, Vale Royal, Crowland, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (4) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel and Oxford Treble Bob; (5) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Charlwood and Braintree Delight; (7) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate, Marple and Taxal Delight. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Treble*	ROBERT SMITH	4
BERNARD GROVES	2	WILLIAM A. SMITH	5
ALAN MCFALL	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
First peal in 36 methods by all the band. The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Association.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents in 30 methods, each having its own plain course, being two extents each of Uffington, Stowe Place, Datchet, St. Alphege, St. Andrew, St. Gregory, Union Bob, St. Faith's S.C., St. Julian, Reverse New Bob, Reverse Huntspill, Reverse St. Vedast, and one extent each of Reverse Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Westminster II, Blackburn Place, St. Hilary, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Stedman. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

VICTOR GRIFFIN	*Treble*	ERIC SUTTON	4
FRANCIS G. WILTON	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	3	THOMAS R. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
The greatest number of methods to a peal by all the band on the bells and for the Association.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. H. Trueman, Ringing Master of the Swindon Branch, on his election as Master of the Association.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Childwall, Thelwall and Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Court, Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLDOM	*Treble*	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	2	GEORGE SAYER	5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	3	JOHN R. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

PINHOE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

CYRIL SAVAGE	*Treble*	ROBERT T. PERRY	4
*JUDITH ADDENBROOKE	2	SIDNEY SKINNER	5
L. KENNETH DAWE	3	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.
*First peal.

WESTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford and Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALAN F. LEE	*Treble*	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	4
ROGER O. FRY	2	DAVID HEIGHTON	5
PATRICIA M. BOURN	3	FRANK D. MACK	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*MARTIN B. FISHER	*Treble*	EDWIN JONES	4
MRS. C. B. PEMBERTON	2	VIVIAN T. O. BOASE	5
MARJORIE E. WEBSTER	3	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by VIVIAN T. O. BOASE.
*First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to Canon J. R. Spencer, for 15 years rector of this parish.

HANDBELL PEALS

WHITWORTH PARK, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT WESTON HOUSE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON	1—2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	5—6
DEREK OGDEN	3—4	ROBIN G. TURNER	7—8
*LESLIE BOUMPHREY	9—10		

Composed by J. W. F. TROTMAN. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
*100th peal.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT TRENTWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY	1—2	JOHN FREEMAN	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	JACK BRAY	7—8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
First peal as conductor in the method 'in hand.'

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT NO. 29,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	1—2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5—6
DAVID J. MARSHALL	3—4	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	7—8

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
*First peal of Major 'in hand.'

SURBITON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT 104, BERESFORD AVENUE, TOLWORTH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E flat.

*ANNE C. GARNETT	1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE	3—4
MICHAEL P. MORETON	5—6		

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
*First peal. The 50th handbell peal for the Association.

URMSTON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT 302, STRETFORD ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK OGDEN	1—2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	5—6
WILFRED L. ROBINSON	3—4	ROBIN G. TURNER	7—8

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
First peal of Surprise on handbells by all the band and for the association.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Robinson (first quarter) 1, W. Illston 2, C. Lowe 3, T. Earby 4, E. F. Payne (cond.) 5, A. James 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Flowers, both ringers at this church.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Cynthia Matthews (first quarter) 1, Joan Downing 2, Audrey Eldridge 3, Daphne Lester 4, Daphne Pankhurst 5, J. Downing (cond.) 6, C. E. Verdon 7, C. Pilbeam 8. Rung half-muffled in affectionate remembrance of Frederick Smith, verger 1911–1953, who was laid to rest this day.

BRILL, BUCKS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Cuss 1, Angela Greenway 2, E. G. Jones 3, A. Crozier 4, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 5, J. Hadland (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Oxford (the Rt. Rev. H. J. Carpenter, D.D.).

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On July 2nd, at St. Dunstan's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Divers 1, A. Butler 2, B. J. Luck 3, J. Stockbridge 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, E. Codd 6. Rung on the golden wedding day of the Rev. and Mrs. P. Lewis; also a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. A. H. Sayer, until recently a ringer at this church.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. B. Gorrod (first quarter) 1, P. G. Tovell 2, M. J. Stokes 3, R. T. Tovell 4, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 5. First 'inside' for 2 and 4. Rung in thankfulness for the completion of the fund for the bells, which were rehung in September, 1956.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. George 1, J. Pannell 2, J. Martin 3, J. Parker 4, D. Mawger (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. For Evensong.

COWLEY, OXON.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Mrs. W. Holloway 1, Mrs. L. Busby 2, W. Holloway (cond.) 3, W. Fern 4, D. Norris 5, A. Bennett 6. A welcome to the Rev. C. M. Henley, B.A., who was ordained deacon the previous Sunday.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Maynard 1, Eileen M. Ricketts 2, June Richardson 3, Barbara Marchant 4, J. Chilcott (cond.) 5, Susan Parker 6. First quarter for ringers of treble and tenor, and first 'inside' for 3 and 4.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, J. Gasson 2, R. Simpson 3, G. S. Deas 4, J. Jeffrey 5, J. Herbeque 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, S. Brett 8. Rung especially for the ringer of 4, a visitor from Newcastle. For evening service.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On June 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: K. Newby (first quarter) 1, W. T. Turner 2, W. Wall 3, F. Forshaw 4, V. Forshaw 5, R. Suart 6, N. M. Newby (cond.) 7, T. Metcalfe 8. For Evensong.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—On June 21st, 1,264 Little Bob Major: H. O. Chaddock 1, Miss M. Archer (first in method) 2, Miss E. Wardill 3, J. Seager 4, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 5, C. Rusby 6, I. M. Holland 7, G. K. Chaddock 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Chapman after failing to ring a peal due to a broken rope.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): J. Warner 1, E. J. Jenner 2, E. C. Leigh 3, D. E. Leigh 4, F. Pannell 5, S. Jenner (cond.) 6, N. V. Greenaway 7. 5 and 7 covering. For Ascension Day Evensong.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): S. Stewart (first quarter) 1, J. Lyon (first quarter) 2, M. Limmer 3, Miss R. Lund 4, A. Birch 5, W. Henley (cond.) 6, B. Matthews 7, A. R. Gale 8. For evening service for the finish of the parish week festival.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On June 23rd, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: A. Warren 1, F. Barker 2, Miss B. Marsh 3, A. Goodall 4, L. Tubb 5, M. Carter 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, A. Richardson 8. First in method for 3 and 6. For Evensong. Also on July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Richardson 1, F. Barker (cond.) 2, A. Warren 3, A. Goodall 4, Miss G. Icke 5, M. Carter 6, L. Tubb 7, F. Tubb 8. For Evensong, and as a 72nd birthday compliment to Mr. F. Tubb, who has been a Finchley ringer for over 50 years.

QUARTER PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Young 1, Monica Collins 2, Joan Beazley 3, E. Etheridge 4, Ann M. Cox 5, L. Luing 6. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of the 3rd ringer.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. C. Willday 1, Miss D. J. Perrins 2, Miss E. M. Yardley 3, P. Beresford 4, R. H. C. Johnson 5, C. M. Smith 6, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 7, R. L. Bond 8. First on eight bells for 1, 5, 7, and 8. Rung before a service to mark the culmination of the parochial effort towards the Bishop of Birmingham's jubilee appeal.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, J. A. G. Ball 3, A. York Bramble 4, C. A. Pound 5, A. Betsworth (first of Triples 'inside') 6, H. Gauntlett 7, E. K. Jordan 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Janet Blackah (a former ringer at Hawkley) to Mr. Derek Pitman.

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HENDON, MIDDLX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Hurlstone 1, J. Maltby 2, Miss R. M. Foreman 3, M. King 4, G. Ellisg (first as cond.) 5, H. W. Barnard 6. Rung in honour of St. Mary's patronal festival and 250th anniversary of founding of St. Mary's Church Schools.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Crabtree 1, P. J. H. Hudson 2, R. Maher 3, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 4, J. P. Partington 5, G. S. Mills (cond.) 6, T. Hurst (first quarter) 7, W. Chadwick 8. First quarter by local band. Rung on the front six with 7–8 covering for Evensong.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On June 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Standard (cond.) 1, F. Cooper 2, A. Fever 3, L. Nice 4, J. Kerry 5, E. Nice 6, F. Buckle 7, J. Banks 8. For morning service.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On July 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: H. Ivings 1, H. King 2, K. G. Brown (cond.) 3, E. Bishop 4, L. Sharpe 5, L. Melton 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Cartwright, a great church worker of St. Mary's Church.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On June 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Marriner 1, Miss P. Smee 2, A. H. Winch 3, G. Peters 4, B. Hawkins 5, A. S. Harris 6, A. J. Smith (cond.) 7, A. H. Smith 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who sailed for Montreal on July 3rd. His first quarter as conductor.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. R. Randall 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, L. Battley 4, C. W. Ottley 5, L. W. Bullock 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, J. Hales 8. For Evensong.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. Hunt (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Jones (first quarter) 2, H. Hunt 3, C. Shepherd 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, J. Baker 6.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS.—At St. Giles' Church, on July 7th, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor: T. E. Hancock 1, E. Kettle 2, M. Brown 3, B. Ryles 4, A. Gaunt 5, R. S. Anderson (cond.) 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): C. Bingham 1, Miss D. Hyams 2, Miss J. Evans 3, H. King 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung before Matins as a birthday compliment to Miss Hyams and J. McPhail.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On July 7th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Valerie Hawkins (first quarter) 1, Nancy Kempsell 2, Freda Hankey 3, A. Streeter 4, G. Olliver (cond.) 5, A. R. C. Clarke 6. First in the method by all the band. For Evensong.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Polain 1, Pat Roche 2, P. Gates 3, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 4, R. Ferris 5, T. Howell 6. First quarter for 1 and 3. First 'inside' for 2.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On June 27th, at the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. R. Hartley 1, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 2, E. J. R. Hartley 3, J. Wallace (first quarter) 4, N. A. James 5, R. Escott 6. Rung for the first Evensong of the patronal festival.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On July 6th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Burnett 1, A. Mears 2, E. K. Jordan 3, A. Page 4, F. S. Taylor 5, R. G. Blackman 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, A. E. Hoodless 8.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on back six): Miss F. Illman 1, Miss B. Saggers 2, Miss F. Hankey 3, A. R. C. Clarke 4, A. Streeter (cond.) 5, H. Coomber 6. For Evensong, and also as a farewell to Mr. K. Matthews, who has gone to Kenya.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Mullard 1, E. Malin 2, H. Butler 3, P. J. Rigby 4, J. A. Anderson 5, J. Allen (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 3. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. E. Walkerdine, who has retired after 32 years as Vicar of this parish.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss V. Hoby (aged 12, first quarter) 1, Miss S. Wickenden 2, Miss P. Jervis (first 'inside') 3, Miss J. Adamson 4, B. T. Lister 5, M. E. Downs (first of Triples) 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on June 30th, 1,260 Double Court Minor: H. Howson 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, Miss F. Secker 4, E. J. Rowe 5, B. Bladon (cond.) 6. First in method by all except conductor. Also on July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (an extent each of New, Plain, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, St. Remigius', Winchendon Place, Grandsire and Stedman): Miss P. Rowe 1, M. Cubitt (cond.) 2, B. Bladon 3, M. Rowe 4, E. J. Rowe 5, F. Riddlesden 6.

STANMORE, MIDDX.—On June 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, W. Wenban 2, Mrs. H. G. Hart 3, Miss J. M. Wilcockson 4, H. G. Hart 5, D. J. Taylor 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, A. C. Wenban 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Dovey (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Smith 2, W. Curtis 3, J. Young 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, Miss J. Horton 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. Blunden and Mr. W. Curtis.

THARSTON, NORFOLK.—On June 27th, 1,320 Bob Doubles (4 callings): L. Hindle 1, P. M. Adcock (first as cond.) 2, A. F. Ellis 3, C. R. Catchpole 4, P. D. T. Cattermole 5. Rung as a compliment to Miss Cynthia J. Cattermole and Mr. Charles D. Macgill, married at Ipswich on Whit Saturday; also as congratulations to the sister of the 3rd ringer on giving birth to a daughter.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Rich 1, Freda Greaves (first of Minor) 2, P. Jermy (first quarter) 3, M. C. Gathercole 4, J. Wilson (first as cond.) 5, W. Rose 6.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Tindale 1, J. R. Waller 2, D. Elwick 3, H. Waters 4, G. W. White 5, J. Hodgson 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. William A. Breckon, a member of this tower for almost 50 years.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A somewhat disappointing number of members attended the monthly meeting of the Society, at Harthill on July 7th—the first there for several years. The young and enthusiastic local company had obviously made careful preparations for the occasion, as a result of which Harthill now possesses one of the cleanest and best decorated belfries in the district.

The bells were rung to various methods during the afternoon, before tea was taken in the Rectory grounds. Prior to the business meeting, the Rector of Harthill, the Rev. J. Bishop, welcomed the Society, and expressed his appreciation to Mr. N. Chaddock, who has spent much time and energy in training the new local band.

New members from Harthill and Rotherham were elected, and ringing was recommenced, Yorkshire Surprise Major and Stedman Triples being 'tape recorded.' I. H.

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LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Quite a successful meeting was held at East Ardsley on June 29th in spite of a smaller attendance than usual. The bells were raised in peal shortly after 3 o'clock and ringing continued until 9 p.m., the following methods being rung, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise

The afternoon was very sultry and a great deal of sweat was expended during the ringing of the various touches.

Departing from the usual custom, the business meeting, at which two new members were elected and thanks accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company, was held in the churchyard and was followed by a pleasant half hour's handbell ringing.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

With holidays and the sultry weather discouraging efforts to get to Ardeley, the meeting of the Northern District of the Herts Association was not well attended. Those who came enjoyed themselves, with tea at the Fête held in Ardeley Bury gardens, followed by a short service and business meeting. Mr. B. Thompson (Walkern), Miss J. Croft (Wymondley) and Mr. and Mrs. Harris (Barnet) were elected members.

The General Secretary had suggested that this District's meetings be changed to the first Saturday in the month, to leave one Saturday free for peal ringing. This was agreed, and the next meeting will be on September 7th, at Barley it is hoped.

The bells were rung down about 8 o'clock, after ringing many methods, including the special method, Killamarsh Treble Bob. J. S.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The shield contest, held at Wentworth, near Rotherham, on June 29th was won by Meltham with 39 faults. Other placings by the judge, Mr. Harold Chant, were Friezland 43, Cawthorne 82 and Shelley 104.

The presentation took place after the business meeting, with the President, Mr. N. Moxon, in the chair. The shield was received by Mr. Fred Hodgson on behalf of the Meltham team, who said this was his sixth time as a conductor.

The next meeting of the Society is a joint one with the Yorkshire Association at Rawmarsh on August 10th. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. A. Goldthorpe to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to Mr. George West and the local company for making the arrangements and to the judge and marker.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Twelve towers were represented by the 40 members attending the Lewisham District meeting at Erith, when ringing was supervised by Miss Andrews, ringing master. The Vicar (Rev. K. H. Jocelyn) conducted the service, with Mr. G. Phillips as organist and Mr. E. Barnett reading the lesson.

The Vicar also presided at the business meeting which followed tea, prepared and served by wives and mothers of local ringers. Two new members were elected and there were three ratifications. Mr. A. S. Richards kindly reported on the committee meeting at Sevenoaks.

The summer meeting was fixed for Shoreham on July 27th and the invitation of the Surrey Association for a joint meeting at Banstead on October 12th accepted. (Application for party transport should be made to the Hon. Sec.)

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Another excellent number of the 'Irish Bell News' has reached us. We congratulate the editor, Mr. Fred Dukes, for giving us yet more examples of Irish humour.

Age and youth were represented in the quarter peal at Tunbridge Wells on July 7th. A. F. Wellington, who rang the fourth, is aged 80, and S. Jenner, who rang the seventh, aged 16. Both scored their first in the method.

Whilst the Allesley (Coventry) band will be missing their leader, Mr. F. W. Perrens, now on holiday in S. Africa, we are glad to see they are producing new conductors, and we congratulate David Carpenter on calling his first of Cambridge.

The whole Exercise will be pleased to learn that the King's Cup Air Race was won again by Fred Dunkerley. His enthusiasm for flying seems to be as great as for ringing. This time he was flying a Sparrow Hawk, the first jet plane to win this race.

A special service is to be held at St. Nicholas' Church, North Stoneham, Hants, on July 21st at 11 a.m., when the book and handbell case in memory of the late W. T. Tucker will be dedicated. The case has been presented by his daughter, Mrs. D. M. Brown.

A correspondent writes: 'A very big "thank you" to the North Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild members for the grand reception given to all members of the Ladies' Guild—and others—on the occasion of their annual general meeting at Newcastle on July 6th, especially to Mr. and Mrs. McGuiness for their wonderful hospitality, which was very much appreciated.'

The age of Mr. C. Smith, of Boyne Hill, is 91 years, not 71, as recently stated in this column.

Overheard in London recently:—
'I say it's in Aldgate.'
'And I say it is not in Aldgate.'
Subject: Aldgate Pump. Which is right?

We have received a card from Moscow, sent by P. W. Cave. He is attending an international conference on cables, and sends greetings to all ringing friends.

The salvage campaign, conducted by Mr. Claude Rush, is bringing in many interesting items—woollens, hessian, and even a feather bed! It has realised £68 and the fund totals £377. Unfortunately the wastepaper market is low.

West Country ringers are very proud of some of their rings of eight, particularly those in the region of 24½ cwt. in E flat. They will be interested to learn that London now possesses eight, at St. Lawrence Jewry, which compare more than favourably with their best.

Miss Ann Miles stood in the peal rung at Crawley on June 29th. She rang her bell in fine style in very hot weather, and the conductor, B. A. Cracknell, is particularly grateful to her for enabling him to score his first of Major as conductor.

The band who rang the three peals in the Gordano churches on July 6th would like to thank the local ringers for the hospitality they received, especially Mr. and Mrs. Rockett, of Easton, and Mr. and Mrs. Symes, of Weston. The cups of tea, etc., were most welcome after ringing, as the temperature was in the 80's for most of the day.

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A DERBYSHIRE SIX-BELL TOWER

Longford's Disused Bells

In the south of the county, not far from the Staffordshire border, about ten miles from Derby and the same from Burton, lies the ancient village of Longford.

It is a village of considerable beauty and of great antiquity, with Norman work in its church, which is set in a spacious park with great beech and yew and magnificent lime trees. The fifteenth-century tower of the Church of St. Chad rises above the imposing brick pile of Longford Hall, once the seat of the first Earl of Leicester and now the residence of a baron of Burton's staple industry.

The church abounds with treasures, including mediæval carvings and sculpture, the bowl of a Norman font rescued in recent times from use as a cattle trough, and, not least, a ring of six bells.

Hung in a massive oak frame set diagonally in the tower, the two tenors are by Hedderley of Nottingham, 1750, the third was recast by Taylor's in 1914, and the remainder are the work of Hedderley's foreman, J. M. Halton, 1721.

Reports vary as to why ringing stopped in 1924. One version is that it was abandoned when the second bell was overturned and thrown out of its bearings as a result of too long and too strong a stay. Whether this is correct or not, it is true that until within the past three years this bell was out of its bearings and must have been so for about thirty years. The bells were being 'clocked' in 1927, when, as Burton District Secretary of the old Midland Counties Association I approached the Vicar—unsuccessfully—with a view to holding a meeting there. Even this system of chiming could not have lasted long, since many years ago a ceiling, entirely devoid of rope holes, was inserted below the belfry floor.

As frequently happens when a ring of bells falls into disuse, it acquires a legendary reputation for tone. The ring of eight at All Saints', Nottingham, silent now for many years, enjoys a reputation which quite possibly it never deserved, and I can recall hearing similar opinions expressed by old Derby ringers concerning the now demolished ring at St. Werburgh's, Derby.

I often heard my old ringing master at Burton extol the merits of the Longford bells, and those of us who recently had an opportunity of hearing them agree that the old stories were not exaggerated.

On Wednesday, May 15th, ringers from the Derby and Burton district, with the writer and a few ringers from neighbouring towers who had been warned by the ringers' 'bush telegraph' that something was afoot, held an unofficial try-out of the bells. This must have been the first time they had been rung for thirty-three years. Before they could be rung a considerable amount of hard work (including the cutting of rope holes) had to be done by a volunteer fatigue party which went over in advance, armed with carpentering tools, lifting blocks (fortunately not required, as some kind friend had put the second back in its bearings), and ropes.

As the former ringers' gallery was removed when ringing stopped, the ringing on May 15th was carried out from the chamber directly under the bells, and as there was insufficient time to put it back much of the flooring taken up when rope holes were cut, the bells were inclined to be noisy inside. Outside, however, despite their being on a level with the louvres, the sound is truly beautiful. One had often heard or read of 'bells across the meadows,' 'the sound of bells in the English countryside,' and similar phrases, and one is inclined sometimes to dismiss them with a patronising shrug, but on that lovely evening they came irresistibly to mind.

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The proceedings were brought to a premature conclusion by the tenor clapper falling out and the pin becoming lost in the morass of twigs accumulated by jackdaws when they had the tower to themselves, but the ringing was sufficiently long to disperse any suggestion that the bells are unringable, and it was sufficiently good to earn a letter of appreciation from a parishioner. I think I am not alone in agreeing with the writer when he refers to 'those most lovely bells of St. Chad's Church, Longford.'

It is pleasant to learn that a movement is on foot to get these bells ringing again.

R. H. DOVE.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Executive Council of the Irish Association of Change Ringers was held in St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir Robing Room, Dublin, on May 25th, and was attended by representatives from all districts. Mr. W. Pratt, president, was in the chair.

The following were elected to fill the various offices for the ensuing year: President, Mr. William Pratt, Holywood; Master and Librarian, Robert S. F. Murphy, Dublin; General Secretary, Fred. E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath; Badge Secretary, J. T. Dunwoody; Editorial Committee, 'Irish Bell News,' F. E. Dukes, Editor,, Miss Jean Stewart, Mrs. F. E. Dukes and G. Bingham. Two life members were elected: R. Tait, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, for 45 years' service to ringing, and J. E. Harris, Waterford, also for long service.

The annual report and statements of accounts were received and adopted, as also was the report from the 'Irish Bell News.' In the case of the latter, a decrease in circulation was reported, but a surplus of funds enabled a small sum of £1 10s. to be set aside for depreciation purposes.

The discussion on the revision of rules which had been adjourned from last year was brought to conclusion with complete agreement on all outstanding points of difference. Virtually no change was made in existing rules other than to regularise them. A new class of membership was formed, viz., associate member, which caters for all classes of church bell ringers other than those who ring at churches containing rings of bells. In future, too, the executive officers will not have any voting powers at meetings unless they are District representatives.

A resolution from the Northern District re non recognition of the College of Campanology was before the meeting, but no action was taken. Similar decisions had already been reached by both the Southern and Eastern Districts. It was decided that the meeting in 1958 be held on May 3rd.

A break was made during the meeting to enable the Murphy Cup to be competed for.

The contest was held on the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral. The three District finalists were: St. Mark's, Dundela (North), Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick (South), and St. Peter's, Drogheda (East), holders. The judges, Messrs. C. W. Galbraith, J. MacManus and Miss Jean Stewart, were unanimous in declaring the Limerick team the best striking team in Ireland. They had 60 faults. Drogheda were a close second and St. Mark's, Dundela, not very far behind. The cup was presented to Mr. Benson for Limerick; he proposed a vote of thanks to the judges. This was seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes, who congratulated the winners on their well-deserved win. Both complimented the Dundela team on their very fine effort, especially as they had been in existence for only two years. Mr. Robert Tait acted as Ringing Master in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Murphy.

THE NEW BELLS OF ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY

'Hear the loud alarum bells . . .
In the clamorous appealing to the mercy of the fire.
In the mad expostulation with the deaf and frantic fire.' (*Edgar Allan Poe*)

If ever these lines had real significance, surely it must have been on the evening of December 29th, 1940, when the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry—with the exception of the four walls—and the bells were completely destroyed by the 'great fire' of the City of London.

Many ringers will still remember and, I hope, have rung on that glorious ring of eight bells (tenor 31 cwt., approx., in D flat). They were hung in an anti-clockwise direction, and the whole ring was completely rehung by Mears and Stainbank in 1930. Mr. Albert Hughes trained a band to ring them, composed of choristers and one sidesman connected with the church.

And now a new church has arisen, designed by Mr. Cecil Brown, R.A. It was officially opened on Monday, July 15th.

On Thursday, July 11th, a small band met in the ringing chamber to 'try out' the new bells. They are a ring of eight (tenor 24¾ cwt. in E flat) cast by Mears and Stainbank. The bells are hung the 'right way round,' and a great improvement has been effected in the ringing chamber by the removal of the lantern, which many ringers will doubtless remember.

Edgar Allan Poe uses the words 'silver,' 'mellow,' 'golden' in his poem. Would that I could coin a special word to describe the new bells. They are a perfect blend. The sound comes out from the roof of the tower and there is, therefore, not that overpowering volume of sound that was heard in the street from the old bells.

There is a quotation about the East not meeting the West, but this is not true in the case of the new St. Lawrence Jewry church. The bells match the beauty of the East End of the church and Mears and Stainbank are to be heartily congratulated on a fine achievement. It is to be hoped that the bells will be rung as frequently as circumstances will allow. That is their due reward.

F. C. S.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The July meeting of the Kettering Branch was held in delightful surroundings at Stoke Albany, by kind permission of the Rev. R. Nazer. The six bells were kept ringing until the meeting, which was held in the Rectory garden. Cold drinks were warmly received at this stage.

Three members having gained first peal certificates, Canon G. F. Turner, Guild President, made the presentations and congratulated the recipients Two new members were elected.

The cost of teas at meetings was discussed, and it was decided that 2s. was a reasonable maximum; any amount over that charge to be made up out of Branch funds. It was stressed that names must be sent to the tea organiser if tea was required.

The Guild form of service was read in church, and then tea was served (free !) on the Rectory lawn. Thanks were expressed to the ladies who provided it and also to the Rector.

After tea, ringing continued for an hour at Stoke Albany, then the party adjourned, via the Rectory for more cold drinks, to Wilbarston where further ringing took place. The threatened storm broke at this stage; the belfry was plunged into darkness as the lights failed; the bells were hastily lowered. The lights came on again, but nobody had the inclination or energy to raise the bells.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

On June 29th the South Wales District held a very enjoyable meeting at All Saints' Church, Newport, the tower of the Vice-President, Mrs. Dorothy James.

Some forty-five ringers attended, including visitors from Worcestershire, Gloucestershire and Somerset. Various methods were rung from rounds to Yorkshire Surprise Major.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Sproule Jones, who warmly welcomed the Guild to All Saints'. Then followed tea in the church hall and the ladies who prepared this were thanked by Mr. R. E. Coles. Mrs. Audrey Bruton thanked the Vicar for his welcome.

At the business meeting Mrs. Dorothy James mentioned the recent wedding of the secretary, Mrs. Jacqueline King and on behalf of the members of the South Wales District presented her with a beautiful silver cake stand, suitably engraved Mr. King expreeeed her incere thanks to the ladies for the lovely present and their good wishes, and said that the presentation had been a complete surprise. Two new members were elected from Bedwellty, Miss Wendy Pearce and Miss Mary Rogers. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Whitchurch with Pentre as an alternative.

London District

The London district of the Ladies' Guild met at Woodford on June 29th, and although the meeting was disappointing regarding numbers it was most enjoyable.

The bells were kept going to the standard methods and Cambridge Surprise during the afternoon and evening. An interesting address was given by the Rev. G. Kemp, Vicar of Barkingside, who conducted the service.

The party then sat down to a sumptuous tea provided by the committee members and it was immediately followed by the business meeting which was presided over by Vice-President Mrs. Savory. Mrs. Lock, the President of the Guild, was also present.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Streatham on August 31st. O. C.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The North Norfolk Branch held a quarterly meeting at Hingham on July 13th, when the attendance was disappointing, 19 members attending.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. J. S. Barrass, A.K.C.), who also gave the address.

In the absence of the president and Branch chairman, Mr. H. Tooke (vice-president) was elected as chairman for the meeting. Mary Maddison (Norwich) was transferred from probationer to ringing member status.

Mr. G. Sayer (Ringing Master) appealed for names of members of the Branch who wished to take part in the North Norfolk peal attempt at Wymondham on October 5th. It was decided that the Branch committee select a band from the names submitted.

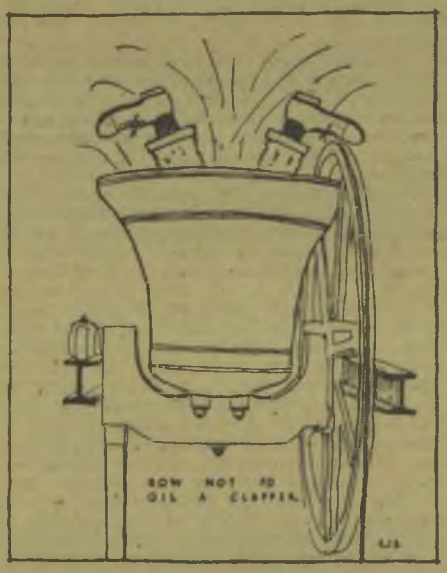
It was decided to hold the next meeting at Buxton on Saturday, October 19th.

After the usual votes of thanks, ringing was continued from rounds to Bristol.

RINGING RECEIVES PUBLICITY

Ringing and ringers, bells and ringers' jugs have figured prominently in articles in three magazines and a newspaper recently. The most important of these articles was an inquiry into the status of ringing in Yorkshire, conducted by 'The Dalesman,' and published in the January and February issues of that magazine and followed by several letters in March issue.

This was followed by an article entitled 'Hospitality in the Church Belfry,' and published in the issue of the 'Church Times,' dated April 18th. Written by K. B., a Quaker journalist, who received from a magazine editor a request for information on ringing in her area, the article dealt with the wonderful welcome



We are assured by the artist, Mr. R. J. Bowden, that the incident depicted actually happened to a well-known West Country ringer, not a hundred miles from Bristol.

she received from ringers and vergers in her investigations. Quite obviously the writer was impressed and affected by ringers' hospitality.

In the November, 1956, issue of 'The Shell Magazine' there appeared an article on Big Ben, written by Mr. B. H. G. Malet. This dealt with the clock tower of the Palace of Westminster, so often wrongly called Big Ben, with the clock and with the four quarter bells, besides giving an interesting account of Big Ben itself. There were five illustrations.

The article on 'Bellringers' Beer Jugs' was contributed by Mr. H. B. Newman to the June issue of the 'East Anglian Magazine,' which is published at Ipswich. Mr. Newman commented on the use to which the mugs were put and on conditions which existed in the belfry in the 18th and 19th centuries. Photographs were reproduced of the jugs at Hinderclay, Suffolk, and Garboldisham, Norfolk, and mention made of those at Diss, Clare, Hadleigh and Beccles. It is interesting to note that on his visits to East Anglian churches Mr. Newman was accompanied and driven by Mr. Nunn, one of the Garboldisham ringers.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at York on Saturday, July 6th, when the bells of Acomb (6) and the York Institute of Architectural Study (6) (formerly St. John's Church) were rung during the afternoon, and those of the Minster (12) after Evensong; in the evening the Institute bells were rung until 8.30.

At the close of Evensong a procession was formed behind the choir to the Bellfounders' Window in the nave of the Minster, where prayers were said by the Dean of York (the Very Rev. Milner White), followed by a course of Grandsire Triples by York Minster ringers (Miss M. E. Wilkinson 1-2, J. A. D. Woolford 3-4, S. H Steel 5-6, H. Walker 7-8), and the singing of the Doxology. This was attended by a large congregation and hundreds of visitors to the Minster.

The business meeting took place in the Institute, presided over by the vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers). He was re-elected as vice-president, and Messrs. L. Rodmell, F. W. Dale and E. M. Bradley were elected to serve on the committee for a further three years. Mr. Maurice Grundy, of Selby, was elected a member. Bridlington was selected as the next place of meeting, with Hessle as an alternative.

Mr. H. Walker was congratulated by the chairman on his appointment as Master of the newly-formed Railwaymen's Guild. Mr. L. W. G. Morris, the general secretary, answered questions and explained the reason for the increased subscription, the continuing rise in printing costs being the main reason.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, July 6th, attended by 40 ringers, and visitors from Bodenham, Chippenham, Clutton, Frome, Nailsea, Ross-on-Wye, Corsham and Swindon. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. on the fine ring of eight bells (tenor 12 cwt.). The ringers had tea on the Vicarage lawn, which was provided by the Young Wives of the parish.

The meeting which followed was presided over by the chairman (Mr. A. T. Weeks), who spoke of the loss by death of Mr. A. J. West (father of Mr. W. C. West, secretary of the Guild), and the members stood in silence to his memory. Mr. Weeks gave a warm welcome to all the visitors. At the conclusion of the meeting he thanked the Vicar for the privilege he gave them for tea in his garden, and the ladies who provided it. Ringing continued till 8 p.m.

LAST OF A GENERATION

On Sunday, May 26th, the bells of St. Mary's, Ewell, Surrey, were muffled as a mark of respect for Miss Annie Sarah Beams, the last member of her generation of a very old Ewell family. She died at Epsom District Hospital the week before and was buried in the churchyard on Friday, May 24th. Her nephew, Mr. John Beams, is head bellringer.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MORE 4-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—To your already long list of 4-bell towers, I can add the following towers in Kent, which I know of.

ADDINGTON.—The tower has been deemed unsafe, but I believe the bells are chimed fairly regularly. Also, as Mr. I. H. Oram states, there are plans for augmentation and renovation. The tenor (32in. in diameter) weighs about 7 cwt.

ADISHAM.—The bells here have not been rung for a good many years, and the frame is in a poor state of preservation. They are chimed by an Ellacombe apparatus, and I believe there is an upstairs ringing chamber. The tenor, cast *c* 1440, weighs about 9 cwt.

BICKNOR.—This is a very light ring: the tenor weighs no more than 2 cwt. The tenor and treble are steel bells. I have no information as to whether they are ringable.

ALKHAM.—These are quite ringable. The tenor weighs about 8¼ cwt.

BISHOPSBOURNE.—This church has a tower large enough to hold a ring of eight with a 12 cwt. tenor, but the present four are in a bad state. The frame is in the last stages of decay, and the wheels are mainly broken. At the moment all four are being clocked, and it is a wonder they are not cracked already. Treble by Christopher Hodson, 1685. Back three by Joseph Hatch. Tenor weighs about 8 cwt.

CHALLOCK.—This church, situated on the edge of Eastwell Park, has a fine tower with a beacon turret. The bells, rung from an upstairs ringing chamber, are not at present rung because the church is being restored. Three of the bells were made by Henry Wilner, John Wilner and Stephan Swan, and I believe the fourth was made by one of the Palmers. Tenor (41in.) about 13 cwt.

HARBLEDOWN (St. Nicholas).—This is a very cramped tower, at the north-west angle of the church, which is now not used, but preserved as an historical monument. The bells, which have not been rung for a long time, have great 'cart' ropes, with enormous grotesque sallies. Three of them are by Joseph Hatch; the third is by Henry Jordan, *c*. 1450. Tenor weighs about 6½ cwt.

FORDWICH.—The belfry is in a disgusting state of filth and dirt, and I am sure the bells aren't even safe to *chime*, let alone ring. They are all by Joseph Hatch, and are rung from a curious gallery. Tenor weighs 8¼ cwt.

NEWNHAM.—Tenor weighs about 7¼ cwt. I have no other information about this tower.

PLUMSTEAD.—Belfry very dirty. The frame seems sound enough, but that is just about all that does. Three bells by Christopher Hodson, 1686; one from Whitechapel, 1790; one bell cracked. Tenor weighs 9 cwt.

WESTWELL.—This is a heavy four (tenor about 15 cwt.). Only three of the bells have ropes. I believe that with a little attention these bells could be rung. Tenor a fine mediæval bell by Wm. Oldfield, of Canterbury. Other bells by Joseph Hatch

ICKHAM.—Again only three of the bells have ropes. The belfry is regarded as a place for leaving all the rubbish. There is a rope-draught of about 30ft. One bell is cracked. All bells cast by John Palmer, 1642. Tenor weighs 9 cwt.

EAST LANGDON.—Tenor 7 cwt. I have no other information about this tower.

WALTHAM.—A low central tower, but only two of the bells have ropes. The third is the earliest known bell by Joseph Hatch, dated 1602, with Thomas Hatch's trade stamp on it.—Yours sincerely,

N. DAVIS.

Ashford, Kent.

THE CHANGING SCENE

Dear Sir,—Times change, and we with them. Recently there has appeared in the 'R.W.' articles which had they been published between the two world wars would have caused endless controversy. Not a single comment has appeared to date, so we can assume the truth of the opening statement.

The article on the Rabbits' Guild was extremely well done and gave us all a good laugh. Still, there is an underlying motive behind the witty and caustic points made, we may be sure. The author must have had an original, and has been carefully noting the different styles of tower captains and ringing masters. Many years ago there was some correspondence on this very subject, and it was pointed out that strict discipline did produce good ringers.

The writer well remembers going to ring at a famous tower where the local conductor had a reputation. He had the habit of stamping his feet if the striking was not good. My warning was this: 'If he is only lifting one foot things are not too bad, but if he lifts both feet then look out, somebody will be for it.' Still, on the whole, there is a better spirit of camaraderie in the belfry today than ever before. Civility has to be shown in these days of depleted bands, whereas in the old days you were a lucky person to get in the band at all. So Rabbits' Guild or not, it is the duty of tower leaders and conductors to teach a love of good striking. A slovenly bang-them-about-anyhow is the negation of ringing, and will produce countless enemies in the vicinity of the church.

The second article is in the form of a letter by Candidus, but only the latter part is controversial, viz.: Bristol Surprise Extension. Speakers at the Chelmsford meeting condemned the College of Campanology for starting something without the approval of the C.C. Yet we have two good bands who have produced their own extensions of Bristol and rung them. It does not make sense, for the Methods Committee should have some say in this matter, or so one would expect. It is not a case of naming a method being rung for the first time. Bristol is one of the methods which has really caught on: it is fairly easy and is musical, so it is natural ringers would like to see it extended to the higher numbers. Some people have described Bristol as stagnation, but these are in a minority. It is nearly 60 years since it was introduced and is still popular. A long and technical correspondence appeared in the 'R.W.' in the 1930's, but no finality was reached about the proper extension. There is no desire to cause friction or run down in any way the bands who have rung these peals. On the contrary, one applauds their enterprise. In these democratic days the C.C. or its Methods Committee should have been consulted. Perhaps you may not agree, but that is how it appears to

M. R. P.

A CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out that the footnote (greatest number of Doubles methods (14) rung for the Salisbury Guild) to the peal rung on Sunday, June 9th, 1957, at St. George's, Ogbourne, Wiltshire is incorrect.

A peal in 21 Doubles methods was rung for this Guild on November 12th, 1938, at Evershot, Dorset, conducted by me.—Yours truly,

Evershot. H. DENNIS W. BISHOP.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—At St. George's Church, Colegate, on July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. Moore 1, Miss B. M. Payne 2, Miss B. H. B. Mutimer 3, Miss S. Barker 4, Miss B. M. Johnson 5, Miss M. A. Higdon (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. and Prince Philip to Norwich earlier in the day. It is believed this is the first time a quarter peal has been rung in Norwich by an all-lady band.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District

A temperature nearing the 90's, and a small belfry packed with ringers, proved almost too much for some of the members of the Canterbury District at their recent meeting at Sturry. More than one ringer was discovered enjoying the shade of the trees in the churchyard. In spite of the heat much ringing took place during the afternoon, previous to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. O. Langridge) with Mr. A. E. Armitage at the organ.

Probably the most welcome item was the tea which followed in the Social Centre, this being prepared by the ladies. At a short business meeting, the election of one new member, proposed before a peal, was ratified. The election of the new band at Herne, together with Mrs. D. A. Chapman, formerly of Sheffield, and one new honorary member, was also agreed. Mrs. W. Dobbie, the recently appointed secretary of the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild, was present; and the suggestion, coming from her originally, that the District hold a joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild at Petham was received with pleasure.

A further reminder of the heat was the fact that the first two prizes in the raffle to go were bottles of cider. Members of the newly-formed King's School Society were present, and the best wishes of all were given to them. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar, the organist, and to Mrs. H. R. French and helpers for the tea.

TIME MARCHES ON!

The present issue is the third of a new quarter. Subscriptions due should be renewed without delay. Please remit to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, near Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 3 months 7/6; 6 months 14/6; 12 months £1/8/-. New subscribers welcome.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Shirley on July 6th.

Welcome visitors included Miss V. M. Horton, of Duffield, Mr. F. E. Collins, of Croydon, and ringers from Cheltenham and Worcester.

The light ring of eight was rung to most standard and Surprise methods in common use, excellent practice being obtained by a number of young lady ringers, who no doubt found the easy running of Shirley bells to their liking.

The business meeting, at which the Master (Mr. F. E. Haynes) presided, was over in record time, there being very little business on the agenda, and none which evoked discussion.

With great regret the members received the news of the tragic death, at the early age of 24, of John William Hovey, a member of the band at Coleshill Church, who was electrocuted during the course of his employment.

The tower election, as a life member, of Mr. Bryan Pattison, of Bedford, was duly ratified.

Solihull was the place chosen for the next meeting, which will be held on October 5th.

RINGING LISTED AS PUBLIC NUISANCE

Dear Sir,—Regarding the Cape Town regulations suppressing nuisances, as cited on page 430 of 'The Ringing World.' I would like to say to friends in the Union: To avoid being a nuisance to the public, all new methods should be taught on handbells. Also, in training for handling church bells, the clappers should be tied until the learners are able to ring changes.—Yours truly,

EDWARD EARNSHAW.

Huddersfield.

FURTHER REPORTS OF RINGERS' OUTINGS –

WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK, OXON

The Witney and Woodstock ringers chose for their annual outing a scorching hot day.

After calling at Hanborough, Eynsham, Northmoor, Standlake, Langford, Clanfield and Witney, we set off on time (!) for Northleach. Although we got off to a good start the buses soon revealed that they were frightfully slow and we arrived at our first tower a little late. The bells were soon up and were found to be excellent except for the third. This gave two experienced ringers a nasty shock by seeming to set without doing so, giving the ringer in each case a disconcerting jerk. However, we got over this and rang some passable Grandsire and a course of Stedman.

After a wholesale buying of iced lollies we set off for Chedworth, in the company of Rev. H. P. Hudson, of Ducklington, who had joined us. The buses only just managed the hills so we were late at Chedworth. A short time for a hymn and prayers in the church and then the bells were rung up. We found that if rung up in the order 234561 they sound odd. The bells went quite well but the striking was poor. Some of the party, seeing 'Roman Villa, 10 minutes walk' on their programme decided to go and have a look. Unfortunately it should have read '10 minute sprint' so they had to be fetched by Mr. Hudson in his car. After an excellent tea in Cirencester we moved on to Coln St. Aldwyn. Although the bells here are only 8½ cwt. they go like Hanborough bells used to and the sweat fairly poured off us. Here we had some really well struck rounds and then some more Grandsire. By this time everyone was very hot so the cool of Bibury church was very welcome. The bells go very well here but as they are light and the draught of rope long they are a little tricky to handle until you get used to them. More Grandsire, and then a good touch of Plain Bob Minor finished the day's ringing. We stopped in Burford for a well earned time of refreshment on the way home. However I have learned that I must see to it in future that the ringing is better organised. I found that I should have seen to it that all the Triples ringers were present at one time, then the Doubles ringers, then the Rounders and so on. We live and learn and next year we will do better. We would like to thank all those who went for their good-natured co-operation. D. J. S.

PENN, STAFFS

The St. Bartholomew's, Penn, ringers in glorious sunshine journeyed on their annual outing, making Messrs. John Taylor's bell foundry the highlight of their tour. Leaving Penn at about 8 a.m. for the bell foundry, their first stop, they were met at 10.15 by Mr. Taylor who gave an interesting conducted tour, after which ringing on the Foundry campanile took place. Stedman Caters and Triples, Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, and Kent T.B. Minor were thoroughly enjoyed.

After lunch in Loughborough the party journeyed cross country to Melbourne in Derbyshire, where some touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The striking here was not the ringers' best; the long rope draught, to which the Penn ringers are not accustomed, seemed to be the handicap.

After tea in Derby, Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs, was the next port of call, where the bells were much more to liking of the ringers who rang several methods. Penn was reached at 10.15 p.m., after a very enjoyable day. Thanks are accorded Messrs. John Taylor & Co. and the incumbents of Melbourne and Barton Churches for making the outing so enjoyable C. F. W. E.

SOUTHWELL GUILD OUTING

On Saturday, June 29th, some 30 ringers and friends, mostly from the Nottingham District, enjoyed an outing into the neighbouring county of Derby.

The coach left Nottingham at the early hour of 7.45 a.m., which involved unusual rising for most of the party. However, it was a lovely summer morning and the ancient church of St. Peter, Crich, was reached at 9 a.m. The bells here are rung from the ground floor and an hour's ringing was enjoyed on these well balanced and easy going eight (tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.).

On to Matlock for coffee, and thence to Fairfield on the outskirts of Buxton, where we found the eight already raised for us. This is a delightful ring both in tone and go, and a pleasant hour was spent with these bells.

From Fairfield we retraced our path to the Waterloo Hotel, Taddington, where an excellent lunch was served with the best of sauce, for our early breakfast had produced a good appetite.

Back to Bakewell, past Haddon Hall with its romantic memories of Dorothy Vernon, and up the hills to Youlgreave, where a wedding had just taken place. The massive tower of Youlgreave houses a particularly fine and heavy ring of eight (tenor 26½ cwt.) with a roomy, well appointed ringing chamber containing records of several peals, some by the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

I was informed that these bells were rehung by Mears & Stainbank about 1922, when the second, which had been cracked, was recast, and proved to be a 'maiden bell.' being hung as it came from the foundry without the need of tuning.

After Youlgreave the comparatively light eight at Old Matlock (14 cwt.) were a pleasant change, and formed a fitting prelude to the excellent tea which we found awaiting us at Matlock Bath.

After a wash and brush up, back to the coach and up the hills to Wirksworth where we found the bells ringing, and a party from West Bromwich in possession; however they soon finished and we took over and thoroughly enjoyed this lovely ring—in the writer's opinion the finest of the day. An almost perfect touch of St. Clement's was struck here at the last tower of the day.

Methods rung were from rounds to Double Norwich and the whole programme was delightfully informal.

Everyone enjoyed the outing and our best thanks are accorded to the organisers, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Simpson. R. A. B.

FARINGDON, BERKS

An enjoyable outing was held on June 22nd by ringers from Faringdon, Shrivenham, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Buckland, Hinton, Waldrist and Marcham. Ringing took place at Banbury, Northampton, Buckingham and Witney, the last named tower providing the best ringing. Lunch was at Northampton and tea at Buckingham. The party were pleased to have with them the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Davey, of Faringdon. The outing was arranged by Messrs. F. H. Wright and D. Vincent, who are thanked with all others for providing such a happy day.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX

The Braintree St. Michael's ringers had their annual outing on June 22nd, visiting Hatfield, Harpenden, Luton, Leighton Buzzard and the lovely eight at Woburn. A very enjoyable day resulted. Methods rung were Bob Major to London Surprise Major, Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters. Thanks are due to all the tower secs. and everyone who helped to make this outing so successful. G. W.

SOUTH-WEST ESSEX

In blazing sunshine, and with the thermometer hovering near ninety degrees, a coach load of ringers from the South-Western Division of the Essex Association visited Saffron Walden for Great Ringing Day. Starting from Dagenham, only six strong, we picked up ringers from Leytonstone, Walthamstow, Woodford, Wanstead, Waltham Abbey and Epping (not to mention Tonbridge) and arrived at Bishop's Stortford with thirty-five on board. We were joined by the Loughton contingent, travelling by car and, after paying our respects to Miss Hill, enjoyed an hour's ringing on this pleasant ten. We arrived at Saffron Walden in time for a short ring before proceeding to lunch at the Angel Hotel. After lunch, a picked band rang a good touch of Stedman Cinques for a bride who had kindly advanced her wedding so that it should not break into the afternoon's programme.

Ringing in the afternoon ranged from rounds to Stedman Cinques, and after tea we bade a reluctant farewell to Saffron Walden and set out for Dunmow. Mr. Smith was waiting to welcome us to this grand ring of eight, and here we had some of the best ringing of the day. On to Sawbridgeworth, where Mr. Brooks kindly had the bells up for us. I'm afraid we did not acquit ourselves so well here, probably because we had then been out and about for twelve hours on a very hot day. Half an hour's briskly organised ringing, and then on to the Good Intent where we finished the day with singing, sausage rolls and cider—especially the latter!

Home again, the last survivors reaching Dagenham at eleven o'clock. Our thanks are due to Lionel Woods, who put in a lot of hard work to ensure that we had a most enjoyable day. J. E. M. H.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS

This year's outing to the Banbury district was made in a fleet of private cars. The first stop was at Hanwell (5) where the tower is open to the church on three sides. Here Mr. Sturge and his 80 year old father, who has rung at midnight for 60 Christmas Eves and 60 New Year Eves, greeted the visitors.

The visitors suggest sound-resisting material under the bells for Bodicote (5). After one of the famous Banbury teas a visit was made to Croughton, renowned for having one of, if not the best, rings of five in the Peterborough Diocese. The final tonal qualities of the bells resulted in overstaying time and Sulgrave, with its musical six, was reached 35 minutes late. To all who helped to make the day successful, thanks are extended.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE

On Saturday, May 25th, the Wistaston, Cheshire, ringers held their annual half-day outing, together with ringers and friends from neighbouring towers. The route this year led us to Cheshire's coastline, three out of the four towers visited being in the Wirral Peninsula. Ringing was enjoyed at Handley, Heswall, West Kirby and Bidston and ranged from rounds to a course of Cambridge Minor, while the tea at the Heatherlands Cafe, Thurstaston, which was equally well enjoyed, rivalled the high standard set by last year's tea.

We would like to thank the local ringers who met us at each of the towers and also the incumbents who so readily gave us permission to ring. Last, but by no means least, a special 'thank you' to George, our bell ringing bus driver, who so skilfully negotiated the rather rambling route. J. D. S.

UP AND DOWN THE COUNTRY

WEST VISITS EAST

The nucleus of a party of West Country ringers left Bridgwater, Somerset, on Whit Saturday morning making Wing, Bucks, a convenient stopping place for a 'tower on the way.' Arriving late due to snail's pace progress through Oxford we found the Worcester party waiting. The bells were started off in something of a jangle before we found this was an anti-clockwise six—Mr. Dove please note—after which ringing settled down to various touches on this heavy ring.

Our journey continued on through Cambridgeshire, past the Newmarket racecourse, to our first Suffolk tower, Elvedon. By-passing the old tower with its tubular bells, we found a good ring in the semi-detached Memorial Tower. Before completing the last lap to headquarters at Great Yarmouth we found time to call in on a meeting at Long Stratton, this being the first round tower for most of the party, and the first Norfolk one.

Most of Sunday was spent boating and exploring. One member went to Beccles and here rang Plain and Kent Royal, with the locals and visitors from Isleworth, for morning service. A fine morning led to a violent thunderstorm trapping the writer in Beccles in flooded roads. Luckily those boating had just got ashore and were able to shelter. In the evening we visited the very high tower of Winterton and rang for service which was afterwards attended.

Wet Monday — sorry, Whit Monday — it rained continuously till we finished ringing at 9 p.m. First came Acle with its unique tower inside a tower. Here we were joined for the day by Alan Carveth, Truro, and Cyril Wratten, Cheltenham, they having already travelled 90 miles that morning. Spliced Kent and Oxford proved difficult to bring round! Next Ranworth, where we were not generally impressed by its description 'Cathedral of the Broads,' and Wroxham, where a local ringer joined in Cambridge. After lunching appropriately at the 'Bell' in Norwich, we had a little difficulty in locating St. Miles' little used church among the many towers. Here we were met by Mr. C. Bird, Norwich branch secretary, and his friends, who were to be very helpful to us during the week. Pigeons were disturbed at St. John de Sepulchre and traps were raised to improve the audibility for the benefit of one whose hearing aid had failed. Some rang here their first course of Double Norwich. On invitation a very enjoyable tea was provided by Mr. Bird and friends and handbells were used for 'lapping,' changes, and tunes.

The evening's ringing continued at Ketteringham, Hethersett, a well-known and ideally situated peal tower but where Cambridge did not go, and Wymondham Abbey, with its fine west tower and ring of eight. After some good ringing here all touches were entered in a beautifully illuminated record book.

WEATHER IMPROVES

Tuesday brought better weather which continued the rest of the week. For the first time with us was Trevor Bailey, of Beccles, who had made some of the arrangements and acted as guide for this day and the next. Our hard-hearing member was left behind for the first tower, Halvergate, while he had repairs done to his aid. Nevertheless a dash by the writer back and forth along the Acle 'straight' enabled him to get one pull there, after coffee, etc., was kindly supplied at the Rectory. Next came Reedham, an easy going five, and the crossing of the ferry to Loddon where a local joined us on the eight.

Raveningham was found in its park and here a course of Raveningham Doubles was rung with the help of Clive Smith, of Lichfield, who had now joined us for the rest of the week. Haddiscoe Doubles were well struck in Haddiscoe's ancient tower, despite the fact that there were various ideas about the method. Norfolk Doubles were also rung.

Extra to the programme came a return to Norwich where at short notice we rang at St. Giles' and St. George's and then on for a real 'grab,' led by Mr. Bird, to Saxlingham Nethergate, to intrude on the local practice for a touch of Kent Major, Tasburgh and Mulbarton.

Wednesday found us at Ludham, Norfolk's heaviest five, with its unusual and ancient high tenor box, and then to Catfield, the writer's 800th tower. Although we were told to ring, this was restricted owing to a coffin being in the church. On then to Coltishall (nothing unusual to report), Buxton (a local lady joined us in Double Court), Lammas, in a lovely setting, but with five bells not six as shown in the 'Guide,' Northrepps, where the method of that name was rung, and Cromer, with its fine conspicuous tower and grand ring for their weight. Lastly to Marsham—our half-hour limit being extended to the whole evening, to help the locals in their practice, led by Rev. H. G. Lillingston, President of the Norwich Association.

Thursday, and to Somerleyton with sallies so low that the writer easily rang the tenor, kneeling, to a touch of Double Court, St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, was passed once by all three drivers before we realised it was the church we were looking for. A fete was being held that day at Carlton Colville for the bells, recently rehung, so a collection was made among those present. Some of us arrived very early at Wrentham and a quarter of Cambridge was attempted. The Vicar here was surprised to see 'we ringers from Zummerzet' so tidily dressed and asked if we had brought any 'Zider.' A local 'method' Bramfield Surprise Doubles was tried at Bramfield's detached round tower.

A CHECK

Our only mishap was at the next tower, Wenhaston. An obviously badly cracked stay was finished off. Two hefty members turned the bell back over to save awkward rethreading. A surprise was that the incumbent was previously at an adjoining parish to our Worcester friends. At Halesworth we met Mr. John Blyth, general secretary of the Suffolk Guild, who joined us on another 'extra to programme' effort, an invitation to Wissett. Here our Somerset lady ringer met a ringer previously from her own parish. Finally a mile walk got permission for a short ring at Chediston.

For the last official day of the tour we had three towers only, Aldeby, the only central one encountered, and which was struck by lightning on the Sunday previous — only minor damage caused however—Ditchingham, where the Rector showed us the fine War Memorial in the church and also some interesting brasses, and Bungay.

Goodbyes were said to our Lichfield friend who was returning to his annual meeting and to those from Worcester, returning to ring for a wedding. The Somerset party left on the Saturday for the Beds. and Herts. Festival, arriving at Aldenham after some very clever map reading—a 400th tower scored here. After a wedding we rang Bob Minor on the back six at St. Peter's, St. Albans, and following the service and tea rang at the Cathedral and St. Michael's.

Great help was given by Mr. Bert Johnson and Mr. Walter Ayre in finding accommodation for us for the night. Next morning a rush to Pinner and Harrow Weald for service ringing and then the journey home.

We offer grateful thanks to all incumbents and local ringers of the two counties who gave us such wonderful co-operation. R. D. S.

OUTINGS

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON

About a dozen friends, including a 'wee lassie' from Edinburgh and later 'the mob' form Marple, accompanied the Fairfield ringers on their outing to Loughborough and Leicester on June 22nd.

The bell foundry was reached dead on time and Mr. J. P. Fidler conducted the party on a very interesting tour. A great delight was 'grabbing' Bath Abbey bells with rounds and Queens. At the Campanile Kent T.B. Royal, Plain Bob Major and rounds were rung. An excellent lunch at the Three Nuns preceded a visit to All Saints' Parish Church where Kent T.B. Royal was rung with three teenagers on the back end, rounds and call changes.

An hour was spent at Rothley (6) where some of the best ringing of the day and some of the worst took place. Methods ranged from Plain Bob to the London Group and London Surprise.

St. Mary de Castro (8) was reached 25 minutes late, due to the way having been lost in Leicester, and there was nobody to meet the party. A call on Mr. Ernest Morris resulted in permission to ring on the light eight at St. Margaret's for 40 minutes and the visitors felt privileged when Mr. Morris rang with them in a course of Bristol.

Owing to a late departure, Belper (8), the last tower, was left out. The journey back to the Peak District was enlivened by handbell ringing and singing (?). Thanks for an enjoyable day are expressed to all who arranged the ringing.

HELMINGHAM AND DISTRICT

The Sussex coast was the objective of the Suffolk ringers of Helmingham for their outing on June 29th. Despite an early start at 5 a.m., traffic was so heavy that Rotherfield had to be missed, and Eastbourne was reached at 12.50 p.m. only 10 minutes late. Slow service of the mid-day meal caused the ringers of the party to be late at All Saints' Church, and no ringing was possible owing to a fete in the vicarage grounds. They were however, able to ring for a wedding at St. Mary's Church.

Unfortunately half a dozen non-ringers were missing when it was time to move for Seaford. Four who knew the next call were left behind, but later caught up with the party. After a magnificent tea at the King's Head, Southover, good use was made of the bells of the Parish Church (10). Later ringing was enjoyed at Uckfield. Home was reached by some of the party at 3.30 a.m.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS

By tradition the Saturday nearest the longest day is chosen by ringers and friends of Newark Parish Church for their annual outing On June 22nd the party left Newark at 8 a.m. and reached Sutterton (8) in good time. They did not do fair justice to these bells, which both go and sound well. The next tower, Holbeach (8) with a rather long draught of rope, was voted to contain the best bells of the day.

The journey along the coast of Norfolk past Sandringham and Hunstanton was spoilt by incessant rain, but this had stopped on arrival at Holkham (6, 19 cwt.) where the spacious belfry is approached by a straight broad staircase and the bells 'go' extremely well. The bells of Wells-next-the-Sea (8), which are rung from the gallery, also go very well but are difficult to hear. After a pleasant hour by the sea, some good ringing at Fakenham (8) ended an enjoyable day. Thanks are expressed to incumbents and local ringers and not least to the hardworking secretary, Bill Medwinter.

OBITUARY

CANON H. S. STEPHENSON

Canon H. S. Stephenson, who died on June 4th, had never been a practical ringer but he had been very interested in ringing and a very good friend of ringers for very many years. He had been a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association from 1907 and his election as its president from 1950-1953 was an expression of the high esteem in which he was held by ringers.

Canon Stephenson was born in Bombay on November 4th, 1871, and educated at Sherborne School and Trinity College, Cambridge. He went north on his ordination in 1895 and never left the diocese of Durham and Newcastle, serving in Willington, Allendale and Gateshead until his retirement in September, 1955. In 1922 he was made an honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral and he became a King's Chaplain in 1938. Gateshead recognised his great service as Rector from 1914 by making him a Freeman of Gateshead in 1946.

While at Allendale Canon Stephenson was instrumental in the installation of the original six in a frame for eight, his foresight being justified by the subsequent filling of the two extra pits. The bells of St. Mary's, Gateshead, were twice rehung during his rectorship.

The funeral service on June 7th took place at St. Mary's Gateshead, conducted by the Rector, Canon T. H. Corden. The Bishop of Jarrow, read the lesson and the very large congregation included the Archdeacon of Northumberland as the representative of the Queen, many clergy, including several former curates, and the President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Mr. K. Arthur. The committal ceremony in Saltwell Cemetery was taken by Archdeacon Harvey Clark. The tenor was tolled for the funeral and subsequently a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Gateshead. D. A. B.

MR. GEORGE LARGE

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Large, who was laid to rest in Llandaff Churchyard on July 10th. Mr. Large came to Cardiff about 1923 and joined the St. John's band. He was a safe ringer in the standard methods and rang many peals for the Association. Owing to failing health, he had done very little ringing during recent years.

As clerk of works Mr. Large was in charge of many important buildings in and around Cardiff. Later he went to Newport in charge of the building of the new Civic Centre. He was 72 years of age.

MR. WILLIAM A. BRECKON

It is with regret that we announce the death on June 24th of Mr. William A. Breckon, of Whitby, Yorks. He was 76 years of age.

Mr. Breckon was a very keen ringer and his attendance at Sunday service ringing and practice nights could always be relied upon. He learned to ring about 50 years ago, his first peal being in 1910, and during the years up to 1954 he rang 71 peals (conducted 31) in various methods. For many years he was captain of the tower of St. Mary's Church, and held the respect of his own ringers and the very many friends from other districts. Although he was unable to ring during the past three years, his keen interest in bellringing never changed up to the time of his death.

During the funeral service four of deceased's old ringers rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells, and also a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local band. S. R. E.

MR. CHARLES SMITH

In the passing of Mr. Charles Smith at Windsor Hospital on June 22nd, in his 91st year, All Saints', Boyne Hill, has lost the last of its Surprise Sunday service band of the 1930s.

Mr. Smith was born at Marlow, where he learnt to ring at the age of 15. He loved to tell the story that he was so small that he had to stand on a champagne box to reach the sally. He had to give up ringing ten years ago as he was unable to climb the steps.

His membership of the Oxford Diocesan Guild dates back to 1885; he was also a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. He kept no record of his peals, but it is known that he rang many in the district, walking many miles to take part. His proudest achievement was ringing in the peal of London at Boyne Hill in 1930, rung by a Sunday Service band.

The funeral service was at Maidenhead Cemetery on June 26th and among the floral tributes was a wreath from All Saints' ringers.

In the evening the bells on which he rang for more than 50 years were rung half muffled to touches of Grandsire by local ringers.

E. E. G.

MR. HARRISON SMITH

Older members of the Canterbury District will learn with regret of the passing of Mr. Harrison Smith, of Wickhambreaux, Kent. Mr. Smith, who was within a few weeks of his 90th birthday, had been ill for several years, and had done no active ringing for a long period. He had lived in the parish all his life and had been a ringer at the church for about 60 years. He was elected a member of the Kent County Association in 1902 and had remained a member ever since. In 1926 he was appointed a representative for the district and held this office for a period of ten years, only resigning so that his place could be taken by a younger man. He was a regular attendant at all meetings, until advancing age overtook him and he had to remain indoors, much to his regret.

The funeral took place in the village churchyard, close to where deceased formerly lived, and in addition to the family mourners several of his old ringing friends were present. The bells were rung half-muffled before the service, during the course of which the 23rd Psalm and the ringers' hymn were sung. Among the floral tributes was one from his fellow ringers at Wickhambreaux and one from the Canterbury District.

Much sympathy has been expressed to his daughter, Mrs. Knight, who had looked after him during the whole of his illness. Mr. Smith also leaves another daughter, who has been resident in the United States for a number of years.

MR. FREDERICK J. MYNARD

The death occurred at his home, Near Tower, Emberton, Bucks, of Mr. Frederick J. Mynard, aged 74 years. A founder member of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, he had rung quite a number of peals for the Oxford Guild and the Bedfordshire Association. He was a chorister and ringer at his native church for about 57 years.

A quiet, unassuming man, Mr. Mynard was a very safe ringer and an able conductor in various Minor methods. He leaves a widow and one son, also a ringer.

On Sunday, June 30th, a quarter peal of Bob Minor was rung half-muffled before evening service by C. Wilson 1, A. Freeman 2, A. Stapleton 3, R. Perkins 4, F. W. Mynard 5, M. Cook (cond.) 6.

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STAMFORD HILL, ST. ANN'S.—There will be no ringing at this church until further notice. For the next few weeks Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are taking over. Watch these columns for the first quarter on the new eight. 603

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — St. Martin-in-the-Fields, W.C.2. The practices on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month are suspended until further notice. 536

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pilton, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting.—W. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 591

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Swainby (6) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 20th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 575

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton (6), Sat., July 20th Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 568

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bentley (6) on Saturday, July 20th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 534

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Salehurst, July 20th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Proprietor, New Eight Bells Hotel, Robertsbridge.—Geo. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 559

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 20th, North Mymms (8 bells) a 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 548

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Leigh on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., Tea (2/6) 5 p.m. 529

LADIES GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Matlock on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5 p.m. 546

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 20th, St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway (8) 3-5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Meeting in belfry 6 p.m. and further ringing. A good attendance requested. Everyone welcome. — L. Bullock. 545

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at St. Mary's, Stanwell, Saturday, July 20th. Ringing from 6.30 p.m. onwards.—F. A. Finch. 549

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Interim meeting, Sat. July 20th, East Harling. Bells 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea at 'White House,' 5 p.m. Names for tea please to Dr. Paul Jonason, White House, East Harling, Norwich. 528

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Loders, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—Mrs. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 555

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Sat., July 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., White Horse Inn. —Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 521

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Woolton Hill (6), Saturday, July 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 5, in Parish Room. Highclere (8) after tea.—G. K. Dodd, Hon. Sec. 554

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at Havant, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. 553

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, July 27th. Ringing at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 3.30 p.m. Business at Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 577

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wedmore, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) (subject to tower repairs not in progress) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Cheddar bells available from 7.30 p.m.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec., Waverley, West Lynne Road, Cheddar. 590

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bruton (6) on Saturday, July 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. R. Badman, Evercreech. 583

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Market Drayton, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea *must* be sent by July 24th to Mr. F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 596

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, July 27th, at Doveridge. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring own tea. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Sec. 542

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Campsall on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 24th to Rev. Keyes, The Vicarage, Campsall. Next meeting, Bawtry, August 31st.—G. Watson, Dis. Sec. 578

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting at Litttle Shelford (5) on Saturday, July 27th, 6.30 p.m. —E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 593

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Ivon Acton (6), Saturday, July 27th. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea (5.30 p.m.) before July 22nd to T. T. Walters, 17, Newlands Avenue, Coalpit Heath, Bristol. 582

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Buckland, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 23rd.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 588

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—Quarterly meeting at Wigmore on Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Inform secretary by July 22nd of numbers requiring tea.—Thomas Davies, 20, Newport Street, Clun.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Canterbury District) and LADIES GUILD (Kent Branch).—Joint meeting Petham, July 27th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2/-, names for tea, with cash please, to Mr. A. Jarvis, 4, Town Road, Petham. Canterbury, not later than Wed., July 24th. Special coach leaves St. George's Bus Station, Canterbury, 3 sharp: to reserve seat, card to 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, as early as possible. Ladies, please note change of date and venue. — Mrs. W. Dobbie and B. J. Luck, Hon. Secs. 540

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Shoreham, Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, 2/-, not later than Tuesday, 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh on Saturday, July 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 6. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Thornley, Secs. 531

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Chapel Allerton, Saturday, July 27th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., business meeting to follow. Names by Wednesday to Miss Gray, 9, Carrholme Drive, Leeds, 7.—J. F. Hodson. 598

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Higham-on-the-Hill, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by July 24th, to Mr. Wm. Martin, 6, Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.—Michael Vernon, Dis. Sec. 569

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — Meeting, Humberstone, Saturday, July 27th Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must be in by previous Wednesday to Mr. E. Bagworth, 36, Averil Road, Leicester. 571

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Caistor (6), July 27th, Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 24th to Mr. T. Richards, Nettleton Road, Caistor, Lincs. 562

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Castleacre on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 563

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Little Milton, Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by July 23rd.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 594

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Little Missenden, Saturday, July 27th, 3.15 to 8.30 p.m. Great Missenden, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at former. Names by July 22nd.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 601

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, St. Katharine's, Savernake, Saturday, July 27th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 580

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Greasley (8) on Saturday, July 27th, at 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Look up Superlative.—J. K. Wagstaff, Hon. Sec. 586

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Stanford-le-Hope (8) on Saturday, July 27th; at 3.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea at nearby café. Everyone welcome.—B. C. S. Adler. 579

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Hopton (6) on Saturday, July 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. G. Brown, Dis. Sec. 573

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Saturday, July 27th, changed to Christ Church, Eastbourne. Make sure of Cambridge Major. Names for tea to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 584

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting at Lydd on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss M. Vantom, 2, Tarts Cottages, Skinner Road, Lydd.—G. T. H. 600

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Marden (8) on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please (2s.), by Tuesday, July 30th, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 507

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, August 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 599

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, August Bank Holiday. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Nicholas' Hall 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to reach by August 1st, please, G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. 581

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