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THE CALL OF IRELAND

THIS issue of 'The Ringing World' is very much an Irish number. Mr. Donald G. Clift has not only written an entertaining account of the 600-mile journey covered by Mr. Wilfred Williams' peal-ringing tour in Southern Ireland, but provided an excellent series of photographs, six of which are reproduced in this issue. The story of their achievements—the warmth of hospitality received from Irish ringers and the beauty of much of the country traversed—is an encouragement to those members of the Central Council who are doubtful about making the long journey to Dublin next Whitsun. It will be recalled that the decision to visit Dublin was only carried at Chelmsford by 59 votes to 51, and there were about 40 abstentions—probably from members who were uncertain about making the journey. For the Council meeting to be effective and its decisions to command the respect and confidence of the Exercise as a whole, it is essential that an attendance of much larger than 60 should be recorded.

The affiliation of the Irish Association with the Central Council dates back to 1902, and the contribution to the art of change-ringing by the Association's first secretary, Gabriel Lindoff, is outstanding. As a composer, there have been few his peer, and his compositions of London run into five figures! Among the new methods which he has presented are Erin, Dublin Court and Rochester. In St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, where for many years he was instructor, there is a brass plate to his memory. He died on November 7th, 1941, having served the Association for 43 years as hon. secretary and as president in 1934–5.

Apart from Dublin, Bray and Arklow were centres of change-ringing in those early days, and it was at the last named tower that J. W. Washbrook was the inspirer of many noteworthy performances. The Emerald Isle has for years been a happy hunting ground for English ringers. The first peal in Ireland was rung by a band of College Youths at Waterford Cathedral on July 27th, 1872. It was Holt's Original, called by James Pettit, the band consisting of W. Cooter treble, James Pettit 2, R. Hayworth 3, G. Muskett 4, C. Lee 5, M. A. Wood 6, A. Haywood 7, W. Greenleaf tenor. The next year in the same tower another peal was rung for the Ancient Society (Grandsire Triples). In it stood a 14-year-old Waterford boy, Richard R. Cherry, who was destined in years to come to be the champion of change-ringing in Ireland. He left Waterford to study law in Dublin, and eventually rose to the highest positions in his profession of Attorney General and Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. Richard R. Cherry, K.C., was a natural choice to be the first president of the Irish Association. Such was his affection for ringing that despite his prominent position as Lord Chief Justice he was to be found at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on practice nights. To St. Patrick's Cathedral he presented two trebles in 1909, and on these bells he rang the eleventh to a peal of Grandsire Cinques on January 14th, 1911, which was the first 12-bell peal ever rung outside of England.

To Mr. Williams' party goes the honour of adding another 'first' in the history of the Irish Association by a peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal. The illuminated peal book of the Association is freely sprinkled with names of ringers famous in English ringing. These include the Revs. F. E. Robinson and C. W. O. Jenkyn, James George, George, William and Ernest Pye, J. H. Cheeseman, Ben Knights, William Fussell, Bertram Prewett, W. Keeble, J. Simpson, Frank Bennett, James Bennett, C. T. Coles, E. Duffield, Harold Poole and Rupert Richardson. Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, as Miss Edith Parker, had the honour to be the first lady to ring and also conduct a peal in Ireland—Stedman Caters at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on August 1st, 1927.

No touring party has visited Eire in recent years without availing themselves of the services of Mr. F. E. Dukes, who has been secretary of the Irish Association since 1941, having previously been assistant secretary for three years. Upon Mr. Dukes' shoulders will fall the responsibility of organising the programme next Whitsun. An object of the Irish Association when it was founded read: 'That the Society shall be a bond of unity between all ringers in Ireland for the promotion and study of scientific change-ringing.' Despite political differences the Irish Association embraces Northern Ireland. The Northern Branch has been functioning since 1927; it elects its own officers and carries on as an independent unit. Mr. J. T. Dunwoody will doubtless share in the welcome, and nothing would give him greater pleasure than to arrange for members of the Council to visit Northern Ireland and meet some of the keen bands of ringers in his towers. The Central Council treasures its Irish representatives, and while at times they do not always see eye to eye with each other they both impart a sparkle of wit which is refreshing to the somewhat stolid English outlook.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	7
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	DAVID A. CARPENTER	9
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
FRANK W. PERRENS	5	HENRY H. FEARN	11
GEORGE E. FEARN	6	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

*MICHAEL W. CROWDER	*Treble*	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	6
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	7
MRS. F. G. BLOOMFIELD	3	*WILLIAM E. EXTON	8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	WALTER NICHOLS	9
CHARLES E. BROWN	5	JAMES W. RAITHBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal on ten bells.
A wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pearce, of Los Angeles, U.S.A.

NORWICH.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Tues., Sept. 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

*G. MCKAY (King's)	*Treble*	P. P. BROWN (Nrthn. Poly.)	6
D. N. LAYTON (Imperial)	2	J. ARMSTRONG (Lon. Hosp.)	7
N. D. ROBINSON (King's)	3	P. GRAY (Imperial)	8
JOAN GRAY (Inst. of Edn.)	4	D. BERESFORD (King's)	9
A. F. THIRST (Imperial)	5	R. E. PRICE (U.C.H.)	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

TREVOR TAYLOR	*Treble*	JACK BARKER	6
JAMES S. WEBB	2	DEREK OGDEN	7
PETER LAFLIN	3	LESLIE G. WATKINS	8
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	4	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH	9
CHARLES BELL	5	DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
Rung for the diamond jubilee of the church.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

KENNETH LAWSON	*Treble*	GEORGE S. DEAS	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	HARRY SHORT	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	3	*JOHN CLOUSTON	8
THOMAS M. COX	4	ROLAND PARK	9
W. NORMAN PARK	5	*GORDON R. WALLACE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.
Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman as conductor.
A 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Short.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GAWSWORTH, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt., approx.

*STUART ELLISON	*Treble*	†WILLIAM H. DOWSE	5
*JOHN R. KENNETT	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	6
FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	WILLIAM A. SMITH	7
BERNARD GROVES	4	ALAN MCFALL	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by ALAN MCFALL.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

JOHN J. STANIER	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	5
*SHIRLEY PARSONS	2	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	6
LESLIE EVANS	3	*DAVID BEACHAM	7
IVOR GOULTER	4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. CORRIGAN. Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.
* First peal of Kent Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, HEAVITREE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 26 cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE S. LUXTON	*Treble*	BRIAN PIDGEON	5
NORMAN MALLETT	2	GEORGE SKINNER	6
FRANK WILLS	3	FREDERICK WREFORD	7
*CYRIL E. DENSHAM	4	ARTHUR MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the marriage this day of Brian G. Marchant and Eileen F. Skinner, daughter of the sixth ringer.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Liversedge variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN R. KENNETT	*Treble*	MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	5
†FRANK OSBALDISTON	2	ALEX RICHARDSON	6
‡WILLIAM H. DOWSE	3	‡JOHN H. ALLEN	7
§WILLIAM A. SMITH	4	§BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' § 50th peal together. First peal in this variation by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.
Rung specially as a wedding compliment to Elizabeth M. Bagshaw, a ringer at Christ Church, Burbage, and George Barton.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

JEAN MOORE	*Treble*	PATRICK J. BIRD	5
*ARTHUR H. REED	2	DAVID T. NORTH	6
JAMES B. MORLEY	3	WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE	7
STANLEY N. BRISTOW	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Composed by J. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
* 175th peal for the Association.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Audrey North.

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BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Treble*	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	5
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	*BRIAN J. WYLDE	6
M. VIVIEN COPPING	3	*DAVID ATKINS	7
*MAURICE J. THURMOTT	4	†J. HENRY FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. † 100th peal.

BRAMLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ALEXANDER E. MARSH	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5
GORDON BENFIELD	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	7
*MRS. A. E. MARSH	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

DULVERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Fletcher's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 17 cwt.

*JAMES E. BREWER	*Treble*	†PATRICK J. BIRD	5
†PAMELA BELLAMY	2	§DAVID T. NORTH	6
‡JAMES B. MORLEY	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	7
ARTHUR H. REED	4	WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal in the method. § 25th peal. First peal on the bells since 1933.

HEADCORN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

*STANLEY G. PONTING	*Treble*	‡THOMAS E. SONE	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
†OLIVE M. BOULDEN	3	JOHN R. COOPER	7
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal. ‡ 200th peal of Surprise.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*A. ROWLAND TYSOE	*Treble*	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	5
MARION J. PARKER	2	†E. WINIFRED KEYS	6
*ALEXANDER PAGE	3	FREDK. W. BURNETT	7
*E. KEITH JORDAN	4	ROGER BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † 125th peal. 50th peal as conductor.

WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD C. WICKHAM	*Treble*	HAROLD L. PARFREY	5
MRS. H. L. PARFREY	2	LEONARD DERRICK	6
CEDRIC J. A. BROWN	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
*MARJORIE LEGG	4	†WALTER DAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* 75th peal † First peal.
Rung following the wedding of Raymond Hart, ringer at Kewstoke, and Barbara Brean, chorister and Sunday School teacher, of Winscombe.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

MIRIAM A. HIGDON	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	5
EDWARD GREENACRE	2	GEORGE A. COOKE	6
GEORGE T. BUNNING	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	7
CECIL V. EBBERSON	4	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by TONY OWEN.
Rung by members of the West Norfolk Branch, by invitation of the Church authorities, to commemorate the 850th anniversary of the founding of the Abbey.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 8, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

*ARNOLD MOSS	*Treble*	†ALAN CAPSTICK	5
*DAVID YOUNG	2	ALAN SHARPLES	6
†NORMAN SMITH	3	HAROLD HAMER	7
‡DEREK BUTTERWORTH	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.
* First peal. † 50th peal for the Lancashire Association. ‡ First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell tribute to the parish priest (Rev. Fr. A. E. Barton), a great friend to all ringers, who leaves this parish for a hospital chaplaincy in Sheffield.

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	MRS. F. G. BLOOMFIELD	5
*MICHAEL W. CROWDER	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
LOUIS WILLDERS	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	7
GILES C. GALLEY	4	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 50th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Sept. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours 55 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
DIANA PERRINS	2	ERIC E. SPEAKS	6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Sept. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
PETER F. BORER	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
JAMES M. BAILEY	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Merritt (both of the local band) on the birth of a son.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	†RICHARD F. PRIME	6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	JOHN A. ACRES	7
*JACK P. KESTERTON	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* First peal. † 25th peal.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. H. G. Jenney.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans'. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

GEORGE FRANCIS	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	5
ALBERT W. BOND	2	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
HENRY C. WEAVER	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	7
RICHARD WILSON	4	STANLEY G. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
First peal in the method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
*CECILIA D. COWLEY	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

JOHN HALL	*Treble*	RONALD CHAFER	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	MICHAEL CROWDER	6
*RICHARD HALL	3	JACK BRAY	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	HARRY HALL	*Tenor*

Composed by W. AYRE. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal on eight bells 'inside.' The tenor ringer has now 'completed the circle.'
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. Woodford, who recently left after 3½ years as assistant priest of this parish.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 EDGWARE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	*ALICK CUTLER	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
JOHN R. MAYNE	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 250th peal. First peal in the method. The ringer of the seventh has now rung 100 peals on this bell, and he has also now rung peals in 100 different Surprise Major methods.

NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., Sept. 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOLBOROUGH.
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS	*Treble*	WILLIAM SIMMONDS	5
*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	NORMAN MALLETT	6
*HEATHER HOOD	3	*BRIAN PIDGEON	7
FREDERICK WREFORD	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal in the method. The ringer of the sixth has now 'circled the tower.'

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

GEOFFREY C. BAGLEY	*Treble*	*EDWIN G. BUCK	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	JACK S. DEAR	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	*RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4	*COLIN HARWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Barbara Marks, a ringer at this church, to Mr. Louis Baycock, a ringer at North Mimms.

EDGWARE SURPRISE MAJOR
58—56, 4—56—38, 14—14, 3, 16—16, 7.
2nds place lead. 4ths place bob. Tipler's F19/M.

SIX BELL PEALS

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	*SHIRLEY BURTON	4
*MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	2	GEORGE A. CHARLTON	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Minor.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Watson.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	2	JOHN ACRES	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. W. C. Killer (secretary to the P.C.C.) and Mrs. Killer.

BOXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MONTY W. GILBERT	*Treble*	†MAURICE E. DOWNS	4
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	JOHN R. COOPER	5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*MERITA V. BRADDOCK	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	4
ROBERT SMITH	2	ARTHUR HIBBERT	5
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	3	ALAN McFALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung as a wedding compliment to the Vicar (Rev. R. C. Austin) and Mrs. Hilda M. Tandy, who were married at St. Mary's, Felpham, Sussex, on August 30th.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

FRANK C. PRICE	*Treble*	DENNIS R. RANDALL	4
PETER J. WOODGYER	2	DEREK FOWLES	5
WILLIAM H. COLES	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
A farewell to the Rev. Christopher Byron, M.A., rector since 1950, on his appointment as senior chaplain of St. Thomas' Hospital.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford Bob, (5) St. Clement's College Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain and Double Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MONTY W. GILBERT	*Treble*	*MAURICE E. DOWNS	4
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	JOHN R. COOPER	5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. COOPER.
* First peal in eight methods. First peal in more than two methods as conductor.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 WEARMOUTH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*WILLIAM WENBAN	*Treble*	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4
†JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	†JOHN R. MAYNE	5
DENNIS LAUD	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 50th peal together. † 50th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

RUSHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Kettering Branch.)
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

*MURRAY A. COLSON	*Treble*	ALAN FROST	4
PHILIP DAVIES	2	BRIAN AUSTIN	5
RAYMOND IDLE	3	DAVID W. JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. JAMES.
* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*SUSAN ALEXANDER	*Treble*	†RUTH S. HODGSON	4
*DAPHNE J. POLLARD	2	*CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	5
MARIE R. CROSS	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in seven Minor methods. † First peal in seven Minor methods 'inside.'
Rung as a thankoffering for the 16 years of ministry in this place of the Rev. J. V. Pixell, he having recently resigned the benefice. Also to mark the 43rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cross.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

JOHN WARNER	*Treble*	WALTER ARNOLD	4
BRIAN J. HOWARD	2	*FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
ALAN R. SYDER	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

CORSCOMBE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	4
*MARTIN D. BISHOP	2	JOSEPH T. BARRETT	5
SIDNEY W. WHITE	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

EATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Single Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

JULIET OWEN	*Treble*	J. HARRY COOK	4
JOHN MORRIS	2	FREDERICK J. WILLIAMS	5
JOHN E. COOK	3	ROLAND H. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Morris for the birth of their daughter; also a first birthday compliment to John, son of the Vicar (Rev. G. S. D. Turner) and Mrs. Turner.

HANDBELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 8, 1957, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
AT 24, DOYLE AVENUE, HILSEA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE	3—4
ROGER BALDWIN	5—6		

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN A. ACRES	1—2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5—6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD	7—8
PETER J. STANIFORTH	9—10		

Composed by EDW. C. GOBEY. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Surprise Royal on handbells.

HORSFORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
AT PADMAR, 146, BROADGATE LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	3—4
J. MARTIN THORLEY	5—6		

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE TOUR

(ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION)

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
On Sun., Aug. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE YOUTH HOSTEL, ALVESTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

*BERNARD GROVES	1—2	*ALAN MCFALL	3—4
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5—6		

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE. Witness: JOHN H. ALLEN.
* First peal of Minor on handbells. First peal on handbells as conductor.

CHILDSWYCKHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 21 methods: (1) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden and Charlwood Delight; (2) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob; 27 changes of method.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*MICHAEL W. CROWDER	*Treble*	ROBERT B. SMITH	4
†FRANK OSBALDISTON	2	ALAN MCFALL	5
BERNARD GROVES	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal in 21 methods. † First peal in 21 methods 'inside.' The most Minor methods yet rung to a peal for the Association.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*BERNARD GROVES	*Treble*	MICHAEL W. CROWDER	5
*FRANK OSBALDISTON	2	*ROBERT B. SMITH	6
*†WILLIAM H. DOWSE	3	*ALAN MCFALL	7
*CAROL EUSTACE	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major 'inside.'
Rung on the Feast of St. Bartholomew.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diana M. Gough 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, B. K. Turnbull 3, H. W. Brown 4, A. I. Johnson 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the christening of Lynne Mary Turnbull at this church, those taking part include father, godfather and two uncles.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Nelson (first of Minor) 1, L. Prior (first of Minor) 2, 1. Attwater 3, J. McPhail 4, J. Barrance 5, H. Neill (cond.) 6.

BARTON SEGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 240 Plain Bob, 1,020 Grandsire Doubles: V. Headland 1, D. Edwards 2, C. R. Baxter 3, L. A. Dunmore (first quarter) 4, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 5. Rung for commencement of Church Week in the parish.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): Miss E. M. Foot 1, A. D. V. Hunt 2, Miss K. Stisted (cond.) 3, H. Ballard 4, G. A. Masters 5, G. Prodger 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Tharby 1, Audrey M. Bailey 2, H. M. White 3, R. Hayden 4, H. Watts 5, H. Bird 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, T. Camp 8. An 86th birthday compliment to Mr. William T. Prior, and also a welcome home from Canada to Miss Audrey M. Bailey.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sept. 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. North 1, W. A. Riddington 2, Betty Stephenson 3, A. W. Gravett 4, A. W. Bond 5, C. W. Riddleston 6, J. H. Lilley 7, E. K. Jordan 8, F. W. Burnett 9, F. J. Lewis (first on ten bells) 10. Rung as a farewell to the Curate (Rev. M. L. Godden), on his appointment as Vicar of St. Helen's, Hangleton, Hove.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,440 All Saints' Doubles: Albert Halling 1, Martyn Hawkes (first quarter as conductor) 2, Pauline Sprackling 3, Michael Sprackling 4, David Beacham 5, Geoffrey Burrows 6. First quarter in the method by all the band.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Dilley 1, Sheila Percival 2, J. Hulme 3, G. Mayes 4, Jill Mayes 5, J. Church 6, P. Tompkins (cond.) 7, T. Dilley 8. First of triples 'inside' for 2 and 3. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Alfred Pratt, for many years a regular Sunday service ringer, who was interred this day.

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Lees 1, D. Young 2, A. Moss 3, A. Lomas 4, J. Thornley 5, O. Davies 6, N. Tompkins (cond.) 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung to celebrate the 131st birthday of the Parish Church.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Smith 1, F. White 2, J. Burgess 3, A. J. Bennett 4, L. Dawson (cond.) 5, A. Farrand 6. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. B. Schofield 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, L. Dawson (cond.) 4, J. Burgess (ringing on behalf of H. Nutt) 5, A. Farrand 6. Each rung as au revoir to friend, tower captain and conductor, Mr. L. Dawson.

GREAT AMWELL, HERTS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Blay 1, C. E. Hayter 2, C. Springham 3, R. A. Berry 4, H. A. Fyson (first as cond.) 5, C. A. Pawsey 6. Rung as a farewell to Howard Fyson, who is emigrating to Australia.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Double (480 each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): A. E. Hinman 1, D. Cooper (first 'inside') 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, Miss R. Tyler 4, C. E. Cooper 5.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Ford (first quarter) 1, Miss Matthews 2, Miss E. Burley 3 E. Breed (cond.) 4 H. Goldsmith 5, A. N. Robinson 6.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. Walker 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, Miss R. Maundrell 3, W. Hacker (cond.) 4, T. Davidson 5, H. White 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. P. Walker, a member of the local band.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Dennis 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, R. Newman 3, J. Payton 4, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 5, H. W. Barnard 6. For evening service and for those couples whose weddings took place in the church during the past year.

QUARTER PEALS

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (first quarter of Holt's Original): D. Callard 1, G. E. Retter (cond.) 2, Mrs G. E. Retter 3, A. G. Betts 4, E. E. Retter 5, L. K. Dawe 6, W. Reeks 7, E. Morgan 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Valerie Salway and Mr. Duncan Pyne.

HURST, BERKS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Froome 1, C. A. Eele 2, B. C. Castle 3, R. J. Castle (first 'inside') 4, R. K. Rivers 5, A. Rivers 6, Mrs. B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, W. Austin 8. Rung as a farewell to Anthony Rivers, who left on September 25th for service abroad.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. J. Edwards 1, Miss P. R. Hosken 2, Miss M. A. Birch 3, Miss V. M. Matthews 4, A. F. Burley 5, H. Harper 6, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 7, D. N. Penrose 8. Rung as a mark of respect for the ordination as deacon at Coventry this day of the Rev. Geoffrey Harper, a former ringer at Kenwyn.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 8th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: H. B. Bowley (cond.) 1, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 2, Mrs. P. Poole 3, R. Prime 4, D. D. Dutton 5, H. G. Jenney 6, J. A. Acres 7, S. Burton 8, S. A. Jesson 9, W. J. Root 10, P. J. Staniforth 11, E. C. Turner 12.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Aug. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Rea 1, Miss S. Sherwood 2, J. A. Hales 3, M. Williamson 4, A. Lewry 5, J. Hales 6, C. Nichols 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. A. Hales 1, Miss S. Sherwood 2, A. W. Coles 3, W. G. Wilson 4, J. Hales 5, G. A. Parsons 6, F. C. Shorter 7, J. W. Euston (cond.) 8. For the patronal festival. Also at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Sept. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, W. T. Cook 2, F. E. Darby 3, H. Neill 4, W. Williams 5, D. R. Randall 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, B. K. Lunn 8.

LYNEHAM, WILTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Hacker 1, Miss R. Maundrell 2, R. March 3, W. Hacker 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, R. Barry 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 6. Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 10th, at St. John-de-Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Harte 1, Miss M. McFarlane 2, Miss E. Layton 3, Mrs. P. Latchford (cond.) 4, Mrs. M. Thirst 5, Miss M. Floyer 6, Miss B. Thompson 7, Mrs. R. Armstrong 8. Also on Sept. 10th, at St. George's, Colegate, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Richardson 1, M. Layton 2, D. Jackson 3, J. Seager 4, D. Martin 5, D. Latchford (cond.) 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. York-Bramble 1, A. Lawry 2, F. W. Burnett 3, E. K. Jordan 4, R. H. R. Parker 5, S. Kathleen M. Knight 6, R. Baldwin (cond.) 7, A. H. Hoodless 8. The last quarter peal to be rung on the bells before rehanging and augmentation.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 480 Reverse Canterbury and 360 Plain Bob): B. Burrough 1, V. Phillips 2, J. M. Clements 3, D. Mitchell 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Byng 1, W. Rose 2, Helen M. Brant 3, R. H. Begrie 4, D. E. Cobb 5, W. Newton 6, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 7, V. T. Cherrill 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Percy Dyke, former captain of this tower and Branch Ringing Master.

ST. LEONARDS, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. T. Grice 1, G. Ridd 2, J. Ridd 3, S. Bailey 4, G. S. Piper 5, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 6, C. Hankinson 7. First quarter in method for 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. King 1, F. J. Lambert 2, J. H. Edwards 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. B. Allcorn 8. To commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Allcorn.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Burges 1, G. Bradbury 2, Miss L. Butler 3, A. Armstrong 4, H. Butler 5, J. Allen (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Hessbrook 1, H. Butler 2, C. McKenzie (first 'inside') 3, M. Mullard 4, J. Allen (cond.) 5, M. Butler 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. R. Roe, who was instituted Vicar of this parish on August 23rd.

SOUTHGATE, N.—On Sept. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Cross (cond.) 1, Mary Piper 2, Ann Aldridge 3, S. G. Peck 4, M. Stanyon 5, R. Motton 6, J. Wallman 7, C. Aldridge 8. First quarter of Major for 2, 3, 5 and 6. Rung to mark the birth of a grand-daughter to R. Motton, and the wedding of Miss F. Miller, a member of the band, which took place earlier in the day.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Carless (first quarter) 1, Joan Wilcockson 2, Margaret Mesley 3, A. Wenban 4, R. Stoddard 5, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 6.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Burgess 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, K. Hawthorn 4, M. Lane 5, P. Spackman 6. First quarter for all.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Dean 1, K. Willers (cond.) 2, D. Sibson 3, E. H. Finch 4, A. Hurst 5, D. White 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter Hoffet, for many years a regular service ringer at this church.

STONE, STAFFS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Kane 1, Mrs. G. Rowley 2, L. Bowden 3, I. Poole 4, W. Buckley 5, C. Templeton 6, C. Young (cond.) 7, A. Purslow 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Herbert, son of Preb. Herbert, Rector of this church.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Fisher 1, N. L. Walker 2, R. Richardson 3, J. Vernon 4, A. M. Lindsey 5, J. H. Bailees 6, M. Vernon (cond.) 7, G. Vernon 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. Rung half-muffled by members of the service band in memoriam Mrs. Manwaring, sister of the patron of the living.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: F. Sykes 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, H. Rumens 3, F. C. Maynard 4, B. Downes 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, E. E. Holman 7, D. Hewitt 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 9, M. J. Hayes 10. For Evensong, and the 70th birthday of Mr. H. Rumens.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Pickering (first quarter) 1, B. Burrough 2, Miss V. Phillips 3, E. Fossbury 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, P. Goacher (first quarter) 6, K. Burchell 7, J. Brookshaw (first quarter) 8. Rung after the induction of the Rev. M. G. Daniel.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Oxford): J. T. Rooke 1, Miss M. Johnson 2, R. Lucas 3, G. Challans 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss N. Wilcox 1, J. T. Rooke 2, R. Lucas 3, Miss M. Johnson (first as cond.) 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 15th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Bishop 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, P. Devenish 5, F. Corfield 6. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Naylor (cond.) 1, T. Sanger 2, E. Wadman 3, R. Crago 4, D. Lee 5, D. Hoare 6, V. Savage 7, A. White 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Doreen Turnbull and Mr. Frederick Slatford, who were married at Trowbridge, Wilts, this day.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Monica Fray 1, D. G. Yeo 2, L. Derrick 3, J. Brain (first of Minor 'inside') 4, D. E. Cobb 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to David Yeo and Gillian Slack, of Long Ashton.

WINGFIELD, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Filby 1, C. Brown 2, F. Flatt 3, A. Lawes 4, A. Flatt 5, G. Filby, jun. (cond.) 6.

WINSHILL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Henley 1, Valerie Smith 2, P. Brittain 3, J. O'Neil 4, F. G. Fretwell 5, A. G. Foster 6. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. G. L. Vigar), who is leaving the parish.

LETTERS

PEALS OF SPLICED CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—I should like to draw attention to the arrangement for Spliced Superlative and Cambridge given in the Central Council Collection as follows:—'Call each course C S C S C S C, true to compositions for Superlative with no bells reversed in 5-6.' Unfortunately, this qualification is insufficient to ensure truth, and only peals of Cambridge with the tenors together would appear to be true to this arrangement: the Cambridge leads unfortunately running false against themselves. The arrangement required to run true to the 'no bells reversed in 5-6' qualification is S C S C S C S, and as far as I can see from peal reports, these arrangements have been rung in fairly even proportions. Perhaps conductors would care to check back and see whether they have rung the false arrangement, and the easiest guide seems to be to notice whether more Cambridge was rung than Superlative. I am sorry to be stirring up so much mud, but I have not heard of or seen any statement correcting this error in a widely-used Collection, though evidently quite a few conductors have appreciated it for some time now.

While on the subject I should like to query the superiority of Bristol with 6th place bobs, recently averred in your columns. The mere fact that all the courses with the 6th at home, and 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 are rung full, seems of little value when considering that the wrong leads of the courses 3 4 6 2 5 and 4 2 6 3 5 contain as much music as the 65's at the Homes, for instance: and, apart from anything else, the tenors are on the front 22 times compared with the customary 14 or 15 in a 4ths place bob composition. Surely the 'lengthening lead' properties of Bristol are its main attraction?. Also, perhaps I have odd tastes, but to me Cambridge Royal is infinitely superior to Yorkshire (also the Major) by virtue of the very fact that the coursing order is broken below the treble!

Beating a hasty retreat,—Yours,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest.

FOUR-BELL TOWERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Dear Sir,—There are very few fours in Herts, and this is the list and their condition as far as I can ascertain:—Brent Pelham (7 cwt.), probably ringable; St. Mary's, Stanstead Abbotts, St. Andrew's (new church), chiming only: Wadesmill (6 cwt.), unringable (treble pre-Reformation, tenor by John Deir, 1580): St. Giles', Wyddial (11 cwt.), probably ringable but obstructed by organ (second and third probably 14th century). The three (5 cwt.) at Lilley are ringable.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Hitchin.

WHEN SPLICING

Dear Sir,—Perhaps ringers who splice their own bell-ropes would find this tip useful: After unwinding the rope ready for splicing, bind each of the three strands with cellotape for about two inches from the end. This keeps the ends from fraying and makes threading much easier.—Yours, etc.,

H. BUTLER.

Shareshill, Staffs.

'NINE TAILORS'

Dear Sir,—While listening to the third instalment of the B.B.C. production of Dorothy Sayers' 'Nine Tailors,' I was interested to hear what I took to be a slip on the part of John Thomason as the Rev. Theodore Venables. Talking of the path of the tenor in Kent Treble Bob Major, he described it as moving directly from 6ths to 4ths, before dodging in 5-6 down—by no means an uncommon occurrence in actual practice! However, on checking with my own copy of the book I find the error to be the printer's. As this is a first edition copy, the misprint must have been overlooked by the proof reader and perpetuated in later editions and by the B.B.C.

Presumably Mr. Harold Pitstow's services were limited to the actual ringing involved rather than extending to those of a 'technical adviser' to the producer.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Cheltenham.

THE MAJOR PROBLEM

Dear Sir,—Mr. Philip Gray's letter on the above subject goes right to the core of what should be the greatest concern of all ringers and Associations—the problem of the silent, undermanned and jangling towers, and he deserves credit for his challenging.

In estimating the number of towers which are adequately rung at half, I think he is, if anything, being over-generous.

I agree entirely with him that the Council should now set up a committee to investigate the problem and issue a report with a view to bringing about an enthusiastic drive to build up the strength and efficiency of Sunday service bands. If these are flourishing, all other aspects of ringing will also flourish

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BELFRY GOSSIP

London University Society made September 8th a memorable day for Norwich, when a peal and two quarter peals were rung simultaneously on the bells of the city. It is said on that particular evening no part of the city was free from the activities of the Society. One of the quarter peals was by an all-ladies band, and although it needed three attempts the length was eventually well and truly rung.

Mr. Geoffrey Harper, a former ringer at Kenwyn, Cornwall, was ordained deacon at Coventry on September 15th.

Mr. B. P. Morris, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, has been appointed postmaster of Ashbourne, Derbyshire. He expects to take up duty there early in October.

Bramley, Leeds, is Mr. W. Eric Critchley's unlucky tower. At last, at the fifth attempt, he has rung a peal on the bells. Incidentally, this was Bramley's first peal of Surprise, unusual for a Yorkshire 8-bell tower.

Mr. Brian Austin points out that it is no longer the select band of ringers who have rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, as he is now a member of it by a peal at Rushton on September 11th.

The first peal conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant (14) at Sedlescombe, Sussex, was followed by a happy tea party, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. E. Fellows, who are thanked by the band for their hospitality.

Without advice, the Vicar of Bardwell, Suffolk, bought a set of ropes in the market at Bury St. Edmunds. The huge sallies they had caused them to stick in the floor above. The opinion of Suffolk ringers, transported by Mr. Arthur Rolfe, who visited the tower recently, was that these bells could be rung well with good ropes.

A quarter peal of Stedman Cinques was rung on the bells of Leicester Cathedral on September 8th as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Jenney, wife of Mr. Harold G. Jenney, a highly respected member of the Cathedral band and president of the National Police Guild of Ringers.

Mr. Shirley Burton has rung peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

The ringers of the peal of Plain Bob Major at Bolton on September 8th would like to record their sincere gratitude to Mrs. Young, mother of the second ringer, who afterwards kindly provided the band with refreshments.

The two bells at Clanfield, Hants, dating from 1448 and cast by Roger Landon, are to be quarter turned and rehung on ball-bearings. Both were hung in the original 14th century church at Clanfield which was pulled down in 1878 and the present church built on the site.

A peal attempt was made at Spalding on September 7th, which was to have been in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. A. Dobbs and Miss J. Drury, also in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. R. W. H. Nind, assistant curate at Spalding Parish Church, and also a birthday compliment to the conductor. Perhaps too many celebrations are not good for peal ringers?

A get-together by friends from Sudbury, Clare and Whepstead, Suffolk, and Sawston, Cambs, on September 7th, resulted in a very pleasant excursion. Towers visited were Stretham (6), Wilburton (6), Haddenham (6), Willingham (6) and Cherryhinton (5). London was an excellent touch at Stretham and Haddenham, with the assistance of a Cambridge contingent en route to the Ely meeting, whose company was much enjoyed.

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'The blue hills of Ireland
I see in my dreams,
The high hills of Ireland
the glens and the streams;
In sunlight and shadow
in weal and in woe,
The sweet vision haunts me
wherever I go.'

IN defiance of superstition, 13 ringers journeyed to Ireland on August 17th for the sixth annual tour, organised by Wilfred Williams. This year we were pleased to re-welcome Messrs. Jim and Ronald Diserens after an interval of five years, and Tom Southam, who seems to have adopted the habit of every other year. Making their first tour with us were Frank Darby—making our complement of bell-hanging friends up to two—and John Phillips, of whom more later.

The advance guard descended on Dublin by way of an Aer Lingus dawn flight from London. Ten braved the rigours of an all-night crossing from Holyhead, while your chronicler, as usual the last to arrive, flew from Cardiff, his late arrival being greeted by the strains of 'Happy Birthday' (obviously prearranged), making an immediate celebration necessary where the boat was duly launched.

Our headquarters for the first and last parts of our tour was the historic Four Courts Hotel, which four centuries ago was known as the 'Angel Inn.' Dean Swift lived and wrote many of his poems in this establishment.

Our first peal attempt took place at Christ Church Cathedral, where we received a warm welcome from Billy Lynch and Fred Dukes. We had been led to believe that the bells at Christ Church were a real 'handful,' but despite the fact that eight of the band had travelled all night, a good peal of Cambridge Royal was brought round, the man from Coventry showing off his 14½ stone to advantage on the 39½ cwt. tenor. Those not ringing attended a meeting at St. John's, which had been specially arranged by Fred Dukes, and where we were all kindly entertained to tea by the Irish Association.

On Sunday morning the fine ring at St. Patrick's Cathedral placed at our disposal, and after a warm welcome from members of St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, we rang an excellent course of Cambridge Maximus, followed by two courses of Stedman Cinques. Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C. (president of the Irish Association), who rang the tenor to the first peal on these bells, declaring that in all his 57 years' association with this tower he had never heard the bells rung better. Following this we were all elected honorary members of the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, a gesture which we much appreciate.

We also rang again at St. John's, receiving a warm welcome from the local band. The ascent to the ringing chamber here is by means of an open spiral staircase of some 50 to 60 ft., and proved most unnerving to one member who is averse to high places. After lunch we wended our way to the Church of St. George, a fine Wren-like structure, where an excellent peal of London was rung: F. E. D. reaching the 300th milestone, and 'Mr. Chips" his 50th this year. After this peal we were most kindly entertained by Mr. R. S. F. Murphy.

While waiting for the church to be opened we were the object of much interest from the windows of an adjacent nurses' home, a number of the band offering to give up their places in the attempt. It was observed, however, that the windows were strangely empty after three hours' ringing. The evening was spent ringing handbells in a room specially set aside for us. Here we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Roberts, who were holidaying in Dublin.

Early Monday morning we left Dublin in three cars on our journey south, stopping at Christ Church, Bray, for our first attempt of the day. On this magnificent eight—surely one of the best in the four countries—a good peal of Bristol was rung, though not without incident as after 20 minutes the tucks suddenly flew out of the fourth rope, which left our senior bell-hanging friend ringing for two leads with his hands virtually tied together. We now understand that he is claiming to be the only ringer to perform the 'Leaf Test' during a peal. During the ringing the original 'Belfryman' holidaying nearby paid us a visit, and it was interesting to have his comments on some excellent ringing.

PEALS AT WASHBROOK'S TOWER

During the afternoon we enjoyed a journey through lovely scenery, passing on our right the Wicklow Mountains, and arriving shortly afterwards at Arklow, with its magnificent church on the hill overlooking the sea and dominating this beautiful scene. A grand ring of bells here, and the many peal boards in the ringing chamber testify to the prowess of the late J. W. Washbrook as a ringer of two bells. Here with Wilf II at the helm we rang one of the best peals of the week.

While this peal was in progress the 'Governor,' in company with our two bellhangers, drove to Wexford. The bells at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception—a very fine ring installed by Gillett and Johnston in 1931—are seldom rung, and though permission had been granted for a peal attempt we had also been informed that the third was unringable. It was therefore entirely due to the work put in during this visit that the peal attempt next day was made possible.

Monday night was spent at Redmonds Hotel, Gorey, a sleepy country town with no street lighting, and where the name of Redmond was unusually predominant. The events which followed dinner are probably best described in the following lines:—

'Any draught?' queried Jack, with tongue in throat,
But the answer from Madam gave little hope.
So down Gorey's street that dusky night,
Jack set out on mission bright.
Up the road and over the hill
Followed at length by Border and Bill.
Others, too, joined in the quest,
Echoing their cries with the utmost zest.
From shop to bar the searchers wound,
But the familiar Red Triangle just couldn't be found,
The calling of 'Time' caused Jack to give in,
He'd missed his paragon, found Phœnix the thing.

THE FIRST PEAL AT WEXFORD

Tuesday saw us on the road early, as with two peal attempts we should cover something like 150 miles before reaching Cork that night. Back again to Arklow, a prompt start was made for Bristol, a first-class peal resulting. The sound of the bells brought many visitors to the church all full of praise for the excellence of the ringing. There is no doubt that the two best peals of the week were rung at this tower, the striking in both being of a high standard. With sandwiches to eat in the cars, the journey to Wexford was covered in record time, and with the advance party already having the bells up, Cambridge Royal was soon rolling out from these fine bells, the first peal on them being duly rung. An excellent meal, then the

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The tourists outside St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, after ringing the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus (left to right): W. A. Theobald, M. P. Moreton, A. H. Reed, D. G. Clift, W. Williams, D. P. Jones, T. J. Southam, P. Border, J. Phillips, W. F. Moreton, N. J. Diserens, R. F. Diserens and F. E. Darby

TOWERS OF SOUTHERN IRELAND

The Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception, Wexford

Christ Church, Bray

St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick

St. Saviour's, Arklow ('Washbrook's Tower')

Cathedral of the Blessed Trinity, Waterford

IRISH PEAL TOUR—Cont.

now rare 'Red Triangle' locating Jack, and we started on our 113-mile journey to Cork, reaching this most hospitable city at a late hour by way of Waterford, Dungarvan and Youghal.

A VISIT TO ST. FIN BARRE'S CATHEDRAL, CORK

Despite the lateness of our arrival on the previous evening, everyone reported early on Wednesday morning, and after wishing the 'Governor' happy birthday, the 'top brass' set out for Bandon, where a peal in seven methods were rung on the noisy six. Those not ringing looked around Cork and paid a visit to the lovely Cathedral of St. Fin Barre. We had originally been granted permission to attempt a peal on the eight which hang in the north-west tower of this building, but the 'go' of the bells during the last six months had made it necessary to call in the services of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and the bells are now awaiting shipment to the foundry. We were, however, able to see the bells and ring on the fine set of handbells in the ringing chamber. We were also shown around the Cathedral, which is built in French early pointed Gothic, and much admired the nave which is lined with red Cork marble, also the wonderful decoration of the floor, walls and ceiling of the chancel, which symbolises Paradise. Later that morning 'Mr. Chips' chimed Grandsire Triples on Shandon bells; but an attempt to see the heavy eight at St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral proved fruitless.

In the afternoon the 'rabbits' drove to Doneraile, where at St. Mary's we were welcomed by Billy Evans, who in his own words described himself: "Forty-five years an Irishman, but be-Jasus born within the sound of Bow Bells.' After Canon Osborn had wished us luck, a start was made on the pleasant six for Cambridge Minor, but after three excellent 720's we experienced our first and only failure of the week. This was a great disappointment as it would have enabled Jack to complete the sequence from Minor to Maximus. Our disappointment was soon forgotten when Billy Evans introduced us to Tommy O'Donnell, the landlord of the local hostelry and a famous Irish footballer of 45 years ago. His bedtime stories were many and varied, and had we chosen could have remained there indefinitely, for we certainly saw no observation of licensing hours in those country places.

Back in Cork that evening the 'Governor's' birthday was well celebrated, the final act resembling a scene from Samson and Delilah, but with the aid of a well-known phrase our Samson preserved that shaggy mop, and Delilah departed much chastened.

A VISIT TO BLARNEY CASTLE

Early on Thursday morning we said goodbye to Ireland's most hospitable city and started our journey to Limerick, calling en route at Blarney for a visit to the castle and its famous stone; but none of the party could be persuaded to hang backwards over a 70ft. drop to kiss the stone—perhaps there were too many cameras in evidence.

FIRST PEAL OF PUDSEY ROYAL IN IRELAND

After an early lunch we assembled at the Monastery of Mount St. Alphonsus, where we were made welcome by The Brethren; also meeting us were Mr. David Benson (president of the Mount St. Alphonsus ringers) and George Bingham (hon. secretary, Southern District, I.A.C.R.). The preliminaries completed, this glorious Taylor ten were soon going to Pudsey Royal, a good peal, the first in Ireland, being rung. At the conclusion of the peal we were entertained to a most wonderful tea by the Limerick ringers, presided over by the Lord Bishop of Limerick (the Rt. Rev. E. C. Hodges) and Mrs. Hodges; also present were the Dean of Limerick (the Very Rev. M. J. Talbot) and Mrs. Talbot, Mr. J. A. Haydon (president of St. Mary's Cathedral Ringers), Mr. Cyril Galbraith (chairman, Southern District, I.A.), Mr. George Bingham, Mr. G. H. Ellis (Ringing Master, Southern District, I.A.) and Mr. David Benson (president of the Mount St. Alphonsus Ringers).

The Dean, in welcoming us to Limerick, said that he hoped we would enjoy the bells at St. Mary's Cathedral as much as we had enjoyed those at Mount St. Alphonsus. They were proud of their bells at St. Mary's, which were reputed to have been cast by the celebrated Perdue brothers.

In a very witty speech the Lord Bishop welcomed us to the loveliest part of the diocese. It was famous for many things, including a little fighting when necessary. [Much laughter.]

Mr. Cyril Galbraith welcomed us on behalf of the Southern District, I.A.C.R., and expressed the hope that some of us would return to Limerick when the Central Council meet in Dublin next year. On behalf of the tourists Wilfrid Moreton made a suitable reply, expressing our thanks for their wonderful hospitality.

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IRISH PEAL TOUR—Cont.

After indulging in some handbell ringing, a move was made to Desmonds Hotel, where we enjoyed a social evening with the Limerick ringers, our senior bellhanging friend coming into his own for the first time on this tour.

Promptly at 8.45 a.m. on Friday we presented ourselves at the Cathedral, the Dean receiving us in the ringing chamber and remaining to see the start. These fine-toned bells, which run anti-clockwise, were soon going to London with almost faultless precision, an excellent peal being rung. After this we faced an 80-mile drive to Waterford, and we are very grateful to Cyril Galbraith for his fine gesture in providing us with the sandwiches which we found in the cars on descending from the tower.

A COLLEGE YOUTH PEAL

Waterford was reached in good time after a delightful run through glorious countryside, during which we passed through the town of Tipperary (singing at the top of our voices) and skirting the Galty Mountains via Cahir and Clonmel.

At the Cathedral of the Blessed Trinity we were met by the Rev. A. P. Stanley and Mr. E. Kelly, who extended a warm welcome. The tower of this Cathedral, built in the English classic style of the 18th century, houses a fine eight originally by Mears, and has past links with the Ancient Society of College Youths, for it was here 85 years ago that James Pettit called Holt's Original, which was the first peal in Ireland. We therefore decided to commemorate this anniversary by ringing a College Youth peal, which was duly brought round, though not without incident as we were unable to lock ourselves in due to work taking place inside the roof of the Cathedral, and had an audience on the gallery overlooking the ringing chamber almost throughout the peal, with its consequent effect on our concentration.

After the peal, Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin met us, and we much appreciated the handbooks which were presented to us by Mr. Harris. It was a tired but happy band which reached Dublin late that night after another 100-mile drive, during which we passed through Castlecomer, the site of Ireland's only coalmine.

THE FINAL DAY

Saturday brought us to our last day, and to the highlight of the tour—a peal attempt at St. Patrick's. The morning was spent in shopping and buying presents, some of which were undoubtedly peace-offerings. So 12.45 saw us wending our way to St. Patrick's, there being a short wait for some who had paid a visit to the Guinness Brewery. However, promptly at 1.15 the bells were away to the tune of Cambridge Maximus, and as others had done before, the composition was Lindoff's.

Perhaps it was due to the tension created by the knowledge that we wanted to score here more than anywhere, coupled with a week of late nights, that our ringing did not have the same edge as the excellent course rung on the previous Sunday; nevertheless, a good peal was rung, Arthur Reed earning all the medals for a near-faultless performance in his first 'touch' in the method. We were pleased to hear the comments of the listeners on descending the tower, and after posing for photographs spent a convivial hour with the locals in a 'local.'

The hour for our goodbyes came all too soon, though due to a gale those departing by boat had their departure delayed for more than an hour, while those flying to London arrived in record time ahead of a following wind. Your chronicler was not so lucky. His plane, rocked about by a 50 m.p.h. gale, was unable to land at Cardiff, but after what seemed an eternity managed to get down at Bristol with everyone on board much the worse for wear. So ended our most happy and successful tour to date, the memories of which will haunt us always.

THANKS AND IMPRESSIONS

This report cannot be completed without spotlighting some of the things which impressed us most.

First. Our sincere thanks to Messrs. Fred Dukes and George Bingham for the work they put in during the last 12 months, without which this tour would not have been possible.

Second. To the Limerick ringers for their hospitality, may I be forgiven for lifting the words of another writer. Ringers' hospitality is proverbial, but Irish ringers' hospitality is hospitality 'par excellence.'

Our thanks also to the Church Authorities for their ready permission to ring, and to all the other ringers who met us, always on time and with everything in readiness.

Three. The fine state of preservation of all the churches, and the wonderful stained glass in them, and last but by no means least, the quality of the bells.

Thank you, Ireland: we shall certainly hope to return one day. D. G. C.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Younger ringers had no difficulty in handling the light and easy-going bells of St. Patrick's Church, Patrington, when the Beverley and District Society held a meeting there on September 14th.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. B. Crook), who welcomed the Society. An excellent tea was served in the Hildyard Arms Hotel, followed by the business meeting, with the president (Mr. A. E. Sellers) in the chair. All present joined in giving the president their best wishes for his 80th birthday, which he was to celebrate the following Tuesday.

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OBITUARY

MR. G. DOWLING

With the deepest regret, the Beverley and District Ringing Society record the passing of Mr. George Dowling, of Beverley, one of its oldest and most respected members.

He learned to handle a bell at St. Augustine's Church, Hedon, at the age of 12, but afterwards moved to Hull and then Withernsea, joining the band of ringers at both places. Whilst ringing with the Hull Holy Trinity band he was a pupil of Mr. Charles Jackson.

Mr. Dowling joined the Yorkshire Association in 1908, and rang in 31 peals for the Association. It is believed he also rang several more outside the District, but of which there is no record. During the first world war he joined the Royal Artillery, and for a period was in the anti-aircraft branch defending London, where he made many friends among the city's ringers.

He moved to Beverley in 1939, and became a member of the Minster band, where he rang up to the time of his death. In later years he spent many of his evenings helping bands of learners in the District, and many a struggling youngster has been glad of his help and guidance, which was never sought in vain.

On the day of the funeral at Beverley a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung as a last token of respect, and at Bridlington Priory Church, where he did so much to teach the local band, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung.

MR. G. A. STEELE

Mr. George Steele followed his father-in-law, Nicholas Stredwick, as verger and sexton of St. Leonard's, Aldrington, and served in this capacity for 42 years before retiring to Eythorne in 1954. These were the only two vergers since the restoration of the church in 1878.

He held the record for the longest service of any bellringer in Aldrington belfry, being 64 years, including many years as captain and also as secretary of the band. How many ringers he taught, no one knows; but there are many who owe to him their interest in this form of service to the Church. The standard of ringing in our own tower is the result of his efforts and enthusiasm. His personal interest in the progress of the young ringers, his youthful outlook and fine sense of humour moulded a band to be proud of.

Mr. Steele was a member of the Sussex County Association since 1895, and rang three peals, including the first by a local band, which was of Bob Minor, fully muffled in memory of Queen Victoria on February 2nd, 1901. George rang the third bell of our six when the Aldrington band rang the first peal of London Surprise Minor ever to be rung in Sussex.

The influence of George Steele had its impact on many of us. His example of churchmanship and sincerity, of loyal service and love of St. Leonard's was such that won the admiration of all who worked with him.

The bells were rung half-muffled at his funeral on September 6th by members of Aldrington, Ditchling and Brighton towers. A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles had been rung in grateful memory by the local band on the previous Tuesday. S. W. B.

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A Tour in the County's Winding Lanes

HARDLY more than 30 miles from London City is the village of Pleshey, not far from Chelmsford, once a place of note, when it was dominated by the Castle of the Bohuns —but 'Where is Bohun? Where is Mowbray? Where is Plantagenet? They are intombed in the urns and sepulchres of mortality.' As for the castle, apart from some earthworks, 'Perierunt etiam Ruinæ!' Pleshey is now a peaceful village reached by a narrow winding lane that seems to lead nowhere.

Thoughts such as these, however, did not trouble members of the Cambridge University Guild when they came to Pleshey on Sunday, August 25th, for their 41st annual tour; and the peace of the village was shattered by the incongruous collection of vehicles that brought them there—ranging from the smooth Prefect to the 1933 London taxi that has featured in these pages before, known as 'Ichabod.' Our headquarters were at the Diocesan Retreat House, where we were extremely well looked after. A feature of the Retreat House is that every room has a name such as 'Charity,' 'Faith' or 'Light'—so that one member was 'Resting in Peace,' another was in 'Love' while a third had the name of his room changed by a practical joker to 'Total Abstinence,' so that he had difficulty in finding his room on the first night.

Some began the tour by ringing with the local band at Chelmsford for evening service, while others sampled the minor five at Pleshey. Later a small party set out to find a place with the unlikely name of Chignall Smealy, where there was reputed to be an inn called the Pig and Whistle. In this tour of discovery, however, they were unsuccessful, so returned to Pleshey, where the handbells were soon produced and a course of Stedman Cinques rung.

Monday's ringing started at Great Waltham, where a touch of Spliced Surprise nearly came round. By the time we reached Little Waltham 'Ichabod' had proved its sterling qualities by getting a puncture, as well as having to be watered every few miles. Its usefulness, however, became apparent on the way to Chelmsford for lunch, as the four passengers were able to ring handbells en route. The first peal of the tour was scored in the afternoon at Hatfield Broad Oak, where E. M. Atkins called Double Norwich. Meanwhile the rest of the party had fun finding Matching Church: one car ended up in a farmyard.

It was at this point that the admirably arranged programme was first side-tracked: as the week went on it was completely disregarded. Cambridge has a reputation for producing individualists, and when over 20 individualists all have different ideas about where to ring what, the wise organiser discreetly retires and lets them get on with it. This afternoon it was decided to include Harlow Common in the tour, and this was arranged with such speed that the party were just leaving Matching as Gilbert Thurlow arrived. After Harlow Common bells (and ice-cream) had been sampled, we rang on the heavy six at High Easter. As if this were not enough ringing for one day, the tower-snatchers had to invade the local practice at Braintree after supper, while four members attempted a handbell peal, which was soon lost, as some were ringing Plain Bob Major, while the more conservative were ringing Bob Major. It was during this evening that the mathematical element started wondering what the connection is between 6, 28, 496 and 8,128. The writer's suggestion that the answer can be found in 'Wisden' was received with contumely, and we believe this vital question is still unresolved.

GILBERT PLAYS MARBLES

On Tuesday morning Frank Haynes called a peal of Cambridge Royal at Bishop's Stortford, while the non-pealers cursed the organiser for sending them to Manuden, where the five bells, cast by Miles Graye, are in a wildly original scale. However, the amateur bellhangers found work to do, and Gilbert Thurlow had a game of marbles with a young spectator. At the next tower, Farnham, everyone was baffled by the third, so we soon left in high dudgeon and lunched in Stortford. The tower-snatchers were then kept happy by a visit to the roughish five at Great Hallingbury, and the peal band joined the rest at Sawbridgeworth, where, by way of a change, the bells were rough-going, and where we were mystified by the clock-hammer.

The last official tower of the day was Waltham Abbey, where a notice said that the Guild were going to ring 'twelve peals.' In spite of this, we scarcely did justice to the 12 bells. After so much rough stuff, and after a fresh contingent of tower-snatchers from London had rung at Pleshey, we had the annual meeting. (Cambridge University Guild, by the way, is one of the few organisations known to the writer which has two annual meetings.) At this meeting we had a report on the progress made in collecting money for the Great St. Andrew's, Cambridge, bell fund, concerning which we believe more is to be written shortly. We also heard the staggering news that after ten or more years' 'Great Argument About it and about,' the Guild History Supplement is actually being printed.

By Wednesday the peal-grabbers were also dissatisfied with the programme, and coerced the organiser into arranging an extra peal, with the result that a band went to Stansted Mountfichet in the morning, where E. M. Atkins called a peal of Little Bob. We hear that the conductor nearly stopped the peal halfway through when, looking round the ropes, he thought the coursing order was wrong—but remembered just in time that the bells are arranged anti-clockwise! Meanwhile the programme offered ringing at Boreham and Galleywood for the non-pealers; but some were dissatisfied with only two towers in one morning, and snatched Broomfield, where the six bells hang in a round tower, and Little Baddow. Such deviationism was, perhaps, only to be expected, when it is realised that some half-dozen of the more ardent 'Snatchers' had been thrown together (almost literally) in Brian Price's van, where they sat on a garden seat and three chairs borrowed from the Retreat House.

In the afternoon the programme was adhered to for a short while, when Widford and Writtle were visited. The eight bells at Writtle were especially admired. After this came the highlight of the tour, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques at Chelmsford Cathedral: and it is sad to have to relate that after two and a half hours' quite good ringing the treble rope broke. Before this happened, Chris. Johnson, on the 10th, had done a strange thing: he caught the loop of his rope on the edge of the box, and somehow managed to tie a knot in it! After he had done this twice, and shortened his rope-end by nearly two feet, he showed characteristic resourcefulness in climbing on to a bench behind the box, where he was just able to reach the back-stroke by dint of ringing with one finger through the loop at the rope-end. Altogether a most remarkable performance. While these antics were in progress, the fanatics added a triangular tower to their round tower (if you follow) by joining in the local practice at Maldon. When all had safely returned to Pleshey, some maniacs rang handbells, including what was probably the first course of Great Big Bob Minor.

MILK FOR THE 'CATS'

It is always asserted that the Cambridge Guild's tours are not peal-ringing tours; yet the sober fact remains that on Thursday, August 29th, no fewer than three peals were rung by the Guild. In the morning Chris. Woolley called four Spliced Surprise at Great Dunmow, while the 'profanum vulgus' rang at Felsted and Stebbing: for a wonder both these towers were on the programme, and there were no divergences. In the afternoon the majority visited the beautiful villages of Thaxted (where the bells match up to the rest of the village) and Finchingfield (where they don't). Meanwhile it had been found that there were six members of St. Catharine's College on the tour; so these six resolved to show the 'Selwynites' that Selwyn isn't the only college when it comes to ringing (a select few know that it isn't either of these that really counts, but Jesus College)—anyway a peal of Cambridge Minor was quickly arranged for the 'Cat's men' at Rayne, and E. M. Atkins was again the successful conductor. The six 'Cats' were suitably rewarded for their labours: on coming out of the tower they found six saucers of milk, appropriately inscribed by Brian Price, awaiting them. Tower-bell ringing for the day finished at Great Bardfield, but in the evening, while the saner members were being guided round the ruins of Pleshey Castle, four fools rang a handbell peal of Bob Major. To the conductor's chagrin, this came round exactly at closing time!

On Friday those travelling in Paul Williamson's car survived his 'Grand Prix' style of driving and all rang at Great Baddow, where Gilbert Thurlow was able to inspire confidence in the verger as to our bona-fides. A peal of Yorkshire was then called at Rayleigh by Henry Fielden, and those not in the peal amused themselves with the Guild's old friend 'Boatrace Delight' (Cambridge in front, Oxford behind) at South Benfleet. The tower-snatching element, game to the last, then persuaded the rest to visit Leigh-on-Sea. In the afternoon we joined saner holiday-makers and went to Southend: ringing took place at Prittlewell, where a course of Double Norwich Caters staggered round, and at Thorpe Bay.

It might be thought that, having reached the end of the official programme and worn themselves out in so doing, members would have gone quietly home. But no: rumour spoke of a practice that evening at Brentwood: and thither many members duly went—perhaps by this time they felt lost without a bell-rope to prop them up! After this not a few of the party were accommodated for the night by Hugh Neill, the organiser (to whom, in spite of what has been said above, we are all extremely grateful for making such excellent arrangements)—and the peace of Ilford was disturbed by the ringing of handbells to changes and tunes. Finally, on Saturday morning, a peal of Cambridge was scored at Loughton, called by Henry Fielden, and so ended a hectic but rather wonderful week.

W. T. C.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, J. Elliott (cond.) 2, A. Beckwith (first quarter) 3, Miss W. M. Elliott 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6. Rung for the 39th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Elliott.

CAMPANOLOGY AFLOAT

Tour of Norfolk Broads

The Norfolk Broads being a very popular holiday resort, it is not surprising that during August Bank Holiday week two five-berth cruisers should be manned by a party of bell-ringers.

Nine of the party from the villages of Yelvertoft and Lilbourne left Rugby station early on the Saturday morning and reached Oulton Broad in the early afternoon. Provisions, handbells and ale aboard, the party were under way by 4 o'clock and proceeded to Burgh Castle, where a 'Bellringer's Guide to the Inns of Britain' would have proved useful. The boats were moored here for the night, which proved a restless one for nearly all aboard.

Sunday morning found the boats heading for Great Yarmouth, where a further member was added to the party from Caston. There being no bells at present in Yarmouth, and little by way of amusement open on a Sunday morning, the party cast off earlier than scheduled, thus forfeiting ringing at Winterton for evensong. By tea time the low bridge at Potter Heigham was being navigated, and a suitable mooring was found on the other side for the night. Some members of the party preferred refreshment, whilst others walked to the parish church with its three bells, two of which are pre-Reformation.

Monday was spent on Horsey Mere and Hickling Broad, and it was not until Tuesday that Catfield, the first tower, was reached, where the crew were met by the Rev. E. Lillingston (president of the Norwich Association) and Mrs. Lillingston, and Ted and Ella Chapman, from Pakefield. The five bells were soon set ringing to methods varying from Plain Bob to Stedman Doubles. The next stop was Ludham, two hours distant, where the 22 cwt. tenor of the ring of five was raised at the fourth attempt, three ringers attaching themselves to the rope for the final effort, others having either fallen off the box or just given up in bewilderment. After ringing, the tower captain gave permission for the bells to be lowered in peal.

Coltishall, with its six bells, was reached that evening, ready for ringing there first thing next morning. Although they had received bellhangers' attention in 1951, the bells seemed a little out of tune. Within an hour of leaving Coltishall the party invaded Wroxham, where some local ringers and one from Watford awaited them. It was difficult to believe that the bells had not been touched by a bellhanger since last century.

SPOTLIGHTS ON MIDNIGHT RINGERS

Malthouse Broad proved the resting place for the cruisers that afternoon and evening, and was a place of much activity both silent and noisy. Silent in the way that four youths manœuvred a cruiser full of young ladies into the weeds at the water's edge at the dead of night: noisy because handbells were rung joyously for some reason on deck at midnight, resulting in an array of spotlights being directed on to the performing campanologists from neighbouring vessels.

Before ringing at Ranworth, a conducted tour of the wonderful church was given by the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Everard), who also exhibited the priceless Ranworth Antiphoner. The six bells were rehung by Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, in the late 1930's, and a cracked pre-Reformation bell was recast at the time.

A quick trip to Barton Broad and back, and Acle was reached, where the ringers were met by Mr. Lidbetter (84 and still ringing). Since the round tower had not been thought strong enough to house the six bells, a new steel tower was constructed inside, independent of the walls, to form a seat for the bellframe. Here a touch of Cambridge Surprise came to an untimely end after two minutes' ringing and ten minutes' hopeless struggling. After the two-mile walk back to the boats, certain members of the party indulged in merriment, resulting in a loud and rather blurred solo rendering of 'Kiss me goodnight, sergeant-major,' sounding over the water in the early hours.

The cruisers passed through Yarmouth and across Breydon Water on Friday afternoon and moored at St. Olave's. After tea the party started the two-mile walk to Haddiscoe, where Mr. Bussey awaited them and assisted in ringing the light five.

One hour's run on Saturday morning and they were back on Oulton Broad, and the boats returned to base. Ted Chapman's car became a taxi, and before catching the 12.40 train to Rugby, the party enjoyed ringing on the beautiful eight at Pakefield. Here a 704 of Plain Bob Major was rung, to the satisfaction of at least one ringer, and a more satisfying or more inspiring church could not have been found with which to end the tour.

Thanks are due to those who helped make the holiday a success: Dawn Elson for hiring the cruisers and for organising the party generally; John Barnes for the ringing arrangements; Ted Chapman for unlimited use of his car, and Peter Westerman for spontaneous entertainment.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

Guild members from many towers in the Salisbury Diocese, together with members from Chippenham, Horsham and Worthing, and 15 members of a party from Hatfield (Herts), who were spending a holiday touring Wiltshire, ringing peals at various towers, attended the Guild meeting at Bromham on September 5th. The Rector (the Rev. J. F. Collins) conducted the service in church, with Mr. A. T. Weeks (Branch chairman) reading the lesson, and Miss H. M. Webb as organist. Tea followed at the Greyhound Inn, and the chairman welcomed all the visitors. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector and organist and to Mr. G. Minty, captain of Bromham tower. Ringing continued till 8.30 p.m.

Record Length of Yorkshire

Last Saturday, at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, a peal of 14,560 Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung in 7 hours. This is the longest length yet rung in the method and was conducted by the composer, Stephen Ivin. The peal will be credited to the Bedfordshire Association. Congratulations to all concerned.

WEDDINGS

At Stonham Aspal, Suffolk

A well-known member of the Suffolk Guild, Miss Muriel Pipe, was married at the Church of SS. Mary and Lambert, Stonham Aspal, on August 31st, to Mr. Alan Page, of Pettaugh, who has been organist at Stonham Aspal for the past four years. The service was fully choral, and a former Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Greenway) officiated.

The bride, given away by her father, wore an ankle-length gown of white-figured lace over net. Miss Edna Clements and Miss Pamela Beal were bridesmaids, and Mr. K. Page, of Oxford, brother of the bridegroom, best man.

As the bride entered and left the church, Stonham Aspal bells were rung, but unfortunately a peal attempt for Yorkshire Surprise Major on the bells later in the day was unsuccessful. Wedding presents included an electric copper from the Helmingham ringers, and the bride's colleagues gave dessert spoons.

At Warmley, Glos

On September 14th the captain of the Warmley ringers, Mr. Paul Garnet King, was married to the tower secretary, Miss Barbara Jean Rogers, at the Church of St. Barnabas, Warmley.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a nylon lace dress with a full-length veil, and was attended by her sisters, Cynthia, Pauline and Diane, and the bridegroom's sister, Elyn.

Many ringing friends were present and the bells were rung before and after the service. Two peal attempts came to grief during the evening, a fact which many local ringers attribute to the excellence of the reception.

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MORETON—ROPER.—The engagement is announced between Wilfrid Farrington, elder son of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. H. A. Moreton, of The Close, Hereford, and Madeline Joan, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Roper, of Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 1039

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MISCELLANEOUS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Will all ringers starting at Manchester University next October and who are interested in joining the University Guild please write to Miss Carol Eustace, 10, Two Hedges Road, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. 1003

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — We shall be pleased to welcome any ringers coming up to the University as Freshers. Please contact the secretary, Lucy Allen, St. Andrew's Hall. Will all ringers please note that future practices at St. Giles' will be on Thursdays, commencing Oct. 3rd. 1051

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD extends a warm welcome to Freshers coming up to the University in October and invites them to join in their activities. Please contact J. L. Queen (hon. secretary), c/o The University, Southampton. 1037

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Owing to tower repairs at Winscombe the practice meeting advertised in last week's issue for the 28th will now be held at Burnham-on-Sea. Bells (8) 5 p.m. —E. C. Wickham. 1036

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Dunham Massey, Altrincham, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mrs. C. K. Lewis, 6, Princes Road, Altrincham.—C. K. Lewis. 1010

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Andrew's, Bebington, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. — Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1009

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Stanton-by-Dale, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. All welcome.—Vivienne M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1011

A Reminder

The first issue of the new quarter starts next week. Subscriptions should be sent without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall, without delay. Rates: quarterly 7/6, half-yearly 14/6, yearly £1 8s.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dinner to be held at the Brunswick School Hall, Cambridge, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 7 o'clock. Ringing arrangements: Great St. Mary's (12), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Bene't's (6), 3 to 5; Old Chesterton (6), 3 to 4 p.m.; Great St. Andrew's (8), 5 to 6.30 p.m.; Roman Catholic (8), 5 to 6.30 p.m. Tickets (12s. 6d.) from H. S. Peacock, 8, Rosecrea Terrace, St. John's St., Huntingdon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Elmdon (6) on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the King's Head, 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 961

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch. — Thornbury (8), Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. T. Walters, 17, Newlands Avenue, Coalpit-Heath, Bristol. 1034

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District. —Quarterly meeting at Bredenbury, Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Reservations for tea early, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 944

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Rainham, Kent, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. M. Dobbie, Hon. Sec. 942

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Souldern, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m.—C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester. 977

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Hitcham (6), Sept. 28th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me. —W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 1016

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Kettering Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Beds and Northants Branch).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at Burton Latimer. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea and meetings 5 p.m. —Anne E. Amor. 978

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Orston, Notts (6), Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. K. Foster, Chapel Street, Orston, Notts. 1019

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. Meeting at Tunstall (ringing 2.30 p.m.) and Blaxhall (ringing 6.30 p.m.) on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 1000

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and GUILDFORD GUILD (Guildford District).—Combined meeting at Guildford, Sept. 28th. Holy Trinity and St. Mary's bells 3 to 4.15. Service S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea in S. Nicolas' Hall 5.15. Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas' bells after.—W. Parrott and M. Collins, Hon. Secs. 1021

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SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Combined practice at Christ Church, Epsom, on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd. All welcome. 1022

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Combined practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, October 2nd. Bells (12) available 6.30 to 8 p.m. All very welcome!—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 975

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kingstone, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton. 1043

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Bedford District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at Bromham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Tysoe, The Post Office, Bromham, Bedford.—Phyllis Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec. 986

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch. —A meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 1030

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Next meeting at Butlers Marston on Saturday, Oct. 5th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd, please. — H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 1044

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield. — A. B. Cooper. 1056

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Hemyock, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Sept. 28th D. W. Hart, 1, Broadway, The Square, Hemyock. Visitors welcome.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec. 823

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, please, to Mr. E. Sparling, Winton, Rectory Road, Wivenhoe, Colchester. 999

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. quarterly meeting, South Benfleet, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. L. Matson, 75, St. Mary's Road, South Benfleet. 1015

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Plympton St. Maurice, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Sept. 30th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Sereet, Plymouth. 989

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, Oct. 5th, from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mrs. L. Mellins, The Borough, Crondall, Farnham.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting, Lyonshall, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. **Names, early, please,** to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 1035

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Ippolyts, Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the School. Special method: Trinity Sunday T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1028

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Annual general meeting at Ashford on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford.—C. T. H. 994

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at Tonbridge. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by Tuesday, Oct. 1st, to Mr. W. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 1007

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at St. Giles', Lincoln, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 1st, to Mrs. Metham, Cornwall House, Ravendale Drive, Lincoln. 985

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Oct. 3rd, to Mr. R. Gray, 38, Alma Place, North Shields. All ringers welcome. 981

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next Blackburn Branch meeting will be at St. Peter's, Burnley, on October 5th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1049

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting at Whittington-in-Lonsdale, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Ringing 2.30-7.30. Please bring own tea; cups of tea provided.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 1058

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Newton-le-Willows, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., only for those notifying, by Oct. 2nd, Mr. J. Mawdesley, 51, Birley Street, Newton-le-Willows.—M. E. Ridyard. 1041

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District). — Meeting at Coleorton, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Schoolroom. 1045

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Gressenhall on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea to G. Bunning, Gressenhall, East Dereham.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 1055

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Autumn meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, at Swerford (5). All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury. 993

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Stanton Harcourt (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Ringing at Southleigh (8) 2 p.m., Stanton Harcourt 2.15, Northmoor (6) 6.30. Service at 3.45 p.m. Tea reservations by Sept. 30th to David Smith, Merryfield, Witney. All very welcome. 987

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A practice will be held at Pangbourne on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 6 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 1040

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Thornby, Oct. 5th. Service and tea at Cold Ashby. Both towers available. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 1053

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Woodford (6), Oct. 5th. Usual arrangements. Names for teas Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston, Northants. 1047

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Solihull, Oct. 5th. Bells (10) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting in Parish Hall, Mill Lane, at 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 1023

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Melksham (8), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 1032

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Nottingham on Saturday, Oct. 5th. St. Mary's bells (10) available 3 to 5 p.m. St. Peter's (10) from 6 p.m. Tea and business meeting, St. Mary's Institute, 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers. 980

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern Division).—Combined practice on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Reigate bells 3 p.m., and Redhill 6 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 2nd, to Mr. A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 1029

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Exning, Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Lakeman's, Newmarket. St. Mary's, Newmarket, bells from 6 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 1013

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Old Alresford, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Very important business. Usual arrangements.—R. F. Brewer, Dis. Sec. 1062

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The 20th annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (8s. 6d. each) obtainable up to Tuesday, Oct. 1st, from dinner committee, Branch secretaries or general secretary. Bells available: Cathedral (12), provisionally, 3.30 to 5 p.m.; All Saints', (10), 3 to 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. Tel. Ashton-under-Hill 309. 946

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The first practices of the Michaelmas Term will be: St. Andrew's (8), Wednesday, Oct. 9th, at 8 p.m.; St. Bene't's (6), Thursday, Oct. 10th, at 8 p.m. All Freshmen welcome. 1059

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—50th anniversary dinner will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Coventry, on Saturday, Oct. 12th, commencing at 6.15 p.m. Allesley bells available from 2.30 p.m. All tickets have been sold. Will anyone wishing to take part in peals during the morning please write me at 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry, or phone Greyfriars 474.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 992

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Picture Room, Shirehall, Chelmsford, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Cordial invitation to Cathedral Evensong at 4 p.m. Cathedral bells available immediately afterwards. Dinner tickets (12s. 6d.) from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. Accommodation strictly limited—early application advisable; stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. G. 1002

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting, Old Woking (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names **essential** for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 9th, to Mr. D. Munday, 92, High Street, Old Woking. 1027

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 9th, to Mrs. Robinson, 7, Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddesden. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 1038

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. St. Dunstan's bells available from 2.30. Service in this church at 4.15 p.m.: preacher, the Bishop of Dover. Tea 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, enclosing cash, please, together with any nominations for District officers, must reach me not later than first post, Wednesday, Oct. 9th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1050

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at West Malling, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 for those who send names to Mr. P. Carter, The Ringers, West Malling. 1033

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Aldershot (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by 9th, please, to Miss S. Tate-Mitchell, 121, Roberts Road, Aldershot. 1025

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. F. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby. — F. W. Hancock. 1054

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Stoke Hotel, Stoke Road, Guildford, on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 15s. each, are obtainable from Mr. R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. The latest date for applications is first post, Monday, October 14th. Cheque or postal order, made payable to R. H. Mills, should accompany all applications, together with a stamped (3d. after Sept. 30th) addressed envelope. 1024

LADIES' GUILD. — Forty-fifth anniversary dinner on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at the Fanmakers' Hall. Tickets 15s. 6d. each. Only a few left. Please apply at once if required to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 1060

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Supper and social at Lavenham, Oct. 26th. Tickets (price 5s. 6d. each) now available from Miss R. J. Seabrook, 31, Callis Street, Clare. Please note: No tickets will be sold after Oct. 19th. 1061

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Nov. 9th, at Castle Hotel, Tamworth, at 6 p.m. Tickets 11s. each.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 1031

LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. Percy Dyke, Ringing Master of the Reading Branch, while at work on September 4th. Quarter peals to his memory were rung at Shiplake and St. Mary's, Reading, on Sept. 8th.

Stoke St. Michael bells will not be available on Oct. 12th when the Coventry Diocesan Guild dinner is held.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—At St. Luke's Church, on Sept. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Lyddiard 1, G. Kite 2, C. W. Phillpot 3, Miss H. Thoday (first in method) 4, Miss H. Oakshett 5, P. Spice 6, D. Kirby 7, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 8. For morning service.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Northern District

London Surprise Minor was the first ringing at Barley, when the Northern District began a meeting there on September 7th. Leaving a band ringing Cambridge Surprise, three others went on to open Barkway's octave, where the meeting was to continue. Here the reverse applied; whole-pull Bob Minimus to start with until, one by one, more ringers came and the standard methods could be rung.

After an excellent 'ringers-size' tea at the Cross Keys, a short business meeting was held. St. Ippolyts was chosen for the next meeting on October 5th, with Trinity Sunday Treble Bob as the special method. J. S.

BEDFORDSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS

A party of young ringers from Kempston, Bedford, Woburn, Felmersham and Harrold spent an enjoyable day in North Bucks on August 31st.

Ringing took place at Great Horwood, Winslow, Beachampton, Stony Stratford, Leckhamstead, Buckingham and Maids Moreton.

Methods rung included London, Stedman, Kent, Grandsire, Little and Plain Bob and several Spliced Doubles methods.

At Buckingham the party was joined by one of our number engaged on National Service, as well as two local ringers. B. G.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 6th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): R. Clarke 1, E. J. Coode 2, J. Sims 3, K. Small 4, Miss B. Slark 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, B. Aldridge 7, F. Mounce 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam A.C.1 G. J. Hurrell, R.A.F., a member of the band, who passed away August 31st after a short illness.

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