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HEART OF OAK

THE name of Bragg is far from unknown in the Midlands, and in ringing circles it is familiar to all who have visited the tower of St. Alphege's Church, Solihull. As far back as the '80's (and possibly the '70's) the Braggs were intimately connected with the bells and belfry of the pretty Warwickshire village, and the intimacy has been prolonged unto the third and fourth generation.

Records of the old days towards the end of the 19th century are meagre, and little remains from which to reconstruct the times when John Bragg (senior) and his fellows rang on the old eight with its crazy frame and heavy-going bells. Those were the days of Mumford, James Holliday, the last of the Beadles, Charles Fairfield and, of course, some of the Braggs; but what they rang and how they rang it are matters on which we can pronounce very little. Legends and stories there are, of course, of their activities; of their ringing, for which they were paid; of their practices, which must have been very curious affairs; and of their social gatherings, which were, if nothing else, at least hearty. Among these doings there is recorded the story of how the band met for practice, but having waited in vain for Master Mumford, left the tower, fastening upon the belfry door the following light-hearted comment:—

> Brother Mumford, this is no joke—
> We'll meet you in 'The Royal Oak.'

The end of the evening is, unfortunately, not recorded.

In 1891, when the ringing band was reconstructed by that great enthusiast Geoffrey Martineau, the Braggs of the next generation were to the fore: John, Stanley, Roland, Archer, Samuel, George, to be reinforced and followed in after years by the third generation in Harry and Charles, an inextricable tangle of uncles, brothers, cousins, sons, nephews, second cousins—almost as many relationships as may be found in the Table of Affinities. And as sure as one Bragg dropped out so surely another arose to take his place.

All have proved to be able ringers and loyal servants of their belfry, and none among them has a greater claim to the affection and gratitude of the Church of St. Alphege than John Bragg, now 80 years of age, ringer for more than 60 years, tower-keeper over a great period in this century, a fine ringer of a heavy bell and a meticulous instructor of beginners.

John has always been known as 'J' because his father was John too, and the confusion that arose in referring to them was due not only to the similarity of their names but also to the unqualified excellence of their work. For both have been notable as great craftsmen, cunning workers in wood, and particularly in oak, the sturdy symbol of the lovely land of Arden, among whose lanes and hedgerows so many Braggs have lived, and moved, and had their being. To 'J' Bragg the manipulation of this magnificent timber and the shaping of it into inspired forms has been the skilled work of a long lifetime, a labour of love learned from his father, a devotion that has enriched many of the noble houses of Warwickshire.

And in the Parish Church of St. Alphege his work stands at every turn, in altar, pew and door, so that in this lovely House of God it might be said of John Bragg, as it was said of Wren: 'Si monumentum requiris, circumspice.' In this work will be found no flaw, no grudging turn of the hand, nothing to mar the perfection of the offering.

The 80th birthday was, by special request, celebrated in simple fashion with a visit to Packwood Church to ring on the newly-rehung six. Here among all the loveliness of the elms and sturdy oaks of Arden we rang Grandsire and Plain Bob, while the bright evening faded to the luminous afterglow of sunset, and the great chimneys of Packwood Hall grew black above the shining moat. Then, as darkness fell, on to The Punch Bowl for rest, refreshment and reminiscence, and the quiet chance to express thanks to our veteran for his long and unselfish service.

Long may this old Heart of Oak thrive to glorify God in the crafts of his workshop and in the loving care of his bells.

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
ALAN F. THIRST	2	*DENNIS RANDALL	8
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	9
JOHN R. MAYNE	4	JOHN PHILLIPS	10
JAMES PHILLIPS	5	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	11
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	6	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal on 12 bells.
Rung for the weddings this day of Dr. P. A. F. Chalk and Dr. Jean Doughty, also Michael V. Chilcott and Kathleen Weller.

TEN BELL PEALS

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	ALAN J. FROST	6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	2	†TREVOR A. CROSS	7
JOHN R. MAYNE	3	DEREK P. JONES	8
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	RALPH BIRD	9
†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † First of Surprise Royal.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

JOHN R. MAYNE	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	RALPH BIRD	7
*ALAN J. FROST	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	8
†RAYMOND G. SMITH	4	PHILIP MEHEW	9
*TREVOR A. CROSS	5	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Arranged by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † First on ten bells.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt.

*REGINALD HAYDEN	*Treble*	BERTIE A. CORNELL	6
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	7
AUDREY M. BAILEY	3	†HENRY BIRD	8
PATRICIA M. BOURN	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	9
WALTER AYRE	5	†EDWARD ROCHESTER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First on ten bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the tower captain, Mr. Frederick Bird, and also to mark his completion of 50 years as a ringer at St. Michael's.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Consisting of 1,536 Bristol, 1,472 Superlative, 1,344 Cambridge and 768 London, with 127 changes of method. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	JOHN FREEMAN	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	ROBERT COLLINS	7
JOHN R. COOPER	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 9). Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

GEORGE SAYER	*Treble*	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	5
HERBERT F. LASKEY	2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT	6
JOHN R. SMITH	3	GEORGE P. ADAMS	7
WILLIMA CLOVER	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
50th peal as conductor.
An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. H. Semmence, who has been churchwarden at the above church for 15 years.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	†DORIS E. COLGATE	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	GEOFFREY PEARSON	6
*STANLEY G. PONTING	3	JOHN L. MORRIS	7
†ERNEST J. LADD	4	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. † 75th peal together.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
JOHN WORTH'	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM R. MARSH	*Treble*	JOHN F. PEARSON	5
†RONALD RUSSELL	2	†LOUIS WILLDERS	6
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	*RONALD APPLEWHITE	7
‡LEONARD G. THOMPSON	4	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN (No. 1,297).
Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal together. ‡ First 'inside' on eight bells. This is the 50th tower in which Mr. Willders has rung a peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 20¼ cwt.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT	*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
JACK PILGRIM	3	WALTER W. MILLER	7
ALLAN R. BRIDGES	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 FORDCOME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN	*Treble*	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	5
MARGARET E. BEAMISH	2	LEWIS COBB	6
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
JOHN HARTLESS	4	R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., May 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 640 each of London, Rutland, Bristol and Watford, 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Wembley, Ealing and Lindum, with 140 changes of method.
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

ROBIN N. PITTMAN	*Treble*	JAMES H. PAILING	5
D. ROY STODDARD	2	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	6
DERMOT J. ROAF	3	ROBIN A. HODGSON	7
DONALD H. NIBLETT	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
First touch of 12-spliced by all the band and the Society.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 14, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	FRANK A. BARRETT	5
EDGAR J. SMITH	2	*DENNIS C. BOWEN	6
CHARLES COLES	3	DONALD H. NIBLETT	7
MRS. M. S. CLOKE	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5184 COSLANY COURT MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
*GEORGE SAYER	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	BERT GOGLE	7
GEORGE P. ADAMS	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* 500th peal for the Association. Believed to be the first peal in the single method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
*ROGER K. STRETTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
ERNEST J. JELLEY	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb.

WILLIAM H. EASTWELL	*Treble*	KENNETH BUCKINGHAM	5
ERNEST E. GOSLING	2	GEORGE GILBERT	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
*LINDA J. KEW (13)	4	ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM.
* First peal.
Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

JUNE M. CLEMENTS	*Treble*	DENIS R. MITCHELL	5
*JANE LANGTON	2	‡TREVOR A. CROSS	6
EDWARD F. FOSBERRY	3	‡A. PATRICK CANNON	7
†RICHARD H. PICKERING	4	†KEITH R. BURCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. ‡ 25th peal together.
Rung as a compliment to Vivienne Mason and George Francis, who were married on Saturday, May 10th.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	*EDWARD A. LEWIS	5
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	GORDON P. T. PETERS	6
RALPH BIRD	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
WILLIAM S. DEASON	4	EDWARD G. L. COWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* First peal.
Rung as a welcome home peal to Mr. Frank Oakshott, of Epsom, recently returned from Australia. Also as a wedding compliment to Kathleen Weller and Michael Chilcott, married this day at Beddington.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ST. CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

PAUL J. RIGBY	*Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON	5
AVRIL THACKRAY	2	IAN M. HOLLAND	6
STELLA HUGHES	3	JAMES H. PAILING	7
VIVIENNE M. HORTON	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
*ELSIE K. HART	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK. P. JONES.
* First peal in the method. First of Pudsey for the Guild.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

W. GEOFFREY HAIR	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
This composition, which contains the 2nd in 6th place for 6 leads only, the minimum, and 3, 4, 5 and 6 their extent there, is now rung for the first time.

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HERTFORD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
*FRANCES M. WELCH	2	RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	EDWIN G. BUCK	7
*GEORGE A. SPENCER	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 31).
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

MORTLAKE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ROBIN G. LEALE	*Treble*	*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	5
ALAN J. FROST	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
MICHAEL P. MORETON	3	RALPH BIRD	7
WILLIAM S. DEASON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 50th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MILBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANCES NEWMAN (16)	*Treble*	*GORDON BROWN (17)	4
*JOHN SMITH (15)	2	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	5
†LEONARD MILLS	3	HAROLD E. RAXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
* First peal. † First of Doubles and first on an 'inside' bell.

MEPPERSHALL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being five 240's of Pitman's, two 240's of Morris' and 28 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

*D. NEWIS	*Treble*	‡MRS. A. CRAVEN	3
†‡MARTIN MAJOR	2	‡JOHN HULME	4
P. W. TOMPKINS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by P. W. TOMPKINS.
* First peal and first attempt. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Doubles.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.)
On Sun., May 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one Morris' 240.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

JOAN CARTER	*Treble*	*DUNCAN K. MALLOCH (15)	4
*D. F. C. MALLOCH (18)	2	*ARTHUR D. J. GOODWIN (15)	5
*FREDK. SHALLCROSS (12)	3	*DAVID THOMPSON (16)	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOAN CARTER.
* First peal and first attempt. First as conductor. Believed to be the youngest resident band to ring a peal.

POLESWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL.
On Sun., May 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 six-scores (ten different callings).
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN A. STRETTON	*Treble*	HARRY HARPER	4
*EDWARD HILL	2	LEONARD TREVOR	5
*BERTRAM J. HODGETTS	3	*JOHN E. STRETTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal.
Rung for Evensong.

ASH, SURREY.
THE LADIES' GUILD.
(Southern District.)
On Fri., May 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

JOAN K. BEAZLEY	*Treble*	MONICA E. COLLINS	4
*BRENDA M. DAVIDGE	2	EILEEN M. TURNER	5
JILL M. LANE	3	ANN M. COX	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANN M. COX.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal for the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR
In 16 methods: (1) Clarence Delight; (2) Elston Delight; (3) Dover, Balmoral, Chepstow, Skipton, Fotheringay Delight; (4) Wilmslow, Rostherne and Knutsford Delight; (5) Bogedone and Ely Delight; (6) Pontefract and Donottar Delight; (7) Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; 19 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A.

JOHN R. KENNETT	*Treble*	BERNARD GROVES	4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5
*FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* 50th peal.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN T. MEDHURST	*Treble*	EDWARD J. JENNER	4
ERIC J. BRUNGER	2	*LESLIE EVEREST	5
GEORGE FRY	3	†STANLEY JENNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.
* 75th peal. † 25th peal.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

GEORGE SHELLARD	*Treble*	*ARTHUR MANSFIELD	4
MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	2	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal for 27 years.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Betty Mansfield. Also a first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Shellard.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON VICTORY DELIGHT MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 127, 128, 124).
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	*Treble*	ALAN J. FROST	4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	2	PHILIP MEHEW	5
*RAYMOND G. SMITH	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal in the method (C.C.C. 4D. 27).
Rung to commemorate V.E. Day, May 8th, 1945.

STOCKLAND, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 19 240's (eight callings) and four 120's (two callings).
Tenor 14 cwt.

*LESLIE MORRELL	*Treble*	DONALD SALTER	4
WILLIAM SPARKS	2	WILLIAM WEBB	5
EDWARD SUMMERS	3	CYRIL JOYCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.
* First peal away from tenor.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5760 DOUBLES

Comprising 48 extents in 11 methods, viz.: One extent of Stedman, two extents each of St. Peter's Bob, Kennington Bob and Old Doubles, six extents each of St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, four extents of Grandsire, five extents each of St. Simon's Bob and St. Martin's Bob, one extent of Spliced St. Simon's Bob and Plain Bob, one extent of Spliced St. Martin's Bob and Plain Bob, and seven extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

JAMES W. FORDER	*Treble*	GODFREY G. WALPOLE	3
MICHAEL J. STOKES	2	TERENCE G. PAGE	4

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. *Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

First peal of Doubles in 11 methods by all. Longest length by all, and on the bells.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Warnes, a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., May 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	ROLAND BENISTON	4
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal of Minor in the method by all except the conductor, and for the Guild.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's, C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 49, 50, 51, and two variations. Tenor 11 cwt.

*GERALD C. HEMMING	*Treble* / 2	REV. ALBERT WEBB	4
		BRENDA M. SMITH	5
†MICHAEL G. SELBY	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal on two tower bells. † First peal.

BECKLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*RICHARD G. SEELEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTTON	4
†JOAN V. GARNETT	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	STANLEY G. PONTING	*Tenor*

Conducting shared by ringers of 5 and 6.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung to welcome the Rev. A. R. Jacobs to the parish.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

DENIS A. FRITH	*Treble*	*ROY STEPHENSON	4
*PATRICIA HOLMES	2	*ROLAND H. COOK	5
†J. HARRY COOK	3	MICHAEL SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Cambridge Minor 'inside.' First Surprise peal on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. R. T. H. Pearse, whose induction took place the previous evening; also to celebrate his engagement to Miss Elizabeth Ridgway, of Maidenhead.

CLEEVE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-APOSTLE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

RAYMOND W. SELBY	*Treble*	†WILLIAM B. POMEROY (16)	4
*MICHAEL SELBY (15)	2	J. ALFRED SELBY	5
†SHEILA KEYTE (16)	3	ARTHUR SHOREY	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND W. SELBY.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal at first attempt.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

EILEEN WOOLDRIDGE	*Treble*	GRAHAM MCKAY	4
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	2	DEREK SIBSON	5
IAN F. TAYLOR	3	ROGER KEELEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER KEELEY.

A compliment to John R. Leeming, a former Master of the Society, and Miss Helen Coney, who were married at Lyminster, Sussex, on May 10th.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

HARRY J. HALL	*Treble*	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	4
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
HENRY TOOKE	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung on the 10th anniversary of Mr. F. C. J. Arnold's first peal, which was also at Mulbarton.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE COUNTY HALL.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15.

THOMAS J. LOCK	1—2	JOHN FREEMAN	5—6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3—4	WILFRID G. WILSON	7—8

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 13, 1958, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. R. RENDER	1—2	*K. B. SISSONS	3—4
JOHN POTTS	5—6		

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

* First peal on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., May 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT SELWYN COLLEGE.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

*M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall)	1—2	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	5—6
*M. J. HARBORD (Trin. Hall)	3—4	*P. H. LANGTON (Trinity)	7—8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.

* First peal of Major on handbells. First as conductor on handbells.

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HALF PEALS

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On April 10th, 3,072 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. H. Niblett (cond.) 1, Kathleen Wright 2, J. G. Pusey 3, D. J. Roaf 4, P. C. Wright 5, P. R. Sanders 6, C. J. B. Taylor 7, R. A. Hodgson 8.

TURVEY, BEDS.—On April 17th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Helen Nevin 1, B. Pattison (cond.) 2, Anne E. Amor 3, Jennifer M. Davies 4, R. A. Ward 5, K. Wakefield 6, D. Houghton 7, W. Dowler 8. Rung after meeting late for a peal attempt.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. F. Gough 1, D. A. Shaw (first 'inside') 2, Pamela R. Gough (cond.) 3, Diana M. Gough 4, H. W. Brown 5, I. C. Forrest 6. For Evensong.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—At the Parish Church, on May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (two tenors): J. Barlow (aged 11, first quarter) 1, Joan Carter (cond.) 2, F. Shallcross (12) 3, W. Harrison 4, D. J. Marshall (15, first quarter) 5, D. Lamont (15) 6, M. Gibson (15) 7. Birthday compliments to 4 and 5, also Duncan Malloch.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Poynor 1, Patricia Wardle 2, Rev. P. Blackman 3, Christine Wakefield 4, E. Jelley 5, B. Warick 6, R. Morris (cond.) 7, P. Martin 8. For Ascension Day.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Lott 1, Monica Fray 2, D. Smith 3, T. Phillips 4, W. Blake 5, L. Derrick 6, J. Brain 7, M. Horseman (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1 and 3. For Evensong on Ascension Day.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On May 11th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 London and 576 Cambridge): Miss J. M. Jones 1, Miss M. R. Andrews 2, Miss B. A. Thompson 3, J. L. Morris 4, R. Woodcock 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On May 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. V. White 1, R. E. Finch 2, Margaret E. L. Beamish (cond.) 3, G. Pullinger 4, D. C. Exell 5, R. A. Read 6, D. J. Forder 7, D. d'A. R. Blackwall 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8, and on the bells. Rung by members of the Southampton University Guild on Commemoration Day.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On May 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. B. Corden 1, Miss S. E. Miles 2, W. Daniels 3, P. R. Andrews 4, F. J. Stonton 5, A. E. Daniels 6, J. R. Mossop (first of Major as cond.) 7, D. J. Meager 8. A farewell to Mr. J. R. Mossop, who is leaving for Prestatyn, North Wales.

BRECON.—On May 12th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Doubles (180 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 600 Grandsire): A. Matthews 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 4, W. G. Smith 5, G. P. Davies 6, C. G. Bryant 7, D. Stokes 8. First in three methods for 1, 6, 7 and 8. Rung in honour of the 100th birthday of Professor John Evans, B.A., of Brecon.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Herd 1, W. Rogers (cond.) 2, A. E. Bissat 3, R. Pearce 4, H. Stacey 5, J. Bowden 6, C. Taylor 7, H. Trewin 8. Rung in honour of the 70th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. F. H. Kingdon as Vicar of this parish.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Stedman and 660 Grandsire): Mary Wadman (first quarter) 1, Ruth Bevan (first quarter) 2, E. Wadman 3, R. G. Beck (cond.) 4, D. Targell 5, E. J. Chivers 6. For Evensong.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—At the Church of St. James, on May 18th, 1,256 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Prockson 1, Miss E. Wooldridge 2, W. G. Wilson 3, A. Lewry 4, G. Parsons 5, W. Prockson 6, J. Marks 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. For morning service.

CLIFFORD CHAMBERS, GLOS.—On May 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Selby 1, M. G. Selby (15) 2, Sheila Keyte (16) 3, W. B. Pomeroy (15) 4, Rev. A. Webb (first as cond.) 5, R. W. Selby 6. First in method by all except conductor.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Newis 1, Mrs. A. Craven 2, Miss S. Percival 3, M. Major 4, P. W. Tompkins 5, J. Hulme (first as cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, P. J. Woodgyer 2, T. S. Baker 3, June Richardson 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, Josephine Pole 6. Rung to welcome Elizabeth Mary, a daughter to Peter and Joan Woodgyer. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, T. S. Baker 2, June Richardson 3, A. Grant (first on a working bell) 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, Josephine Pole 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Maynard 1, June Richardson 2, P. J. Woodgyer 3, T. S. Baker 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, Susan Goodfellow 6. Rung for the morning and evening service on the eve of the patronal festival.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On May 18th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. S. Hobden (cond.) 1, Mrs. Betty Percy 2, A. Purdom 3, F. H. Dallaway 4, L. J. Baldock 5, H. G. F. Reynolds 6, R. P. Wood 7, J. W. Rollison 8. For Matins.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Cherie Payne 1, Ann Howells 2, D. J. F. Oakshott 3, W. Robinson 4, G. A. Cockman 5, G. Gray 6, F. Oakshott (cond.) 7, W. Parrott 8. Rung to welcome home Frank Oakshott from his holiday in Australia.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.—On May 16th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: C. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 1, Miss I. Lindsey 2, C. Wilkinson 3, J. Lindsey (first 'inside') 4, J. H. Musson 5. For Ascension Day.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): A. A. Booth 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, C. Rigby 3, G. G. Mansfield 4, C. Massingham 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Betty M. Mansfield.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 9th, 1,440 Doubles (360 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Southrepps, Kennington, April Day): Miss P. Whitmee, 1, D. Warren 2, A. Henman 3, A. R. Jones (cond.) 4, R. Henman 5.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Brown 1, L. Hitchins 2, A. Knight 3, E. Hitchins 4, P. Harding 5, D. Knight 6, F. Slatford (cond.) 7, J. Case 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. L. Hitchins and Miss G. M. Watts upon their engagement.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Pugh 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss E. Loveland (first 'inside') 3, N. Carter 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Barker 1, A. H. Cross 2, C. Watson 3, A. Hartley (cond.) 4, D. Stone 5, A. H. Bates 6, G. Coussins 7, E. Foster 8.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Lee 1, Ann Ellis 2, J. Ellis 3, G. Pickavance 4, C. Smith 5, R. Morris 6, J. Thomas (cond.) 7, W. Smith 8. For the festival of Easter.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. E. Ivings 1, P. M. Adcock 2, J. B. Morley (cond.) 3, H. Ivings 4, L. N. Melton 5.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Escott 1, A. F. R. Hartley 2, A. M. Coombs 3, J. W. Wallace 4, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 5, D. Hoare (first quarter) 6. For Ascension Day.

PENDOYLAN, GLAM.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Marchant 1, B. Taylor 2, B. Kingston 3, I. Goodfellow 4, G. Stickland (cond.) 5, R. Hughes (15) 6.

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REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—On April 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Whiting (cond.) 1, C. A. Thompson 2, A. E. Head 3, L. J. Minns 4, G. Gower 5, R. Plummer 6, L. E. Etheridge 7, W. Flatt 8. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 5. Also on April 20th, 1,280 combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major by the same band standing in the same order.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mary Atkinson (first quarter) 1, D. French 2, I. Tilling 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, Elizabeth A. Wardill 5, Susan Chaddock 6, P. Walker 7, F. Fisher 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. First of Bob Royal by 2, 3 and 7. Rung to celebrate the precious gift of twin daughters to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, Sheffield, on April 26th, 1958.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob: R. Newsum 1, C. Geary 2, Mrs. W. E. Simpson 3, J. Harvey 4, W. E. Simpson (cond.) 5, Mr. Marshall 6. A birthday compliment to John Harvey, ringer of the 4th.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Baugh (first quarter) 1, Judy Robinson 2, K. Lane 3, K. R. Foot 4, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 5, J. K. Foot 6.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. J. Rowe 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, Miss F. Secker 4, H. Howson 5, M. Cubitt 6, B. Bladon 7, L. Green 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest Rowe, father of E. J. Rowe.

STEPNEY, E.—At the Church of St. Dunstan, on May 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: H. Knauss 1, Miss B. Tester 2, B. Martin 3, H. Weedon 4, A. Lewry (cond.) 5, L. Fox 6. First in method for 1 and 4. For evening service.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Morton (first quarter) 1, R. P. Wood 2, Miss G. Smith 3, Miss J. Horton 4, R. Blackman (first of Grandsire Doubles as cond.) 5, J. R. Maple 6. For Rogation Sunday. Also on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Wright (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Smith 2, Miss A. Middleton 3, Miss J. Horton 4, L. Stilwell (cond.) 5, J. R. Maple 6. For Ascension Day, and as a farewell to John Young, who has joined the R.A.F.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Herd 1, W. Rogers (cond.) 2, A. E. Bissat 3, R. Pearce 4, H. Stacey 5, C. Taylor 6, C. Sangwin 7, J. W. Sangwin 8. A birthday compliment to the captain at this tower, Mr. Charles Sangwin, and also to the conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Caroline Howlett 1, V. Griffin (cond.) 2, Mrs. V. Griffin 3, Mavis Wright 4, Mrs. E. Sutton 5, Dr. G. Rowarth 6. To mark Rogationtide.

SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL, DERBYS.—On May 15th, 1,296 Francis Genius Delight Minor: K. Ballington 1, C. Walklate 2, Miss P. Forster 3, F. Lowe 4, R. Baldwin 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6. First in method by all. For Ascension Day.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: P. D. Chapman 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, D. Hewitt 3, F. C. Maynard 4, W. Dowler 5, F. W. Sykes 6, E. E. Holman 7, B. R. Downes (cond.) 8, R. J. Chapman 9, F. Taylor 10. For Ascension Day.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Myra J. Wilkins 1, B. W. Metcalfe 2, Rita M. Webb 3, Sandra Lewis 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, C. J. Turner 6. For Ascension Day service and also as an engagement compliment to Miss M. Gay and Miss M. Kilmaster, both local ringers.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Jarman 1, Mrs. D. North 2, G. Salter 3, P. Bird (first as cond.) 4, D. North 5, G. Walford 6, W. Slocombe 7, C. Baker 8. For Evensong.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Robertson 1, Janice Cawdrey 2, Valerie Waterfield 3, D. McNeil 4, D. Emmerson (first 'inside') 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of Ascension Day.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. P. Moreton 1, Anne Garnett 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. Bishop 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, M. Sinden 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of David John Sinden on April 28th.

OUTINGS

CLUTTON, SOMERSET

It was rather overcast on May 3rd when Clutton ringers and friends set off on their outing (four ringers had already travelled 15 to 20 miles by car). The first tower was Redmarley D'Abitot, a good-going six, recently rehung, where we received a cordial welcome from the Rector and one of the local ringers. A short run then took us to Ledbury, a delightful ring of eight (if only we could have struck them better). The long draught slowed up the ringing, but a course of Bob Major was creditable. The weather, by this time, was glorious, and some of the party enjoyed a sandwich lunch sitting on the grass. A scenic ride, via Tewkesbury, delighted the non-ringers of the party particularly, and took us to Toddington. The Vicar kindly showed the party the most interesing parts of his lovely church before ringing commenced. One noteworthy effort was a course of Kent T.B. Minor rung by five ladies with one (imported) gentleman to ring the tenor. The church stands in a private estate and, set in its surroundings, looked wonderful on the day of our visit.

The gentleman with the largest pile of Ordnance Survey maps directed the driver to Bourton-on-the-Water. On arrival we found that a visiting party earlier in the day had broken the stay on the second (tut, tut!). As it was, we rang six. Ringing included a course of London and concluded with a very good fall.

Our last tower was Malmesbury Abbey, where Mr. H. Blacker, a former Clutton ringer, welcomed us. We very much enjoyed these bells and were particularly congratulated on our rise in peal.

Thanks are accorded to all incumbents and local ringers, and especially to Mr. C. S. Bennett, our organiser. M. E. F.

CORSTON, SOMERSET

On May 10th the ringers of All Saints', Corston, Bath, accompanied by the Rector and friends from other towers, visited North Devon for their annual outing. A start was made soon after 8 a.m. by three cars, followed shortly after by a fourth, plus a family wagon. At Swimbridge the party were met by the Vicar, and the pleasant six were soon raised in peal. Those not ringing were able to admire the church, with its magnificent screen and unusual font.

A move was then made to Landkey, where a sandwich lunch was taken, augmented by liquid refreshment from the Ring of Bells close to the church and situated in a very pleasant locality. After 45 minutes on the bells the party left for Tawstock. A somewhat tortuous route led to the ringing chamber, but the lovely eight bells gave satisfaction to all. The next tower was Bishop's Tawton, where the party were met by the local tower captain (Mr. H. C. Lock), who led the rise in peal and conducted a touch of call-changes, '60 on thirds.'

The last ring of the day was at Chittlehampton, where the party were joined by the Vicar (Rev. J. H. B. Andrews), who was able to enjoy a well-struck course of Cambridge Major. The party were loath to leave this very handy eight, but the return journey was eventually accomplished with the usual pause for sustenance en route. Thanks are due to the incumbents concerned for the use of the bells and to the various tower masters for their very kind welcome.

PUTNEY

Putney ringers rang at seven towers in three counties on their annual outing on May 10th. An early start was made and the fine octave at Boyne Hill was going by 9.15 a.m. The next ringing was on the pleasant six at the fine Perpendicular church of Ewelme, Oxfordshire. At Iffley we were given a great welcome by the Vicar and the whole band. We then went into Oxford, and after ringing at St. Giles' partook of a much-needed tea. The next stop was Cuddesdon, and our coach only just managed to negotiate the narrow lanes. From here we passed on to Great Milton.

Our last call was to the 'Church on the Hill' at West Wycombe, Bucks. After a wild scramble up the precipitous hill, during which a lady member of the party lost her shoe, the now very exhausted band reached the church. Strength soon returned, however, and ringing was almost forgotten in the ascent to the golden ball which surmounts the church tower. A. C.

PRESTBURY, GLOS

The first outing of the season was to visit Parkend, on the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. G. R. H. Smith. The six at Awre and eight at Lydney were rung on the outward journey, and after enjoying an excellent tea in the Vicarage at Parkend, the eight tubular bells were put to good use. A course of Grandsire Doubles was brought home on the back six. This is an unusual early-Victorian church, cruciform in shape, and the parish is the centre for some of the best country in the Forest of Dean. We had to tear ourselves away to return by way of Hewelsfield and Alvington, both with five bells, on which a variety of methods were rung. Alvington bells were only just ringable. C. R.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

On Ascension Day the bells of Slough Parish Church were rung for the 9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist service by an all-school band from the Slough and Eton C.E. Secondary Modern School for the school's service. No less than 13 present pupils and two members of the staff can handle a bell. In the afternoon Linda Kew (13) followed this up by ringing her first peal, the fourth to Bob Major, at Maidenhead. The headmaster has asked that the scholars concerned ring handbell tunes at the school speech day on June 12th.

Mr. J. Ridyard informs us that the open day for ringing at Liverpool Cathedral will be June 21st instead of November as in previous years.

With the peal of Cinques at Reading (see page 310) Mr. Philip Mchew has completed the cycle of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Mr. F. Neville Pailing, who rang the treble to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry campanile (see page 295), informs us that he is only 13 years of age. Congratulations, Neville; you must have looked 14 in our correspondent's eyes.

There was a disturbance during the peal at Offenham, Worcs, on April 26th, in which three young ringers were attempting their first peal. A lady opened the door of the ringing chamber and looked inside. The youngsters behaved like more experienced ringers and continued through to score a successful peal.

Writing from the Department of Physiology, Melbourne University, Mr. Peter G. Richards informs us that by the end of the year, when he has grabbed most of the Australian towers, he hopes to continue his journey back to England. Taught to ring at Tunstall, Kent, and a member of the Kent County Association, he has, as yet, rung all his peals outside the British Isles. His first peal was rung at Hamilton Cathedral, New Zealand, on December 11th, 1954.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Cranleigh on May 17th is believed to be the first peal rung there for over 35 years. The peal was in the same method, but there are only three of the band left who took part in it. They are Cecil Charman, Leslie Warner and Ernest Warner. It was also the first peal since the recasting of the bells and, of course, the first for the Guildford Diocesan Guild rung at Cranleigh. Six of the band were local ringers, and it was the first peal for Joan Beeson and Donald Kirk, the new hon. secretary of the Guildford District.

'Art Sixth girls will never make ringers—they cannot count.' Comment of a Science Sixth recruit in a Surrey tower.

Messrs. Alan J. Frost, Philip Mchew, Kenneth R. Dunstan and Derek P. Jones rang three peals on May 10th, at Langleybury, Rickmansworth and Watford.

Honoured in our quarter peal column this week is Prof. John Evans, former principal of the Memorial College, Brecon, who preached in a broadcast service on May 18th in the Welsh Home Service. His 100th birthday was on May 12th.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick has 'circled' the Loughborough Bell Foundry campanile ten times, which is certainly a first on a 10-bell tower if not in any other tower. The number of times he has rung each bell is treble 11, second 13, third 11, fourth 13, fifth 10, sixth 13, seventh 10, eighth 10, ninth 10, tenor 15.

Visiting West Mersea, Essex (5, tenor 5¾ cwt.), Mr. Victor Sheppard writes: Wheel on treble only; all woodwork decayed and most fittings missing. Old frame in poor condition. All bells inscribed: 'Thomas Gardiner fecit, Sudbury 1717.' Treble has a large hole 3 inches long and 1 inch deep on the outside—a casting defect. Quite unringable.

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THE HALLOWING OF ALL SAINTS', MAIDSTONE, BELLS

FOR several years past the Kent County Association were concerned by the poor state of All Saints', Maidstone, bells, and quite a fair amount of quiet work and persuasion took place, until early in 1957 the Mayor of Maidstone (Ald. F. Leslie Wallis) launched an appeal for £3,500 to have the ten bells recast and rehung. This target was passed in the short time of six weeks. The necessary faculty being obtained, the bells were removed in September and the old frame dismantled from the bell loft by the bell-founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Also removed were 40 dustbins of pigeon guano, many derelict pigeons and the accumulation of several years' dust.

The bells having been despatched to Loughborough for recasting, the tower was prepared to receive the new iron frame. As reported in the 'R.W.', a party of Maidstone District ringers visited the foundry in February to inspect the new bells and fittings. March saw the bells returned to Maidstone together with their new frame, and the task of installing in the tower began. This was completed in time for a short dedication service on Easter Saturday, which enabled the bells to ring for Easter Day.

The full dedication took place on May 10th. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Maidstone (Rt. Rev. S. W. Betts). In attendance also were the Vicar (Canon Frank Bennett), the Mayor of Maidstone (Ald. S. J. Lyle) and members of the Corporation. The service was attended by a large congregation of ringers and parishioners.

The Bishop in his address said the blessing of bells dated back by custom to the 8th century, by a sprinkling of water in those days. Today they were blessed in the name of God. When the bells rang out they proclaimed that the whole of life belonged to God, and when they called one to worship they did not call one from the main duties of life, to escape from normal problems, but called to share in something that was essential in life, God's love. Love was the only weapon the Church had in the offensive against evil.

The choir followed the Bishop's address with Henry Purcell's 'The Bells Anthem.' Immediately following, the Bishop was conducted to the belfry, together with the Vicar and Ald. Wallis, where the captain of the tower (Mr. L. Mannering) asked that the bells be blessed. The end of the blessing was a signal for the bells to peal out in rounds, followed by a well-struck touch of Stedman Caters. It was a truly lovely sound as the Bishop, Mayor and Corporation, Vicar and company retired to the Old Palace for tea. As reported in the 'R.W.' of May 10th, a peal has been composed by Mr. Louis Head and will be attempted in the near future for the first on the bells.

The opinion of three of the listening public was invited, and reports were: 'Very much better sounding'; 'More bearable now'; and 'Very, very nice to hear them again.' Amongst the ringing fraternity the reaction was one of satisfaction and pleasure with such a fine ring.

Thanks are due to all who supported the fund, to Messrs. John Taylor and Co. for their art in casting and tuning, and to the two foundry fitters, namely Mr. A. Fidler and Mr. K. Jones, also Monty and Maurice for a job well done.

The inscriptions from the old bells were reproduced on the new, together with an extra one on the tenor, which now reads as follows:

1840
Thomas Mears, Founder, London
Rev. James Reeve, Minister
Henry Argles, Thomas Laurence,
Churchwardens.
Me and my fellows recast were
When Leslie Wallis was the Mayor
1957. P. M. T.

The new tenor at Maidstone in position. Its approximate weight is 33 cwt.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The third annual meeting of the Guild of Medical Ringers took place on May 17th at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Tring (8, 24 cwt.). Ringing, under the direction of the Master (R. E. Price), began soon after 3 and continued until 4.30, when a service of Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. K. Lowdell), who also gave an address.

The business meeting then took place in the belfry. A report on the year's activities by the secretary (D. L. Gullick) was received, and the president (P. T. Spencer-Phillips), who took the chair, was re-elected, as were the other two officers. Two new associate members were elected. Future activities were discussed; a report was given on prospects for the Dorset weekend (July 5th/6th), plans for another peal attempt, and another City meeting in the autumn. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Great Baddow. Finally, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and to the local band for their hospitality.

Among those whom we were particularly pleased to see at the meeting were Dr. Jean Weddell, on leave from her work for children in Korea, and two student members, Messrs. Martin and Thornley, of the Middlesex Hospital.

After the business meeting further ringing went on until 7 o'clock. By then, as we became used to each other and to the bells, the standard reached became better and better, and the culminating 'presidential touch' of Stedman set the seal on the performance. We did not make a success of Surprise, but among more common methods achieved was a course of Double Oxford Bob Major.

At 7.30 a company of 19, including the Vicar and Mrs. Lowdell, sat down to dinner at the King's Head, Ivinghoe. Full justice was done to an excellent meal, and then, before separating—after a most enjoyable meeting—the proceedings were brought to an end in the fashion which is becoming a tradition: that is, by a few touches 'in hand,' on this occasion rung in the gathering twilight on the village green.

D. L. G.

AN EBBW VALE VETERAN

A very pleasant function took place at Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, Mon, on May 10th, when 33 ringers and friends honoured their oldest member, Mr. J. Jeynes, on his 80th birthday. A supper given by the ringers, was prepared by the ladies of the band. Canon Davies, Vicar of the parish, presided, and proposed a toast to Mr. Jeynes, who then cut a birthday cake which had been made by one of the ladies. Whilst this was taking place, junior members of the band rang 'Happy Birthday' on handbells.

Tributes to his genial personality and steadfastness were paid by the Master of the ringers, deputy, churchwardens and other friends. Mr. Jeynes suitably responded.

Despite his great age, Mr. Jeynes still rings regularly for Sunday services and on practice nights. In the afternoon a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in his honour, Mr. D. J. King, of Chepstow, conducting.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Nine towers were represented at the Society's meeting at South Kirby on May 10th, but the numbers attending were affected by the meeting clashing with the Yorkshire Association's annual meeting at Pontefract. This the secretary hoped would be avoided next year.

An excellent tea was provided, free of charge, by the ladies, and the Vicar (Rev. M. Lindley) gave a hearty welcome to the Society. He deplored the fact that he had only three ringers at present and asked for someone to teach them. Three new members from South Kirby—Robert Wilson, Trevor Kemp and Allen Brewer—were elected. The next meeting, at Silkstone on June 14th, would be the shield contest, the entries for which close on June 7th. Mr. Noel F. Moxon (president) who presided, thanked the Vicar and churchwardens, those who made local arrangements, and the ladies. Supporting the proposition, Mr. John W. Moxon said he hoped South Kirby would have a team of ringers before long. Good use was made of the bells before and after the meeting.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival

ON Saturday, May 10th, the Chester Guild held its annual festival at Bowdon, when about 100 members and friends were present. At the service in church the Vicar (Canon D. P. Low) preached and the general secretary of the Guild (Rev. J. Kingdon) conducted the service, whilst the Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke) read the lesson.

The Vicar took the parable of the talents as the basis of his remarks, and made the point that the talents were given to be used and that those servants who employed their talents were commended, whereas the one who hid his talent was reprimanded and his talent taken away from him. He suggested that we should use our talents, whatever they might be, in the service of the Church, and gave examples showing how architects, musicians, painters, sculptors, embroiderers and dramatists had all contributed to the beauty of the Church and its services. So could ringers contribute in their own special way. This must not, however, become a substitute for the offering of our own life in the service of God, but that we express the offering of ourselves to God by our talents and hope to be a 'reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto Him.'

Tea was served in the schools by the local ringers, assisted by those from neighbouring towers, and an excellent meal was enjoyed. The annual meeting followed tea, under the chairmanship of the Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke). Apologies were received from the Rev. A. L. Minns, Mr. A. W. Frost and Mr. L. Boumphrey. It was mentioned that the Rev. A. L. Minns had now taken over a new parish on a housing estate, and that the new church would have a tower to which it was proposed to remove the now derelict six bells from Holy Trinity Church, Chester.

The annual report of the Guild was presented and copies were distributed to the Branch secretaries present.

The report recorded the death of the following members: George Bason (Rostherne), W. Stanley Booth (Daresbury), Albert Crawley (Wistaston), James Fernley (Norbury), Edward Hooper (Lawton), Pamela Hill (Oxton), Herbert Roberts (Dodleston), Noah Smith (Grappenhall) and Clement H. Taylor (Chelford); also the following non-resident members: Ernest T. Allaway, Frank Bennett, C. Henry Harding, Charles H. Page, Ernest C. S. Turner and Walter W. Wolstencroft.

The membership was 706 ringing, 20 life ringing and 16 honorary members from 87 towers. The financial affairs of the Guild were in a satisfactory state and 103 peals were rung for the Guild in 1957. There were 27 first pealers and 30 conductors, six of whom called a peal for the first time. Peals of Bristol Surprise Royal, 18, 22 and 25 methods of Spliced Surprise Major and ten methods of Doubles had been rung for the first time.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS

Messrs. W. Allman and A. J. Martin reported on last year's Central Council meeting, and suggested that a discussion be set on foot on this year's agenda. Various topics were discussed and it was decided that if possible some move should be made to condemn the adverse publicity which the long peal attempt at Loughborough had suffered, as it was felt that this had caused considerable damage to the prestige of the Exercise. It was also decided to forward a resolution to the Council for the 1959 meeting requiring that for long peal attempts the bells should be clearly audible both inside and outside the tower, and that in such attempts food and drink be not permitted.

Next year's festival was arranged for May 9th at a suitable place in the Wirral Branch.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected and thanked for their services during the year.

Votes of thanks were accorded Canon Low for his assistance, the incumbents of the towers where ringing had taken place, the wardens, the organist and the choirboys, the local ringers and the ladies, who under the direction of Miss A. Brown had catered so ably.

Ringing was enjoyed at Bowdon, Dunham Massey, Warburton and Rostherne during the afternoon and evening, and every Branch in the Guild, except Northwich and Crewe, was represented at the festival. C. K. L.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual competition of the St. David's Diocesan Guild for the Dr. Prosser Shield was held at the Church of St. Teilo, Llandilo, on May 10th. Although the weather was not very kind, it did not prevent a good gathering attending.

Five bands competed, and Mr. F. Sharpe again acted as adjudicator. After tea in the Cawdor Hall, attended by 74 members, the results were announced as follows: 1st Llanelly, 277 marks, 23 faults; 2nd Llanbadarn Fawr, 272, 28; 3rd Llandilo, 270, 30; 4th Tenby, 249, 51; 5th scratch band 158, 142.

The Vicar (Canon T. Hughes) presented the shield and certificate to the Llanelly band and a certificate to the second band.

As a mark of appreciation for his services to the Guild, Mrs. Lewis, C.C., of Llandilo, presented Mr. Sharpe with a brief case, suitably inscribed. Mr. Sharpe, although taken a little by surprise, ably replied.

After votes of thanks, proposed by Mr. Chris Hawkins, came the highlight of the evening—a display of requested tunes by the Launton handbell ringers. Their wonderful performance was thoroughly enjoyed. The Vicar closed the meeting with prayer, and members returned to the tower to finish the evening.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

THE 73rd annual meeting of the Sussex Association was held at St. Peter's, Brighton, on May 3rd. Ringing at the local towers took place during the afternoon and after the business meeting.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Brighton (Canon D. H. Booth), who also gave the address. He remarked upon the good singing by so many Sunday singing service ringers, a vocation we hope will always be found amongst us. A collection was taken for church expenses.

At the tea in the Church Hall we were pleased to have with us the Vicar. The meal was arranged by the St. Peter's ladies' organisations, who were warmly thanked by the Master (Mr. R. V. Johnson) for such a fine effort.

The Master presided at the business meeting. An act of remembrance of those ringers who had passed on during the year was observed.

The Master informed the meeting that he had been invited to and attended, on the Association's behalf, the enthronement of the new Bishop of Chichester at the Cathedral.

The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read and signed: the only matter arising was in respect of the display of bells and a model foundry given by Mr. and Mrs. Elphick at the church tent at Bognor in July last, at the Sussex County exhibition. Mr. Blackman proposed a hearty vote of thanks for such an outstanding effort.

The various reports were given and duly accepted. Peals were fewer than last year but still above the average. The divisional levies again caused a great deal of discussion, the interest of £33 gained on the sale of Post Office certificates was used to bring these down to 75 per cent. of the year's income. In the election of officers the only alterations were those of the central fund auditors, Mr. Riddington replacing Mr. Overy, who was warmly thanked for his past services, and the trustees, Mr. S. E. Armstrong replacing Mr. L. Stilwell, who was now hon. peal secretary.

The secretary was instructed to write to the new Bishop of Chichester, to ask him if he would honour the Association by becoming its president.

It was decided to let divisional secretaries hold six signed certificates each to enable easier distributions to be made.

As only one Central Council delegate would be going to Ireland it was decided that he should be given £12 towards his expenses, being the approximate cost of four delegates sent to Chelmsford last year.

Item 13 on the agenda was 'New rules to be formulated and a sub-committee be formed to prepare same' This created a lively discussion, members feeling that the present rules needed too much understanding and too much time over the past three years had been given to finance. It was advocated that divisional funds should be put into a central fund. A subcommittee was formed, consisting of the following: The Master, treasurer, general secretary, Mr. R. Overy and one representative from each division.

The general secretary (Mr. R. W. R. Percy) pointed out that the 75th anniversary was drawing near and preparations should soon be started if the Association decided to hold same. It was decided that this should be discussed at the next business meeting of each division and their views passed on to the general secretary.

As no news was available regarding the writing up of the Association's peal book, given in memory of the late Oliver Sippetts, Mr. Blackman offered to investigate and to report in due course. R. W. R. P.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POWER OF CO-OPTION

Dear Sir,—Like the good secretary he is, Mr. E. A. Barnett comes straight back with his references about the co-option powers of 'The Ringing World' Committee of the Central Council. 'Mr. W. W. is mistaken.' How refreshing to read it straight to the point like that. If I am, then of course I apologise to all concerned.

But if you, sir, will allow me to say so (*a*) I'm not sure that I'm mistaken, and (*b*) if I am, then I feel that 'The Ringing World' Committee have been given this power unwisely and it would be well for the Council's officers to reconsider the matter.

As regards (*a*), the decision that the Committee should have power to co-opt was made in 1951. This decision ought properly, of course, to be a rule and be incorporated in Rule 11 which relates to the appointment of committees. The handbook published in 1956 does not include it, though the fact, quoted by Mr. Barnett, that the similar power given to the Standing Committee was embodied in the Rules in 1956 proves my point that it is a proper subject for a rule.

If not a rule then the 1951 agreement must be a decision. But it is not included in the section of the handbook containing those decisions. When the report of the Handbook Sub-Committee was presented to the Council at its meeting in 1955 at Bristol, there was also passed on the proposition of Mr. Barnett a resolution rescinding all the previous decisions of the Council and substituting those presented in an appendix at that meeting by the Handbook Sub-Committee. That appendix included the co-option power of the Standing Committee and a brief reference to other committees, but did not include the co-option for 'The Ringing World' Committee.

There is a further section of the handbook headed 'Active committees—an account of their work.' In the account of the Standing Committee the power to co-opt is mentioned. In the case of none of the other committees is such mention made, though 'The Ringing World' Committee account refers to the new committee of 1951.

With regard to (*b*) above, I know that it is not uncommon for an authority to give its committees a power to co-opt members. But this power, if given, must be limited to protect the interests of the Council and its members. In the case of the Standing Committee such a limitation (to two members) has been made, although as that committee includes the officers of the Council, there would be no likelihood of the committee going off the rails. But there is no such limitation in the 1951 decision, so that between the triennial elections it would be possible for the committee to change its personnel and policy to an undesirable extent. The ordinary Council back-bencher has very little say in the actions of the Council and its committees except in voting for the membership of the committees, and if vacancies are filled by co-option he is deprived of that chance.

May I suggest that the Council's officers give serious consideration to these matters if the points I have made in (*a*) above are held not to be valid.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

Wembley, Middx.

STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—The composition of Stedman Triples, viz.: Carter's Odd Bob One-part, is (probably owing to my bad writing) wrongly printed. The calling from the 4th course should read D B C D D C A, and then as printed. The calling of A should read 2, 6, 10, 12, 14.—Sincerely yours, E. JENKINS.

Oldham.

ST. ANNE'S PARISH CHURCH BELLS

Dear Sir,—I would like to correct a statement in the article '130 Miles in Lancashire' which appeared in the issue of May 16th, to the effect that St. Anne's Parish Church bells were cast only two years ago.

These bells were cast in 1890 by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and were dedicated on September 18th, 1890. They were rehung two years ago on ball-bearings, also by John Taylor, and reopened on Easter Sunday, 1956.

The bells were named after the Clifton family who were benefactors of the church. These are as follows:—

Treble: Frances Victoria and Charles Caryl Clifton, 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.
2: Harry Arthur Clifton, 4 cwt. 18 lb.
3: Constance Gertrude Cecily Clifton, 4 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.
4: Cuthbert Clifton, 5 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.
5: Madeline Edith Clifton, 6 cwt. 3 qr.
6: John Talbot Clifton, 8 cwt. 3 qr.
7: The Lady Eleanor Cecily Clifton, 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.
Tenor: 'In Memoriam' Thomas Henry and John Talbot Clifton, 16 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.—Yours sincerely,

HARRY R. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.,
St. Anne's Parish Church Belfry,

'AN UNUSUAL GIFT OF BELLS'

Thus stated the announcer on the B.B.C. television on May 15th in opening the 6.10 p.m. programme. This referred to the collection of tintinnabula recently given to Leicester City Museum by Ernest Morris, and was thought to be so unique and interesting that before being placed on exhibition it should be televised. This was done, and with Mr. Daniel, the curator, Ernest Morris demonstrated some of the more interesting pieces. The collection included a Chinese temple gong, a heavy double-camel bell from Constantinople, a camel bell cut from solid cotton-wood which came from West Africa, a whole series of wagon or latten bells, cast by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, Wilts (1764-99), as well as pack-horse bells from the same foundry and one by I. Stares of earlier date. Other bells included cow, bullock, sheep, goat, pony and cab-horse bells, as well as those of 'Bristol' glass, and a porcelain one from Meissen, Saxony.

After the television recording Ernest Morris was taken to the studio and gave a broadcast talk on the same subject, which was 'on the air' in Eye Witness at 3 p.m. the following Friday.

Mr. Morris has just completed a MS on 'Tintinnabula,' which he hopes to see published in book form later in the year.

SPLICING FOR CONVENIENCE — By N. F. Moxon

THERE must be many occasions at ringing meetings when a few ringers wish to try a method but cannot raise the necessary number who are able to ring it. For instance, if a touch of Kent Minor is desired four ringers may readily step forward, and although a treble man is usually available the other inside performer cannot be found, so the touch is abandoned. A solution to this, alas all too frequent occurrence, is to find a ringer who is familiar with Oxford and ask him to take the fourth rope; other inside bells could be used but usually most people are at home on the fourth.

Commence ringing and call Oxford continuing until the 4th lead when a lead of Kent is interposed; at this point the fourth bell dodges the treble in 3-4, the work being identical in Kent and Oxford and although the other bells are ringing Kent he carries on with Oxford. If a lead of Kent is also inserted at the 9th lead, rounds will come up after 240 changes, a useful touch for a meeting. Should an extent be desired, a bob must be called when 3 and 4 are together at the front, making three bobs in all.

A touch of Woodbine is often welcome, being a change from the inevitable Kent and Oxford, and is a method usually scorned although it forms the basis of no less than 26 standard methods. If again we are one short for a touch of Woodbine, put an Oxford ringer on the fourth and begin to ring the latter method; change to Woodbine during the 1st lead and continue with this method for the 2nd lead; as the fourth bell will be coming in and going out of the slow during this period he will not be affected by the change. If two leads of Woodbine are also inserted at the 6th and 7th leads a 240 will result. Three bobs, called when 3 and 4 are together, will produce 720 changes.

Snowdrop is an easy method, much neglected, and if our four ringers are determined to ring it they must again recruit the long-suffering 'Oxford' lad on the fourth; in this touch Snowdrop is called off, instructing the fourth to ring Oxford, the latter method being brought in at the 2nd lead, Snowdrop at the 3rd lead then revert to Oxford. If Snowdrop is inserted at leads 1 and 3, 6 and 8, a 240 will result and an extent can be produced by adopting the calling previously given.

Many ringers are familiar with New London, a full-lead method always enjoyable to ring, which when connected with Snowdrop produces Nelson Victory, a fine standard method. It is queer that two 'irregular' methods, New London and Snowdrop, when joined together make a regular method! By the way, New London forms the basis of 19 standard methods.

If a New London ringer can be found for the fourth bell, some Nelson's Victory can be attempted. Commence with two leads of this method, then change to three leads of New London, repeat the whole and rounds will come up at 240; three bobs with 3-4 together produce the extent.

Kingston and Wragby can be spliced easily in the same manner; the fourth bell persists in ringing Kingston which has Oxford groundwork, whilst the other bells provide the Wragby or Woodbine variation. The touch begins with Kingston, changing to Wragby for the 2nd and 4th, 7th and 9th lead-ends. The same bob calling produces the extents. The other methods in the same group, i.e., London Scholars, Sandal and Capel, will yield to the same treatment.

Great assistance can be obtained for this fascinating diversion by referring to J. Segar's 'Four-way Table of Minor Methods,' an excellent publication which can be improved by writing the ground methods Oxford, New London, Kent, Woodbine, etc., above the top line.

Here are the figures for two of the above touches:—

Oxford and Woodbine	Kingston and Wragby
1 2 3 4 5 6	1 2 3 4 5 6
1 4 2 3 5 6 W	1 5 6 3 4 2
1 5 4 2 6 3 W	1 4 2 3 5 6 W
1 6 5 2 4 3 O	1 6 3 2 5 4 K
1 2 6 3 5 4 O	1 5 4 2 6 3 W
1 3 2 4 6 5 O	1 3 2 4 6 5 K
1 4 3 2 6 5 W	1 6 5 2 4 3 K
1 6 4 3 5 2 W	1 4 3 2 6 5 W
1 5 6 3 4 2 O	1 5 2 3 6 4 K
1 3 5 2 6 4 O	1 6 4 3 5 2 W
1 2 3 4 5 6 O	1 2 3 4 5 6 K
240	240

OXFORD.—On May 4th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Corner 1, C. R. C. Coussmaker 2, J. A. M. Salter 3, J. H. Pailing 4, G. F. Jenkins 5, N. J. Maggs 6, R. A. Jackson 7, R. N. Pittman (cond.) 8. A compliment to D. J. Roaf on attaining his majority.

MODIFICATION OF HALF-LEAD SYSTEM OF EXTRACTING FALSE COURSE HEADS

By H. CHANT

ATTENTION has recently been focused on the subject of F.C.H.'s by Mr. J. Segar, who pointed out that all literature on this subject, apart from his own, is now out of print. To those who use the half-lead system and to those who may want to learn about it, this article may be of use. It contains one or two slight innovations which, I think, simplify certain parts of the procedure and save time and thought (both valuable commodities!).

Mr. E. A. Barnett has raised no objection to my quoting his procedure as set out in Corrigan's, and has made several valuable suggestions as to clarifying the text in regard to the location of F.C.H.'s, suggestions of which I have gladly availed myself.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHART

Take two pieces of cardboard and cut them into circles of, say, 4 in. and 6 in. diameter respectively, the smaller (A) and the larger (B) being secured, after being marked out, with a paper clip, or similar device, passing through the centres. This clip should be a loose fit so as to allow the two scales to be freely rotated.

Divide each card into seven equal sectors and into these sectors place the figures as follows:

Smaller (A Scale): 8 6 4 2 3 5 7, in a clockwise direction. Connect the pairs of figures 7-8, 5-6, 3-4 by arrows drawn across the surface.

Larger (B Scale): 1 2 3 4 5, also in a clockwise direction. Fill the two blank spaces with prominent black spots. The figures and spots must be placed on the outer edge so as to be visible after assembly.

When complete the chart appears as follows and is ready for use:—

WHAT FALSE COURSE HEADS ARE

A course head is an abbreviated row which signifies a complete course. E.g., 23456 = the course beginning 12345678 (plain course). A False Course Head represents a course which if rung in the same composition as that which includes the plain course will contain certain rows which are identical with rows contained in the plain course.

Further, any two courses which bear the same relationship to each other, as do the plain course and its false course, will therefore mutually repeat certain rows. E.g., if course 23456 is false with course 32546 then courses 42356 and 24536 will also be false with each other.

It is therefore necessary that any composer, arranger, rearranger or what you will, should be able to discover not only what these F.C.H.'s are for any given method, but whereabouts in the two courses concerned the falseness (i.e., the repetition of rows) will occur.

METHOD OF EXTRACTING FALSE COURSE HEADS

There are many systems of extracting F.C.H.'s, but probably one that is second to none is the procedure of Mr. E. A. Barnett's in Corrigan's book. Here are sections (1), (2) and (3):—

(1) *Write out half a lead of the method, and mark off the in-course (+) and out-of-course (−) rows.*

(2) *See whether each section is symmetrical, i.e., that places, if any, made between the first and second rows are matched by similar places between the third and fourth rows of the section. If so, consider only rows with the treble in the odd place, but in an asymmetrical section rows with treble in the even place must also be proved.*

(3) *Examine the rows to be proved to see if any pairs of bells coursing one another in the p.c.* (2-3, 3-5, 5-7, 7-8, 8-6, 6-4, 4-2) *occur in the bottom row beneath a coursing pair in the top row. If the two rows are of the same nature, both pairs must be the same way round; if they are of opposite nature the pairs must be in reverse order. If none are found, the section has a clean proof. E.g.,*

i. Rows of same nature:

CAMBRIDGE—3-4 *up*

2 6 1 4 3 8 5 7 +

6 2 1 4 8 7 3 5 +

Rows with two examples

$\frac{57}{35}$ $\frac{78}{57}$

both in the same order.

ii. Rows of opposite nature:

LINDUM——5-6 *up*

6 4 2 8 1 5 3 7 +

4 8 6 2 1 5 3 7 −

Rows with one example

$\frac{86}{24}$

in opposite order. Top pair may always be regarded as in correct order and the lower pair as reversed.

The procedure to extract the F.C.H. by means of the 'chart' is as follows: Take the +ve pair (Cambridge) first.

I. (1) Place the paired figures 5-7 on Scale A opposite the two dots on Scale B and read off the numbers on Scale B opposite the numbers of the bells on Scale A as they occur in the remainder of the row—ignoring the treble. (So long as the order is kept the same in this and the next operation, it does not matter what the order is. Best, however, I think to maintain some system, so shall we, say, read the figures from the rows in descending order, i.e., 83462.) This gives the row 15324.

(2) Repeat this procedure with 3-5 against the dots and read 12453.

(3) Place 7-8 against the dots and this time read off the bells on Scale A against the rows 15324 and 12453 on Scale B which have just been obtained by (1) and (2). This gives 65243 / 64352, whence the F.C.H. 32546 is obtained in the usual manner.

[*Look at the bottom row and say to yourself* 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 *in that order, writing as you do so the bell in the top row appearing above each figure.—E.A.B.*]

To find the second F.C.H. which occurs from these two pairs it is necessary to make use of the arrows on Scale A, employing figures obtained at the opposite ends of the arrows in all cases. Procedure:—

II. (1) As 5 is arrowed to 6 and 7 to 8, place 6-8 against the dots and read off *on the arrowed scale* the figures on Scale B, 51342.

(2) The arrowed Scale A gives 4-6 in place of 3-5, so place these numbers against the dots and read off 54213 on the arrowed scale.

(3) As (3) above. (F.C.H. 46253.)

In the case of methods such as Lindum where, as is more usual, one row is +ve and the other −ve, the first row must be read off on the ordinary procedure I and the second arrowed II; then (3) will give the F.C.H.

To extract the second F.C.H. read the first row arrowed II and the second ordinary I. Proceed as (3).

The extraction of F.C.H.'s can be achieved in a few seconds, without any awkward transpositions, once stage 3 of Corrigan's (Mr. E. A. Barnett's) procedure has been reached.

LOCATION OF FALSENESS

Full information is given in Mr. E. A. Barnett's procedure, but it may be noted that falseness can be located quite simply by using the coursing circle (Scale A on the chart) and by observing the pivot bell at the first half-lead of the method.

Take first the Cambridge example, which we discovered has the F.C.H.'s 32546 and 46253 with the paired bells $\frac{57}{35}$ +.

If I may quote Mr. Barnett:—

'32546 *was found from* $\frac{57}{35}$. *This means that the p.c.l.h. having the tenors in 5ths and 7ths at the l.h.* (*top row*) *is false against the lead of* 32546 *with tenors in 3rds and 5ths* (*bottom row*) *at the l.h.*'

Straightforward enough!

Now to find the places where $\frac{57}{35}$ − cause falseness, note that 3 is the pivot and substitute the pairs equidistant from it on the opposite side of the coursing circle (Scale A), i.e., for 57 read 42, for 35 read 23. Therefore in place of $\frac{57}{35}$ in the quotation substitute $\frac{42}{23}$ and 46253 in place of 32546.

With Lindum the F.C.H.'s are 53624 and 65432, the paired bells causing falseness $\frac{86}{42}$ + with 7 as a pivot.

For the first location keep 86 unchanged. For the second pair we note that 42 is equidistant from either side of the pivot and therefore remains unchanged. The falseness is therefore located by substituting $\frac{86}{42}$ for $\frac{57}{35}$ in the quotation with a F.C.H. 53624.

For the second F.C.H. keep the bottom pair unchanged, and note that the pair corresponding to 86 with 7 as pivot is 35. The substitutions in the quotation are therefore $\frac{35}{42}$ for $\frac{57}{35}$ and 65432 for 32546.

Although the two F.C.H.'s extracted as above are all that are necessary 'for proof of a peal with tenors together,' for the sake of completeness it may be as well to point out that each of them has a reciprocal. These are found as follows:—

If the F.C.H. was, say, 43652, then—

'*A. The original* *e.g.*, 43652

B. The course-head by which A must be transposed to produce rounds 63254.'

The second reciprocal is found in a similar manner.

For the location of falseness, in the quotation given in that section note that

'B 32546 is located the converse way—the 3-5 p.c.l.h. is false against the 5-7 l.h. of 32546';

and similarly with the second reciprocal.

(32546 *is* the reciprocal of 32546.)

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THOSE I REMEMBER

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 238)

MY wife 'Beatie'—*feared* yet loved by all ringers (see 'R.W.', March 21st, page 189), the only one who could meet the 'Sergeant-Major' on equal terms and tell the late inspector Harold Poole when and where to get off!—had an uncle, George Woodiss, who at one time was well known in Surrey and Middlesex as a very fine ringer who had rung over 100 peals and (I believe) called Holt's Original from every bell. He came to our wedding and I met him a few times but never in a peal. I did, however, with his son, the late Fred Woodiss, also a good ringer. On one occasion we were at Twickenham when Fred came to see cousin 'Beatie,' and incidentally brought along a composition of Grandsire Triples by the Rev. Canon G. H. Ridout, of Johannesburg, who was on a visit to this country after an absence of 20 years in South Africa, and who was looking for someone to call it for him! Fred Woodiss fixed up for this at Benhilton, Surrey, with the old Canon ringing the fourth, and I called the peal, much to the gratification of the old man, who was almost on the verge of collapse at the finish. He was so delighted, however, that he gave us a fine tea, and I believe he had a tablet put up in the tower, though I have never seen it.

'DON'T IT STINK!'

A recent invitation to ring in a peal at Monks Kirby, Warwicks, recalls an amusing episode of some 30 years ago. I was never very clever on a bicycle, but on that occasion, after going well from Leicester through Sharnford, we turned into a very rutty by-road. The late C. Henry Webb was just in front of me, and when turning the corner my back wheel slipped into a deep rut, throwing me aside—my front wheel caught Harry's back wheel, throwing him clean off his cycle. He disappeared completely into a deep ditch of stagnant water covered with fungus, nettles and undergrowth. When he reappeared his first remark was: 'Phew, don't it stink!' He was in a dreadful state, covered with slime and mud, and we spent the next half hour cleaning him down as best we could with tufts of grass, to the accompaniment of salubrious language about cycles, cyclists, and *me* in particular! However, all's well that ends well—we carried on and rang a good peal of New Cambridge. Harry Webb was an accomplished carver in stone and slate, and many peal tablets all over the country testify to his ability. At one time, with his two sons, he gave many exhibitions of his skill on handbells in tune ringing. He also was a good penman and wrote records in many peal books.

On another occasion at Monks Kirby we rang an excellent peal of London Surprise, which I conducted. After the peal, the late Joe White, of Coventry, who was in it, came to me and said: 'Do you know, Ernest, I thought Fred Dexter was calling the peal [he was on the tenor] till after two hours I noticed you call a bob!'. In that peal the late W. H. J. Hooton took part, also the late H. J. Poole and the late Frank Pervin.

We have lately heard a lot about Hoar Cross and peals at that glorious church with its fine heavy six bells. When I went there they were a different proposition to what they are today—on new frame, ball-bearings, and nice circle of ropes. At that time the ropes fell in a difficult, erratic 'circle'—1, 2, 3 fairly close, the fourth some distance away, with the fifth and sixth on either side of a large clock case. The fifth rope came down about 3 inches from the wall, so as I am blind on the right side, I elected to ring this and call the peal. I never saw the tenor ringer but once during the peal when, in the last 720, I dodged round to see if he was still O.K.! It was rung by that master ringer, Joe T. Dyke, so I knew it would be in its place, which it was throughout.

'WHAT'S TRANSITION?'

After several years' absence—too long!—I recently met that cheery and boisterous ringer of Nuneaton—James F. Clark, jun. Twenty and thirty years ago we rang many peals together, and 'Jim' was always the life and soul of the party. On one occasion at Loughborough Foundry we were ringing Bristol Surprise with F. H. Dexter conducting. For some reason we got in a bit of a fog, and in the excitement Shirley Burton, who was next to Jim, said: 'You do transition'; to which Jim, in his usual racy manner, said out loud: 'What the 'ell's transition?' It made us all laugh except the Sergeant-Major, who raged and stormed—called us a lot of blank school kids, ought to be in a blank asylum, and similar terms. Anyway, he sorted us out and scored the peal. In 1924 I called the extent of Ilkeston Spliced T.B. Major (9,120), and Jim rang the tenor to this clothed in a thick white jumper because he was cold!

In my last article I mentioned E. Harry Stonely and his eccentricities. When the extent of Cambridge Major was first attempted I was chosen as umpire, but it failed after four hours. In the subsequent attempt I was roped in the band, and we rang the 12,896 in 7 hours 35¼ minutes. After all this, Harry Stonely wanted to ring a course of Bristol for practice! I cannot repeat (or would it be printable?) what the Sergeant-Major said in answer to this!

On one occasion we went to Colston Bassett, Notts, and rang a peal of Cambridge. Shirley Burton took F. H. D. in his sidecar with me on the back. Returning home after the peal something went wrong with the works; and there we were, miles from anywhere, pushing the machine up hill and coasting down, but despite all efforts the thing would not go. So we had to leave it at a farmhouse and walk 11 miles to Nottingham to catch the midnight mail train to Leicester. Can words ever describe what the Sergeant-Major said about 'sparking plugs,' 'motor-cycles' and all things connected therewith? We arrived home about 3 a.m. In a recent issue Colin Walker wrote about my Beatie and the fear she puts into all ringers—can one imagine what I got on my arrival home at such an hour! And Mrs. Dexter too had a few 'kind words' to Harry Broughton whom she had routed out to see where F. H. D. was, and then some more to poor old Fred!

(To be continued)

OUTINGS

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS

Accompanied by friends from Leicester, South Wigston ringers had their annual outing on May 3rd. The first tower was the ground-floor ring of six at Brinklow, Warwickshire. Then came the fine-toned bells of Stow-on-the-Wold, with its 27 cwt. tenor. Bourton-on-the-Water bells, after having been recast and rehung by the Loughborough Foundry, are now a delight to ring on. The tenor weighs 14 cwt., and a course of Cambridge did ample justice to the bells. Unfortunately, the visit was marred by the breaking of a stay.

Broadwell, said to be the organiser's tit-bit, is an anti-clockwise five, with the tenor twice as loud as the rest put together and also quite half a tone flat! Next came Chipping Campden with its ring of eight and (by reputation) an unringable tenor. The regular tenor ringer had sense enough to stay downstairs.

Compensations came at Cheltenham, where Grandsire Cinques and Plain Bob Maximus were rung on bells that were a delight to ring, and finally, Stratford-on-Avon, surely the best-toned 10-bell tower in the country, which provided a perfect ending to a pleasant day.

Thanks are accorded incumbents, tower captains and Roger Stratton, the organiser. It is hoped to arrange a similar outing in the autumn—as Cupid was very busy in the back row!

MARCH, CAMBS

Bell-ringers from St. Wendreda's Church, March, together with friends from Peterborough and Whittlesey, held their outing on May 10th, when they rang at churches in Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Rutland.

The highlight of the day was a visit to Messrs. Taylor's foundry at Loughborough, and the inspection of the various departments proved extremely interesting. Another looked-forward-to event was the experience of ringing the campanile bells, which the party considered well worth while.

Churches visited during the day were Edenham (a delightful eight), Silcby (a musical octave and a very fine church), and Whissendine and Empingham, two charming villages, the former church possessing six bells with a long rope-draught, and the latter a good ring of six where the tourists stayed for nearly an hour-and-a-half.

Thanks are due to the clergy and tower-keepers for permission to ring their bells; and last but not least, to Messrs. Taylor and Co.

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Three other meetings, a ringers' wedding and a bus strike all on the same day in the same area do not help to make a big attendance. The Leatherhead District's welcome home meeting for Mr. Frank Oakshott was held despite the difficulties, and as is usually the case where attendance is small, those who did attend had a thoroughly good time. Ringing from 3 till 4.30 at Christ Church, Epsom, was followed by the Guild's form of service, the lesson being read by the ringing curate. The Vicar had the dual role of taking the service and playing the organ. A special tea awaited the ringers in the Church Hall, at which a company of 21 sat down, the seat of honour being taken by the returned wanderer and local captain, Mr. Frank Oakshott.

After tea the Vicar, on behalf of the Guild and the local band, welcomed Frank back, and his remarks were endorsed by the District Master, Mr. H. V. Young. In his reply, Mr. Oakshott said that he had had a wonderful time in Australia and that the ringers and people out there had been most hospitable. He would always cherish happy memories of the visit. At the short business meeting one new member was elected.

Ringing then continued, including plain hunting, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge until 8.30 p.m. W. P.

OBITUARY

MR. J. G. MACDOUGAL

Mr. J. G. Macdougal, who died on May 7th at Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, Essex, aged 81 years, was an active ringer at St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, up to the time of his death.

'Mac' literally passed on in harness, for while ringing for Evensong and standing in for a three-course touch of Grandsire Triples he subsequently found himself unable to rise for belfry prayers. It transpired that he had been seized by a stroke. With some difficulty he was got down the tower and removed to hospital, where he was making an excellent recovery, but unfortunately pneumonia set in and this proved fatal.

For 38 years Mac had been a loyal member of the St. Andrew's band, being introduced to the tower by the late Arthur Rolph and taught to ring by John Dale. For many years he was tower secretary. He was especially proud of his connection with the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The funeral service was at St. Andrew's Church on May 12th, followed by cremation at the Corbets Tye Crematorium. There were no flowers by special request, and the bells were rung open, also by special request.

AN APPRECIATION

The last sentence of 'Mac's' obituary notice is synonymous with his character—'open bells by special request'—for Mac was a merry character: jolly, kind and thoughtful, he was most popular wherever he went.

Thirty-eight years of ringing in a tower is a record of which anyone can be proud, and Mac's 38 years are a record of loyalty and devotion.

We shall miss him very much at Hornchurch: the rotund figure striding vigorously up the hill for Evensong, the merry twinkle in his eye, his cheerfulness and sincerity were all too much of a part of the local scene not to be missed.

The last active member of the old Hornchurch band, Mac's passing is the end of another chapter in the history of that grand eight in the 'Church on the Hill.' May the younger band following on find inspiration in his sincerity, service and devotion. F. V. G.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, May 31st, at 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3.30 p.m.—J. Chilcott. 2440

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting at Fulbourn (6), Saturday, May 31st. Bells 6 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2386

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Tey, Saturday, May 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 2353

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Rodmersham on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 2360

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Albans, Saturday, May 31st. Ringing at St. Michael's 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Branch Road. Business meeting and further ringing in evening. Gentlemen cordially invited. 2333

LADIES' GUILD (Beds and Northants Branch) and BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Bedford District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 31st, at Kempston. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Amor. 2390

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, May 31st, at Cwmcarvan. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—J. S. King. 3287

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—General meeting, Mansfield, Saturday, May 31st, to consider forming separate Mansfield District. St. Peter's bells 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at Grove House, Brunts Street, Mansfield, 4. Business meeting, 6 p.m., at Grove House. Own tea arrangements.—J. W. Raithby. 2347

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, June 4th, at 6.30 p.m. 2425

NORTH WHEATLEY, NOTTS. — Dedication of rehung ring of six, by Taylor's, at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 6th. Refreshments and ringing after service. 2441

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, Saturday, June 7th, St. John's, Cleator Moor. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by Wednesday, 4th.—Miss E. Birney, 27, Princes Street, Wath Brow, Cleator. 2429

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Stretham (6) on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 2426

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and the SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Prittlewell, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (10) 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Thorpe Bay, St. Augustine's (8), available 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Bus service between towers. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, June 5th, to Mr. P. A. Sadler, 21, Dulverton Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex. Trains from Fenchurch Street, to Southend and Thorpe Bay, and from Liverpool Street to Southend and Prittlewell.—C. E. Wilmington, A. W. J. Butler. 2376

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, June 7th, Brislington (6), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Study Double Court.—A. Bennett. 2422

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Leigh (6), Saturday, June 7th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by June 5th.—W. H. Poulton, Highfield, The Leigh, Coombe Hill, near Gloucester. 2420

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting at Quatt on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea before previous Wednesday to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 2407

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Elstree (6) on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 2444

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Knebworth, Saturday, June 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by June 4th to B. Marks, Wayside, Swangleys Lane, Knebworth. Special method, Duffield.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2410

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting at Sevenoaks on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 4th, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 2383

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Meeting at Polesworth, near Tamworth, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing at both Polesworth and Grendon in the evening. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 3rd, to Mrs. C. A. Barron, 17, Dulvern Grove, Kings Heath, Birmingham, 14. 2389

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Joint meeting at Heversham, Westmorland, on Saturday, June 7th. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby, R. F. Eccles, Secs. 2436

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, June 7th, at Upholland. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. 2435

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Hoddlesden, Saturday, June 7th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2412

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Swepstone, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by June 4th to Mr. H. Carter, Dishley Farm, Measham. 2418

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting with the Notts District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild at Melton Mowbray, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 4th, to Mr. M. D. Staniforth, 7, Chapel Street, Melton Mowbray.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Alford on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea in Church Hall 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, June 2nd, to Mr. I. J. Smith, 15, Commercial Road, Alford. 2434

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 7th, Immanuel Church, Streatham, 3.30 p.m. Business meeting in Vestry 4.30 p.m. Own tea. Further ringing, St. Leonard's, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. For travel details: Miss Powell; tel.: MAC 8597. 2442

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Netherseale (8), Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 2395

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Parish Church, Wrexham, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Arrangements for tea if notified by June 5th.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 2431

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Interim meeting, Garboldisham, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 3rd, to Mr. S. J. Nunn, 65, The Street, Garboldisham, Diss. 2405

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify me for tea by May 31st.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 2392

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Langham, Saturday, June 7th, from 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Miss Jean Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham. 2391

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Hazelbech, Saturday, June 7th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 2439

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Penistone, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in the National School 5 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head. Names by 5th to Mr. A. Champion, 28, Lees Avenue, Penistone. Frequent electric train service from Sheffield.—J. Seager. 2430

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turners Hill (8), Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 2427

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting, Ringwood, Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by June 4th, please, to Mr. W. E. Cheater, 43, Addison Square, Ringwood.—W. T. Godfrey. 2415

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion will be held at Nunney on Sunday, June 8th, at 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Names for breakfast to E. Chivers, Chilcompton, Bath. 2418

MILDENHALL (nr. Marlborough), WILTS.—Rededication of bells (6) will take place on Sunday, June 8th. Service 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea to Rev. Courtman, Minal House, Marlborough, Wilts. 2424

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Prize shield contest, Silkstone, Saturday, June 14th. For teas, please notify not later than June 9th Mr. Harry Mann, 72, Manor Park, Silkstone, Barnsley.—J. W. Buxton. 2432

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stisted, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. It is essential that numbers for tea be sent by Tuesday, June 10th, to T. Earle, North Lodge, Stisted, Braintree. 2414

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Moreton Valence, Saturday, June 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names by first post, June 10th, to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 2403

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer festival.—Saturday, June 14th, Service at Hersham, 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Bishop of Guildford. Tea (nearby) 5.15 p.m. Please notify for tea at the **latest** by **Tuesday, June** 10th, Mr. J. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hersham. Towers open: Horsell (6), 10 to 11 a.m.; Chobham (8), 10.15 to 11.15; Ottershaw (6), 10.30 to 11.30; Chertsey (8), 11.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.; Weybridge (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Oatlands Park (8), 3.30 to 4.30; Hersham (8), 3.30 to 4.30; Walton (8), 6.15 to 8; Esher (8), 7 to 9; Thames Ditton (6), 7 to 8.15; East Molesey (8), 7.45 to 8.45 p.m. 2416

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Meeting, Ilminster, June 14th. Coach from Bristol/Bath area. Ringing, Castle Cary, 10 a.m.; East Coker, 11.30 a.m.; Street, 7.30 p.m. Ilminster: ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting. Names by June 7th to Miss B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol 7. 2404

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Morton, Saturday, June 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to me.—F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs. 2423

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fulney, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by previous Tuesday Mr. J. Braithwaite, c/o The Vicarage, Fulney, Spalding, Lincs. 2413

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, June 14th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. V. Perry, The Yews, Weedon, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 2437

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Market Drayton, Saturday, June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton. 2417

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 12th.—R. S. Payne, Hotson Road, Southwold. 2358

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Betchworth (8) on Saturday, June 14th, 3 p.m. Please notify for tea Mr. A. Lucas, 145, Sandcross Lane, South Park, Reigate.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2409

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Prize contest and annual meeting, Thornhill, Saturday, June 28th. Entrance fee (10s.) by June 14th to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Mossley, Manchester. For teas notify by June 21st D. Scargill, Shir-Lea, Chapel Lane, Thornhill, Dewsbury.—A. Farrand. 2406

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Burford on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Please note change of address and reply to J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Rosemary, Freeland, Oxford. 2421

Correction: TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—The diocesan festival will be held at St. Stephen-in-Brannel on Saturday, *July* 12th, not in June.—H. Trewhella, Sec. 2445

QUARTER PEALS

DALWOOD, DEVON.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Morrell 1, C. Webber 2, W. D. Salter 3, D. Hart 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5, C. Webb 6.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On May 19th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. Mashiter (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss D. M. Killingley 3, Miss M. I. Goodship 4, G. R. Parker 5, T. Senior 6, T. Hill 7, F. Hodgson (cond.) 8.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Plain Bob and 540 Spliced Plain and Little Bob): Mrs. R. G. Corby 1, J. H. L. Blick 2, L. Duffield 3, J. H. Edwards 4, E. White 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. C. Mackonochie), who is leaving Goldington to take up a new appointment in Dunstable.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On April 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. D. M. Andrews 1, A. R. Andrews 2, A. G. Button 3, F. H. Pyke 4, D. B. Munro 5, G. N. Orman 6, E. Harling 7, R. Duesbury (cond.) 8. A tribute to the late Rev. J. Colley, Rector at Great Bentley from 1927 to 1958, who was interred this day.

OXFORD.—On May 18th, at New College, 1,287 Stedman Caters: G. F. Jenkins 1, Miss C. M. Woodward 2, R. A. Hodgson 3, R. A. Jackson 4, D. J. Roaf 5, J. Salter 6, R. N. Pittman 7, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 8, J. H. R. Freeborn 9, S. J. Ivin 10.

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