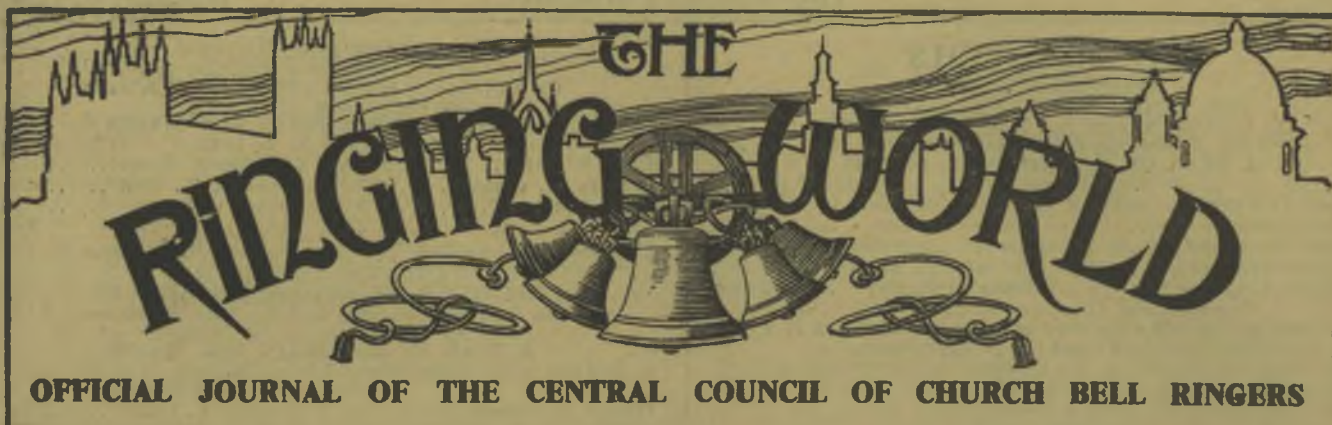




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SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

THE Committee appointed at Dublin to conduct the review of Sunday service bands and ringing have got through the difficult preliminaries and, as will be seen from this issue of 'The Ringing World,' have circulated to the territorial Associations the 21 questions on which they require information. The task now devolves upon the Associations and through them on to the Districts. Because of the importance we attach to this inquiry we print in this issue the full correspondence that is in the hands of each territorial secretary. This must be disseminated as quickly as possible and each tower must be ready and willing to co-operate to the fullest extent.

The Committee in their letter state: 'We are anxious that surveys should be factual and that no attempt be made to make the state of Sunday service ringing appear either better or worse than it really is.' The most difficult of questions to answer, and one which the Committee regard as very important, is 'Number of towers where ringing is completely satisfactory, i.e., properly ringing most of the bells twice each Sunday.' To come under this heading as 'completely satisfactory,' some would regard one of the four Standard Methods in Triples or Major and Doubles and Minor with cover bells as unsatisfactory on eight bells. Examination of our quarter peal columns—it can be taken most of these performances are by Sunday service bands—reveals the prevalence of the introduction of cover bells. Then again it is assumed that towers ringing call changes would be regarded as unsatisfactory, but here again if the ringing is rhythmic it would be regarded in the eyes of the Church as meeting the requirements of the congregation as a call to worship. These are questions which Associations will have to decide for themselves and it is possible that the Committee will give them some guidance.

Fortunately there are many towers in each Association's area where no difficulties will arise in answering this question, but their number will be more than trebled by borderline towers who will have a difficulty. The bells might be manned to 100 per cent., but the ringing could not be regarded as fulfilling the desires of the Exercise. Probably the definition would be nearer to satisfaction if the number of ringers regularly attending who were able to ring a method on a working bell were equal to the number of ropes. Reports of Guilds and Associations with lists of members attached give no guide to proficiency. In many Associations membership is swelled by admitting people

as soon as they can ring rounds competently. Another difficulty is the desultory Sunday service ringer; on paper a band looks highly proficient with its quota of experienced ringers, but when the test of attendance is applied it will be found that probationers are endeavouring to fill the gaps.

What should be the role of probationers in Sunday service ringing? As soon as a probationer has reached the stage when he or she can ring rounds tolerably there should be an opportunity to take some minor part in the Sunday service ringing. In half an hour's ringing for service five minutes should be allocated to probationers, and not merely tolling the five minutes bell. It is essential not only for maintaining interest but for instilling as soon as possible a sense of vocation. While we ring bells for pleasure, there is behind it the sense of responsibility and duty and in many ringers' minds an act of worship.

The tower we feel sorry for is the highly proficient one with no probationers. That tower's period of usefulness to the Church is limited. Where there is young life and enthusiasm, even if the ringing to-day does not come under the heading of 'satisfactory,' there is hope for the future. Enthusiasm, if properly led, and we would add with a sense of churchmanship prevailing in the tower, will enable a tower in two or three years to fulfil its proper obligations. The Yorkshire survey places first in the factors which have contributed to success—church membership, and if this is kept constantly to the fore in recruitment and among members of the Exercise, then we are progressing along the right path. While there are ringers who proudly display their lists of hundreds of towers they have visited, Sunday should not be spent in touring the countryside 'grabbing' here and there, except on holiday. The obligation for 48 to 50 weeks of the year is the home tower. Then ringing is approaching what is desired by the Church—the bells being rung to the glory of God.

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TEN BELL PEALS

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5058 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb.

WILLIAM T. GRICE Treble	LOUIS HEAD 6
GEOFFREY PEARSON 2	THOMAS E. SONE 7
LEONARD MANNERING 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 8
E. S. JOHN HATCHER 4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 9
FREDERICK A. LEESON 5	FRANK THWAITES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

First peal on the bells since their recasting and rehang in a new frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The number of changes in this composition represents the date of the dedication—the fifth month, 58, and the 0 the tenth day—by the Bishop of Maidstone (Rt. Rev. S. W. Betts).

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt.

*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Treble	MAURICE E. DOWNS 6
KATHLEEN M. YEO 2	COLIN A. TESTER 7
†OLIVE D. COUCHMAN 3	GEOFFREY PEARSON 8
JOHN R. COOPER 4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 9
REGINALD L. SILLS 5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Royal 'inside.'

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 42 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE 6
DOREEN DUTTON 2	JOHN SPICE 7
JOHN GRIFFITHS 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 8
JACK ASHCROFT 4	EDWIN C. BIRKETI 9
THOMAS HESKETH 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by CHAS. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TICHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

*WILLIAM J. C. COLSON .. Treble	GEORGE W. JEFFES 5
†VESTA A. HEADLAND 2	HARRY RICHARDSON 6
LESLIE WITTEN 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON 7
*DICK EDWARDS 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal. † First on eight bells.

Arranged as a compliment to Canon A. M. Luckock, on the 46th anniversary of his induction to the parish.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 11 cwt.	
HUGH NEILL Treble	*EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 5
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 2	JOHN H. SCHOLFIELD .. 6
JOHN G. GIPSON 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4	BRIAN PRATT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CECIL W. PIPE Treble	CLIFFORD R. LOVETT 5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE 2	RODERICK W. PIPE 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	ERNEST V. BLAKE 7
ERNEST G. PEARCE 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

TAWSTOCK, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sun., Aug. 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in E.

EVE PEARSON Treble	JOHN P. McDERMOTT 5
*DAVID G. FRENCH 2	ANTHONY V. QUEEN 6
†JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. 3	PETER G. SMART 7
JOHN L. QUEEN 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Major. † First of Plain Bob. The first of Major on the bells. The conductor's 525th tower for a peal.

DARTMOUTH, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., Aug. 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*ANGELA J. MARTIN .. Treble	JOHN L. QUEEN 5
EVE PEARSON 2	JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. 6
ANTHONY V. QUEEN 3	PIETER G. SMART 7
JOHN P. McDERMOTT .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal on eight bells. First of Plain Bob on the bells.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.	
*LAVINA HULFORD .. Treble	HAROLD STEVENSON 5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 6
GRACE BURCHNALL 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON 7
NATHANIEL T. MOXON .. 4	FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal on eight bells.

FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. Treble	*MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 5
ARTHUR GIBBS 2	*ROBIN V. BAKER 6
HARRY RICHARDSON 3	BARRIE HENDRY 7
VESTA A. HEADLAND 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal on eight bells.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

DENIS A. FRITH Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES 5
*PATRICIA HOLMES 2	*ROY STEPHENSON 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON .. 7
*JOHN F. PEARSON 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Brian Sutton and Miss Pamela Rushy, whose wedding preceded this peal.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Ten-part.			Tenor 12 cwt.
*BETTY J. DAYSH	Treble	MICHAEL SOLLY	5
*DOROTHY G. SMITH	2	†ALEC FRY	6
*MRS. R. T. JONES	3	*PHILIP G. MORGAN	7
*D. GEORGE NORTHWAY	4	†BASIL E. PINK	Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP G. MORGAN.

* First peal of Plain Bob Triples. † First peal. First on eight bells as conductor.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

JOYCE OGDEN	Treble	PETER SCHOLFIELD	5
DEREK BUTTERWORTH	2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
ROGER LEIGH	4	DEREK OGDEN	Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWINNOCK-THE-CONFESSION.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.			Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	Treble	DAVID N. PENROSE	5
J. DESMOND PAINTER	2	ALAN CARVETH	6
WILLIAM T. COOK	3	GORDAN A. HALLS	7
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	Tenor

Conducted by GORDAN A. HALLS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.			Tenor 10 cwt.
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	Treble	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS	6
LUCY ALLEN	3	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	7
JOHN G. GIPSON	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON and WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

A 75th birthday compliment to T. Reginald Dennis.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

DEREK BUTTERWORTH	Treble	J. BARRY PICKUP	5
*JOHN P. PARTINGTON	2	*ROGER LEIGH	6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	3	HAROLD HAMER	7
†WILLIAM G. WILSON	4	NORMAN SMITH	Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First in the method. ‡ 300th peal. Rung to mark the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hamer.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

AVRIL THACKRAY	Treble	RONALD J. SHARP	5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	6
ANNE E. AMOR	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
ALFRED E. RUSHTON	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

The first peal of Yorkshire on these bells.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER	Treble	RALPH BIRD	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	*IAN H. ORAM	6
*JOHN L. MORRIS	3	†BRIAN BLADON	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method. First in the method as conductor.

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*LEONARD GOODALL	Treble	†NORMAN SMITH	5
†ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	6
†CYRIL RUSBY	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	†IAN M. HOLLAND	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

* First peal. † First in the method.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

BERTIE A. CORNELL	Treble	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	5
REGINALD H. D. HAYDEN	2	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	6
*FREDERICK J. SPICER	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	7
STANLEY HUCKLE	4	EDWARD J. ROCHESTER	Tenor

Composed by A. WILSON.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

* First peal of Kent Major. First of Kent Major as conductor. F. J. Spicer has now rung, and the conductor has now called, Kent from Minor to Maximus.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROY K. DUESBURY	Treble	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	6
FRANK B. LUFKIN	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	4	TERRY EARLE	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

E. WINIFRED KEYS	Treble	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	JAMES R. TAYLOR	6
LEONARD STILWELL	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
FRANK H. HICKS	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Sylvia Scott, of Hawkley, and Mr. William Penny.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

DENISE SHALLCROSS	Treble	JOHN F. HUGHES	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	PERCY SWINDLEY	6
*ROGER KING	3	DESMOND CLAYS	7
JOHN S. DEAN	4	GEOFFREY PARTING	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal on eight bells.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt.

No. 14.			
*DONALD E. LEE	Treble	DAVID HOARE	5
ERIC NAYLOR	2	*VICTOR ROBERTS	6
ANTHONY J. SANGER	3	*GWILYM SALMON	7
*MICHAEL ROSE	4	*EDWARD J. CHIVERS	Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal for the Association.

Rung in memoriam Mrs. F. H. W. Bentley, the wife of the curate of this parish.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
*MARION J. SKINNER .. 2	*MICHAEL J. PALMER .. 6
WILLIAM WENBAN .. 3	STANLEY E. DARMON .. 7
*†JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of London Surprise Major. † 100th peal.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD .. Treble	EDWARD C. BARTON .. 5
JOSEPH E. GENSTED .. 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 6
THOMAS BEAUMONT .. 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
ALBERT DUNK .. 4	TERENCE BARTON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
100th peal as conductor.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

ROSEMARY PARKINSON .. Treble	COLIN WIGNALL .. 5
*SYLVIA WIGNALL .. 2	†WILLIAM PROCTER .. 6
*LESLIE LEONARDS .. 3	HERBERT RAWCLIFFE .. 7
RICHARD ATHERTON .. 4	FRED READ .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by FRED READ.

* First peal. † 25th peal for Association. Ringer of seventh proposed member of Association before peal.

Rung to celebrate the silver jubilee of the Great Harwood branch of the Mothers' Union.

SIX BELL PEALS

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., July 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*GILLIAN HALFORD .. Treble	†KENNETH EDWARDS .. 4
THOMAS ROGERS .. 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5
*RICHARD HAMM .. 3	ANDREW J. H. SCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble.

A wedding compliment to Carol F. Jones and Robert F. Ferris, members of the local band, married earlier in the day at this church. Also a 17th birthday compliment to Gillian Searth.

KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Treble	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 4
WILLIAM CLOVER .. 2	*HENRY TOOKE .. 5
JOHN R. SMITH .. 3	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal of London Minor. 50th peal as conductor. First peal of London on the bells.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GEORGE P. ADAMS .. Treble	*GEORGE W. BUCKLE .. 4
*TIMOTHY G. PETT .. 2	EDWARD HOWES .. 5
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 3	SIDNEY MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.

* First peal (both ringing for ten months).

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Oxford Bob and Single Court, (5) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (7) Double Court.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

J. HARRY COOK .. Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4
*ROLAND H. COOK .. 2	JOSEPH S. COTTON .. 5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* 50th peal for the Guild. First in 12 methods for 1, 2 and 5, and on the bells.

Rung for the wedding of the Rev. Ronald Thomas Hennessy Pearse, A.K.C., Rector of Asfordby, to Miss Elizabeth Mary Ridway, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, which took place in Asfordby Church earlier in the day.

CHIEVELEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

S. FRANK TUFFLEY .. Treble	GILBERT J. TOWNSEND .. 4
HAZEL HANCOCK .. 2	BRYAN C. STIRLAND .. 5
C. JOHN CASTELL .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Richard John Royston, a member of the local band, and Miss Anne Passey, who were married at St. Andrew's, Surbiton, on the same day.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Single Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*PETER A. SHARP .. Treble	CHARLES E. BROWN .. 4
G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 2	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3	LOUIS WILLDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Robert James Leonard and Miss Pauline Cynthia Toynbee, which took place at the above church this day.

OAKLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents Oxford T.B., three Kent T.B. and one Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WM. STANNARD .. Treble	C. STANNARD .. 4
J. G. STANNARD .. 2	G. JENNINGS .. 5
E. NICE .. 3	J. W. BANKS .. Tenor

Conducted by WM. STANNARD.

WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in B flat.

*DAVID LOWE .. Treble	ERNEST F. PAYNE .. 4
ROYSTON WILMORE .. 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5
*CHARLES LOWE .. 3	THOMAS H. EARBY .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal of Minor.

A wedding day peal for J. C. Shirley Scott and Jane A. Wood, married at this church.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob; each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROSEMARY E. GOWER .. Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 4
*RITA A. GOWER .. 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
LAWRENCE T. POPE .. 3	DAVID STAPLES .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

WROUGHTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one of St. Clement's. Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

*MRS. V. GRIFFIN Treble	ERIC SUTTON 4
†MAVIS WRIGHT 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 3	VICTOR GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR GRIFFIN.

* First peal in four methods. † First of Minor. First in four methods as conductor and on the bells.

EAST WOODHAY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods, being two extents of Stedman and three extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Columb's, Clifford's Pleasure, South-repps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Old Doubles, April Day and Kennington, eight extents of Plain Bob and five extents of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt, 2 qr. 14 lb.

*BRYAN C. STIRLAND Treble	HAZEL HANCOCK 4
C. JOHN CASTELL 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD 5
FRANK W. LEWIS 3	†JAMES L. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

Rung during the christening of Stephen Christopher Harris, first son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Harris, of East Woodhay. Also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE W. HEYHOE Treble	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 4
CECIL V. EBBERSON 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
JOHN WILSON 3	TONY OWEN Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

Rung in memoriam William R. Catchpole, of Buxton.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Plain and Double Bob, (6) Fulbeck, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD Treble	*DENNIS C. BOWEN 4
CHARLES COLES 2	FRANK A. BARRETT 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor.

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

*ERNEST G. PEARCE Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE 4
*DAVID H. BUXTON 2	ROBERT F. DOWNING 5
MRS. R. F. DOWNING 3	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal in five methods.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 WHITLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

DENNIS LAUD Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
RAYMOND G. SMITH 3	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

The first peal in the method.

PAYHEMBURY, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., Aug. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 18 240's and six 120's.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

F. PARR Treble	D. SALTER 4
L. MORRELL 2	W. WEBB 5
E. SUMMERS 3	C. JOYCE Tenor

Conducted by W. WEBB.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE WATERMAN Treble	A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. 4
*HEATHER STEWART 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY 3	*CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal in seven methods.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of London Surprise and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

BERTRAM C. HINES Treble	HERMON J. OLIVER 4
JOHN H. SITCH 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK 3	ROBIN N. PITTMAN Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN N. PITTMAN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Turner, of Shenfield, on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

ECCLESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

THOMAS BARKER Treble	*GERALD WILSON 4
JOHN H. GARTSIDE 2	PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 5
*KENNETH BONEHILL 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret, and as a token of appreciation to the Rev. H. Bretherton on his retirement as Rector of this parish. Also to mark Kenneth Bonehill's qualification for a Duke of Edinburgh award.

EDGMOND, SHROPSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*FRANK H. ELEY Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4
*FREDERICK R. WIGGIN .. 2	*ROY K. MOWFORTH .. 5
DAVID W. FRIEND 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. WARRILOW.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

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GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

*JOE E. G. ROAST Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. . 4
MARY DOWSETT 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. . 5
EDWARD W. ROAST 3	*PETER J. EVES Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 50th peal together.

Arranged and rung for Mr. E. C. Shepherd, of Solihull.

ST. JULIOT, CORNWALL. THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JULIOT.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*ROSEMARY G. HICKS .. Treble	*W. HENRY TREWIN .. . 4
†HARRY STACEY 2	CHARLES SANGWIN .. . 5
ALAN J. HICKS 3	CHARLES E. TAYLOR .. . Tenor

Conducted by ALAN HICKS.

* First peal. † First of Minor 'inside.' Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

IN THE LIBRARY OF THE ABBEY.

A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

EDWIN H. LEWIS 1—2	PETER BORDER 5—6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 3—4	WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 7—8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

A HALF PEAL

WHIXLEY, YORKS.—On Aug. 23rd, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Pinkney (first half peal) 1, C. Reeves 2, M. E. Wilkinson 3, L. Greenhorn 4, M. Maskill 5, J. Woolford (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. Greenhorn, of York.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. H. Gilbert 1, Monica Fray 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, T. G. Phillips 4, M. Horseman 5, W. P. Blake 6, L. Derrick 7, J. Brain 8. First in the method by all except treble ringer, for whom the quarter was rung as a birthday compliment.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 17th at St. George's Church, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Percy J. Spice 1, Miss Hilda Oakshott 2, Dennis G. Brown 3, David Kirby 4, John E. Cannell 5, Brian D. Threlfall 6, Maxwell F. Oakshott 7, Arthur S. Richards 8, John W. Smith (first in method as cond.) 9, Geoffrey Runham 10. For morning service.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Streeter 1, Nancy Kempell (first of Minor) 2, E. Russell 3, Freda Hankey 4, F. W. Bird 5, G. Olliver (cond.) 6, V. Grieks (first quarter) 7. Rung for Evensong and as a birthday greeting to the ringer of the third.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Smith 1, S. N. Bristow 2, S. Smith 3, R. Purchase 4, E. Quicke (cond.) 5, W. Grabham 6.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 10 different callings: P. C. Kefford (1st attempt, age 16) 1, C. J. Ashdown (first attempt, age 14) 2, S. R. Myall (first attempt, age 15) 3, J. W. Curryer (first 'inside') 4, H. G. F. Reynolds (cond.) 5, A. T. Ashdown (first of Doubles) 6. All Sunday service band except conductor. For Matins.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT 24, MANOR STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN A. ACRES 1—2 | ERNEST MORRIS 5—6

†JOHN J. JELLEY 3—4 | BRIAN G. WARWICK 7—8

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Grandsire away from 7-8. † First of Grandsire 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

HARRY POYNER 1—2 | JOHN A. ACRES 5—6

ALFRED BALLARD 3—4 | *MARY C. PAYNE 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* First peal on eight handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT 40, WALTON STREET.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS 1—2 | JOHN A. ACRES 5—6

HARRY POYNER 3—4 | *B. STEDMAN PAYNE 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* 150th peal for the Guild. A birthday compliment to B. S. Payne.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF 5032 SPICED ROYAL

Consisting of Plain, Gainsborough and Little Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*REV. P. MICHAEL FREEMAN 1—2 | JACK BRAY 5—6

GEORGE E. FEIRN 3—4 | PHILIP BARNES 7—8

C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 9—10

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal in three Royal methods.

QUARTER PEALS

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Hawkes (first quarter) 1, Marion Wash (first quarter) 2, R. Ingham 3, H. Gardner (cond.) 4, H. Hayward (first 'inside') 5, P. Wilkinson 6. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving to do his National Service.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): Valerie Waterfield 1, Alec Wilson 2, Margaret Ross 3, D. McNeil 4, T. Randall 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: H. N. Tembey (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. H. G. Hart 2, Miss M. Skinner 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, E. R. Wilkinson 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, Miss R. Fleming 8.

HASELBECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Wilford (first quarter) 1, E. G. Orland 2, A. Flutter (first quarter) 3, J. G. Underwood 4, T. Kinchin 5, M. Bennett 6, R. Baker (first of Triples as conductor) 7, C. L. Underwood 8. For Evensong.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. F. West 1, Miss H. Sharp 2, Miss H. Stewart 3, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 4, L. Sharp 5, E. B. Smith 6, C. E. Willmington 7, U. W. Wildney 8. First Kent quarter peal by 1, 2, 3 and 5. For evening service.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine on July 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Townsend (aged 13) 1, R. Pratt (aged 11) 2, V. Pratt (aged 15 (first as cond.)) 3, G. Hebborn 4, D. Simpson 5, S. Harrison 6. First quarter for 1 and 2. Rung on the back six.

LELAT, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Miles 1, Marion L. Lidgely 2, W. Ayre (cond.) 3, D. Penrose 4, R. A. Southwood 5, A. Carveth 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Aug. 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Marriner 1, A. J. Smith 2, D. White (first in method) 3, B. Hawkins 4, Rev. C. Marshall 5, A. S. Harris 6, H. V. Young 7, A. H. Smith (cond.) 8. Specially arranged for Evensong to mark the birthdays of G. Marriner, B. Hawkins and Canon F. Page.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBRIDGE.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): J. Smart (first quarter) 1, A. Thorogood 2, T. Sherman 3, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 4, A. R. Hurst 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret, sister of the conductor.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Ward 1, A. Reeve 2, R. Goodship 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, G. Sandwell 6, W. Ellis (cond.) 7, M. Hallett 8. A wedding compliment to Miss O. Kirby and P. Coward, a member of the local band.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Aug. 24th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hardy 1, G. Wheller 2, R. Beard 3, F. Gorringer 4, P. Braund 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6. Rung for St. Bartholomew's Day. Also with the band's best wishes for Mr. S. Hardy on his 81st birthday.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Monckton 1, F. Welch 2, G. Monckton 3, J. Cornelius 4, R. Welch 5, J. W. Drew (cond.) 6, K. Welch 7, R. Hebditch 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss Margaret Stenner and Mr. R. Marks on the occasion of their wedding.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCs.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Cunliffe 1, A. Greenhalgh 2, Gillian Bridgford 3, J. Warby 4, F. Brownlow 5, D. Young (cond.) 6.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. A. Beechey 1, A. H. T. Parker 2, M. J. Horseman 3, R. H. Brice 4, G. Prescott 5, S. G. Smith 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Price.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Lewisham District

Owing to the incidence of holidays, the allure of a fine ring of ten bells in a magnificent church attracted only 20 ringers to St. George's, Beckenham, on July 26th, for the Lewisham District's quarterly meeting. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was directed by Mr. A. S. Richards (Ringing Master).

The service, full Evensong, held in the church, was conducted by the Rector (Rev. T. C. Hammond). The organist added greatly to the tone of a very pleasant office.

After tea, the business meeting was held in the Church Hall, Mr. A. S. Richards presiding. Two ringers were elected practising members of the Association.

St. Luke's, Bromley Common, was chosen for the annual District meeting, to be held on October 25th, and the date of the combined meeting with the Surrey Association confirmed—October 11th, at St. Alfege's, Greenwich.

Information was given of the dedication of a new church at Nottingham: one of the few (perhaps the only) post-war constructions with provision of facilities for the possible installation of a ring of eight bells, at some future date.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, the organist, and to Mrs. Rawlings for arranging the meeting, and an appreciation of the presence of Mr. J. Bennett, of Grundisburgh, concluded the business.

SOLUTION CROSSWORD No. 3

Across: 1 Westminster, 8 Tom, 9 Church, 10 Bobbed, 12 Ived, 14 Bells, 15 Radio, 16 Crazy, 18 Bantu, 20 Lugumo, 22 Confab, 23 Via, 24 Caversfield.

Down: 2 Sharpe, 3 Myth, 4 Numb, 5 Treble, 6 Wecritchley, 7 Undisturbed, 11 Dodge, 13 Dry, 14 Bob, 17 Zhukov, 19 Aynhoe, 21 Over, 22 Cauf.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Eastern District

In spite of the unaccountable absence of a 'notice of meeting' in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' the meeting at Great Hormead on August 16th was quite a success. Advertisement within the District brought a total of 18 ringers representing 12 towers. These were not all able to be present before tea, however, and only a few were able to enjoy the service conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very interesting and unusual address based upon bells and their history.

It was a pity there were no more present to enjoy the fine tea which the local ladies are so expert at providing.

From the ringing viewpoint the numbers present were quite adequate for the small ringing chamber, and everybody was catered for by Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Treble Bob and Cambridge. The local band were given as much opportunity as possible to gain practice with more experienced change-ringers—an opportunity which very rarely comes their way, as their calling permits no regular summer practice and the weather and isolated position discourage visitors during the winter.

Ringing continued until shortly after 8 p.m., when the meeting was adjourned and translated to 'another place.'

T. J. S.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Aug. 21st, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Wheeler 1. Mrs. D. Day (first 'inside') 2. H. T. Bonshor 3. J. Day 4. R. H. Cook 5. J. H. Cook (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Manton, of Melton Mowbray, on the birth of a son (Stephen Richard). Also a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Day.

WEDDING

Mr. A. Anthony Jaques — Miss Irene M. Caswell

The wedding took place, at Nantwich Parish Church, on August 16th of Mr. Alan Anthony Jaques, of Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, and Miss Irene Margaret Caswell, of Nantwich. Both are local ringers.

The bridegroom and the best man, also three guests from Nottingham, took part in the pre-service ringing, and the local ringers rang to welcome the bride to the church.

The service, conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. M. B. Southwell) and accompanied by the organist (Mr. H. G. Kirkham), included the Guild bell-ringers' hymn 'Praise my soul.' The bride, who was dressed in white, was attended by one bridesmaid and two small attendants.

After the service the bells were again rung and 'fired.' The reception was held at The Cheshire Cat. The bride is a former member of the Girl Guides, who formed the guard of honour.

Mr. and Mrs. Jaques spent their honeymoon at Torquay.

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Mr. W. A. J. Knight, of
Gillingham, who on August
23rd conducted his 100th peal,
conducted his first peal (Stedman Triples) at
Gillingham on October 16th, 1937. Of the band
who rang on that occasion there are only two
other survivors—Mr. C. E. J. Norris and Mr.
Francis J. Cheal. Mr. Norris rang in the cen-
tenary peal.

St. Mary Cray band was impressed by the
masterly way Mr. S. Hardy handled his bell in
the ringing for his 81st birthday. 'Many more
happy hours' ringing, Steve.'

Bells will be heard prior to the evening ser-
vice to be broadcast from St. Paul's Church,
Bedford, on Sunday, September 14th, at 7.45
p.m. in the Home Service. The captain of
ringers is Mr. S. Foskett.

Mr. R. D. Short, of Bridgwater, rang in his
1,000th tower on August 23rd. It was at Great
Tew during a half day's outing arranged by
Oxfordshire friends. He writes that he is greatly
indebted to many friends in various parts of
the country with whom he had joined in tours
and outings to make this total possible.

Mr. William Shone (82), who has completed
55 years as a ringer at Heswall Parish Church
Cheshire, was honoured on August 24th when a
peal tablet inscribed by hand and framed in
oak recording his long and faithful service was
unveiled in the belfry by the Rector, the Rev.
Kenneth Lec. The peal, 5,040 Minor in three
methods, was rung by members of the Wirral
Branch on May 31st, and was the first to be
rung in the tower since the bells were aug-
mented. Paying tribute to Mr. Shone's fine
record, the Rector said he regarded his art as
one dedicated to the service of God. His ex-
ample had inspired them to give their best and
to feel a sense of duty and responsibility.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Of the 11 beginners who
started ringing at Dereham,
Norfolk, last October, two—
G. Buckle and T. Pett—rang their first peal
(Minor in two methods) at Gressenhall on
August 13th. Gressenhall was chosen for the
first peal on account of tenor weights—10 cwt.
as against the home tower's 23 cwt. We con-
gratulate Mr. G. P. Adams and others at Dere-
ham on good spadework.

The peal of Bristol Surprise rung at Shepton
Mallet by Mr. David Hoare's 'Wednesday
band' was the second peal in the method rung
by a resident band of the Bath and Wells Dio-
cesan Association. The other peal was at Taun-
ton in 1935. Four unsuccessful attempts for
this peal had been made during the past year.

With his words of congratulation to the band
who rang the peal at East Woodhay, Hants, on
August 17th, Col. Pearce, a churchwarden,
brought a jug of iced lemonade, which was
much appreciated. Six ringers who work on
his estate ring at East Woodhay, and the
Colonel has presented each of them with a
badge engraved with the name of the estate. It
is doubtful if any other estate in England so
recognises its ringers.

Correction.—Mr. Francis R. Lowe writes re
peal of Kent and Oxford T.B. Royal, rung at
Duffield on August 2nd ('R.W.', page 538), that
he rang the second and not the third in this
peal, as submitted, and also 'circled the tower'
on this bell. The footnote of 'First for all' is
also wrong, as he has rung both Major and
Royal before in this variation. The last peal
of Kent and Oxford Royal he rang was at
Derby Cathedral on May 20th, 1950. This, in-
cidentally, corrects a statement on 'treble ten'
at the Cathedral, made in a recent 'Leader' by
the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

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COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING APPROACH ASSOCIATIONS

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—I enclose a copy of a letter and the enclosure thereto which have just been sent out to general secretaries of territorial Guilds, Associations and Societies whose names appear in the Ringers' Diary. As the work of this Committee is the concern of every tower and ringer in the land, and as much work in a limited time is involved, we shall be grateful if you will kindly publish this correspondence so that members of the various Associations will have time before their next meeting to give thought to the matter. It is hoped that they will then encourage their Associations to undertake the survey requested since we believe that apart from producing reliable statistics, the Associations and their work will benefit from the interest stimulated and the detailed knowledge acquired concerning the state of ringing throughout their area.

It will help if you will also publish the list of territorial Associations which have been circulated since, quite possibly, there may be some that have been inadvertently omitted. If so, I shall be grateful if their secretaries will write to me for details. I should also be pleased to send copies of the correspondence to any other Associations or Societies whose areas do not include towers already covered by the Associations which have been circulated. Non-territorial Associations can help by sending to Mr. Gray lists of comments and suggestions (Nos. 1 to 5).

We are encouraged that work on this survey has already started in two Association areas and another Association has offered wholehearted co-operation.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK, Convener,
Central Council Committee on Sunday Service Ringing.

TO 39 TERRITORIAL ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Sir,—In order to assist the above Committee to carry out a survey on Sunday service bands and ringing with a view to helping and acting as a 'clearing house of information' between Associations, Guilds and Societies, we shall be grateful if you will kindly supply the information asked for on the enclosed form, if possible not later than December 31st, 1958. Further copies of this form will be sent to you on request to Mr. Chaddock.

It is realised that this will involve much work by those your Association request to prepare the information, but we feel it is well worth while and that some additional interest will be stimulated in helping struggling bands and individuals in their efforts to progress. We also feel that Associations and their work will benefit by their carrying out this survey.

Page 387 of 'The Ringing World,' dated June 13th, 1958, gives some indication of the possible work of the above-named Committee, but without your help, co-operation and suggestions, little can be achieved.

We, therefore, earnestly appeal to your Association to do all in its power to help this Committee in carrying out its task.

Possibly you may be able to combine this survey with some other worthwhile project concerning the work of your Association. Whatever form of survey your Association may decide to undertake must be left in their hands, but the information we request will be of great assistance in estimating the extent of the problem and will indicate possible remedies.

A similar survey recently carried out in Yorkshire yielded valuable information and we enclose a few extracts therefrom which may be of general interest. In this survey the towers were tabulated across the top of the page and questions down the left-hand side, to facilitate the preparation of the summary.

We are anxious that surveys should be factual and that no attempt be made to make the state of Sunday service ringing appear either better or worse than it really is.

Will you kindly bring this request before your Association at their next meeting and let the convener know, in due course, whether they agree to undertake such a survey. Results of surveys, when completed, should be sent to Mr. P. Gray, Orana, Eastmead Lane, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, 9.—Yours sincerely,

PHILIP GRAY, REV. J. SCOTT,
REV. G. THURLOW, FRANK B. LUFKIN,
(Convener) NORMAN CHADDOCK,
17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham.

FORMS FOR SURVEY

To assist Associations in completing their Survey, 'The Ringing World' is having printed forms similar to that appearing in this issue.

Will secretaries please write, stating numbers required, to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Onslow Street, Guildford.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORT ON SURVEY IN YORKSHIRE

Many ringers and even vicars refer to the clergy's lack of interest.

Only two towers have asked Local Education Authorities to provide an instructor, and in both cases one has been appointed. Few people realise that this is possible provided a regular weekly attendance of about eight can be maintained.

Whilst an improvement calls for a sacrifice by town ringers on behalf of remote country districts, the former may ultimately benefit by an influx of ringers due to movement to towns for work, etc.

There is need for organised effort to create interest in parishes, in Church groups such as youth clubs, Scouts, Guides, etc.

There is a failure to realise that ringers can be a useful group within the Church, and that ringing provides an opportunity to occupy youth club members, etc., and retain them within the fellowship of the Church.

Many clergy realise the value of change-ringing and methods as a means of stimulating interest in a band. For long term success get on to change-ringing as soon as possible, making use of handbells initially.

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Demonstrations and recruiting talks to likely recruits, parish authorities, etc.

Opportunity to receive instruction from proper tutor.

Very many replies strongly pleaded for the above.

Bring visiting teams to help local ringers (many replies).

Recruit from regular churchgoers (a good number of replies).

Clergy the key to the situation. Approach theological colleges. Ordination candidates should be shown how valuable bell-ringing can be.

Evangelisation of ringers.

More opportunity for learners at ringing meetings.

Encourage attendance at ringing meetings.

Get more ringers to attend church.

Basic reassessment of spirit in which we ring. 'Wean the youngsters from Rock-'n'-Roll—it's a crusade that's called for.'

Get Associations to think in terms of bands rather than individuals.

Careful selection of recruits.

Virile leadership.

Missionary work by good ringer/instructor.

Raise a fund for travelling expenses of instructors.

Open practices for less experienced and learners (organised).

Keep bells in better mechanical condition and make belfries pleasant places to be in.

Teach recruits whilst you have a good band.

More publicity (of the proper kind) for the Exercise—church literature, press, television, B.B.C., etc.

Secure the help and co-operation of education authorities.

FACTORS WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO SUCCESS

1. Church membership, etc.
2. Old faithfuls.
3. Friendship between ringers.
4. Keen and able leader.
5. Team spirit.
6. Keen youth.
7. Help from other ringers.
8. Interest.
9. Patience.
10. Discipline.
11. Cheery, friendly and understanding attitude.
12. Family ringers.
13. Vicar (personal interest).
14. Regularity.
15. Regular practice on fixed practice night.
16. Pay them.
17. Change-ringing.
18. Handbells.
19. Contests.

REASONS MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO RETAIN A FULL TEAM

1. Lack of interest, or apathy.
2. No instructor or leader (33 per cent. cannot get an instructor).
3. Shifts.
4. Counter-attractions—weekend motoring, etc.
5. Youth not interested in church or ringing.
6. Unsuitable tower captain.
7. Ringers not properly recognised.
8. Sunday sport (cricket).
9. Moving population.
10. Too tying.
11. Ringing for pleasure on weekdays only. (A hobby only.)
12. Homework.
13. Ignorance of how interesting ringing can be once a certain stage is reached.
14. Vicar.
15. Poor ringing conditions or bells. (Subsidence in one case.)
16. Slowness at acquiring ropesight.
17. Casual, come-and-go attitude.
18. Travelling distance.
19. Public complaints.
20. Not maintaining sufficient numbers to allow for an occasional Sunday off.

ASSOCIATIONS CIRCULATED

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Bedfordshire Association, Chester Diocesan Guild, Coventry Diocesan Guild, Cumberland and North Westmorland Association, Derbyshire Association, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Ely Diocesan Association, Essex Association, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, Guildford Diocesan Guild, Hereford Diocesan Guild, Hertford County Association, Irish Association, Kent County Association, Lancashire Association, Leicester Diocesan Guild, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, London County Association, Middlesex County Association, North Staffordshire Association, North Wales Association, Norwich Diocesan Association, Oxford Diocesan Guild, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, St. David's Diocesan Guild, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Scottish Association, Shropshire Association, Southwell Diocesan Guild, Stafford Archdeaconry Society, Suffolk Guild, Surrey Association, Sussex County Association, Swansea and Brecon Guild, Truro Diocesan Guild, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, Wincestershire Association.

(For copy of questionnaire see next page)

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

REVIEW OF SUNDAY SERVICE BANDS AND RINGING

ASSOCIATION OR SOCIETY

NOTE.—It is important that the following answers be given in numbers and *not* in percentages.

	A In union with the Assoc'n	B NOT in union with the Assoc'n	C TOTAL
*1. No. of towers with 5 or more bells where bells are unringable			
2. No. of teams which are paid			
*3. No. of teams which do not hold regular practices			
4. Proportion of lady ringers in Association's area			
5. Proportion of school-age ringers in Association's area ..			
6. Proportion of ringers who are members of the Association ..			
7. Average length of time bells are rung for each service ..			
*8. No. of towers ringing call-changes only			
*9. No. of towers ringing call-changes and methods			
(Note.—A comment on nature of methods rung would be welcome.)			
*10. No. of silent, or near silent, towers where bells are ringable			
11. No. of towers which ring only once on a Sunday			
*12. No. of towers only 50 per cent. manned or rung			
*13. No. of towers where ringing is completely satisfactory, i.e., properly ringing most of the bells twice each Sunday ..			
14. No. of towers having difficulty getting recruits			
15. No. of towers having difficulty keeping recruits			
*16. No. of towers having difficulty getting an instructor			
17. No. of towers with instructor provided by Local Education Authority			
18. No. of towers where the Vicar is not interested			
19. No. of towers where position worsened in recent years ..			
20. No. of towers where position improved in recent years ..			
21. No. of towers where help is required			

Questions marked * are regarded as very important.

Please attach lists of:—

1. Suggestions for improving Sunday service ringing.
2. Important factors which have contributed to success.
3. Reasons making it difficult to retain full teams.
4. Reasons making it difficult to obtain an *instructor* and to obtain recruits.
5. (a) Number of meetings held each year.
(b) Average attendance.
(c) Number of meetings specially for learners.
(d) Number of meetings specially for advanced ringing.

For the above it will help if you will use similar headings to those used in the enclosed extract from a provisional report on a survey in Yorkshire, adding additional items that may arise. We feel that these lists will be as useful as the figures we ask for.

Any additional observations which might help the Committee will be most welcome.

NOTE.—In cases of difficulty columns A and B can be left blank.

VANCOUVER HONOURS MEMORY OF MR. A. C. LIMPUS

On Sunday, July 13th, a unique event took place in the ringing chamber at The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, British Columbia.

A plaque was unveiled to commemorate the work of Alfred Claude Limpus, who died in 1952. It was solely by his perseverance and hard work, amidst amazing difficulties that dogged him at every turn over a period of some six years, that Vancouver was honoured to have the first ring of bells in all Canada, hung for change ringing.

The story was fully recorded in the pages of 'The Ringing World' on August 18th and August 25th, 1916, by Mr. Limpus. It surely must be the most amazing story to be encountered in the whole history of the 'art,' in the endeavours of one man to arrange to have bells hung 'English style' when a set of seven bells had already travelled some 20,000 miles from France (there was no Panama Canal in those days) and had been hung for ringing in the Continental manner.

The eight bells were hung in their present form in 1909 and the tower remained the only one in Western Canada (where English style ringing is practised) until a second ring arrived, for Christchurch Cathedral, in Victoria, some 27 years later. The first peal to be rung in all Canada, and the only peal so far rung in this tower, took place on Dominion Day, July 1st, 1911, and was officially designated as a 'Coronation Peal' by the late King George V. himself. The peal was of 5,040 changes of Grandsire Triples. Since that time to the present day the tower's ringers have continued to celebrate Royal occasions and to correspond with members of the Royal Family.

The commemorative plaque was made in Gloucestershire, England, out of solid English oak, all the lettering being deeply hand-carved to ensure an everlasting historical record. It was unveiled by the late Mr. Limpus' eldest daughter, who had made a special trip to Vancouver from her home in San Francisco, U.S.A., for the occasion. The Rector of the Cathedral gave a short address, in which he affirmed the support of the church to the ringing of their bells, and expressed how particularly glad he was that the present ringers had thought fit to raise some memorial to the late Mr. Limpus.

The Vancouver Society of Change Ringers were fortunate in having presented to them by the Limpus family a set of handbells that had belonged to Mr. Limpus, and also a much-treasured copy of the specially printed and bound edition of 'History of the Installation of the Bells of Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver, B.C., and the peal rung thereon.' A copy was presented to the Queen Mother, Queen Elizabeth, in 1948, and another rests in the Vancouver City archives.

The transcription on the plaque reads:—

'This records that solely
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ALLIANCE METHODS

Dear Sir.—Mr. Vernon Taylor will be glad to know that A. G. Driver's papers show Algar-kirk Alliance Minor was published in 'The Ringing World' of January 24th, 1936. He lists 74 'ordinary' and 70 'special' methods, and it is evident that he had done some research into the latter before the 'Very Little' methods with which they splice had been published as Bastow and Kent Little Court, as the former is shown under the name 'Ganny Gunter,' first given to it in 'The Ringing World' of June 24th, 1921. 'I suspect,' Mr. Driver remarked in another book, 'the originator is Rev. E. B. James.'

I expect the Methods Committee have all the above methods but I will confirm this direct with Mr. Felstead.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

THE BRIDGNORTH TENOR

Dear Sir.—The weight of St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, tenor, 18 cwt. 18 lb., was supplied by Taylors, who rehung these bells about five years ago, and is, therefore, the correct weight.

I gather that this is a Warner bell and it is probable, therefore, that the 'noble lady' never had as great a middle-age spread to shed as Mr. Morris supposes, for Warners were notoriously prone to exaggerate their weights.

St. Nicholas', Liverpool, old tenor, for example, was stated to weigh 39½ cwt., but was found to weigh several hundredweights less, and this was by no means an isolated instance. I am afraid that all Warner's published weights are suspect.

The divergence between their published weights and reality is often so great that one wonders whether Warners weighed the clapper and headstock along with the bell, for there would seem to be nothing to be gained by publishing weights which were palpably false.—Yours truly

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

Dear Sir, I was interested to see Mr. Morris' letter respecting the weight of the tenor at St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, and can confirm that the weight I gave was taken from 'Dove.' I should guess that 18 cwt. 18 lb. is correct, though since the bells run so easily it is possible we were humping 21 cwt. around without knowing it. Perhaps Mr. H. G. Thomas could settle the question?

I can also confirm that I am a 'he' and not a 'her.' (No offence taken, of course!) It seems axiomatic that Ringing Masters are masculine in the same way that bells are feminine, not necessarily because of any superior prowess, but because (in my tower, at any rate) the masculine voice is better heard above the melee when we try Stedman Triples by kicking off with a single.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL F. HALL.

Handsworth Wood,
Birmingham 21.

IN APPRECIATION OF A PEAL

Dear Sir,—A very creditable peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Hawkley on August 23rd. Several peals have been rung here since the bells were augmented to eight, some of which have provoked severe criticism from an unknown writer, thereby causing considerable disturbance in the minds of my well-known ringing friends.

I had the great joy of listening to this peal from beginning to end, and what a joy it was to hear such beautiful striking throughout the whole peal, not a blow wrong. This is the kind of peal ringing that does great credit to those who took part, and particularly to the Exercise at large, more especially as the peal was rung for the wedding of two local people—Miss Sylvia Scott to Mr. William Penny—who were delighted to hear the bells rung to beautifully. They were more than grateful to all who travelled such great distances to ring one of the best peals that has been rung here. I hope we shall have many more like it.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES A. POUND.

Hawkley, Hants.

ECCLESFIELD HANDBELL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—We were very pleased to read the article by Mr. Thomas Ogden in the August 22nd issue of 'The Ringing World.' It gave an added incentive to our struggling band to hear that others were still alive and persisting in the fascinating hobby of tune-ringing on handbells.

Our own team began about 1910 with a set of 49 bells, and entered the appropriate division in contest work, though never quite pulling off a win. In 1926 they raised sufficient funds to purchase a fine set of bells—169 in all five chromatic octaves, with numerous duplicate and triplicate bells. These we still practise and perform with occasionally, though like other teams we have our ups and downs.

Our conductor and founder, Fred Whitham, gave up a short while ago owing to age, leaving us with a very extensive library of his arrangements, overtures, marches, waltzes, etc., of which we are very proud. We would very much like to contact other interested parties and have an interchange of ideas, music, etc., and so try to keep alive, as Mr. Ogden suggests, this art of handbell tune-ringing.—Yours sincerely,

WM. C. GREGORY.

Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers,
near Sheffield.

182, High Greave,
Sheffield, 5.

ST. PETER'S, FRIMLEY, SURREY

Dear Sir,—We live and learn! 'The Wallington and Carshalton Times' would have us believe that ringing takes place here every Sunday, but they have been misinformed. In 1930 Taylors cast 10 bells in the diatonic scale and two half-notes for this tower, which is too frail to carry a ring of bells hung for ringing and they were hung 'dead' for chiming purposes by means of a clavier.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

HANDBELL MUSIC

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the letters which have appeared in your columns during the past few weeks re handbell music.

I am over 91 years 'young' and have rung handbells for over 74 years, giving programmes in various places in this area, Theatre Royal, and for different organisations such as church fetes, old folk's homes, Over Sixty clubs and also the Salvation Army hostels.

I have had teams of postmen, telegraph messengers, choir boys and old age pensioners, the last-named to the beginning of this year, when the bells we had were disposed of to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Several of your correspondents have explained their method of teaching, all of which entails a lot of transposing from numbers, tonic sol-fa, Morse code, etc., to the actual note of each bell. Fifty years ago I devised a plan which avoided all that, with the result that youngsters who did not 'know music' were able to ring any tune after about four lessons.

As the bells are all marked on the handles, A, B, C, C sharp, etc., why call them 1, 2, 3 or 4, or '—', '—', '—', and have to transpose them back? I have a set of sheets for each ringer, the note, rest and each bar of the tune being played being marked. Where the ringer uses four bells the sheet shows in which hand to hold particular bells—two to be rung up and down and two rung sideways.

I have had teams of 4, 5, 6 and 8 ringers and written out sheets for 30 tunes for each of them—690 sheets in all.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT E. YENDALL.

79, Fenham Hall Drive,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Note.—Mr. Yendall encloses a photograph taken in 1934 of two Post Office handbell bands—that of the 1888 Postal Staff, with the 1934 messengers of which he was the leader. Mr. Yendall was a member of the 1888 band and they were led by the late Mr. J. McDonald.—Ed.

362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—I have recently received a letter from 'The Maximus Syndicate' inviting me, not, as might be imagined, to stand in a 12-bell peal, but to take out a share in their football pool forecasting. The address is in Gosport, Hants—I wonder if some of the local ringers are behind it?

What prompted me to write, however, was a train of thought which led back to a famous ringer of the 19th century who ended his days at Gosport—James Hewitt. Amongst other things he rang the fifth to the only tower-bell peal in America, at Christ Church, Philadelphia, on June 9th, 1850, while touring with Barnum's 'Greatest Show on Earth,' but my particular interest is in an advertisement which appeared in 'The Bell News' in 1892:—

A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6d. Contains the full extent of changes on nine bells. By James Hewitt, 16, Chapel Row, Gosport.

Has any reader a copy of this peal? I have never seen one, nor do I remember hearing anyone mention having done so.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

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THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION SUMMER TOUR

THIS year's U.A. tour was based on Yeovil and Sherborne from August 8th to 16th. Members began arriving on the Friday, and it became clear from the start that the U.A., which is never the easiest group to keep 'organised', would this time be even more difficult than usual, due to members being quartered in various hotels and guest houses in Yeovil. However, after a meal, all assembled at the first tower of the week, Preston Plunknett, with an easy-going, but very noisy, six.

By Saturday morning several more familiar faces had appeared on the scene, and the tour began in earnest. The first call was East Coker (8), beautifully situated by the 15th century manor, Coker Court. Then through a bewildering maze of lanes to Hardington Mandeville, where the light six were soon tapping merrily. After that came West Coker, a very pleasant eight; and after that—most important—lunch.

CLOCK HAMMER DEFEATS PEAL

Thus fortified, eight members departed to attempt a peal of Yorkshire Major at Ilminster where, sad to relate, after 21 hours' good ringing, an argument developed between the tenor and a clock hammer. The clock hammer won!

The rest of the party visited Evershot. Here is a lovely church with an equally lovely Bilbie six. The stay on the second was missing, and with less than five minutes to go, the tenor rope descended in coils on top of the ex-president of the Central Council! So the front five were lowered in a race against the tenor, but the tenor had the last word!

Then over the hills to Cattistock, where the huge tower dwarfs the 19th century church and the Whitechapel eight are superb. The ringing, however, did not live up to the bells. At this tower we were joined by 'one of our leading bell-founders,' who would surely have been gratified had he heard the cheer (from three ladies!) which followed the cry 'Paul's here!' After tea came Yetminster. Here the heavy six proved a handful with their long draught.

MOVE TO SHERBORNE

Sunday morning saw the heavyweight specialists ringing a quarter of Stedman at Sherborne while the remainder rang on the splendid ten at Yeovil—the lantern of the West—from 9 to 10 a.m., and then split up to ring on the heavy six at Montacute and the recently augmented six at Trent, with its flower-decked ringing chamber. In this village one member was able to visit her dream house—and a charming place it was!

In the afternoon, besides packing prior to moving to new headquarters at the Half Moon, Sherborne, the party had, for once, no fixed programme. Some visited Montacute House and 'rubbernecked' in the best American tradition; some lost themselves amid the wonderful Dorset lanes, while some visited West Bay, Bridport, where, Reuter reports, 'Jumbo' Seagar went swimming. What an odd coincidence that there should be notices warning of Portuguese men-of-war! At tea time, youngest non-ringing member, aged 2½, arrived in charge of Daddy, and adopted so many honorary aunts and uncles during the week that she has been very bored with home company since!

Service ringing took place at Bradford Abbas (6), Thornford (6) and Sherborne.

Monday found the party in smiling Somerset, with Queen Camel as the first call. These bells are superb, but the rise in peal was poor and the ringing undistinguished. However, a good 'lower' did much to redeem the situation. Castle Cary came next, a fair eight, and then Evercreech, where Ron Pocklington's tape-recorder captured some Cambridge Royal. Lunch was an impromptu affair, and the boot of one car resembled a kitchen dresser due to the amount of cutting up and buttering in progress.

AT GLASTONBURY

Pilton, clinging to its steep hillside, has a fine six, much improved since rehanging. On the hillside opposite, a straggling single-file, led by the indefatigable Randal Clouston, was observed making an inspection of a noble tithe barn. Then passing the Tor, we reached Glastonbury, where St. John's has a tall, swaying tower, and the good-toned, heavy eight are rough and sadly neglected, while the six in the dignified tower of St. Benedict's are handy and well-kept.

Over the hills then to Somerton, where the fine Warner six hang in an octagonal tower and the chief glory of the church is the 15th century roof. Dinner at the Half Moon was such a leisurely affair that most of the party were unable to visit Crewkerne practice.

Tuesday morning found us at Blandford Forum, with its pleasant eight, and then at Wimborne Minster, where the ninth clapper was still out. (This broke during a visit by the St. Albans Cathedral Society, and is said to be in the tender care of British Railways en route from the foundry!) Ringing was therefore confined to a curious assortment of eights and sixes. At Poole we were caught in a series of downpours, but the bells were a pleasant ten and the ringing quite fair. Then the weather relented, and the party drove to Bere Regis. While some rang, others admired the wonderfully carved and painted nave roof, surely one of the most astonishing to be found anywhere. Next the programme said 'Milton Abbas,' so to Milton Abbas we went—to find one bell! However, we soon found the eight at Milton Abbey, a gracious building set in lovely parkland, and now a school chapel. The noisy, light eight do not do justice to the church. The local practice at Sherborne was visited in the evening.

HONOURS EVEN

South Petherton came first on Wednesday, a huge octagonal central tower, with a deep-toned eight. Here we were joined by E. M. Atkins. Then on to Shepton Beauchamp (8). Here the men attempted to redeem their failure and rang their non-conducted touch of Stedman. Strange that the light should flicker and that so many otherwise healthy onlookers should sneeze when the bobs were due! Then the ladies took up the challenge and, despite desperate (and noisy!) attempts at sabotage by the men, succeeded in ringing a bob course of Bob Major. Honours were even!

After this came the only 12 of the tour—Taunton—where the richly-carved tower sways and the bells are tricky but sound well. From here, eight members left to ring a successful peal of London at Drayton, while the rest visited Creech St. Michael (6), Curry Rivel (8)—a lovely church—and Kingsbury Episcopi (6), with one of Somerset's finest towers.

In the evening, the annual meeting was in a more sober vein than usual. Concern was expressed that so few new faces were being seen on the tour. As Brian Threlfall had stated that he wished to resign as secretary-treasurer, there was considerable discussion as to a successor. Several new members were elected.

RAIN, FOG AND DENSE TRAFFIC

Thursday dawned wet; but undaunted, we reached Winham and enjoyed the lively light eight rung from the chancel steps. Finding Whitchurch Canoncorum was a work of art (at least one well-known conductor being more at home conducting from the 'R.W.' rather than from an O.S. map!), but it was worth seeking out this noble church with its rocking tower, deep-toned eight and saint's shrine. Then on, through mist and heavy traffic to Bridport, while some visited Canon C. C. Cox at Morecombe-lake and others had lunch at West Bay (youngest member seeing the sea for the first time). Ringing followed on the heavy-going eight. On

again, through dense hill-fog and even more dense traffic until, leaving the main road, we dropped down a 1-in-5 to Litton Cheney, with a good, light eight. The sun broke through by the time Dorchester was reached, and A. Y.-B.'s Messerschmitt attracted some attention. Seeing the altimeter (!), one passer-by asked where the wings were, and was solemnly informed that they had been left behind! Doubtless they will appear as Mod. No. X.Y.Z. on next year's tour! Dorchester Bob did not progress more than two leads here.

After tea, the party rang at Piddlehinton, with its handy six, and on the way home some stated that they had passed A. Y.-B.'s 'family seat.' This was identified as a coombe near Cerne Abbas—Bramble Bottom (no connection with the giant next door!). That evening, while the rest visited Charlton Horethorne (8), the experts rang a peal of St. Clement's Major 'in hand' in the library of Sherborne Abbey.

A 'Z' IN THE BAG

Friday dawned fine, and Zeals (6) was the first stop. These tuneful bells are spoiled by the dreadful grumbling and shaking up aloft from the worn gudgeons. However, it was a 'Z' in the bag for most of us. Next came Mere, with a fine-toned but heavy-going eight. What a contrast at Hindon! An easy Rudhall six in a plain Victorian church—well situated in relation to places of refreshment! After lunch came Semley (6, 26 cwt.) beside an extensive village green. These noble bells demanded strong men round the back end, but only because of their weight. They went well. The Vicar, who met us, then directed the cars over Semley Common to Shaftesbury where, we were told all three towers were available. However, the party which arrived at St. James' drew a blank, but ringing was enjoyed at both Holy Trinity and St. Peter's, the latter's a very fine six.

TREBLE MAY BE GOING!

But all good things must come to an end, and we reached the last tower of the week, Gillingham. The eight went not too well, and Beatrice Boyle, normally a very competent treble ringer, had difficulty in pulling off. Her successor in the next touch cautiously stated: 'Treble may be going,' and was encouraged by a spontaneous chorus of 'He-e-eave!' from the back-end!

Then back to the Half Moon for that most admirable institution, the social evening. The party was divided into two teams—'Conductors' (?), under the captaincy of Peter Border, and 'Belfrymen,' under Chris Johnson. Like two flocks of sheep, we paraded—to the skittle alley, for what turned out to be the most hilarious social evening of all time. The 'Conductors' (?) were well and truly trounced by the 'Belfrymen' with some incredible scoring by Jumbo. Whenever he hurled his guided missiles, the more prudent took cover!

Saturday morning saw the departure of the peal band. They scored a peal of Belgrave at Martock, while the rest made their various ways home, one carload still having the energy to snatch two towers en route!

The whole party are most grateful to all the incumbents of the 40-odd churches, to the ringers who met us, and last, but not least, to John Gilbert, who did the organising, kept everyone happy and himself managed to remain cheerful throughout. J. D.

RICHMOND, SURREY.—On August 7th, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Goodman 1, J. D. Rock 2, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 3, Gillian Neal Smith 4, F. R. Scott 5, D. A. S. Hawkins 6, W. T. Cook 7, R. G. Leale (cond.) 8. First of Surprise for 1 and 3; believed to be the first quarter of Surprise on the bells. Run for the centenary of the Church of St. Matthias, Richmond, prior to Evensong on the centenary day.

J. MARTIN THORLEY'S YORKSHIRE PEAL WEEK

THE third peal week arranged by the writer proved to be the most successful so far, with ten peals being rung out of a total of 12 attempts.

On Saturday, August 9th, a peal of Minor in three methods was rung on the back six at Otley, and this meant that the regular 'backenders' were already blistered when the tour proper began on the following Monday. A peal of Major had been arranged, but we met one short, and there was no shortage of volunteers to stand down, the weather being sultry and a full week of Minor ringing just round the corner.

Monday saw two peals successfully accomplished—seven methods at Holbeck and eight methods at Calverley. We were thankful that the Calverley peal had been arranged on the first day—those new Yorkshire ends proved to be a strain on the fingers.

On Tuesday morning we rang a peal in seven methods on the delightful little six at Chapel Allerton and the writer noted with some trepidation that all those who had shown a desire either to conduct or to ring the tenor had been satisfied, and there were still four more days to go! At Batley, in the afternoon, we recorded our only tower-bell failure of the week—all the band were fast asleep and a bob was missed towards the end of the second extent. Kent appears to be a rather unfortunate method for the conductor of this attempt, who is well known in Yorkshire for calling a false peal of it. In the evening three of us attended the practice at Pudsey and enjoyed some very good Major.

PROGRAMME REARRANGED

We met at Pontefract on Wednesday morning and the peal in ten methods was probably the best of the week. Unfortunately Ted Bradley was far from well; he rang the treble, but this proved to be his last appearance of the week, and it meant a drastic re-

arrangement of the programme. The attempts at Horbury and Snaith were cancelled and handbell attempts were put in to keep up the week's number. At Padmar, after supper, three of us attempted Bob Minor. The striking was really first-class, but just after half way an extra single was made by the 'Kent conductor,' and the bells ran round two courses short of the extent.

However, on Thursday morning we deemed this loss and a good peal was rung in the front bedroom, away from the shouts of the Misses Thorley. In the afternoon the first peal was rung on the bells of Kirk Deighton. This was in nine methods and we must make special mention of Paddy, who had three diagrams propped up above the kitchen sink during the morning's housework. The intrepid three who had gone to Pudsey on Tuesday night and rung handbells for an hour on Wednesday night, completed their 'hat-trick' by attending the practice at Leeds Parish Church on Thursday night.

Friday morning was an anxious time. The three from Horsforth had to finish the journey to Carlton by taxi, and Eric Critchley's scooter refused to start, leaving him stranded in Scawthorpe. The local verger, Mr. Graves, kindly offered to stand in with us and a very enjoyable peal of Bob Minor was rung. The tenor man, whose invariable remark before a peal of Minor is, 'Now don't race them,' turned in both his first-ever tenor and the fastest time of the week. Horsforth was reached in time for two of the intrepid three plus the writer's wife to join in the Guiseley practice while the writer kept on putting his daughters to bed.

A handbell peal in three methods was rung on Saturday morning and in the afternoon we rang six methods at Woodlesford. This peal was undoubtedly the least satisfactory of the week, but then we were tired and our standard had been high. J. M. T.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM J. PAICE

On August 26th Mr. William J. Paice was laid to rest in the churchyard of St. Paul's, Wokingham, within the sound of the bells that he loved and under the shadow of its spire. The service, which was taken by the Ven. H. T. Shaw (chairman of the Sonning Deanery Branch), was quiet and simple, just as he would have loved. The only people who were present were his own family and relations and close ringing friends.

Before the service the bells were rung half-muffled by members of the following towers: St. Paul's and All Saints', Wokingham, Sandhurst and Finchampstead—the four towers with which he had the closest ties. After the interment handbells were rung at the graveside as a last tribute by W. J. Parker (Sandhurst), Miss M. R. Cross (O.D.G.), K. Begrie (Finchampstead) and E. Langley (All Saints', Wokingham).

With the passing of William Paice the Oxford Guild has lost not only one of its most loyal members, and one who was prepared to criticise its policy if he deemed it necessary, but also a shining example of loyal and devoted churchmanship which will always remain with those whom he influenced in their earlier years. For him, ringing was not merely a hobby, it was a service willingly given throughout more than 50 years to his Church, and in it he found the expression of his religion.

Although always willing to stand in a peal attempt if asked or to try new methods if required, he was before everything a Sunday service ringer, and it was to the improvement of this that everything that he did was aimed. It is of such as William J. Paice that it is written in Ecclesiasticus: 'Without these cannot a city be inhabited: and they shall not dwell where they will nor go up and down: They shall not be sought for in public counsel nor sit in the high congregation: they shall not sit on the judge's seat . . . But they will maintain the state of the world, and all their desire is in the work of their craft.' M. R. C.

NINETEEN TEAMS IN SOUTH DEVON CONTEST

Those whose privilege it is to know the Dartmoor village of Widdecombe-in-the-Moor and its lovely setting can picture the scene when, on a recent Saturday in August (one of the few fine days) 19 of the best call-change teams drawn from all over South Devon met to compete for the East Portsmouth Silver Challenge Bowl on the bells of St. Pancras, the 'Cathedral of the Moor.' The church workers seized the opportunity to stage a fete in aid of the church restoration fund, which still needs about £3,000 before the goal is reached.

The customary service in church, conducted by the Vicar, was prelude to the ringing. It attracted a capacity sitting and standing congregation. The celebrated 'Dartmoor-ologist,' Eric Hemmery, almost turned the small, but tuneful, organ inside out in brilliant accompaniment to make itself heard against the singing.

As winners last autumn at West Alvington, Widdecombe tower was host to the present event, and at the conclusion of the service the team captains gathered at the lych gate to draw. The redoubtable Bill Miners and his tower secretary, Les Edworthy, got things moving and the first team, Kingskerswell, went in to ring at just after three o'clock. As the bells were heard to 'come back' at the conclusion of each peal of the usual 'sixty-on-thirds,' so the next team would be up waiting at the door of the ringing chamber. Such well-known names in the South Devon 'ringing world' as Bickington, East Portsmouth, Plymstock, West Alvington,

Yealmpton and Upton (Torquay) were among the teams present. Babbacombe was also a welcome newcomer to the event.

More than one team lost marks with a 'lazy' tenor and at least two teams lost valuable marks by having the treble speak—one by as much as six times!—after the bells had been brought down. Cornwood, the last team to ring, 'came down' at shortly before nine o'clock, and the big tree outside the church gate was the setting for the last act—the results and the presentation of the trophy and certificates—by the light of a 'Tilly' lamp. The judges, Messrs. H. J. Brewer, T. G. Daw and R. M. Elliott—created no little surprise when Upton (Torquay), with 33½ faults, were proclaimed winners and were awarded the challenge bowl and first certificate, followed by Plymstock and Yealmpton for second and third places respectively. Woodbury (Exmouth) ringers looked in during the early evening, en route from Chagford on an outing, and, having some spare seats in their coach, enabled Babbacombe team to accompany them to have a ring on the light eight (tenor 7 cwt.) at Buckland-in-the-Moor.

In winning the challenge bowl, Upton ringers become host to the event next year, and now exercising their minds is the question as how best to win over the shopkeepers and others, living in the immediate neighbourhood 'under' their tower in the main street, to the idea of hearing Upton bells rung in competition for about six hours, on and off, of a Saturday afternoon and evening!!

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

For this corner of Wilts August 16th was one of the few fine days of this summer, when the Marlborough Branch met at Mildenhall. The Rev. E. G. Courtman conducted the Guild service, and for the lesson and the theme of address took the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego.

Fourteen people were expected for tea, but this number swelled to a large extent. Everyone was in good spirits, and what started as a rationed tea, reminiscent of bygone days, turned out to be an excellent meal through the prodigious efforts of the Rector and Mrs. Courtman and helpers.

Mr. G. Newman (Branch chairman) voiced everyone's appreciation of the noble work done by Mr. Courtman in getting the ancient church of Mildenhall back in good repair, together with six splendid bells. A balance of £250 was still needed. The ringers were the guests of the Mildenhall reception committee, and they reciprocated with a collection for the bell and restoration fund which amounted to £2 12s.

Besides Branch members, ringers were present from Carbis Bay, Coventry, St. Albans, Swindon, Steeple Ashton, Melksham, Chippenham, Bristol, Oxford and London. T. A. P.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Crabtree 1, D. Butterworth 2, J. Kershaw 3, R. Maher 4, W. G. Wilson 5, J. P. Partington 6, P. Schofield 7, G. S. Mills (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Crabtree on the birth of a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. J. Maher on their silver wedding anniversary.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

CHILCOTT—RICKETTS.—The wedding of John Chilcott and Eileen Ricketts will take place at St. Leonard's, Heston, on Saturday, Sept. 6th, at 12.45 p.m. All ringing friends will be welcome at the church. 2930

ORDINATION

Please pray for all who are to be ordained at this time, and in particular for **GILES CHRISTOPHER GALLEY**, who is to be made Deacon by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sunday, September 21st, 1958, at 10.30 a.m. in Norwich Cathedral, to serve in the parish of Great Yarmouth. Address: 27, York Road, Great Yarmouth, Tel. 2810. 2952

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—From Monday, Sept. 1st, the address of the general secretary, Mr. J. W. Sinfeld, will be Church Farm Cottage, Totternhoe, near Dunstable, Beds. 2910

The address of Mr. F. W. Elliott is now 54, Church Street, Rickmansworth, Herts. 2945

The address of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lewis is now Woodstock, 52, Wellington Road, Timperley, Altrincham, Cheshire. 2948

The address of Mr. E. Treagus is now Tortington, New Brighton Road, Emsworth, Hants. 2952

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MISCELLANEOUS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, Sept. 13th, outing to Portsmouth, Arundel, Angmering and Goring. Leave Tunbridge Wells 8.30 a.m. Two seats left.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 2920

HAGLEY, Worcs.—St. John Baptist's (8): special practice, Thursday, Sept. 11th, 7.30 p.m. Ten minutes by bus from Stourbridge; buses at 7.25, 7.30, 7.55, 8 p.m. All welcome. 2919

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY—URGENT. Will the remaining 50 or so members who have not yet sent in their annual record-and-voting form please do so immediately to the Registrar, 40, Parkstone Avenue, Southsea. (Note new number!) 2947

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Hope (8), 3 to 5 p.m., and Castleton (8), 6.15 to 8.15 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 6th. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 2812

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Soham, Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knight, Dis. Sec. 2899

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ashwell, Saturday, Sept. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Special method. Surfleet Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2889

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting at Frittenden on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Biddenden (8) available after tea. 2853

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Herne, Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—B. J. Luck. 2852

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Stockbury on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Brasted on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 2848

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands Branch.—Meeting at Kingswinford on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 2892

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Acomb, Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge). Names, please, to Mr. F. Horner, 6, Granger Avenue, Acomb, York.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2926

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Harthill, Saturday, Sept. 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please to Rev. A. J. Bishop, The Rectory, Harthill, near Sheffield.—J. Seager, A. B. Cooper, secs. 2880

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Ardingly (6), Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 2895

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined evening practice at Dorking (8) on Monday, Sept. 8th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2938

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 2907

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Higher Sutton, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mrs. C. W. Lawton, Church View, Sutton Lane Ends, near Macclesfield. 2916

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Weaverham (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 10th, to Mr. W. Hornby, 33, Forsters Avenue, Weaverham. 2927

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Kinver (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 10th, please, to R. A. Peakman, Les Cloches, Court Crescent, Kingswinford. 2942

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton (8) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2911

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, Sept. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea at the Cock Inn. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2875

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Orsett. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. C. Blatch, Brick House, Malting Lane, Orsett. 2874

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Purton (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Lydiard Millicent after tea. Advise Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon, Tel. 3936. 2918

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Sept. 13th, now at Heavitree, not Exminster. Same arrangements. 2953

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Practice meeting at Godalming on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. and again at 6.20 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—D. A. Kirk, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2914

HEREFORD GUILD (Bridgnorth Branch) and SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Claverley, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 10th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. Very definitely—no name, then no tea. Come to the delightful Shropshire village with a beautiful ring of eight bells. 2881

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Boughton Monchelsea, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Dare, Newnham, Salts Avenue, Loose, near Maidstone. 2894

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 13th, at Ebbw Vale. Usual ringing arrangements. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, to Miss D. Evans, 17, Belle View, Garden City, Ebbw Vale.—J. S. King. 2879

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Sept. 13th, Kingston Seymour. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, September 9th, to Mrs. Norton, Gout House Farm, Kingston Seymour, Clevedon.—B. Johnson, District Secretary. 2908

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at All Saints', Childwall, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3.45 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 10th, to Mr. S. Lawrenson, 81, Rudston Road, Childwall, Liverpool. 16.—T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 2833

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Hoghton, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bring own food. Preston—Blackburn old road bus route 158, also bus route 298, alight Brindle Bar.—L. Walmsley. 2925

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Crosthwaite, near Kendal, Saturday, Sept. 13th, 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Hudson, Fell Edge Farm, Crosthwaite.—N. M. Newby. 2951

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Ashby Folville (8) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Institute, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Sept. 10th to Mrs. H. Walker, The Carrington Arms, Ashby Folville, Melton Mowbray, Leics. Committee on Monday, Sept. 8th, 7.45 p.m. at St. John's Vestry.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2868

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Half-yearly meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., for those who notify by the Tuesday previous Mr. F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham. 2869

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 2944

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Marlow (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Sept. 9th.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 2851

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Bremhill, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to W. Frayling, 23, Bremhill, Calne, Wilts. 2924

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Sept. 13th, Semley. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Benett Arms, 5 p.m. Names, please, by Sept. 9th to Miss A. Bacon, 30, St. Francis Road, Salisbury. 2877

SILEBY, LEICS.—After church redecoration bells open to any visitors, Saturday, Sept. 13th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. at moderate charges. Names by Wednesday, Sept. 10th, to W. W. Draper, 3, Highgate Road, Sileby. 2933

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 13th, at Hatfield, Herts. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at St. Audrey's Blind Home 5 p.m. Bells available from 3 p.m. Green Line 716 and 717, or trains from Liverpool Street. 2922

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Cup contest and meeting at West Retford (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th, at 3 p.m. Plenty of cafes in town.—H. Denman. 2887

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting will be held at Barnes on September 13th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 4.30. Mortlake bells after. Names for tea to Miss Heath, The Rectory, 25, Glebe Road, S.W.14.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 2825

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Westbourne (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 9th, to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2913

WITNEY RINGING SOCIETY THE FEAST OF ST. MARY

A ringing day will be held at St. Mary's Church, Witney, Oxfordshire, on Saturday, September 13th. Ringing from 3 to 9 p.m. All are welcome. 2933

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 6 p.m. Ringing 3.30 p.m. at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill (nearest station Manor House, thence by 623, 627, 679 trolleybus to St. Ann's Road). The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Further details later.—John Chilcott (new address: Kirklake, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey). 2915

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hemyock, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by Sept. 17th to D. Hart, 1, Broadway, The Square, Hemyock. 2935

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Western District), **BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Luton District) and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting at Tring on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday, Sept. 13th, to Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead. No name, no tea.—K. Spavins, R. Howson, J. Good. 2886

LINCOLN AND SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Lincoln and Newark Districts.—Joint meeting at Eagle (6) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tea for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. C. Smith, The Bungalow, Eagle, Lincoln.—C. Brown and W. Exton, Hon. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Meeting at Brigg, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea. Tel. 2623. 2934

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Trevechin, Pontypool, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Temple, 1, The Woodlands, Penygarn, Pontypool.—J. S. King. 2928

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Annual meeting and dinner will be held at Bedford on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing: Felmersham, 11 to 12.30; Kempston 11 to 12.45; Bromham, 11 to 12.45 and 3 to 4.30; Bedford St. Paul's, 2 to 2.30 and 4.45 to 5.45; Bedford St. Peter's, 2 to 5.30. Arrangements have been made for sandwiches and liquid refreshment to be available at the canteen of Horne Lane Police Station (near to St. Paul's Church, Bedford) between 1 and 2.15 p.m. Business meeting at Police Headquarters, Goldington Road, Bedford, at 3 p.m. Dinner and social evening at the Bridge Hotel, Bedford (near St. Paul's Church), at 6.15 p.m. Tickets, price 12s. 6d. each, obtainable from Hon. Secretary J. A. Smith, 39, New Street, Oadby, Leicester. Early application requested. It is emphasised that all ringers, their wives and friends, are welcome to join us at Bedford on this occasion—the more the merrier. 2939

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Sutton Courtney, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Names for tea by the 16th, please.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 2917

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Little Horwood, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (5) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please notify by Sept. 16th for tea.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 2929

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Maxey, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 16th, certain, to secretary. 2932

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Greet-ham, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 16th, please, to Miss Jean Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham, Rutland. 2931

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wyke Regis, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 17th, to G. Abbott, 36, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis, Weymouth. 2923

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Limpsfield (6) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Also at Limpsfield Chart (6). 6 p.m. Notify for tea, please, Mr. E. Jarrett, 3, Titsey Road, Limpsfield. 2937

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Bitterne Park, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3.45 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday for tea to Mrs. V. Hymas, 18, Newton Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton.—J. Hartless. 2921

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Belbroughton, Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea by Wednesday, 17th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Old Farm, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 2941

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at Boroughbridge on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.: Parish Church (6), Aldborough (6) and Kirby Hill (6). All towers in close proximity. General committee meet in Parish Church vestry 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Windmill Restaurant in the square. Names by 18th to Mr. E. Hudson, Singleton Cottage, Sharow, near Ripon. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards. Committee anticipate good and loyal support, thus helping our members in the Northern District.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9. 2940

ELY ASSOCIATION DINNER.—The Ely Diocesan Association will hold a dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at the All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, Huntingdon. Tickets 12s. Peals can be arranged for persons attending the dinner, also various rings will be available during the afternoon and evening—times to be announced later. Tickets and peal arrangements from H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 2842

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner at Bollands, Chester, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Assemble 5.30 p.m. Price 14s. (Juniors 12s.). Accommodation limited. Apply to Henry O. Baker, 63, Parkgate Road, Chester, before end of September.—J. Kingdon, Hon. Sec. 2946

OUTING

SWINDON AND DISTRICT

Early on August 23rd, 14 ringers from Swindon and District left Swindon by train for a ringing tour of London districts. They were met at Paddington Station by two friends, and together they made their way to St. Bartholomew's, in Smithfield. After ringing on the light anti-clockwise five, the ringers moved on to the heavy eight of St. James', Clerkenwell, where they were joined by more friends. All of the remaining towers were in Middlesex, the next being St. Mary's, Holloway, after which there should have been a break for lunch, but because of a wedding, St. Anne's, Tottenham, had to be visited before schedule. After some good ringing the ravenous ringers had lunch in a nearby restaurant.

St. Michael's, Wood Green, was next on the list, and there, during a break in ringing, Mr. W. B. Kynaston was presented with a birthday card from the rest of the party, who sang a rousing version of 'Happy Birthday'. St. Mary's, Finchley, and St. Mary's, Willesden, completed the programme. A few of the party returned home directly after ringing but most of them went to the West End, where they had tea and talked about the day's ringing, which ranged from call-changes to London Surprise. After tea the party walked around and saw the lights of London before returning to Paddington, where they said goodbye to Mr. B. Blaydon who organised the tour, and thanked him for a very enjoyable day.

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