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AN HONORARY RAILWAYMAN RINGER AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

YOU can't say that there isn't an element of surprise in being a bell-ringer. If anyone had told me when I started that I would eventually become a member of the Railwaymen Ringers' Guild, I would have considered them slightly lacking!

But that is what has happened, and I am not even a railwayman (or should I say railwaywoman?).

How did it happen? Well, I blame 'The Ringing World.' All I did was to scribble a few thoughts on ringing, rather unoriginally entitle them 'Bats in the Belfry,' and submit them to the Editor. Much to my astonishment they were published, and much to my delight they evoked a charming correspondence with a gentleman who chose 'Owd Bat-er' for his nom de guerre. Time revealed that 'Owd Bat-er' was none other than Mr. Frank Stenson, who was then instrumental in founding the Guild of Railwaymen Church Bell Ringers. Our friendship through correspondence flourished; but we never met, because he lived in Cheshire and I in Surrey.

Then, a short time ago, as you will probably realise if you read your 'Ringing World' as well as you should, the Railwaymen Ringers' Guild held their Annual General Meeting in London. Of course, this was the opportunity for me to see 'Owd Bat-er' in the flesh. And so I did, and what a success and pleasure that meeting was only Mr. and Mrs. Stenson and myself really know. The outcome of this happy Saturday was that I became an honorary member of the Guild of Railwaymen Church Bell Ringers.

I've risked boring you with this story I suppose mainly because I'm quite inordinately proud of being a member of the Guild, but I think the real reason is to reiterate that it was 'The Ringing World' which was responsible for it. I cannot help feeling that it could be the instrument of forging many more ringing friendships, whether the participants had met or not.

It always intrigues me (and my family—non-ringing, by the way) to read of the exploits and feats of other ringers; and what a pleasure it is to meet them in the flesh after having read of them. You are already more than half way to knowing them because you have seen their names in 'The Ringing World' and you are aware of their doings. You picture what they look like and how they

might behave, and what fun it is to compare your images with the real thing. I must admit that sometimes you are sadly disillusioned, but on the whole the person concerned usually surpasses your expectations. And all these delightful speculations can be yours for the purchase of a copy of 'The Ringing World.'

Sometimes I've wondered whether it would not be better for some of whom I call 'the angry young men' of ringing to use the columns of 'The Ringing World' for making friendships and interesting us lesser ringers in their activities and ambitions, rather than using them for showering abuse on their fellows and claiming their superiority above all others.

I daresay that statement will spark off more correspondence and, who knows, I may yet become an honorary member of another Guild. Is it possible to start a Guild of Angry Young Men Ringers? It's a fearsome thought!

Seriously though, there is a great deal of pleasure and interest to be found in our journal, and it is surprising the number of ringers one meets who do not subscribe to it. It is a pity, because 'The Ringing World' does keep us in touch with one another, whether we be great ringers or small.

There you are you see, my becoming a railwayman ringer (albeit honorary) has produced this diatribe against angry young men and non-subscribers to 'The Ringing World.' But more important, it has produced friendships that I will treasure for many years. I recommend you to try it sometime.

NANCY KEMPESELL.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

*ROGER K. WHITTELL .. Treble	HERBERT G. JILLINGS .. 7
*RONALD BUGG .. 2	CHARLES SHEMMINGS .. 8
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 9
HARRY D. LISTER .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. 10
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 5	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 11
*IVAN COOPER .. 6	ERNEST V. BLAKE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

* First peal of Maximus. † 25th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
*DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	DEREK P. JONES .. 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	*GORDON A. HALLS .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
*MRS. G. A. HALLS .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Arranged by SHIRLEY BURTON.

* First peal in the method. First of Royal in the method.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

*PAMELA M. JERVIS .. Treble	†ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 6
J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. 2	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
†MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 3	†FRANK A. BARRETT .. 8
*LINDA J. KEW .. 4	FRANK C. PRICE .. 9
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 5	†ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Royal in the method. ‡ First in the method. Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTON JUXTA MALTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

MRS. C. N. LEA .. Treble	EDMUND P. CROWDY .. 5
MRS. J. A. AINSWORTH .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 6
ENID SOFTLEY .. 3	KENNETH ARTHUR .. 7
CHARLES N. LEA .. 4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

First peal in the method on the bells. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*MARCUS P. BARTON (L'dn) Treble	†HOWARD COLLINGS (L'dn) 5
JOAN GRAY (Ox. & L'dn) 2	NIGEL J. MAGGS (Oxford) 6
PHILIP M. J. GRAY (L'dn) 3	MICHAEL ROSE (London) 7
VALERIE W. WILLARD (L'dn) 4	ROGER KEELEY (London) Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Major. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

PERCY STONE .. Treble	L MICHAEL CALLOW .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2	GEORGE GARDNER .. 6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. 3	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD 7
HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.

Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone of the Daughter Church of St. Christopher of this parish, a memorial to the late Dr. Neville Gorton, Bishop of Coventry.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. 2	BRYAN D. A. WOGLLEY .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First peal on the recast bells.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

CAROL EUSTACE .. Treble	JAMES DRAYCOTT .. 5
*KATHLEEN BELL .. 2	GEORGE A. BELL .. 6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH .. 3	JAMES F. CLARKE .. 7
†PETER J. HAWCOCK .. 4	HARRY HARPER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. H. BEAMISH.

* First peal. † First on eight bells.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

JILL MAYES .. Treble	JAMES G. NEWMAN .. 5
BRYAN PATTISON .. 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 6
*SHEILA V. PERCIVAL .. 3	ALAN S. SMITH .. 7
GEOFFREY W. MAYES .. 4	BRYAN F. SIMS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

* First peal of Major.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

MAUREEN M. WOOLLEY .. Treble	ANTHONY AGER .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

LLANFANIGAN, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. FEIGAN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

JOHN T. WILLIAMS .. Treble	*DAVID J. LEWELLYN .. 5
DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 2	TREVOR T. LEWIS .. 6
BRIAN R. KINGSTON .. 3	DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. 7
MAGNUS PETERSON .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal of Major. The fastest peal on the bells.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

FRANK OSBALDISTON Treble	BASIL JONES 5
EILEEN M. FEARN 2	ERNEST BOUMPHREY 6
JOHN R. KENNETT 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 7
CAROL FERNLEY 4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

Rung on St. Mark's Day.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PHILIP WOOD Treble	ALBAN J. JACK 5
ANNETTE GRATTON 2	OWEN WILLIAMS 6
FRANK TRINER 3	J. MICHAEL JACK 7
J. LESLIE SHENTON 4	CHARLES S. RYLES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.

* First peal (aged 13).

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to J. Michael Jack.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

ELSIE K. HART Treble	H. GEORGE HART 5
ALICK CUTLER 2	RICHARD G. OUSTON 6
VERNON GREEN 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN 7
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON 4	*JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 100th peal together. 50th peal on the bells. First of York Surprise Major by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*MRS. E. SUTTON Treble	CHARLES G. JONES 5
MRS. R. T. JONES 2	†REGINALD T. JONES 6
MRS. P. MINCHIN 3	ERIC SUTTON 7
HARRY AUSTIN 4	‡PETER MINCHIN Tenor

Conducted by ERIC SUTTON.

* First peal of Triples. † 150th peal. ‡ First on eight bells.

Rung following the wedding of Valerie Smith to Roger Davidge (at one time a ringer at Christ Church, Swindon).

THORPE BAY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM A. SMITH Treble	*ROY D. TOMLIN 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2	FRANK V. GANT 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*J. HARRY COOK Treble	RICHARD CLIFTON 5
*CELIA COWLEY 2	*ROLAND COOK 6
C. WILLIAM HALL 3	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD 7
†TOM HARRIS 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

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

ADDERBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb.

*MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. Treble	†WILLIAM IVINGS 5
ALFRED H. WEBB 2	ROBERT A. REEVES 6
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 3	WILLIAM A. YATES 7
JOHN H. GREGORY 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEO. W. HOLLAND.

* First peal. † First of Major.

A compliment to Col. H. E. du C. Norris on his 90th birthday.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Mon., April 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-part.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*ANN TYLER Treble	G. ARNOLD MOORE 5
ELIZABETH ROBERTS 2	HAROLD ROBERTS 6
ALBERT LAWTON 3	ERIC YOUNG 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	WILLIAM WATKIN Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal on eight.

A farewell peal for Ann Tyler, on obtaining a post at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*JUDITH HOOPER Treble	‡GEORGE E. VERNON 5
ELIZABETH WILCOX 2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	JOHN VERNON 7
†MARTIN FAULKES 4	CURZON CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN VERNON.

* First peal. † First on eight bells. ‡ First of Grandsire away from the treble.

Rung for the feast of SS. Philip and James.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

ALBERT DISERENS Treble	WALTER LEE 5
REGINALD W. REX 2	FRANK W. LEWIS 6
DAVID A. CORNWALL 3	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY SPRINGATE Treble	RONALD E. NORRIS 5
THOMAS BEAUMONT 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 6
CYRIL J. GOULD 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
*ALAN WRIGLEY 4	FRANK THWAITES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal on eight bells.

CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Swithun,

A PEAL OF 5088 CHESWARDINE IMPERIAL MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

ROGER KING Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
JOHN S. DEAN 3	GEOFFREY PARTING 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 227).

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
JACK S. DEAR 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
*PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

FRED W. STONE Treble	CHARLES WALKLATE 5
PATRICIA HALLS 2	PETER G. BELLAMY KNIGHT 6
GORDON A. HALLS 3	MICHAEL BLORE 7
CLIVE WALKLATE 4	WM. ARNOLD MORLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. ARNOLD MORLEY.

First peal of Major as conductor.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

CLIFFORD BIRD Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
JOHN R. SMITH 2	*A. ROY WITTHYMAN .. 6
RONALD C. NOON 3	HARRY TOOKE 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to mark the William Cowper centenary.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' variation of Parker's

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	WILLIAM HOLLAND 5
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS .. 2	DENNIS HOLLAND 6
RONALD BIRCH 3	BARRY HOLLAND 7
TOM W. SENIOR 4	LESLIE SMITH Tenor

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-APOSTLE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

A. P. Heywood's.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

NORMAN TOMPKINS .. Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY 5
*MRS. TOM COOKE 2	PETER CROOK 6
DORIS KILLINGLEY 3	FRED HODGSON 7
†STEPHEN LLOYD PARRY .. 4	TOM COOKE Tenor

Conducted by TOM COOKE.

* First peal in the method. † 50th in the method. First as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the Church Union.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5184 WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANCES SECKER (Girton) Treble	*D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 5
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 2	M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 6
D. J. ROAF (Trinity) 3	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 7
J. PILKINGTON (Fitz. House) 4	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by J. R. TAYLOR.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. First as conductor.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Treble	G. FREDERICK TERRY .. 5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 6
MRS. J. RENDER 3	JOHN POTTS 7
*KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 4	ALAN SHEPPARD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*H. GEORGE HART Treble	*FRANCIS KIRK 5
*ELSIE K. HART 2	*ALICE CUTLER 6
*FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 3	JOSEPH W. COITON .. 7
*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the method. First in the method in the county and for the Association.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	JOHN D. ROCK 5
STANLEY JENNER 2	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 6
WILLIAM S. DEASON 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

JOHN D. ROCK Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 2	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON 6
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON 4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sun., May 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	PETER BORDER 5
SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 2	STEWART F. KIMBER .. 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First in the method on the bells.

CONSETT, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

*HARRY AITCHISON .. Treble	RICHARD OLIVER 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 2	†NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 6
WILLIAM TYSON 3	ROBERT B. SKELTON .. 7
FREDERICK ROSS 4	BRYAN PATTISON .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE.

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' Richard Oliver has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss Janet Errington and Mr. William Ramshaw.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain and Double Oxford Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.
 J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble | LEONARD B. SCOOT .. 4
 GEORGE E. THODAY .. 2 | ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
 CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3 | JACK S. DEAR .. Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. T. Stevens and Miss B. Leggett, married at Over, Cambs, on Easter Monday.

ACLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in A flat.
 BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. Treble | DORIS E. LIDBETTER .. 4
 GEORGE SAYER .. 2 | NOLAN GOLDEN .. 5
 ARTHUR G. BASON .. 3 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association.

STANDLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
 BERTRAM D. COSTAR .. Treble | ERNEST J. HILL .. 4
 BERNARD J. COGGINS .. 2 | *PETER PEARCE .. 5
 *MARILYN BIRD .. 3 | D. KAY ADKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal.

WALKERN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Baldock Guild.)

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Thelwall, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

*JUNE DEAR .. Treble | LEONARD B. SCOOT .. 4
 J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2 | COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
 ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 3 | JACK S. DEAR .. Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

* First peal.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, Durham, York, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*CHARLES PERKINS .. Treble | RONALD C. NOON .. 4
 STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2 | †JOHN G. AMES .. 5
 *CYRIL R. BURRELL .. 3 | FRANK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. † First in seven Surprise methods on an 'inside' bell.

YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., April 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 11 cwt.

ALAN R. BRIDGES .. Treble | PETER S. BEDFORD .. 4
 JACK PILGRIM .. 2 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
 RAYMOND PECK .. 3 | JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. F. L. Hollingsworth, who was inducted and instituted to the living on April 23rd.

KEMBLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 21 extents of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. Treble | ERNEST H. JEFFERIES .. 3
 *RAYMOND W. G. FENTON .. 2 | BRUCE WAKEFIELD .. 4
 PETER WAKEFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SANDIACRE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

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

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

The ringers of the second, third, fifth and tenor have now rung peals in all the 41 regular and symmetrical Surprise Minor methods—the first time this has been accomplished. The conductor has also called a peal in each of these methods.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's differently called. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

DAVID LEE .. Treble | ERIC ROBERTS .. 4
 *RONALD O. NEEDHAM .. 2 | *KENNETH E. NEEDHAM .. 5
 BARBARA A. BENNETT .. 3 | JOHN B. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN B. BENNETT.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal by an all-Cosby band since the installation of the bells in 1914.

Rung for the christening of Michael John, son of the third and tenor ringers.

WIVETON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., and one extent of St. Clement's. Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE V. PAGE .. Treble | TONY OWEN .. 4
 JOHN R. SMITH .. 2 | DEREK PARDON .. 5
 RAY W. BALLS .. 3 | GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

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ABSON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.
GILBERT S. SPRULES .. Treble | †ANTHONY W. GIBBS .. 4
*GLORIA M. NEWTON .. 2 | JAMES W. SPRULES .. 5
*SANDRA LEWIS .. 3 | HERBERT T. FERRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. FERRIS.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble; also as 21st birthday compliments to Rita M. Webb and Alan F. Lee.

CRICKLADE, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAMPSON.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 51 methods, viz.: Two spliced extents each of Rev. St. Simon's, Union and Uffington; Rev. St. Martin's, St. Faith's S.C. and Stowe Place; Rev. St. Osmund, St. Julian and Datchet; Rev. St. Nicholas, Union and Uffington, Rev. Winchendon Place, St. Faith's S.C. and Stowe Place; Rev. St. Remigius, St. Julian and Datchet; Rev. St. Simon's, Rev. New and Rev. St. Nicholas; Rev. St. Martin's, Rev. Huntspill and Rev. Winchendon Place; Rev. St. Osmund, Rev. St. Vedast and Rev. St. Remigius; Westminster II, Blackburn Place, St. Hilary, Ockham, Broughton and Chesham; Knapton, Lyng, Intwood, Westminster II, Blackburn Place and St. Hilary; Knapton, Lyng, Intwood, Ockham, Broughton and Chesham; New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Chipstead, Oakley and Itchingfield; Forncett, Ellingham, Bedingham, New Bob, Huntspill and St. Vedast; Forncett, Ellingham, Bedingham, Chipstead, Oakley and Itchingfield; St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Hascombe, Thornborough and Longford; Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, St. Nicholas, Winchendon and St. Remigius; Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, Hascombe, Thornborough and Longford; St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund, Merton, Slapton and Rugby; Braywood, Welford, Longworth, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and St. Osmund; Braywood, Welford, Longworth, Merton, Slapton and Rugby; with 502 changes of method and no hobs.

Tenor 12 cwt. 27 lb.

CHARLES G. JONES .. Treble | ERIC SUTTON .. 3
*†SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2 | ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4

*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal in 51 methods. † First of Spliced Doubles. Believed to be the first peal to be rung with 503 changes of method, this being the maximum number possible.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.
*BARBARA FISHER .. Treble | †CHARLES E. HILL .. 4
†RAYMOND G. JONES .. 2 | HERMON J. OLIVER .. 5
*RONALD J. BROWN .. 3 | HARRY TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

FINDON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. Treble | ERNEST TREAGUS .. 4
LEONARD STILWELL .. 2 | RAYMOND P. WOOD .. 5
EDGAR R. RAYLEY .. 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal in more than one method on the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Court and Single Oxford, and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. Treble | ALEC WILSON .. 4
*VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 2 | HAROLD DENMAN .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3 | RICHARD HOBBS .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal in six methods 'inside.' First in six methods as conductor.

HATHEROP, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being nine extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew (three callings) and April Day (three callings), and 12 extents each of Grandsire (ten callings) and Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 7½ cwt.

*SHEILA A. GILES .. Treble | PATRICK A. BARTLETT .. 4
JOHN DOWDESWELL .. 2 | PETER W. BARTLETT .. 5
RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. 3 | WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH E. W. WENBAN.

* First peal attempt.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW Treble | *GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 4
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 2 | DAVID W. FRIEND .. 5
*JOHN K. SMITH .. 3 | *DAVID W. BRUNNING .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.

A 14th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Roobottom.

MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Ockley, (2) Duke of Norfolk, (3) College Exercise, (4) Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise, (5) Capel and Sandal, (6) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford, (7) Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9½ cwt.

G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. Treble | PETER A. SHARP .. 4
MARY C. PAYNE .. 2 | RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON .. 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 30, 1959, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes.

AT 66, MELTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK M. SAWYER .. 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS .. 3-4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5-6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., May 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT SELWYN COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 17 in A.

H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 1-2 | A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 5-6
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 3-4 | M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) .. 7-8
D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 9-10

Composed by HENRY TUCKER.

Non-conducted.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

IN THE SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*GERALD PENNEY .. 1-2 | WALTER AYRE .. 5-6
*MICHAEL D. FROST .. 3-4 | †STANLEY HUCKLE .. 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'in hand.'

ICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT 23, TAVISTOCK ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

FRANK C. PRICE .. 1-2 | JOHN R. MAYNE .. 5-6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3-4 | JOHN HILL .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Little Bob Major 'in hand' by all.

WHITSTABLE RINGERS' DEVON TOUR

Based on Paignton, a band of ringers from All Saints', Whitstable, had an enjoyable week's tour in South Devon, starting on April 6th. The only mishap of the week occurred at Dean Prior, when on the last blow of the fall the rope of the second broke. Two unsuccessful attempts were made for a peal of Plain Bob Minor at Churston on the Saturday. Neither lasted very long: the general opinion was that it was the wrong end of the week for three hours' concentration and that a cream tea would be more inviting.

The help of the three gentlemen from Babba-combe who accompanied the party each day was much appreciated; had it not been for them the party would have been utterly exhausted by the end of the week. Special thanks are due to Alf, from Dartington, who arranged the programme.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Chertsey District

Although it could have received better support, an enjoyable meeting was held at Old Woking on May 9th, attended by about 24 ringers.

The Vicar (Rev. K. C. Phillips) conducted the service.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the original arrangements for tea had to be cancelled at the last moment. Mr. Belcher, of a local shop, kindly stepped in at two days' notice, and provided an excellent tea, set out in his garden, for which we were most grateful.

Following the business meeting, held in the churchyard for want of better accommodation, ringing continued in the standard methods until 9 o'clock.

H. E. P.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Over 50 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Leeds and District Society on May 2nd at Leeds Parish Church, and some very good ringing was enjoyed, ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

The retiring president (Mr. Irvin Slack) presided at the opening of the business meeting, and he and the Precentor (Rev. T. Bone, Precentor of Leeds Parish Church) welcomed the visitors.

New members elected were: Ringing members, Mr. I. Lumley and Mr. P. Lumley (Calverley), and non-resident members, Miss L. Wilkinson, Mr. I. Woolford and Mr. C. Reeves (York Minster).

The secretary (Mr. D. Thorp) gave a satisfactory report and the financial statement indicated that the Society was in a very good position indeed.

The secretary commended the young ringers at the Calverley and Batley parish churches for the excellent progress they had made, and mentioned that Mr. J. M. Thorley, who had retired from the position of secretary owing to leaving the district to take up another appointment, was always interested in giving a helping hand to young ringers, and we wish him luck in his new venture.

The retiring president then vacated the chair and Mr. Thos. Strangeway took office. Mr. David Atkins thanked the Precentor for allowing the Association the use of the bells, and Mr. Irvin Slack replied on behalf of the local company. The next meeting will be at Batley on May 30th, subject to confirmation. D. T.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

Adverse weather conditions reduced the attendance at the April meeting of the Cheltenham Branch at Childswyckham, when it was possible to have methods not normally rung at Branch meetings. The Vicar (Rev. T. P. Hearn), who conducted the service, expressed appreciation of the visit. Tea was taken in Broadway. Several ringers who were not present will be interested to learn that it reached the usual 'Broadway standards'—the more you eat the less you pay!

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

At the A.G.M. of the U.B.S.C.R. on May 7th the following officers were elected for the session 1959-60: Master, Mr. Royston Blackler; secretary, Miss Jane K. A. Cook; treasurer, Mr. John C. Baldwin; tower secretary, Miss Angela Grainger. A first year representative remains to be elected, and inquiries from intending students would be welcomed, c/o The Secretary, Society of Change Ringers, The Victoria Rooms, Bristol, 8.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

In the part Saxon and part Norman tower of St. Mary's, Hadlow, the Tonbridge District held an enjoyable meeting on May 2nd. Ringing included Grandsire, Plain Bob, London and Double Norwich. All were impressed to see a blind clergyman ringing his first touch of Double Norwich. The final touch of Superlative ended abruptly with a broken rope.

The Vicar (Rev. C. Underhill) conducted a bright service, a liberal tea was provided at the Red House, and Mr. Collison was in the chair for the brief business meeting.

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Starting to ring in the early 1900's, when Mr. Wm. Short, of Worcester, was instructor to the Hereford Guild, Mr. Edward (Ted) Pugh, of Glasbury-on-Wye, celebrated his 71st birthday, and also on becoming a great grandfather, by ringing in a quarter peal at Talgarth, Breconshire, as Glasbury bells are nearly unringable. There was a pleasant surprise for him at the end of the quarter when the ringers presented him with a ringer's tie. Despite a couple of bad operations in recent years, he handled the tenor in a masterly manner.

Mr. William A. Stote, of Coventry, has now rung in 2,500 different towers, each having a ring of five or more bells.

The number of changes rung in the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Beaconsfield on May 2nd was 5,024.

Calling attention that May 18th was the birthday of Mr. Benjamin S. Thompson, of Lowestoft, Mr. George H. Cross mentions that on May 18th, 1913, a peal was rung at Salle, Norfolk, as a birthday compliment to him. Of that peal of 46 years ago there are only two survivors—Mr. Cross and Mr. Thompson. Others who participated were Frederick W. Middleton, Geo. S. Soame, Geo. Howchin, John May, Frank J. Howchin and George May.

A band of 18 boys from Bristol Cathedral School are being trained to ring the recently-installed ring of eight at Bristol Cathedral. On Ascension Day, a complete band representing the school rang for the first time together. Watched by the headmaster of the school, seven schoolboys and a member of the teaching staff rang a service touch of call-changes for the school's Ascension Day service. Practices are held on Friday nights from 7.45 till 9 o'clock, and all look forward to the first quarter peal by an all-Cathedral band.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Welling is not the first ringer to receive the royal Maundy money. Mr. W. J. Arnold informs us that Mr. Frank L. Whitman, of the St. Albans Cathedral band, received it in 1957, when Her Majesty distributed it here. Unfortunately, he was ill in hospital at the time, so a special presentation was made to him in the ward. This was about the last thrill he had, as he passed away about a month later.

The band who rang the peal at Dunkerton would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. A. Butt for their hospitality afterwards. The peal was rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to them, but could not be rung on the proper date (February) and so had to be postponed until now.

Bells will be heard prior to the evening service to be broadcast on Sunday, June 7th, at 7.45 p.m. in the West and Midland Home Services, from the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bathwick, Somerset. The service will be conducted by the Rector (Preb. J. du B. Lance); the captain of the ringers is Mr. P. R. Stubbs.

Miss Rita M. Webb's 21st birthday party at Warmley, Glos, was an occasion attended by many ringers, including the band who rang in a peal in honour of the day. Our correspondent writes: 'A few of us do "remember" enjoying ourselves very much.'

Mr. W. Dyer, who has been the Ringing Master at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, since the resignation of Mr. W. T. Pates in 1936, has resigned from that position because of a forthcoming move to a less accessible part of the town. However, it is hoped that he will still be a regular member of the band. The new Ringing Master is Mr. Cyril A. Wratten, formerly of Saltwood, Kent.

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SALISBURY GUILD FESTIVAL AT DEVIZES

The festival and 76th annual meeting was held at Devizes on April 25th. The members were welcomed in the Town Hall by the Mayor (Cclr. W. F. Alexander), who said: 'We are proud of our ancient borough and its towers, and of those who use them,' and mentioned especially those members who had journeyed from the far reaches of the diocese, the coastline of Dorset, Lyme Regis and Poole.

The A.G.M. followed. The Master of the Guild (Canon C. C. Cox) presided, supported by Mr. L. A. Wilson (vice-president), Mr. W. C. West (hon. secretary and treasurer) and Mr. F. S. Slatford, assistant hon. secretary. After prayers, the business commenced, with apologies from the Rev. R. A. Wells, Canon A. W. Markby (vice-president), Messrs. T. A. Palmer, P. Harding, L. Hitchins, G. H. Harding, J. S. Weeks and C. F. Andrews (hon. auditors), Mrs. Hibberd (hon. life member), Messrs. Alan Macdonald, J. I. P. Davis and H. Prout (now moved to Mansfield).

The Master in his remarks reminded the meeting that the last time the festival was held in Devizes was in May, 1912, when lunch was taken at the cost of 2s., with 1s. paid by the Guild, and reduced fares by railway journey for members.

Arising from the minutes, the hon. secretary reported the peal board recording a peal ring in honour of the Rev. F. L. Edwards would be dedicated at Kington Magna on May 9th.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The hon. secretary then gave a report of the work of the Guild for the past year, recording the passing of the following members: Rev. A. S. Bryant, Rev. S. P. Rowcroft (chairman, Dorchester Branch), Messrs. F. Crudge and W. Light (Dorchester Branch), S. Francis, J. Francis, T. Merrett and H. G. Giddings (Devizes Branch), V. G. Stock and M. Light (Wimborne Branch), Joe Parsons (N. Dorset), A. W. Angel, H. L. M. Melksham. The secretary gave a report of the work carried out by these members, and reminded those present to take up the work so ably carried out by them. The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect and honour.

Continuing, the secretary stated that ringing members numbered 1,069, honorary members 16, associates 12 and life ringing members elected during the year 20. Altogether this meant a drop of 35; he suggested this could be improved upon. Nineteen peals were rung, including Stedman Cinques 1, Belgrave Surprise M. 1 and Aldenham Surprise M. 1 (both firsts for the Guild), Cambridge S.M. 2, Yorkshire S.M. 1, London S.M. 2, Lincolnshire S.M. 1, Stedman T. 2, Grandsire T. 1, Plain Bob M. 1, Minor three methods 1, Cambridge Minor 1, Plain Bob Minor 2, Doubles two methods 1, Grandsire D. 1. All peal booking fees had been received.

The statement of accounts, which had been circulated, showed a balance in hand, being current account £89 2s. 9d., deposit account £34 10s. 10d., total £123 13s. 7d. The 'Edwards Memorial Fund' showed a balance in hand of £161 17s. 5d. This was deemed satisfactory, and together with the report was unanimously adopted, with thanks to the hon. secretary and treasurer.

The Mayor of Devizes then took the chair for the election of the Master, the officers being as follows: President, the Earl of Shaftesbury; Master, Canon C. Carew Cox; hon. secretary and treasurer, W. C. West; assistant hon. secretary, F. S. Slatford; hon. auditors, C. F. Andrews and J. S. Weeks. One vacancy on the committee was filled by Mr. H. Abrahams. Members for the Central Council were Messrs. W. C. West, G. H. Harding, G. S. Morris and J. T. Barrett.

BRANCHES TO ACT ON SURVEY

The secretary then gave a brief report on the Central Council Survey, which proved there was a shortage of instructors and that members of ability could not always hand their knowledge on to those willing to learn. A considerable time was spent on this matter, and it was assented to that copies of the forms should be returned to the Branches to act upon in due course.

It was carried unanimously 'That this Guild views with concern the practice of publishing expressions of personal grievances in the correspondence columns of "The Ringing World," and requests the Editor to exercise more care to preserve a Christian spirit between personalities in the Exercise.' This was in support of the Guild of Clerical Ringers. It was decided the general committee should deal with the revision of the Guild Office, and to pass on such to the Branches for approval. Grants of money were made to Salisbury (St. Martin's) £5 5s., Askerswell £4 4s., Chilton £3 3s., Mildenhall £3 3s.

The Guild festival service was held in St. John's Church, conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. S. Dabbs). The address was given by Canon C. A. Plaxton (the Ven. the Archdeacon of Wilts), the full choir being in attendance. Canon Blair (Vicar of Southbrook) read the lessons. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by the Lyme Regis ringers. Tea was later served in the Town Hall after which thanks were expressed to all concerned, especially to Mr. A. T. Weeks (chairman of the Devizes Branch), who had arranged the details of the meeting. The number attending the tea and meeting, although it was an extremely wet day, was 120.

W. C. W.

CROMHALL'S NEW BELL DEDICATED

The dedication of the new fourth bell at Cromhall on May 9th was almost unique in ringing history. As the Ven. the Archdeacon of Gloucester said several times in the address which followed the act of dedication: 'This is Alec Allan's day.' How many living clergy have worked not only to get a ring of bells for their church, but also to teach a band of ringers to handle them on other bells so that they could be rung by a local band at the dedication in 1948? And then there was the bitter sadness of hearing soon after his retirement of the cracking of the pre-Reformation fourth.

But on May 9th a new bell was dedicated, cast by Taylors, with the inscription 'To the Glory of God. A. D. H. Allan (Rector, 1929-1951) who inspired this Peal. R.P.M./J.G. Ch.W. W.F.B., Rector. 1958.'

The church was full, and the choir and the six clergy participating were led into it by Frank Skidmore, the Association Master. There were also present no less than six of the vice-presidents of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

After an excellent tea, a meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch was held, with the Master presiding. Eight new members were elected, and it was decided to have an outing on July 4th.

Very good use was made of five bells before the service and of the six after dedication, and it was generally agreed by the visitors and the local band that Taylors have made a good job. The ringing room also has been redecorated by the builders in blue and cream. May all who ring the new bell, or hear it, pause to remember him after whom it is named, and say as he did: 'Again, O Lord, we bless Thy Name.' C. R.

ACTIVITIES IN KENT

Lewisham District

The magnificently-restored Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, and its ancient tower, which alone survived the holocaust of 1940, was the scene of the Lewisham District's quarterly meeting. Representatives from 15 towers, numbering just over 50 in all, enjoyed everything but the weather!

The Vicar (Canon W. Murray-Wilton), though incommenced by a leg injury, paid a brief visit during tea and welcomed the company to Bromley. Mr. E. A. Barnett (vice-president) replied, thanking the Vicar for his genial remarks and wishing him an early and complete recovery.

The Curate (Rev. L. Hoyle) officiated at the service, with the Rev. R. Torrens as organist. The collection was allocated to the church rebuilding fund.

Mr. E. A. Barnett presided at the business meeting, when one practising member was elected and the election of three non-resident members ratified.

Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) submitted a report of proceedings at the committee meeting held at Margate on Easter Monday, and moved its adoption. Miss M. R. Andrews (Bexley) seconded.

Crayford was selected for the next meeting on July 25th. The invitation of the Northern District of the Surrey Association to hold the annual combined meeting at Beddington on October 10th was warmly accepted. Members' attention was called to the proposed special meeting at Willesborough on June 20th. News of organisation of combined practices, of revived activity at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, and reorganisation at Beckenham was very welcome.

Joint Meeting At Ospringe

Blessed with a fine, warm day, the combined meeting of the Canterbury District and the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild was a very happy occasion at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Ospringe. With hop gardens on three sides of the churchyard, and approached along the winding Water Lane, the church is in an ideal setting. Some 110 ringers and friends were present, and after ringing during the afternoon, all attended service in the somewhat cooler church, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. M. G. Gilbert), assisted by the Vicar of Lynsted (Rev. V. C. Puplett), a ringer. Mr. F. A. Poulteney was the efficient organist.

A proper ringers' tea had been prepared in the Church Room by Mrs. E. T. Eades and Mrs. F. C. Farnworth, and in spite of the fact that several turned up who had not notified, there was enough for all. At the Canterbury District meeting, Mr. J. A. Russell welcomed the Ladies' Guild, and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell in her reply said they appreciated being allowed to join in with the District. For the Canterbury District, four new practising members were elected and one honorary member. St. Laurence's, Thanet, was nominated as the place of the next quarterly meeting. For a by-meeting previous, Whitstable just got the edge of the vote over Teynham. The collection of £2 12s. was given to the church to be used at the Vicar's discretion. B. J. L.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

About 20 ringers attended an evening meeting held at Graveley on May 2nd.

The secretary asked for names in the next few days of those attending the summer festival at Hertford on June 13th. J. S.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

THE A.G.M. of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Nuneaton, on April 18th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m. The Guild service followed and was taken by the Vicar (Canon F. S. Herbert). Tea followed, and about 55 enjoyed a very good repast, prepared by ringers' wives and friends, which was much appreciated.

The business meeting followed, and the president (Mr. F. W. Perrens) opened the proceeding by calling for apologies. The election of officers followed, and were: President, Mr. F. W. Perrens; vice-presidents, Canon H. A. Hayden and the Rev. J. H. Dingley (additional); hon. secretary, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward; hon. treasurer, Mrs. D. E. Beamish; Ringing Master, Mr. D. A. Carpenter; Northern Branch secretary, Mr. L. M. Callow; Southern Branch secretary, Mr. P. A. Oram; Hon. Auditor, Mr. R. F. B. Speed.

The hon. secretary in his report said he had visited quite a number of incumbents, but many more visits were necessary, particularly in the outlying districts, to make them aware of the Guild and its purpose. Branch meetings seemed to follow the same pattern and to visit the same towers—principally because teas were a difficulty. He hoped Branch secretaries would look into this and see if a better coverage could be arranged. He reported that Brailles, Rowington, Napton-on-the-Hill and Exhall had all been rehung in the past year. There was quite a number of silent towers, due to neglect in some cases, and in others the bells wanted rehanging. No progress could be made in this respect because of the Bishop's appeal for funds. He said the time had come either to split the Southern Branch in two or divide the work. He gave notice that the Guild subscription should be made 2s. 6d. for all, and not the three grades, as at present. He hoped that this would be discussed with a view to putting it into effect next year.

The treasurer, commenting on the financial side, said that funds were better than previous years, and membership was rising. After the new handbook had been paid for and a new supply of badges obtained, the funds would be appreciably lowered, but they would still be financially sound.

The Northern Branch secretary reported that attendance had been better than the previous year. The Dunchurch meeting had to be cancelled at short notice owing to the death of the Vicar. He said that teas provided by the local ringers were always popular and helped to improve attendances. Five-bell towers were not very popular.

The Southern Branch secretary reported that 12 meetings had been held, only two of which had been poorly attended. These were Alderminster and Ilmington. Whitnash had rung their first peal with their own band and conductor. Studley were doing very well, and Napton-on-the-Hill were looking for help. Brailles were ringing call-changes very well. He reported that Mr. Oram and Mr. Perkins would be sharing the Southern Branch work, and thought this would be very successful.

Twenty new members and three ratifications were duly elected and confirmed. Mr. W. Collett, of Warwick, the Rev. J. H. Dingley (Vicar

of Bulkington) and Mrs. Hinde, of Bulkington, were made life members of the Guild.

It was proposed that the annual dinner be proceeded with, and that it be left to the secretary to arrange.

Rugby was selected for the next meeting, and it was proposed that an approach be made to the Peterborough Guild to make it a joint affair. Another proposal was that meetings should be fixed for a year ahead. This is to be tried out.

It was reported that the Vicar of Lillington had made many recordings of bells in the diocese, and the secretary was asked to find out what use was being made of the recordings, to which he agreed. Guild badges were to be reduced to 2s. each.

The president, before closing the meeting, thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the organist for accompanying the service, and the ladies for such a plentiful tea.

J. L. G. H.

WEDDING

MR. D. W. BEARD—MISS S. M. BARKER

On May 9th, Mr. David W. Beard, well known in ringing circles in Essex and Gloucestershire, was married to Miss Sally M. Barker at St. Peter's Church, Leckhampton, Glos, by the Rev. T. C. Deakin.

The bride, who is a ringer at Leckhampton, wore a full-length dress of ivory brocade and carried a bouquet of red and cream roses and lilies-of-the-valley. The bridesmaid was Miss Pat Eldridge and the best man Mr. Cyril A. Whratten.

During the reception, held at the Lansdown Hotel, Cheltenham, congratulatory telegrams were read from several ringing Societies with which the groom had been associated in the past. In the evening an excellent peal of Kent T.B. Major, conducted by the best man, was rung at Leckhampton by friends of the bride and bridegroom.

After a honeymoon in the West Country, Mr. and Mrs. Beard will make their home in Northampton.

MONMOUTHSHIRE NOTES

The peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung at Usk on May 3rd, is believed to be the first College Youth peal in the county; it was therefore a fitting climax to a successful meeting at Worcester that this should have been arranged by this year's Master (Wilfred Williams), since he did much of his early ringing in this county.

Peter Border made no bones about calling the peal at Usk on May 3rd, in spite of 7½ hours' calling the abortive attempt on the record at Loughborough the previous day. He rode his motor-cycle in the pouring rain from Coventry to complete a hectic 24 hours.

Rodney Meadows came from London to fulfil a nine-year ambition and Ralph Edwards drove from Birmingham to complete a trio of peals on Monmouthshire's best bells, namely Abergavenny, Ebbw Vale and Usk.

UNIVERSITIES' JOINT MEETING IN WILTSHIRE

Friendly relations between the University Societies of Bristol, Oxford and Reading were enhanced by a joint meeting in North Wiltshire on May 2nd. Over 30 ringers converged on Christ Church, Swindon, and ringing began promptly at 2 p.m. and ranged from rounds on ten to half a course of Cambridge Royal.

The Societies then moved on by a somewhat devious route to Rodbourne Cheney (6 bells), those without transport of their own getting a lift in the Bristol coach. It is to be regretted that the striking at this tower never aspired to any great heights, although various bands attempted most of the well-known Doubles and Minor methods, London being the most ambitious.

At Wootton Bassett (8 bells) some very enjoyable music was heard, doing justice to the bells. A course of London and, more appropriately, a course of Bristol Surprise Major were rung. Other ringing included Stedman and also another principle not often heard, Duffield.

Having spent an hour at each tower, little time was left for tea. This was rapidly consumed in Swindon.

The tour ended at Stratton St. Margaret, another 8-bell tower, but this time a ground floor ring. It is not possible to say with certainty what methods were rung here, since each band retired behind the wooden screen. The methods announced, however, included Double Norwich, Superlative, Oxford Bob Triples and Plain Bob Triples, the latter deserving a mention on account of its undeserved unpopularity.

The Master of the Bristol Society (Mr. Patrick Bird) concluded the proceedings by thanking everyone, especially the organiser, Mr. Brian Wyld, for making the meeting such a success.

M. J. A.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The 32 ringers who braved the downpour and went to Putney on April 25th for the Northern District quarterly meeting received a warm welcome from the local ringers. Their newly rehanging ring of eight was put to good use during the afternoon. Shortened Evensong with an address by the Vicar was followed by tea in the Church Hall. The meal, which had been prepared by the local ringers, proved to be a present from them. At the routine business meeting four new members were elected.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SOUND CONTROL

Dear Sir,—There has been much correspondence recently on the noise nuisance of bells, both in 'The Ringing World' and the national press, besides the complaints one always hears about. Many ringers will at heart sympathise with the neighbouring public which suffers perhaps some three hours' ringing per week, with the occasional peal and meeting thrown in as an extra. The noise of bells at close quarters penetrating even the walls of one's home is intolerable, and to say that the church was there before the people were (while possibly true) is an indefensible attitude.

I should like to suggest, therefore, that much more serious attention be given to this problem. Bell-founding and hanging have been improved over the years with the application of scientific methods, yet very little advance has been made in the way the sound is allowed to emerge from the tower, and rings are still installed in belfries with crude louvres unchanged for centuries.

The aims should be—

(a) To arrange that the sound is carried up and out, away from the tower, instead of beating down into the churchyard or neighbouring houses as is usual. Also, to reduce the basic volume of sound to an agreeable level (depending, of course, on the locality).

(b) To install some really efficient sound insulation which can be turned 'on' and 'off' as desired. This may involve lining the belfry and sound-exit with sound-absorbing material, and a mechanical Venetian blind arrangement (say) operated from the ringing chamber. It would provide a challenge to some enterprising concern, experienced in acoustics, to design something suitable.

Of course, this would be expensive, but not compared with the value of the bells themselves, and is, I think, a reform long overdue.

The ringers would then be able to practise for as long as they please, and ring peals, etc., to their fill, without worry. And on Sundays the bells would ring out their message to a public the better disposed to listen to it.—Yours sincerely,

F. E. ROBERTS.

Reigate.

Dear Sir,—At Todmorden Parish Church there is a ring of eight bells (tenor 23 cwt. in E). Since they were hung in 1897 it has been recorded in the local minute book and by visiting ringers several times that the sound in the ringing room is too great for comfort. There is only a double thickness floor between the bells and the ringing room, which is 24ft. high, and this is lead-covered.

A few weeks ago we covered this floor with a layer of polyurethane foam of between 1½ and 1½ inches in thickness. The result is that now the sound has been reduced by a considerable degree. The foam is very light, easy to handle, and can be cut with a sharp knife.

This may be of interest to other towers whose bells are very noisy.—Yours faithfully,

PETER SCHOLFIELD.

Todmorden, Lancs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STANWELL'S CONDUCTOR

Dear Sir,—I noticed with admiration the peal of Doubles in 98 methods rung at Stanwell, printed in your journal of May 8th. Surely this must be unique for a ringer to ring two bells and call a peal in such a great number of methods. Their average age being only 17 years, I feel I must congratulate the whole band—especially the conductor. To remember the names of the various methods would beat me, let alone to ring them double-handed on tower- or handbells. I might know eight of the methods, the other 90 I would have to learn.—Yours sincerely,

L. TURNER.
Kempston, Beds.

TROUBLE AT SLOUGH

There is friction in the Slough area concerning a letter Mr. George Gilbert wrote to the 'Slough Observer' concerning the peal attempt at Langley which was halted by the Vicar, in which he upholds the newspaper report.

The Editor has received letters on this subject from Mr. Gilbert and Mr. F. T. Blagrove, the conductor when the peal attempt was halted. These are not being published, in view of the condemnation of 'The Ringing World's' letter page by the Guild of Clerical Ringers which received endorsement at the annual meetings of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and the Lancashire Association.

The Editor hopes that the breach of friendship in this area will be soon healed.

WEST RETFORD BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. R. Hobbs, regarding the inscription on the tenor—IESVS BE OVR SPEED 1619, probably this bell was cast by a travelling founder, for the same inscription can be found on the third at Carlisle Cathedral with the following addition: GEOR LEES, EDMUND WRIGHT, BELLFOUNDERS. WILL ORBEL. L.M. 1608. Presumably the L.M. stands for 'leading man.'

West Retford's fifth, dated 1620 and recast in 1884, appears to have been founded by Hugh Watts, of Leicester.

The fourth, by Thomas Hilton, of Wath, Yorks, in 1810, was by a founder who had a small foundry for about 33 years and who cast the tenor at Norton Cuckney, Notts, in the same year; but this bell was recast in 1914.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

IN WINCHESTER DIOCESE

Dear Sir,—Whilst congratulating the band who rang the first peals in the Channel Islands, I wonder if they realise that the Islands are in the Diocese of Winchester? Wouldn't it have been fitting, therefore, to have rung these peals for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, rather than invent some new high-faluting Society?—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

HANDBELL STRUCTURES

Dear Sir,—The following compositions are especial handbell structures, being '5-6 coursing' types:—

5,056 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR.					5,376 LITTLE BOB MAJOR.		
23456	B	M	W	H	23456	W	M
65432	—	—	*	—*	52436	—*	3
36452	—	—	—	—	65324	—	2
65324	x	—	—	—	36452	—	†
26354	—	—	—	—	46235	S	—
65243	x	—	—	—	34265	—	—
24653	—	—	—	—	Repeated 11 times with Singles at *, †, or at H at part-end, half-peal apart.		
52643	—	—	—	—			
24536	x	—	—	—			
32546	—	—	—	—			
43526	—	—	—	—	5040 Call one part.		
32465	x	—	—	3*			

Repeated three times.
* Singles for Bobs half-peal apart, at any one of these positions.

42365 W M H
35426 — — S
23456 — —

Single at * or last H, half-peal apart.

5032 Call one part
43265 W B W

23456 — 2 —
Single at † half-peal away from this part.

Yours faithfully,

St. Albans, Herts. GEOFFREY DODDS.

THE EYE TENOR

Dear Sir,—It was interesting to read that the tenor bell at Eye, Suffolk, is to be recast; it is hardly surprising to me. Before the 1914 war I rang there on a number of occasions, including two or three peals. The late W. C. Rumsey used to say that this bell had a nice note but was 'short of breath,' and that Fred Day, the bell-hanger, had always thought that there was a crack in the crown. This would account for it no doubt, and for the necessary recasting.

This brings me to my point. How many are left of Miles Graye's bells? Apart from such bells as the tenors of Lavenham and Stowmarket and the 11th at Ipswich, which we all know of, there must be quite a few of Graye's bells scattered about still. There are five at Bramford, one at Earl Soham and two in the tiny ring of five at Winston (the tenor here, 5 cwt., is a beauty). There must be many of these about, but no complete ring, perhaps.—Yours sincerely,

PETER LAFLIN.

Stockport.

A lot of hard work is being out in at Friskney, near Boston, to master change-ringing, and now five of the band, who are instructed by Mr. G. D. Burroughs, have secured their first quarter. Among the 'firsts' was Mr. B. Stockdale, the local captain, who is approaching 70 and has acquired new methods without a trace of apparent difficulty. A peal is the next objective.

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LETTERS—Continued**LITTLE HADHAM BELLS TO BE RESTORED**

Dear Sir,—It is with much pleasure that I am able to release the news that the bells of Little Hadham Parish Church are to be completely restored by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Pending the removal of the bells by the founders, all ringing has been stopped, as stated in the Herts County Association report, due to the tower being unsafe and the bells being very deeply clapper-worn, not having been quarter turned, which means that the clappers have been striking in the same places for periods varying from 100 to 500 years.

Extensive repairs are to be carried out on the tower, and it is hoped to have the bells replaced and ringing again late in 1960. There are five bells in the tower of St. Cecilia's Church, the tenor weighing approximately 11½ cwt. The oldest bell in the tower is undoubtedly the third, which is thought to have been cast in the late 1400's. The second was cast by John Dyer in 1595. The fourth is dated 1623 and bears the mark of Robert Oldfield, the itinerant bell-founder who was probably casting in Hertford at that time. The tenor is dated 1693 and was cast by Philip Whightman. The treble, the latest addition, was cast in 1855 by C. and G. Mears, of London, and has an approximate weight of 5 cwt.

The bells are, at present, a mediocre ring, never having been tuned, and have, unfortunately, been the victims of a great deal of poor workmanship or 'bodging.' The local blacksmith has made his mark and is believed to have been responsible for the enormous wooden headstocks, which are clumsy, to say the least. Alfred Bowell was responsible for a great deal of cheap, unsatisfactory work carried out on the bells in 1939, at which time they were rehung in the old patched-up frame, but with new plain bearings.

Taylor (J. P. Fidler) inspected the bells prior to Bowell's work and stated that a new frame was required and that the bells definitely required quarter-turning. However, this excellent advice was ignored by the then rector, and the bells remained as before, with the result that there is now acute danger of cracking if the bells are rung any more without quarter-turning. The frame is also capable of a great deal of movement in all directions and is unsafe.

The bells will be lowered some 12 feet in the tower, which will reduce the length of rope used (now 70 feet) and also the amount of oscillation of the tower. As stated, the bells will have all new fittings, canon-retaining headstocks being fitted on the back four. The frame will be of cast iron with a steel foundation grillage, and the bells will run on ball-bearings.

The approximate cost of all work on the tower and bells will be in the region of £3,000 or more, which is a great deal of money for a small village to raise. The Church Council would be very grateful for any donations, which should be sent to the secretary at 1, Church End.

In concluding, I should like to thank all ringers, especially the lads from the School, who have helped me to maintain a band for service and practice ringing for nearly four years. Especially I should like to thank Alf Kent, to whom I will always be indebted for my introduction to the noble art.

The bells are all yours, Paul—look after them.—Yours faithfully,

ADRIAN C. WEDGWOOD.

Little Hadham, Herts.

AN OUTING IN EAST KENT

East Kent was the venue for a small party of ringers on tour on May 2nd.

The Vicar (Rev. A. H. Davies) made us welcome at the first tower, Hernhill; but our ringing was poor on the light eight, probably due to the early hour. At Boughton-under-Blean our stay was severely curtailed because of a local misunderstanding about meeting us. Chartham's six are of good tone and are heard best from the village green. The Gillett five at Thanington are a little odd-struck, in addition to their unusual tone, but go well. Mr. Unwin and the Rector were awaiting us at Hackington, and a course of London was managed on this difficult ring.

After the lunch break we rang at the sixes of Sturry and Littlebourne, and then the pleasant 19½ cwt. eight at Wingham. Our next call was Minster-in-Thanet, to ring for a double wedding on the heavy minor five at a new tower for most of the party. The wedding delayed our arrival at Ash-next-Sandwich, where a good eight hangs in the central tower.

Some of the party preferred tea to a pull at Bekesbourne, but all reunited at Goodnestone, and Wells Surprise was rung—Canon Raven and some of the local ringers met us here. Travelling on into the Kent coalfields, we visited Eythorne's five, which are rung from the porch. The ascent to Northbourne's central tower by iron ladder is somewhat unnerving for those who do not like heights. This six, by Bowell, hang diagonally in the tower, which was the 1,000th for Brian Bladon. Great Mongeham bells have been restored since the writer's last visit and are now rung from the ground floor. The last tower was Ringwould, and Mr. Harrison met us.

Our thanks to all those who helped towards the day's success; especially to Peter Bond, who drove some of the party round in his car.

I. H. O.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fourteen towers were represented at the meeting on May 9th at Bolsterstone, near Sheffield, and the afternoon's ringing was followed by an excellent tea. The Rev. F. Lenton presided at the business meeting, and it was announced that the shield contest would be at Wortley on June 13th. Jubilee cards giving the names of towers in the Barnsley District are on sale from the secretary. Mr. Frank Brunt, in his vote of thanks specially mentioned Mr. John R. Brearley and the local company. The chairman in reply said he hoped to see the Society again at his tower.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT

Visitors from as far afield as Leicester attended the monthly meeting of the Sheffield and District Society at Dronfield on May 2nd. A touch of Double Oxford Court Bob Major was rung which enabled many to realise the inferiority of the method to the popular Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A good standard of ringing was maintained throughout the day, some of the highlights being a touch of Bristol, an excellent course of London and a very musical touch of Stedman Triples.

The next meeting will be at Old Whittington on June 6th, when towers will compete for the Society's silver cup.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Honey 1, M. Jones 2, Miss J. Jones 3, J. Honey 4, W. G. Cudd 5, A. R. Pink (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

OBITUARY**MR. J. PALMER POWLS**

By the death in hospital on April 16th of Mr. J. Palmer Powls, after a long period of illness, Eastington, Yorks, lost an old ringer.

Although he only rang two peals he was, until failing health prevented him, a regular Sunday service ringer for many years. He had been a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1922, and a member of the Selby and District Society since its formation. He had held the position of churchwarden for eight years, and was a sidesman until the time of his death.

During the last war he lost two sons, and along with his wife erected a stained-glass window in Eastington Church in their memory.

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor (half-muffled) was rung by members of the Selby and District Society after the funeral.

L. M. W.

BELL-RINGERS' HYMN

(Tune A. & M. 47)

Words arranged by GEORGE F. ROOME

1. Hark! the bells are sweetly ringing,
Hung on high, they seem to say:
Come and worship Christ in heaven,
O ye children of the day.
2. As the bells convey their message
To God's children here below,
Let us haste and fall before Him,
On our knees before His throne.
3. When the bells are sweetly ringing
To the Saviour's name be praised,
Hearts and minds and hands and voices
In rejoicing let us raise.
4. Those who on the sick bed languish,
Hear the bells so sweet and clear;
That they too may join and worship
Jesus Christ their Saviour dear.
5. When the bells are deeply tolling
For a loved one passed away,
To God's presence, in His keeping,
And to rise that glorious day.
6. Joyful, solemn, is the pealing
Of the bells we join to ring,
At the sound of changing music,
Praising God our heavenly king.
7. Honour, glory, might and blessing,
To the Father and the Son;
With the everlasting Spirit,
While eternal ages run. *Amen.*

BELL FEVER

I must go down to the tower again, to see what I can find,
And all I ask that the rest shall be in a similar state of mind,
And two peals in harmony, and birds of a feather,
And Dermott Roafe and Langton, too, screaming bobs together.

I must go down to the tower again, to see if there's a side,
For the call of the bells is a clear call, which may not be denied;
And all I ask is a false peal, and a call to order,
And to be accused of rigmarole by Peter Border.

J. R. C.

DORKING, SURREY.—On April 25th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: E. G. Coward 1, A. Diserens 2, Helen M. Diserens 3, E. J. Munday 4, R. F. Diserens 5, F. W. Lewis 6, C. E. Lewington 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

HALF PEALS

GREAT BARR, STAFFS.—On Nov. 19th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: P. W. Webb 1, Miss E. Oakeshott 2, A. Simpson 3, C. Catt 4, W. W. Rich 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6. Rung by Birmingham University Society.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS.—On May 2nd, 2,880 Surprise Minor (720 each of London, Wells, York and Durham): Miss V. Horton 1, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 2, J. A. Anderson 3, G. R. Edwards 4, P. J. Rigby 5, R. G. Edwards 6. Part of a peal attempt for seven Surprise Minor, stopped owing to clock hammer coming loose! Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ASH, SURREY.—On May 3rd, 540 Plain Bob Doubles and 720 Kent Treble Bob: Sylvia Sherwood 1, A. Tuck 2, Audrey Goodchild 3, Brenda Davidge 4, S. Russell 5, P. Sherwood (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Phillips 1, Mary Powell (first of Triples) 2, J. H. Gilbert 3, C. Kortright 4, W. P. Blake 5, D. Cobb (cond.) 6, J. Brain 7, J. Lott 8. For Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. S. Dear 1, June Dear (first in method) 2, R. J. Castledine 3, A. W. A. Leggett 4, L. Hughes 5, E. G. Buck 6, D. 'Sutcliffe' (first in method as cond.) 7, C. A. S. Harwood 8.

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Susan Whetherly 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, A. F. Lee 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, T. J. Milsom (first in three methods as cond.) 5, D. J. Barnett 6.

BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. E. Dixon (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Thomson (first quarter) 2, F. Ross 3, S. Dixon 4, S. Mallaburn (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6. For Ascension Day.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Tomkins 1, G. Clinton 2, J. Thomas (cond.) 3, J. Bedford 4, G. Corbett 5, W. Turner 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of John Eric Boliver.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose, on April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. A. Hunt (first quarter) 1, B. A. Shackleton 2, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 3, A. C. Baker 4, F. Skidmore 5, Molly P. Smith 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, F. R. Hussey 8. Also on May 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. G. Hooper (first of Treble Bob Major) 1, Molly P. Smith 2, F. Skidmore 3, A. C. Baker 4, T. P. Edwards 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, J. F. Pedler 7, D. J. Hunt (first of Treble Bob as cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob by 2, 4, 6 and 7.

BRISTOL.—On May 3rd, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. C. Baldwin 1, M. J. Austin 2, M. T. Rothwell 3, R. Blackler 4, F. D. Mack 5, D. Heighton 6, P. J. Bird (cond.) 7, B. J. Wylde 8. First in the method by all. For industrial service by the U.B.S.C.R. Also on May 9th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. L. Barry (first of Cambridge) 1, E. J. Hinchins 2, Patricia Bourn 3, P. J. Bird 4, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 5, T. P. Edwards 6. Also on May 10th, 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 480 St. Martin's, 300 Plain Bob): Elizabeth Jackson 1, Angela Grainger 2, D. Heighton 3, J. C. Baldwin 4, M. J. Austin (first as cond.) 5, R. Blackler 6. By the U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

BURFORD, OXON.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Dixon 1, J. W. T. Hibbert 2, Mrs. D. Pearce 3, C. J. Castell 4, P. G. Davies (cond.) 5, C. J. Hibbert 6, A. W. G. Sayers 7, T. Goddard 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Castell 1, Mrs. M. C. Hibbert 2, Mrs. D. Pearce 3, P. G. Davies 4, A. W. G. Sayers 5, W. Dixon 6, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 7, T. Goddard 8.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On May 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Morris (first away from tenor) 1, H. Hodgetts 2, Mrs. T. H. Norris 3, T. Clark 4, E. Ashby 5, C. Cook 6, J. Rootes 7, T. Norris (cond.) 8. For the 21st anniversary service of W.V.S.

CAERLEON, MON.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Tarling 1, G. Marchant 2, J. F. T. F. James 3, J. D. Richards 4, A. M. J. Edwards 5, D. Pike (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 5 and 6. Rung for Confirmation service, also a birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

QUARTER PEALS

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Payne 1, Phyllis Gray 2, J. Edwards 3, A. Gibbs 4, R. G. Corby 5, R. L. Piron 6, B. Pattison (cond.) 7, D. Thompson 8. Rung for Evensong as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Fry, who are leaving for Marham, Norfolk.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, Miss L. Badcock 2, E. G. Swift 3, J. E. Camp 4, M. G. Swift (cond.) 5. First of Stedman Doubles by 1, 2, 4 and 5.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—At St. James' Church, on April 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Parsons 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Miss A. Amor 3, G. Harvey 4, D. Stainsby 5, W. Prockson 6, W. Wilson 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. A welcome to ringers of 3 and 5.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On April 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, K. Smith 3, B. Webb 4, A. Beckwith (first in method) 5, E. Piper 6, G. J. Baker 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, on May 4th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob): F. G. Oliver 1, Doreen Fairhead 2, R. Preston (first 'inside') 3, G. W. Barnes 4, H. J. Millatt 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. M. Boyle 1, L. Walters 2, R. Gubb 3, F. Yeo 4, S. Sully (first 'inside') 5, C. Rooke 6, D. Jewell (first as cond.) 7, A. Smallridge 8. A belated birthday compliment to Miss Patricia Harbour, of Harrow.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): Miss M. Tate 1, Miss B. Jewell (first 'inside') 3, H. L. Parfrey 3, L. A. Jewell 4, S. G. King 5, Miss J. Parsons 6, C. J. Brown 7, F. Pike 8. Conducting shared by 3 and 7. For Evensong, and a farewell to the Rev. J. Tunwell, retiring after 24 years as incumbent.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral of All Saints, on April 26th, 1,240 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. B. Stennitt 1, E. Walklate (15) 2, C. W. Walklate (15) 3, Mrs. G. A. Halls 4, C. W. Walklate 5, S. Walklate 6, M. J. R. Blore (15) 7, A. E. Thompson 8, G. A. Halls 9, H. Taylor (cond.) 10. First of Cambridge Royal rung by a Sunday service band in Derby for 20 years.

EASTRINGTON, YORKS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. J. Taylor (Goole) 1, J. J. Taylor (Goole) 2, A. Mitchell (Eastrington) 3, J. Ingram (Eastrington) 4, A. H. Hawcroft (Eastrington) 5, L. M. Woodhead (Goole, cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. J. Palmer Powls (Eastrington).

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On April 14th, 2,160 Minor (720 of Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; 720 of Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Old Oxford and Marple Delight; 720 of Morning Star Treble Bob): P. G. K. Davies 1, E. Pimlott 2, M. J. J. Brierley 3, S. Hough (jun.) 4, W. H. Dowse 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6.

GOXHILL, Lincs.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. W. Crowder 1, V. Hepworth (first quarter) 2, G. Cooper (first quarter) 3, A. W. Hoodless 4, S. Bromfield 5, S. Neave (first as cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, grandparents of the third ringer.

GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. C. Macbeth 1, Miss M. Bloyce (first 'inside') 2, D. Culham 3, E. Leggett (cond.) 4, B. Gibbons 5, D. Webber (first quarter) 6.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret J. Lovett 1, A. Clarke 2, C. R. Lovett 3, D. H. Buxton 4, Sylvia R. E. Pipe 5, E. G. Pearce 6, C. W. Pipe (cond.) 7, R. W. Pipe 8. For Holy Communion.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, C. W. Pipe 2, Brenda Downing 3, C. R. Lovett 4, D. H. Buxton 5, E. G. Pearce 6, F. Willis Betts 7, R. Downing 8. For Matins.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Delamont 1, R. P. Selway 2, M. E. Turner (first as cond., aged 13) 3, S. W. White 4, W. E. Turner 5, E. C. Lester 6.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Adams 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, W. G. Hair 3, W. F. Woodward 4, W. Curzon 5, J. W. Cotton 6, P. W. Grice 7, H. Shaw 8. In memoriam Mrs. Mabel Hair, widow of Mr. Walter Hair, captain of the Netherseale ringers before the first world war, and mother of the ringer of 3.

NORTHAMPTON.—On April 12th, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Billings 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, R. Finch 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, R. G. Chater 5, R. S. Roberts 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, R. V. Baker 8. Rung to open the 75th anniversary of the installation of the ring of eight bells in this church, given by Mr. William Tomes in 1884. Also on May 10th, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob, 720 St. Clement's): Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, R. S. Roberts 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, E. Billings 4, J. C. Rainbow 5, G. F. Roome (cond.) 6, D. Rees (covering) 7. For morning service. Also at the Church of St. Giles, on April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. G. Eldridge 1, G. J. Neale 2, Miss P. Brown 3, G. F. Roome 4, R. A. Eldridge (first as cond.) 5, J. H. Bryan 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bryan.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAM.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Darch 1, I. John (first quarter) 2, F. Rowcell (cond.) 3, F. J. Thyer 4, W. Davies 5, G. Kerley 6, J. Evans 7, A. Nicholls (first quarter) 8. To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. W. L. Lambert (steeplekeeper) and Mrs. Lambert.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dr. C. A. G. Ward 1, G. Cornick (14) (first 'inside') 2, Miss B. Marsh 3, Mrs. A. J. Slade 4, A. J. Slade (cond.) 5, H. T. Cornick 6. A compliment to Mr. F. E. Reading on his 100th birthday.

PULBOW, SOMERSET.—On May 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. C. Baldwin 1, Monica Horseman 2, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 3, F. C. Mogford 4, J. Brain 5, M. J. Horseman 6. First quarter of Cambridge on the bells.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary G. Hicks 1, Linda M. Southerden 2, M. Winter 3, C. H. Knowles 4, Judith Walker (first of Triples) 5, J. Small 6, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 7, S. Skinner 8. For Matins by a Sunday service band.

SEND, SURREY.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Neil 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss B. Loveland 3, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. For Evensong.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On May 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Clarke 1, J. Carter 2, P. Davies 3, E. W. Rowe 4, J. Quick 5, C. C. Turner 6, C. C. Deem (first in method as cond.) 7, A. J. Down 8. For Ascension Day.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On May 3rd, at Immanuel Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss D. Crowe 1, P. Wright 2, Miss S. Jackson 3, J. Cook 4, E. Talbot 5, W. Wilson 6, M. Williamson 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Crook (15) 1, R. Spray (13) 2, D. Perkins 3, T. Griffiths 4, J. W. Perkins (cond.) 5, K. Stone (15) 6. First quarter by a local band. For Evensong, and also as a compliment to D. Perkins and Miss J. Ashley on their engagement.

SWALCLIFFE, OXON.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Sayers (14, first quarter) 1, R. A. Reeves 2, C. C. Clarke 3, E. E. Pearson 4, E. T. P. Field 5, J. Gregory (cond.) 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On May 10th, 1,331 Grandsire Caters: P. D. Chapman 1, W. Dowler 2, H. Rumens 3, R. J. Chapman 4, E. E. Holman 5, J. A. Hales 6, B. R. Downes 7, F. W. Sykes 8, A. J. N. Boyack 9, F. C. Taylor 10. For Evensong, and the christening of Mr. F. C. Maynard's granddaughter; also birthday compliment to John and Jennifer Hales.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Carson (first quarter) 1, Susan Rawlings 2, M. H. Sinden 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

5,000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

By JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

In/5th	W	H	2345678
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X			3245678
X			2435678
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	S		4365278
X			3645278
X			6435278
	—	3	5634278
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Repeat four times.

A=3rds, 5ths. H all 8s.

Contains the 120 course ends.

Rung at Tuxford, October 25th, 1958, conducted by H. T. Rooke.

5,088 ADDERBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

By STEPHEN IVIN

23456	5/4	B	M	H
64235	3X			—
63254	2X			—
54263	X			—
32654	X			—
25346		1		—
46325	X			—
23645	X			—

Repeat twice.

First rung at South Leigh, Oxfordshire, on February 24th, 1959.

FIFTY YEARS AGO FROM 'THE BELL NEWS'

May 22nd, 1909

Peals recorded: Stedman Caters 1, Grandsire Caters 3, London Surprise Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Treble Bob Major 5, Double Norwich 1, Oxford Bob Major 1, Bob Major 3, Stedman Triples 4, Grandsire Triples 4, Minor 4, Doubles 1. Total 29.

Handbell peal: Bob Major 1.

Agenda for the Central Council meeting, to be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 1st, in the 'Small Hall' of Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, published.

Notice of the attempt for 12,000 Treble Bob Major at Deane, June 4th.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

A meeting of Saxmundham District was held at Benhall and Saxmundham on May 2nd. The attendance at Benhall for ringing in the afternoon was very poor, and it was thanks to visitors that ringing was possible. Tea was taken at Saxmundham for the few, and a lady member of the Essex Association took charge of the teapot. There was an improved attendance at the service, when the Rector (Rev. Mr. Moyle) gave an interesting address.

5,040 SPLICED TRIPLES

By A. J. PITMAN, No. 2.

234567	College
267453	College
253746	London
246375	London
672534	Double Oxford
623745	St. Clement's
236745	London
642573	St. Clement's
426573	London
674352	Double Oxford
645723	Double Oxford
652437	St. Clement's
526437	D. Oxford
563274	St. Clement's
635274	D. Oxford
657342	St. Clement's
576342	D. Oxford
564723	St. Clement's
542637	St. Clement's
523476	St. Clement's
537264	St. Clement's
375264	College
364527	London
327456	College
356742	College
342675	London
273564	College
264357	College
257436	London
732645	
763524	
756432	
745263	
724356	
637524	St. Clement's
376524	London
623457	St. Clement's
236457	College
257643	London
243765	College
265374	London
572436	D. Oxford
523764	St. Clement's
235764	College
264573	London
472356	College
456237	London
437625	London
724563	
752346	
735624	
763452	
746235	
527346	St. Clement's
275346	College
246537	College
237654	College
254763	College
263475	London
372546	London
243657	London

Repeat five times omitting bob X in alternate parts.

MORE ABOUT WOOL

(With more apologies to the Wool Secretariat.)

'Twas down to three, our ringing band,
We held the ropes with shaking hand,
Our noses red our hands were blue,
Another gone, we're down to two.
Then up came he who could but boast:
'To wool I changed, I'm warm as toast!'
And now the belfry's extra full—
There is no substitute for WOOL. G. T.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 28th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Simpson 1, Miss D. Jacques 2, R. Gay 3, Miss E. Oakeshott 4, P. W. Webb 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6. Rung by Birmingham University Society. Also on May 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Helen M. Thacker 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 3, M. C. Hughes 4, P. S. Bennett 5, J. K. Foot (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 5. For Evenson.

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Ormston-by-Ashbourne, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Shoulder of Mutton. Come and enjoy a ring in this delightful village.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 4356

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and the **MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Measham, on Saturday, May 23rd, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 4358

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Chesham (6), Saturday, May 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4360

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Petworth, on Saturday, May 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4296

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A practice meeting will be held at Old Alresford, Saturday, May 23rd, Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. 4365

ST. MARY CRAY GUILD OF BELL-RINGERS.—Ringers' service, Sunday, May 24th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5.15 p.m. and after service. All welcome.—P. G. Braund, Sec. 4347

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, May 30th, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4 p.m. 4394

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 4388

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Barnby Dun, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. Stephenson, 25, Stainforth Road, Barnby Dun, near Doncaster.—George Watson, Dis. Sec. 4383

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Pleasley, Saturday, May 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. C. Bowers, Cyfro, Terrace Lane, Pleasley, near Mansfield, Notts.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4395

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting at Longborough (near Moreton-in-Marsh), Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to F. Newton, 44, Bishop's Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, near Cheltenham, Glos. All welcome. 4396

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Warmley (6), Saturday, May 30th. Usual arrangements. Will all members endeavour to attend.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 4389

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Annual meeting and dinner, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Saturday, May 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Dinner 7.15 p.m. Names, please, to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage, Herts. 4326

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, St. Nicholas', Hereford, 3 p.m., Saturday, May 30th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 28th to T. E. Wood, 30, Venns Lane, Hereford. 4400

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting at Chetton, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea before previous Wednesday to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 4384

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Wouldham, Saturday, May 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. C. Sibun, 2, Private Road, Wouldham, near Rochester. 4368

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 30th, at Feltham. Ringing, 3 to 5 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Parish Hall, followed by business meeting and further ringing till 8 p.m. Church near Feltham Station (S.R.). Nos. 117 and 237 buses from Hounslow, 90s from Hayes or Richmond. Gentlemen cordially invited. 4392

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 30th, at Biggleswade (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by Wednesday, 27th, to Mr. B. Sims, 4, Banks Road, Biggleswade. 4386

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 30th. Horwich. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided at 5 p.m., and business afterwards. All tower captains should attend.—Thornley, Sec. 4318

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Batley (8), Saturday, May 30th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Atkins, 65, Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury. 4378

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Striking competition at St. Mary-de-Castro's, Leicester, Saturday, May 30th, commencing 3 p.m. Tea 6 p.m., followed by general ringing in the evening. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 26th, please, to Mr. J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec., 30, Royal Road, Leicester. 4382

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gaywood, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Friday, 29th, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 4373

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Summer quarterly meeting at Whittlebury on Saturday, May 30th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 4399

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—East Knoyle, Saturday, May 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by 26th. Hindon available in evening.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 4367

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting at Froxfield (6), Saturday, May 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by 27th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 4390

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, Saturday, June 6th. Service, St. Mark's, 3.15 p.m., addressed by the Bishop of Exeter. Tea and meeting at St. Mark's Parish Hall. Numbers for tea to Rev. C. G. Poulton, St. Mark's Vicarage, 36, Polsloe Road, Exeter. Ringing arrangements: The Cathedral, 1.30 to 3 and 7.30 to 8.30; St. Thomas', 1 to 2.30; St. David's, 2 to 3; St. Mark's, 2 to 3.15; Heavitree, 6.15 to 7.15; Newton St. Cyres, 7.30 to 9 p.m. 4385

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, North Ockendon, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Bailey, 8, West Road, South Ockendon. 4397

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, All Saints', Whitstable, Saturday, June 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Palmer, 37, Clare Road, Whitstable. 4401

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Penshurst, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by June 2nd to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 4377

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Bicker, near Donington, Saturday, June 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, June 1st, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 4380

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Shenley, on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by May 30th R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 4387

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