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'TINTINNABULA'

MR. ERNEST MORRIS has added to his list of books another this month 'Tintinnabula,' published by Robert Hale, 21s. It is the story of small bells from the earliest days to the modern electric bells. For years Mr. Morris has been a collector of small bells of various descriptions and his collection has now a permanent place in the City of Leicester Museum.

Perhaps those whose interests are confined to church bell ringing, and change ringing in particular, might have expected Mr. Morris, with his 1,860 peals to his credit and the author of 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' to have devoted his literary energies to their immediate interest. Ernest, however, is versatile with no one-track mind. This we say for 'Tintinnabula': anyone who has dabbled in the history and development of church bells will find this book, which is profusely illustrated, very companionable. It is the contribution of the small bell to the life of the community, both in religious, domestic, secular and other forms, from the earliest days that gives this book its peculiar niche.

All ringers are familiar with the bells on Aaron's robe and the High Priest Ephod's, but it is not appreciated that they were also attached to the garments of Hebrew women and also in the royal costumes of Persians and other races. Little bells were prominent in ecclesiastical vestments of mediæval days; thus Conrad, Archbishop of Canterbury. had a cope fringed with 140 little silver bells, and Lanfranc 51 of silver-gilt around his cope.

Many of the ringers who attended the Central Council meeting last year in Dublin saw in the National Museum of Dublin the collection of bells and crotals. On these and early British bells Mr. Morris writes an interesting chapter. Small bells were in common usage at the celebration of the Mass and were not confined to a 'sacring' bell carried in the sexton's hands at the consecration of the Sacrament. but there were more elaborate affairs of bells on a wheel. Mr. Morris quotes from Britton's 'Wiltshire' the case of Brokenborough, Wilts, where 18 bells were hung in the middle of the church, which were rung by the pulling of a wheel at the Elevation of the Host.

A chapter is devoted to American Tintinnabula. Pre-Columbian bells exist, and the genealogy of the bells in this continent has been traced from a nutshell or gourd, then a clay model and finally in metal form. It seems somewhat inexplicable that bronze and copper bells found in the Calchaqui region of Argentina should have a characteristic form somewhat resembling Chinese bells. The bell was very much in evidence in this early era of history: the Aztecs used large numbers of golden bells as ornaments and for use in dances and religious sacrifices, while a kind of bell was attached to domestic llamas by Indians.

In our country the prize of a silver or gold bell was frequently awarded for a horse race and attached to the headgear of the winning horse. Records of such awards in the 17th century came from York, Paisley, Dumfries, Carlisle and Huntingdon. An epitaph quoted from Camden's 'Remains' commences:

> 'Here lies the man whose horse did gaine The Bell in race on Salisbury Plain.'

Small silver bells were also given as prizes at school cock fights, particularly in the North of England. These were days of crude pleasures. In vogue a century ago was a sport known as 'thrashing the hen.' A man carried a hen upon his back and had horse bells fastened to him, by the sound of which his fellows, who were blindfolded, endeavoured to follow him and strike the hen with sticks.

Perhaps closer akin to matters dealt with in this journal is the chapter devoted to handbells. Mr. Morris has nearly 300 handbell peals to his credit, and while he resists giving readers some of the handbell feats of change ringing he does outline the principle of changes. Mention is also made of Mr. William Wagstaffe's collection of old bicycle bells, upon which a handbell peal was rung. In regard to tune ringing on handbells, Mr. Sidney Harrison, of Leicester, with the brothers Hebborn, is photographed giving a demonstration.

Of railway bells quoted, the one most interesting is the 'Lady Gordon, 1785,' at Lossiemouth Station. It weighs over 50 lbs. and is secured in a strong wooden standard erected on the platform. The bell was tolled five minutes before the departure of trains and also when the Greenwich time signal was received. It was originally at Lossiemouth House, which Lady Gordon built. At her death the house was bought by a sea captain who was harbourmaster. Until the advent of the railway the bell heralded the arrival and departure of vessels from the port. The sailing ship service ended with the coming of the railway and the bell was transferred to the railway station.

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AN IRISH TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DUBLIN.

THE ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in C.

JEFFREY B. WEBB	*Treble*	GORDON H. LANE	6
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	8
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	JACK N. BROWN	9
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. WOOD. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the method.

A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. William H. Wilson, hon. secretary and treasurer of this tower, and a ringer here for 52 years.

DUBLIN.

On Sun., Aug. 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. in E flat.

ELSIE K. HART	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
JACK N. BROWN	2	*JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	7
†H. GEORGE HART	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* 50th peal together. † First of New Cambridge. First peal in the method in Ireland.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.

On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF 5184 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
*GORDON H. LANE	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
DEREK P. JONES	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. POYNER. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the method. First in the method in Ireland.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.

On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in D.

JEFFREY B. WEBB	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3	GORDON H. LANE	7
JACK N. BROWN	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

WATERFORD.

On Tues., Aug. 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 OVERSEALE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 lb. in E.

JACK N. BROWN	*Treble*	*JEFFREY B. WEBB	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
H. GEORGE HART	4	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the method. First in the method in Ireland.

BANDON, CO. CORK.

On Wed., Aug. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, BALLYMODAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 WATERFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being a 2,160 and four extents (C.C.C. Nos. 121, 120, 118, 114, 115).

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	GORDON H. LANE	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. T.B. 16).

LIMERICK.

On Fri., Aug. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Treble*	†GORDON H. LANE	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	†JACK N. BROWN	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
*DEREK P. JONES	4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* 25th peal together. † First touch in the method. First of Pudsey on the bells.

DROGHEDA, CO. LOUTH.

On Sat., Aug. 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 LOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method, rung without previous practice.

CHESHIRE RINGERS' TOUR OF SOUTH WALES

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, EXCEPT OTHERWISE STATED.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	8
BASIL JONES	3	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	9
FRANK OSBALDISTON	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	10
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5	BRIAN HARRIS	11
JOHN WORTH	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

ABERGAVENNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Treble*	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOHN WORTH	7
BASIL JONES	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	8
FRANK OSBALDISTON	4	BRIAN HARRIS	9
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	ROBERT B. SMITH	6
BASIL JONES	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
On Tues., Aug. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

BASIL JONES	*Treble*	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	BRIAN HARRIS	6
FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	7
JOHN WORTH	4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

ROBERT B. SMITH	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	6
FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYBI.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	BASIL JONES	5
WILLIAM H. DOWSE	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
BRIAN HARRIS	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
Rung in memory of Mr. Williams, who was tower captain here until the week prior to the peal.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
On Thurs., Aug. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

JOHN WORTH	*Treble*	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5
FRANK OSBALDISTON	2	*BASIL JONES	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	*BRIAN HARRIS	7
WILLIAM H. DOWSE	4	†ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* 100th peal together. † 150th peal.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.
On Thurs., Aug. 20, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	7
BASIL JONES	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	BRIAN HARRIS	9
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BLAENAVON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
On Fri., Aug. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE	*Treble*	ROBERT B. SMITH	5
*JOHN WORTH	2	BRIAN HARRIS	6
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* 900th peal.

BRECON, WALES.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E flat.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	JOHN WORTH	6
FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
BASIL JONES	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM H. DOWSE	7
*BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	8
BASIL JONES	3	*ROBERT B. SMITH	9
*FRANK OSBALDISTON	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	11
JOHN WORTH	6	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus.

TEN BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 21 cwt.

PETER R. JOHNSON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
BARBARA MANSHIP	3	ARTHUR GIBBS	8
MARTIN C. FAULKES	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
PETER J. HAWCOCK	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. RONALD EDWARDS. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
First peal of Royal in the variation by all the band, and for the Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5152 OVERSEALE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

ELSIE K. HART	*Treble*	*GORDON A. HALLS	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	H. GEORGE HART	6
*MRS. G. A. HALLS	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
*FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	†DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in the method. † 425th peal.
Rung to mark the enthronement this day in Derby Cathedral of the Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Allen, Bishop of Derby.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 800 Bristol, 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 130 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

MICHAEL F. AMOS	*Treble*	BRYAN PATTISON	5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	2	PETER BORDER	6
AVRIL THACKRAY	3	DAVID T. DARBY	7
RUTH M. BORDER	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
Rung to welcome Peter David Niblett, born July 3rd, 1959. Also to celebrate the coming-of-age of Alan J. Frost this day.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	ROGER MAHER	5
M. HELEN WRIGHT	2	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	6
*GORDON ROTHWELL	3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD	7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	4	KEITH ABBOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* First peal 'inside.'

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,600 Rutland, 1,280 London, 640 Bristol, 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

STEPHEN IVIN	*Treble*	BRYAN PATTISON	5
AVRIL THACKRAY	2	PHILIP MEHEW	6
RUTH M. BORDER	3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

First peal of 8-Spliced on the bells, for the Association, and by all the band except the ringers of 1, 6 and 8.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 88 lb. in G.

A. WILLIAM BIRD	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	REV. GILES GALLEY	6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	3	GODFREY G. WALPOLE	7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES SEDGLEY (57).
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Treble*	*DONALD WHITE	5
JOHN HAWTIN	2	JACK BENISTON	6
F. GEORGE BAILEY	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
*C. WILFRED LORD	4	JAMES A. LORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., July 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	REV. GILES GALLEY	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
DAVID HEIGHTON	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

*DAVID E. HOUSE	*Treble*	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	5
DAVID J. FORDER	2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS	6
†CHRISTOPHER M. WHITE	3	TOM CHAPMAN	7
‡JOHN FAITHFULL	4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
* First peal. † First of Major. ‡ First in the method. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

*JANICE WILLIAMSON	*Treble*	DAVID J. FORDER	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS	6
JOHN FAITHFULL	3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	7
†M. D. GEORGE NORTHWAY	4	TOM CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by TOM CHAPMAN. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
* First peal. † First of Major.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	NORMAN SMITH	5
*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	*MAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	6
JOHN H. FIELDEN	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
DEREK BUTTERWORTH	4	PETER SCHOLFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal of Stedman.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5152 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	*ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal in the method as conductor, and 50th on the bells.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb.

DAVID W. BRUNNING	*Treble*	GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	5
*VERONA C. NAYLOR	2	BRIAN DAWSON	6
H. HOWELL	3	ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH	7
†E. MARION KEY	4	BARNABAS G. KEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.'

A birthday peal for the fourth ringer, and a thank you peal for the work in the parish of Rev. M. Pollitt, who is leaving Cannock shortly.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

JOAN BERESFORD	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	2	PETER BERESFORD	6
*MICHAEL ELSON	3	EDMUND MALIN	7
CYRIL WRATTEN	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal in the method.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Charles Rouse (general secretary of the Association) and Miss Mary Drew, who were married at Cromhall, Glos, earlier in the day.

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DAMERHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

MRS. R. T. JONES	*Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN	4
*JACK BAVERSTOCK	2	CHARLES G. JONES	5
*M. D. GEORGE NORTHWAY	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Herbert Abrahams and Anne Bacon.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*JOHN WATKINS	*Treble*	A. MAXWELL LINDSAY ..	4
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD	2	GRAHAM T. BALL	5
JENNIFER STRATFORD ..	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal, being his first attempt (aged 11 years).

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Plain Bob and Double Oxford Bob, two 720's of Double Court, and 2,160 St. Clement's. Tenor 8 cwt.

ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE ..	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN.. ..	2	REV. GILES GALLEY	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

A. WILLIAM BIRD	*Treble*	PETER A. WAKEMAN	4
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY ..	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
PHILIP J. H. HUDSON ..	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and four different extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

RICHARD A. WEBSTER ..	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	ROY W. SPENCER	5
*MICHAEL E. STRACEY ..	3	RONALD J. HILL..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

* First peal in more than one method.

A compliment to the ringer of the third on his 20th birthday.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY ..	*Treble*	DONALD F. MURFET	4
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.. ..	5
CHARLES W. COOK	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (five callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

*SIMON G. HOOPER	*Treble*	GILBERT W. RENDELL ..	4
*PENELOPE J. WHITE.. ..	2	SIDNEY W. WHITE	5
*ANTHEA M. GREAVES ..	3	WILLIAM DELEMONT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHEA M. GREAVES.

* First peal.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. P. Greaves (Rector, 1946–1959), and as a farewell to him on his leaving to become Rector of St. Mary's, Rougham, Suffolk.

NORTH RAUCEBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Plain Bob and April Day, and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM R. PARKER.. ..	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	3
WALTER WESTON	2	RONALD G. RUSSELL.. ..	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

HATHEROP, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CARLISLE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 7½ cwt.

MRS. E. SUTTON	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	4
ERIC SUTTON	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
CHARLES G. JONES	3	VICTOR GRIFFIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

First peal in the method by all the band.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 35 methods: (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral, Fotheringay and Dover Delight; (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Bogedone and Ely Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

NEIL D. LOMAS	*Treble*	FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE	2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ..	5
IVOR JENKINS	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the church.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSMOND,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

WILFRED P. LAMBERT ..	*Treble*	HAROLD C. R. VINE	4
HERBERT SMITH	2	MARTIN D. BISHOP	5
WILLIAM E. TURNER.. ..	3	MICHAEL E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARTIN D. BISHOP.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Dennis W. Bishop on the anniversary of their silver wedding.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. Nos. 58, 69, 67, 68, 66, 64 and 65).
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B.

FRANK E. DARBY	*Treble*	*STEWART F. KIMBER ..	4
RALPH BIRD	2	*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ..	5
*KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT ..	3	DAVID E. PARSONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. First of Surprise and quickest peal on the bells.

Michael V. Chilcott has now rung peals in the method from Minor to Maximus.

BELTON, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two Pitman's 240's and 20 extents of Grandsire (ten callings), 12 of Plain Bob and six of Reverse Canterbury (four callings).
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

*J. RICHARD PERKINS	*Treble*	HUGH MATTHEWMAN	4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	2	ROYSTON WILMORE	5
CHARLES LOWE	3	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROYSTON WILMORE.
* First peal.

CHIEVELEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. DOROTHY PEARCE	*Treble*	GILBERT J. TOWNSEND	4
REGINALD F. CROOK	2	BRUCE GRAINGER	5
S. FRANK TUFFLEY	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
First peal in three methods on the bells.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

ELIZABETH ROGERS	*Treble*	RAYMOND J. CARLTON	4
ROSEMARY E. GOWER	2	DAVID STAPLES	5
PETER F. T. SMITH	3	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID STAPLES.
First peal as conductor. The ringers of the fifth and tenor have now 'circled the tower.'
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. I. Collins, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lancefield and sister of Mr. Mark S. Lancefield (tower captain)

CASTLE EATON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being 15 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Carlisle, Munden and Chester; (2) Hexham, Primrose and Berwick; (3) Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet; (4) London and Wells; (5) York and Durham; (6) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (7) Beverley and Surfleet; with 106 changes of method. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ERIC SUTTON	*Treble*	VICTOR GRIFFIN	4
LESLEY J. HAWES	2	BRIAN BLADON	5
RONALD A. WRIGHT	3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
* 100th peal. First in 15 Surprise methods by all the band, and for the Association.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Spliced Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and one extent each of Single Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

WALTER ALLMAN	*Treble*	FREDDIE SCOTT	4
ROBIN G. LEALE	2	JOHN D. ROCK	5
WILLIAM S. DEASON	3	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

HANDBELL PEAL

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.
AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston variation. Tenor size 13 in E.

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

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 250th peal.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Barnes 1, Frances Smith 2, C. Turner 3, H. Davis 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, B. Pike 6. For the Family Communion service, and as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. H. E. R. Charles and family, who are leaving for Boreham Wood.

ASH, KENT.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. V. Muller (first quarter) 1, F. C. Allum 2, T. C. Benson 3, P. F. Borer 4, G. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, N. J. Muller 6. For the induction of the Rev. S. W. Baker as Rector.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On May 31st, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob): P. R. J. Lester 1, Rosemary Seabrook 2, R. E. Lester 3, G. R. Goodship 4, D. Brand 5, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Williams 1, Margaret Ward 2, Brenda Foster 3, Susan Nicholson 4, Mary Andrews 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. For evening service. Also on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 540 St. Clement's): Margaret Ward 1, Susan Nicholson 2, Mary Andrews 3, Mary Ward 4, Judith Cox 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. For evening service.

BREDBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. W. Knott 1, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 2, J. D. Reamington 3, B. Rumney 4, J. Robinson 5, C. E. Tompkinson 6. First quarter 1 and 3. For the 18th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Robinson, parents of the fifth ringer.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On July 23rd, at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hunns (first on eight) 1, Betty Stephenson 2, F. Rowsell (cond.) 3, K. Knight 4, C. W. Riddleston 5, G. North 6, H. Stalham 7, A. Turner (first on eight) 8. A compliment to Mr. F. Rowsell.

BRISTOL.—On Aug. 24th, at Christ Church (City), 1,263 Stedman Caters: D. Cobb (first of Stedman as cond.) 1, Monica Horseman 2, B. Shackleton 3, F. Mack 4, J. Stallard 5, D. Yeo 6, L. Pearce 7, D. J. Hunt 8, J. Brain 9, M. J. Horseman 10. Rung for the Feast of St. Bartholomew.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. T. Norris 1, H. Hodgetts 2, E. Ashby 3, T. Clark 4, C. Cook 5, J. Rootes 6, L. North 7, T. Norris (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Miss M. Carnochan and Mr. D. Bartholomew, who were married on Saturday, August 22nd.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on Aug. 30th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. E. Moore 2, A. W. Rolfe 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose 5, P. Everett 6, G. Jennings 7, W. Goodship 8, F. Buckle 9, H. Doel 10. For evening service and as birthday compliments to Mr. A. E. Moore (77) and Mr. F. Buckle (68).

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Allford (first quarter) 1, Mary Solomon 2, P. G. Tovell 3, J. B. Gorrod 4, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 5. For the patronal festival.

CLENT, WORCS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jane E. Butcher 1, J. Eisel 2, W. H. Cooper 3, M. D. Fellows 4, Stella Hughes (cond.) 5, M. J. Austin 6.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 1, Susan Chaddock 2, B. Morris 3, H. E. Taylor 4, G. F. Paulson 5, H. Chaddock 6, R. Bullen 7, N. Chaddock 8. A birthday compliment to J. F. Smallwood (75) and H. Langdon (78).

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On July 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Marion March 1, Bridget Sanger 2, A. J. Sanger 3, H. J. Sanger 4, M. Rose 5, G. Salmon 6, A. R. Pink (cond.) 7, R. Marcil 8, J. H. R. Freeborn 9, R. G. Field 10. For Evensong.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,440 Stedman Doubles: Miss J. M. Key 1, Mrs. B. G. Key 2, L. W. Key 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, D. W. Friend 5, J. Dyke 6. First of Stedman for 1 and 6. For morning service on the patronal festival.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,320 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 600 Plain Bob): Mrs. R. G. Corby 1, E. C. Crewe 2, J. H. Edwards 3, S. W. R. Crewe (first of Minor) 4, E. White 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. M. Simpson 2, Miss M. Bailey 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, H. L. Squires 5, P. A. Hill 6, H. R. Woods 7, W. R. Read 8, J. M. Simpson 9, J. R. Holmes 10. With the best wishes from all Grantham ringers to Peter E. Parry, about to leave for Bristol. Also on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. McCartney 1, Miss B. D. Stannage 2, P. A. Hill 3, P. E. Parry (cond.) 4, W. R. Read 5, P. A. Slight 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On July 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Meredith (first quarter) 1, R. Mills 2, D. Armstrong 3, B. Mills 4, F. Bradley 5, J. Meredith 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and D. Armstrong.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. J. Horrabin 1, A. R. Crump (first of Major 'inside') 2, Miss D. J. Perrins 3, J. A. Acres 4, M. F. Hall 5, R. H. C. Johnson 6, I. D. Thompson 7, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 5, 6 and 7. A farewell compliment to the Rev. K. H. Hills, who is leaving for an incumbency in New Zealand.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 7th, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Aldous 1, G. Leach 2, R. L. K. Whittell 3, R. E. Lester 4, J. B. Morley 5, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 6. Rung after peal failure.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Allport 1, H. Folwell 2, R. Harris 3, R. D. Hart (cond.) 4, Miss T. Bowcutt 5. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Harris, parents of R. Harris, ringer of 3.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On June 10th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Michaela Erik 1, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 2, R. J. Trebilcock 3, J. V. Temple 4, M. R. Rose 5, M. Hawkes 6. First in the method by all the band.

LANCASTER.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Crook 1, J. Woods 2, F. Hornby 3, R. Warden 4, R. Rainford 5, R. F. Eccles 6, H. Rainford (cond.) 7, J. Pye 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Warden.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Newman 1, H. B. Whitney 2, E. J. Conquest 3, C. F. Loke 4, F. J. Plummer 5, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 6, R. Woodruff 7, W. Insley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. H. Conquest.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Cook (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Mead 2, Miss J. Cook 3, Miss B. A. Tester 4, J. Young (first 'inside') 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, E. G. Silvey 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Jill Cook.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss M. Macay 1, Miss D. Stafford 2, P. Jones (first of Surprise) 3, B. Groves (cond.) 4, A. Osbaldiston 5, R. Smith 6. For Evensong.

MATHON, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): J. Ranford 1, C. Bowers 2, R. Lewis 3, C. W. Nutt 4, J. Ward 5, T. Cooper (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam L. V. Hatch, a good friend of the ringers.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Purchas 1, Miss B. J. Stevens 2, C. J. Stevens 3, Pamela Stevens 4, G. Sparks (cond.) 5, W. Nurcombe 6, C. Tarr 7, H. Taylor 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Albert Tout (92), interred this day. Also on Aug. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Jean Stevens 1, Mrs. E. T. Powell 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, J. Martin 4, C. Tarr 5, W. Nurcombe 6, C. J. Stevens 7, P. J. Bird (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 3, 4 and 6. Rung for the wedding this day of Jim Taylor and Marion Hingby at Balderton, Notts.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Riley (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. W. Blatch 2, Miss E. Mason (first 'inside') 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, R. Hills 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans'): D. W. Friend 1, J. K. Smith 2, Miss V. C. Naylor 3, T. McMorran 4, Mrs. B. G. Key 5, J. Atkinson 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, P. N. Grice 8. First of Stedman Triples 3 and 5. Arranged for ringers of 4 and 6 from Dublin.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Daw (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, J. Rolfe 3, M. Parker (cond.) 4, G. Cowlin (first 'inside') 5, G. Davis 6. For morning service and the second wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. Parker.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Rowe 1, W. Smith 2, B. Sadler 3, P. King (cond.) 4, J. Belcham 5, P. Sadler 6, D. Belcham 7, P. Sloman 8. For Evensong.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 9th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: J. Perrett 1, W. Moreton (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Moreton (first in method) 3, F. E. Roberts 4, R. Pocklington 5, J. Pusey 6, D. Roaf 7, B. D. Threlfall 8.

RADYR, GLAM.—On Aug. 30th, quarter peal of Doubles (Stedman, Antilope, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss G. Harvey 1, M. Lamking 2, W. J. Goodfellow (cond.) 3, B. Taylor 4, G. S. Strickland 5, G. M. Ray 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Cyril Purnell, a founder-member, who was cremated on August 29th.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAM.—On Aug. 15th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Kent and Cambridge Surprise): R. Howard 1, B. Taylor 2, A. Coombes 3, J. Goodfellow 4, D. Llewellyn 5, G. Stickland (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob Minor for all. A wedding compliment to Miss Yvonne Harding, married at Penarth this day. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: 1 R. Howard (first of Plain Bob Minor) 1, D. Llewellyn 2, J. Goodfellow 3, G. Stickland 4, B. Taylor 5, A. Coombes (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

ST. PETER-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Cobbold (first quarter) 1, S. Davies (first of Triples 'inside') 2, N. Bridges 3, K. Futter (first quarter) 4, M. Cubbit 5, M. Holness 6, T. Holmes (cond.) 7, A. Hickson 8 (cover). A farewell to Keith Futter, who is leaving the district.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On June 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Watkins (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Mrs. M. E. Brown 3, Rita Stratford 4, J. A. Hill 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For children's festival service.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Janet L. Adamson 1, J. C. Birt 2, Marion J. Skinner 3, W. Birmingham 4, Pamela M. Jervis 5, B. T. Lister 6, A. J. Glass 7, A. D. Rivers 8, B. J. Woodruffe (first of Grandsire Caters as cond.) 9, D. Livingston 10. For Evensong and to welcome Mr. B. J. Woodruffe, on a visit from Fairfield, Buxton.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Whittel 1, Miss A. Lester 2, P. Lester 3, R. Whittel 4, C. Woodard 5, R. Steward (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Monica, daughter of the Ven. O. C. George, Archdeacon of Suffolk, to Desmond, son of the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (Dr. A. H. Morris).

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 30th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. H. Hull 1, K. Prime 2, S. A. Read 3, D. Purnell 4, M. J. Stone 5, E. Naylor 6, C. Clarke 7, V. G. Roberts 8, G. Salmon (cond.) 9, R. Short 10. First on 10 bells for 4, 5 and 7. For Evensong.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: June Mallinson 1, A. V. Coates 2, A. Sykes 3, J. R. Jordan 4, P. C. Thompson (first quarter) 5, Kathleen Mallinson 6, J. E. Dews 7, D. Elwick 8, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 9, F. Lamerton 10. First of Grandsire Caters by 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 10.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At the Castle Curfew Tower, on Aug. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Butler 1, N. Golden (cond.) 2, W. Birmingham 3, B. B. Dibben 4, J. Brooks 5, A. J. Glass 6, R. G. Leale 7, F. R. Scott 8. Rung for the 15th birthday of Prince Richard of Gloucester.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Gale (first of Stedman Triples) 1, Mary Hall 2, W. Hartnell 3, A. Turner 4, C. Bellew 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, F. Casely (cond.) 7, G. Sparkes 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We regret to learn that Mr. Jim Bennett, of Grundisburgh, was rushed to hospital on September 6th and operated upon almost immediately. He is in Felix Ward, Anglesea Road Wing, of the Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich.

The Bedfordshire Association have a new sub-section—'The Remorseful Society of Slider Bashers and Stay Benders'!

St. Mary's, Bexley, Kent, has some talented lady ringers. Conducted by Mr. Sidney J. Woodcock, five of them rang two quarter peals in August of Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's Minor.

Miss Joan Beazley and Miss Ann Cox wish through 'The Ringing World' to thank Worcester ringers for making their six months' in the city most enjoyable. They are really sorry to leave.

The struggling band at SS. Peter and Paul's, Ash, near Sevenoaks, desire to express their thanks to Mr. G. J. Butcher for his help and encouragement. The new Rector (Rev. S. W. Baker) is learning to ring, and apart from Sunday ringing the band hope to report regular quarter peals.

A Stowmarket, Suffolk, reader inquires of 'Woman' if any bell is named after one of the fair sex. She writes: 'Ships, aeroplanes and railway engines are always referred to as "she," but bells always seem to be given masculine names, such as Big Ben and Great Tom.'

Handsworth ringers were pleased to welcome Mr. John A. Acres and Miss Diana Perrins to share in the ringing of a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major on August 30th as a farewell compliment to the Rev. K. H. Hills, who is leaving St. Mary's, Handsworth, for an incumbency at Wanganui, New Zealand. Miss Perrins was a ringer at St. Mary's for several years before leaving the district.

After a gap of nearly 55 years, Mr. George Scott (81) and Mr. Harry Barnes (72) have rung another peal together. The occasion was at Fulbeck, Lincs, on August 29th, and it was for the first peal on these bells on December 31st, 1904, that they last stood in a peal together. Mr. Barnes now lives at Stainton, Yorks, and he travelled 50 miles for the peal. Mr. Scott carries his years lightly. It was an excellent peal.

The fine ring of ten at Aylsham, Norfolk, is shortly to be turned, tuned, rehung and generally overhauled.

On Sunday, September 27th, the bells of Mark Parish Church, Somerset, will be heard prior to the harvest thanksgiving service to be broadcast from there at 9.45 a.m. in the Home Service. The service will be conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. T. E. Morris); the captain of the ringers is Jack Burrough.

Recordings recently made of the bells of a number of West Sussex churches will be heard on Sunday, November 1st, at 9.45 a.m., in a West Home Service programme entitled 'Pilot's Eye View.' Towers included will be those of Chichester Cathedral and of the parish churches of Arundel, Bosham, Brighton, Findon, Harting, Petersfield, Pulborough, Shoreham and Worthing.

According to 'The Cornish and Devon Weekly News,' of August 29th, the ringers of Padstow rang a muffled peal known as Watts' Knell, as has been done for 327 years, on the anniversary of the death of Nicholas Watts, a midshipman, who died in a foreign port in August, 1632. Under his will, date August 2nd, 1632, he left a sum of money to certain of the poor of Padstow and to the ringers of the parish, that 'every year upon the date of my decease they ring a peal in memory of my *git*.'

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MIDLAND RINGERS' SOUTHERN IRELAND TOUR

THE well-known Overseale, Derbyshire, ringer, Mr. Joseph W. Cotton, popular secretary of the Midland Counties Guild, organised an Irish peal tour this year which may well become an annual event. A dozen ringers and members of his own family with friends participated. Towers represented were Overseale, Church Gresley, Lichfield Cathedral, Kingsbury, Daventry, Baldock, Packington, Harrow Weald, Liverpool (St. Nicholas') and Langleybury. Mr. Frederick Dukes kindly organised the ringing arrangements.

By air liner and by sea the party converged upon Dublin, where proceedings opened with an interesting tour of the Guinness Brewery.

The peal was on the majestic bells (Taylor, 1897) of St. Patrick's Cathedral, in honour of Mr. William H. Wilson's 70th birthday; and pleased he was for such a compliment in the tower which he has served since 1907. These are very much 'men's bells,' and in view of the inexperience of some members on such weight of metal a safe choice was Kent Royal, and a fair peal resulted, the 'roll-ups' coming up grandly throughout, in the quite fast time of 3¼ hours. The locals entertained the party afterwards.

SUNDAY'S PROGRAMME

On the Sunday morning the band deployed for service ringing at the city towers. Stedman Caters was rung on the heavy ten (by Murphy's, of Dublin) at Christ Church Cathedral and Bob Major on the back eight at St. Patrick's, and also at the R.C. Augustinian Church of St. John, but only for those who braved the famous iron mid-air spiral stairway, from which the congregation is viewed from a dizzy height.

In the afternoon, the fine Classical design Church of St. George, with a beautiful 'wedding cake' steeple, was visited, and a very fair peal of New Cambridge Major (surprisingly, a 'first' for Ireland) was rung on the excellent old eight, by Thomas Mears.

In the meantime the transport had been assembled and consisted of two hired Consuls (beige twins) and Derek Jones' venerable Morris Cowley which, fresh from a major overhaul and resplendent in gleaming violet livery, had been imported into Ireland and had already done 1,200 miles there before the tour commenced. It was destined to do a further 800 and to be wildly acclaimed wherever we went.

That Sunday night, two parties went to the Wicklow Mountains at Blessington, where there is a large lake, the Pollaphouca Reservoir, but permission was not granted to ring the six bells owing to their very poor condition.

Bank Holiday Monday was our busiest day, as peals were fixed for Bray and Arklow. An excellent musical peal of Double Norwich, the best of the week, was rung at a sedate pace on the majestic bells of Bray. Arklow bells are lighter and tuned differently, and a fast peal of Braunstone Surprise Major, another 'first' for Ireland, was rung in rather stifling conditions; and one of the light bells dried up and gave difficulty, which we take it that it did not do when J. W. Washbrook rang it as one of two bells to a peal.

The weather was now becoming brilliant and the Tuesday journey took us through a blaze of coloured countryside in this fertile south east corner of Ireland. At Wexford we rang touches on the highly-musical heavy ten at the R.C. Church of the Immaculate Conception, with its tall broach spire and beautiful interior. There is a twin church, the Assumption, a short distance away, but no ring of bells; what a chance for another foundry to stage a direct demonstration of comparison!

ANOTHER 'FIRST IN IRELAND'

Waterford Cathedral, on the other hand, has an old style ring by Mears, and hard work is needed on the big bells. They are good music, however, and a very fast peal, the first of Overseale Surprise in Ireland (we could not bring Joe to Ireland without attempting this), was rung. We then proceeded to Dungarvan, under the dusky Comeragh Mountains.

Wednesday dawned another glorious day, and we sped the 50 miles to Cork, passing the quaint town of Youghal, with its gateway tower straddling the narrow street. St. Finbarre's Cathedral, with three spires like Truro, and beautiful mosaics, contains a heavy Rudhall eight, which we thought were the finest bells we had heard, full of rich beauty. Mr. Bogan welcomed the party, and somebody had thoughtfully left out a 'R.W.' open at the page with 'Peal Ringers of 1958.' Unfortunately, we were not scheduled for a peal here, nor was there time to inspect the eights at Shandon Church (chiming) and St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral (tenor 34 cwt., but unringable for many years despite efforts by local ringers to awaken interest). These are both fine towers. We hastened on to Bandon for lunch and a peal at St. Peter's, Ballymodan (one end of Bandon). The pinnacled tower is approached by a long flight of steps and the chamber gained by iron ladders up a rather alarming chimney. The bells are a very fair six that go reasonably well but are very noisy for the ringers: more than 'bob' is practically unintelligible. A good, steady peal of Waterford Treble Bob Minor was rung, which was the first ever.

Our H.Q. that night was Glengariff, 50 miles away, between sandstone mountains becoming increasingly wild and lofty—the remotest point of our tour. The Eccles Hotel had already welcomed the advance guard, who were enjoying the open-air swimming pool and the delightful land-locked, tree-girt harbours of this end of Bantry Bay.

WONDERFUL SCENERY

Thursday was another brilliant day, and our programme was 'sightseeing via Killarney,' then 'peal at Doneraile,' and 'bed at Rathkeale': 40 miles, 50 miles, 25 miles. The first aim was amply fulfilled; in fact, due to the large number of photos taken the Cowley was so late into Killarney that it had to leave immediately, piled high with peal band, the driver having to be content with a loaf and a bottle of milk purchased at Kanturk en route.

The high passes were crossed: firstly Glengariff to Kenmare across the wild Caha Mountains, the top being via tunnels, after circumventing two great glacial hollows, where patchwork quilt leads up to heathery bog, then to jagged, folded rocks and peaks. After Kenmare on another bay, the ridge-pole of Ireland towers grandly ahead—the MacGillycuddy's Reeks, whose great cliffs culminate in the peak of Carrantushill (3,414 feet). Below the mountains, pierced by the ice-cut Gap of Dunloe, lie the series of beautiful lakes of Killarney. No wonder we were late in such magnificence!

The long ride east to Doneraile took the Mallow road across open, wild country beneath the Boggeragh Mountains, and we arrived to meet the awaiting local captain, whose fears for the ropes on this old, light Taylor six (9 cwt.) were amply justified, for splicing was essential before the peal could commence in very stuffy conditions. Killarney Minor was the method in view of our visit there that day; but it did not settle well in the circumstances, and when the fifth sally began to disintegrate the peal came to a halt half way through, in time for the tardy sightseers to have a pull. On the way through Charleville to Rathkeale all three cars took the same wrong road, inquired of the same locals, and took the same terribly rough road as a result over a large hill! Ratnkeale proved to be a one-horse town.

There were also signs of local enthusiasm for a united Ireland so we were not sorry when we took the road to Limerick on the showery Friday morning. The peal was on the pleasant anti-clockwise octave in the massive tower of St. Mary's Cathedral, where the modern Taylor tenor weighs 24 cwt. but has the surprisingly high note of F which makes it sound lighter. After a welcome from the Dean, we rang a peal of Pudsey, the first in that method in the tower. John Jelley was at the helm for a change.

After lunch, the R.C. Redemptorist Church attached to the Monastery of Mount St. Alphonsus, with its beautiful new Taylor ten (tenor 21 cwt.), was open for ringing. Several locals welcomed us, and one of them made a good job of covering to Grandsire Caters at his first attempt. These bells must be one of the nicest tens anywhere.

As the tour was now nearing its end, the opportunity was taken for group photographs and presentations: Joe Cotton received a musical jug and Joan Cotton glassware of Waterford glass for their great efforts in organising the tour so well, and Derek Jones received a prize cup, inscribed 'Jones for Peals,' as a thank-offering for shepherding the attempts to a safe conclusion!

The 120 miles back to Dublin now lay ahead, and with long stretches of straight, good, level, empty road (one of the joys of motoring in Ireland), past pleasant countryside, mostly pasture but some bog, with occasional isolated mountains.

The next morning, Saturday, was the last of our tour; and for the peal an ambitious note was struck upon Mr. Dukes' fine old ring at St. Peter's, Drogheda, County Louth, with the first peal of Louth Surprise Major. Mr. Dukes gave us an enthusiastic welcome and heard the opening changes before leaving for his peal at Belfast. The non-pealers visited the Vale of Glendalough.

So back to Dublin and to farewells as the grand tour came to its regretted end. Fourteen towers had been visited and eight peals scored out of nine attempts, including three 'firsts' for Ireland and two 'first ever.' About 700 miles had been covered in 14 counties in Eire. Hopes for 1960 join happy memories of 1959.

D. P. J.

MATRIMONIAL DOUBLES AT ALDRINGTON

Wednesday, August 26th, saw a most happy occasion at St. Leonard's, Aldrington, when Miss Gwynneth Brown was married to Mr. Derek Paine at the Sussex church where they both learned to ring.

The happy couple are the secretary and vice-captain of the band respectively. Two of the five bridesmaids, Diana and Pamela Gough, cousins of the bride, are members of the band. The ushers, too, Roy Brown, brother of the bride, and Harry Brown, are captain and honorary captain of the band respectively.

The ring of six was rung to welcome Derek and Gwyneth to the church, and after the wedding to send them happily on their new life together.

It was a lovely wedding and a great joy to all Aldrington ringers, especially as the newly-weds, after their honeymoon, are to live in the parish of St. Leonard's to continue their happy associations and service in the belfry.

During the previous practice meeting, the captain, in expressing the good wishes of the band, presented the future Mr. and Mrs. Paine with a kettle.

CHESHIRE RINGERS' PEAL TOUR IN SOUTH WALES

THE long journey to Newport was started early on a Saturday morning and proved to be less eventful than the one at the beginning of last year's tour. We met Fred Wilshaw in Newcastle, and later encountered Fred Dunkerley, purely by chance, enabling us to lighten the burden laid on the other two vehicles. Pat Chapman was waiting for us by the time we arrived at St. Woolos'. Here a peal of Cambridge Maximus was achieved on this fine light 12, and our peal tour had begun. We bade farewell to Pat Chapman and made for our headquarters, Llansantffraed Court Hotel, near Abergavenny.

Sunday morning found us on our way to Hereford, where we rang for morning service at the Cathedral. Lunch was taken near Worcester, and we spent a leisurely afternoon letting our meal digest. Unfortunately, we couldn't ring on the 12 at Worcester Cathedral as the clapper was missing from the tenor, but we rang the 'Minor ten' to Cambridge Royal. Stedman Triples and Spliced Surprise were enjoyed with the local ringers before Evensong.

TWO PEALS IN THE HEAT

Leslie obliged us on Monday morning by calling one of his own compositions to a peal of Yorkshire Royal at Abergavenny. The bells were found to be a good mellow ring, which have to be rung slowly to get the best out of them. It was hardly the weather for peal ringing, and the heat in the cars was almost unbearable. By the time we had finished lunch at the Angel, everybody felt more like sunbathing than taking part in a peal attempt. Despite the heat, a peal of Bristol was brought round at Ebbw Vale in 3 hours and 35 minutes. The bells are an excellent heavy eight similar to those at Eccleston, Cheshire. Excellent refreshments were provided and served to the weary ringers by some most attractive young ladies. Pentre bells were going along very nicely to Cambridge until a rope slipped off one of the wheels, bringing the attempt to an abrupt end, after about 40 minutes' ringing. They weren't the 'handful' we had been led to believe, and they certainly sounded very mellow. And so over the hills to Bridgend, where a peal of Lincolnshire was to be attempted. We dined first, and as Billy had rejoined the party, three of us were able to relax while Brian brought round the peal on this easy-going eight. Back at the hotel in the evening a course of Bob Royal was rung on handbells at the request of several guests who knew that we were ringers.

A 'QUICKIE' IN CAMBRIDGE

On Wednesday morning we had only a short journey to Usk. John conducted a peal of London on these very pleasant bells. Messrs. Jones and Harris had been swimming in the nearby river while we had been ringing the peal. Apparently they only needed a violin each, and we could have had to Noel Coward plays. After lunch we said goodbye to Fred Dunkerley, so only two were out of the attempt at Llangibby in the afternoon. We had a 'quickie' in the strains of Cambridge. Individually the bells here sound rather a poor lot, but they sound quite pleasant when they are being rung in changes.

At Caerphilly we rang a peal of Yorkshire, which was probably the best peal of the week. Bernard officiated this time, despite frequent interruptions from the clock mechanism which would have drowned anybody else's voice. Llandaff Cathedral proved to be a most interesting place. Epstein's work here arousing both favourable and adverse comments. A peal of Cambridge Royal was rung here in 3 hours and 8 minutes.

It looked as though the fine weather had come to an end when we found it raining on Friday morning, but later on in the day the sun was shining once more. When we arrived at Blaenavon to attempt a peal of 6-Spliced 'all the work,' we were welcomed by the Vicar. It was soon apparent that 'Spliced wouldn't go,' so we rang a peal of Superlative instead. Ted called us a 3-part peal by F. Dench, which we found to be John Worth's 900th peal. Blaenavon bells are such a superb light eight that one would find it difficult to strike them badly. Difficulty was experienced in finding a parking place in Brecon before a peal of Bristol was rung at St. Mary's Church.

TWO ATTEMPTS 'FIRED OUT'

We started the long drive northwards early on Saturday morning, as we had a peal attempt at Eardisland, Herefordshire, which was due to start at 10 a.m. After arriving at this picturesque little village in good time, we had two attempts to ring a peal of London, both of which 'fired out.' John said he still couldn't trust us with a peal of London, a statement we couldn't dispute. After a short stop for sandwiches and ale at a small inn we made for Alton, Staffs, where an open meeting was being held. Here we rang a course of Bristol before we went further north into Cheshire. After 'handshakes all round,' everybody retreated to their respective abode, to store up energy for next year's heatwave.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Basil Jones for his excellent arrangements, and to Messrs. Dunkerley, Worth and Jones for the use of their cars. We would also extend thanks to all incumbents, tower captains and ringers who have helped to make this tour such a happy one, and 'kept a welcome in the hillside.' R. B. S.

OBITUARY

MR. T. ARROWSMITH

We regret to announce the death of Mr. 'Tom' Arrowsmith, aged 53, in the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary on August 10th. Until his health began to fail two years ago, Mr. Arrowsmith was a very keen ringer and a most loyal churchman at All Saints', Church Lawton, Cheshire. He set a fine example as a regular and punctual service ringer, and it was a great disappointment to him to be unable to assist in the training of the youthful band of ringers which Church Lawton now possesses.

A quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung on August 22nd as a tribute to his memory.

New Bells At Winchester

At St. Paul's, Bournemouth, on Sunday, August 9th, the Rt. Rev. J. R. S. Taylor, formerly Bishop of Sodor and Man, dedicated a new ring of ten bells as a memorial to the late Mrs. Louisa Norris, who was particularly well known for her work in the St. John Ambulance Nursing Division.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

Review Of 1958–59 Session

The year started off promisingly for the Guild with the influx of quite a number of ringers of all standards, and since few members went down last year, we have enjoyed a larger active membership. We were glad to have our numbers increased by past members of the University on many occasions.

The Guild was fortunate enough to gain the use of the ten at St. Nicholas', North Stoneham, for a weekly practice, for which we should like to thank the Rector and captain, and also for their hospitality on many other occasions. Two handbell practices a week have been held at the University and, in addition, a joint practice with Taunton's School. Considerable improvement has been apparent at all standards in both tower and handbell ringing. The standard methods on eight bells have been rung regularly, and ringing up to Cinques has been indulged in on handbells, whilst in the tower Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and Bristol Major have been rung, in addition to the standard methods on eight and ten. Members also enjoy much ringing with the local bands in the Southampton district, for which we are grateful.

The Guild has also organised several outings. In the first term there was a coach trip to London, with ringing at five towers, a demonstration of Carter's Ringing Machine and a tour of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. We were glad to be joined on this occasion by members of the London University Association. There was also a cycling tour of six churches in the south of Hampshire.

The main feature of the Guild activities during the Lent Term was the week-end spent in the Bedford area, and in the final term there was a day trip to Gloucestershire, where six towers were visited. At the beginning of the summer vacation the Reading University Guild joined us in East Anglia on a week's cycling tour.

At the annual general meeting officers were elected as follows: Master, Mr. D. J. Forder; Deputy Master, Miss Helen Nevin; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. K. G. Jones; committee member, Mr. D. D'A. R. Blackwall.

The Guild extends a cordial welcome to all Freshers next session to contact the secretary, c/o the University, for information.

A. K. G. J.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DODGING THE PEAL TAX

Dear Sir,—The peals tax (or fee) of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild (about which Mr. Davis writes) and the suggestion that other affiliated Guilds support the enforcing of the rules of member Associations, need considerable thought and discussion before being generally accepted. The points arising, as I see them, are:—

(1) How many affiliated Associations have a similar tax (or fee)?

(2) Did the Winchester Guild anticipate difficulty in collecting the tax when making the rule and, because of the tax, the probability of peals rung in their territory being credited to other Associations?

(3) Will the amount collected from peals add very much to the funds, and are the funds so low as to need this amount?

(4) As an average of 5 per cent. of an Association's total membership ring peals, is it fair that this percentage be taxed to help finance the other 95 per cent.?

(5) Peal ringing generally is (or should be) for the honour of the Association for which it is rung, and is to be encouraged. Does it not have the reverse effect to make a charge for peal ringing?

(6) Members pay a subscription to belong to an Association and to enjoy the privileges of that Association, one of which is to ring peals for that body. Should they be forced to pay an additional amount, however small, after having paid the subscription?

(7) If non-resident members, who only pay one life subscription, are the persons who should be 'made to pay,' would it not be a better policy to increase that life subscription?

It will have been noticed that a peal in the Winchester Guild's territory, recorded this week, was rung for the Guildford Guild. This immediately brings forward the point in Mr. Davis's letter: should the Guildford Guild refuse to accept the peal so that the ringers taking part obey the rules of the Winchester Guild? It is courtesy to ring a peal for the Association to which the tower is affiliated, but if the ringers, *for any reason*, record the peal for another Association, I cannot see how or why that other Association, *whose rules have not been broken*, can refuse to accept it.

The Guildford Guild members will have an opportunity to discuss the idea of a peal tax (or fee) during the next few months, but until it adopts the idea it cannot enforce its members to obey other Associations' rules. That is for that Association concerned to do.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES DENYER.

Farnham, Surrey.

MEETING AT BROADWELL

Dear Sir,—I am very pleased to see that a meeting is to be held at Broadwell, this being the tower where I was taught by my brother 'Bill' to ring a bell.

I have no knowledge of a meeting ever being held here before. The notice on page 505 in 'The Ringing World' is rather misleading. There are only five bells in this tower hung for ringing: the sixth is a small bell known locally as the 'ting-tang,' and is rung for five minutes before each service.—Yours sincerely,

Ross-on-Wye. J. J. WEBB.

CLOSED SHOP RINGING RIDICULOUS

Dear Sir,—I have of late been wondering whether it will soon be possible to read a 'Ringing World' without mention of Robin Leale and his missing peal fees for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

The matter was raised at the last Guild executive meeting; a proposal that the hon. peal recorder should delete the offending peals from the records was passed. This has been carried out and legislation stops there.

Surely it is obvious to all concerned that Robin Leale is not going to pay; surely it is obvious that if he comes into the diocese again he will do one of three things: pay the fee, ring a non-Association peal or ring it for another Society.

Talk of 'ungentlemanly conduct,' 'universal suspension' and calling for member Guilds of the Central Council to form a closed shop against one man is ridiculous! Inter-Guild and individual bickering is deplorable; it makes one wonder whether the time has come to adopt the proposal of Mr. Chas. H. Kippin, which he has been advocating for years past, that is to form a *National Guild*.—Yours faithfully,

TOM CHAPMAN.

Bishopstoke, Southampton.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—The composition of Cambridge Maximus by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, on page 508 of your issue of September 4th, is a slight variation of one by John Carter published in 'The Bell News' of December 3rd, 1910. Eight of the courses are called alike, the difference being that Mr. Morris has two courses H, W. H. against Carter's 2 W. In the latter peal, incidentally, the 4th is at home at all ten course-ends.

I hope Mr. Morris will not mind my saying that Cambridge Maximus is another method in which true originality (as I understand the word) is, in my opinion, not possible if the normal calling only is used.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

ASTBURY'S MAY QUEEN FESTIVAL

Dear Sir,—In the issue of August 14th, in the notes about the week's peals, the comment on a peal at Astbury, Cheshire is a little misleading. It was the May Queen festival which was late and not the peal. Being aware of the incongruity of the dates, I worded the peal footnote 'Rung on the day of the crowning . . .' in the hope that this would make the situation clear. However, I was mistaken! — Yours faithfully,

B. CORBISHLEY.

Macclesfield, Cheshire.

ADVERTISEMENT IDEA

Dear Sir,—We hear a good deal about the need of funds for 'The Ringing World.' What about extending the advertising to include, for instance, the motor trade. One can envisage something like this: 'The Morris Mini-Minor will make your tower-grabbing cheaper,' or, as tape-recorders seem to be popular in towers these days: 'Record your Grandsire on Grundig.' Might one even suggest 'Whitbread's for long draughts'?—Yours sincerely,

Leatherhead, Surrey. ERIC WOOD.

A BACHELOR PEAL OF LAST CENTURY

Dear Sir,—Looking through 'The Ringing World' recently I saw that it was on February 5th, 1898, that eight bachelors rang Holt's Original at St. Margaret's, Barking, and it was Mr. George E. Symonds' first peal as conductor and I recollect it quite well; and no one was more pleased to read than I was of George calling the same peal just before his 84th birthday, calling it 32 times in all—a grand performance. Of the remainder there is only one of the Barking band with us, as the other three—Messrs. Mason, Fenn and Faulkner—have passed on, also Messrs. Weller and Passmore, as far as I know. There were three brothers Fenn in the Barking company; the youngest, Ernest, was Master of the College Youths during the war, and is still with us. Also with us is G. W. Faulkner, a brother of Thomas. At that time the Barking company had a good handbell band and could ring any method on handbells that they could ring on tower bells.—Yours sincerely,

CALEB FENN.

Barking, Essex.

BELL FRAMES

Dear Sir,—Apropos the letter in the 'R.W.' of September 4th, page 502, concerning rusty bell frames and their cure, might I point out to Miss Overend that there are two firms who regularly advertise in this paper each week whose business it is to advise on and attend to bell frames. This would seem the logical solution; after all, you do not go to an undertaker for a haircut.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Tottenham.

LONG LENGTH OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—Notice is given that an attempt will be made to ring 16,200 Plain Bob Royal at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Birchington, Kent, on Sunday, September 27th, 1959, commencing at 9.30 a.m. The composition is appended.—Yours sincerely,

Surbiton, Surrey. ROBIN G. LEALE.

16,200 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Arranged by D. KNOX

23456	W	M	H
42635	—	—	
52634		S	3
62435		—	
36425	—		
53462	—	S	3
42365		S	—

Eight times repeated: calling bob for first single M in all other parts except the seventh, calling single for bob at every third part-end, and omitting both blocks of three in any one part, produces:—

32456	M	H
62453	S	
43256	S	—
24356		—
23456		S

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WESTWARD WITH WRATTEN

A VERY enjoyable tour of the West Country, arranged by Cyril A. Wratten, commenced on Saturday, May 30th, when Messrs. Egglestone, Roast, Saltmarsh and Symonds, from the Chelmsford area, joined forces with Frank Oakshott, of Epsom, and Shirley Parsons and Cyril, from Cheltenham, to ring a peal of New Cambridge at Quedgley, Glos. Although this was the first official tower of the week, the Chelmsford contingent had already 'snatched' Northchurch, Herts, in the morning.

After the peal we were met by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Roast and Tom, who were on their way to Monmouth, but who first joined us in ringing on the fine 12 at Painswick after tea. The night was spent at the Old Bell in Dursley, where midnight was heralded by three courses of St. Oswald's on the Parish Church chimes. The next morning we joined the local band in ringing for Matins. Further ringing followed at Wotton-under-Edge, and we lunched in fine style at the White Hart in Wells. With the help of the local ringers we were able to ring the ten at the Cathedral to Stedman and Grandsire Caters.

Later the fine (though rather noisy) six at Ruishton were tapping out Cambridge and 6 spliced, while Stedman and Superlative went very well at Wellington before Evensong. Heavitree, with its fine ring of eight, was the last tower of the day, before we made our way to the Queen's Hotel in Exeter.

Unfortunately, the peal attempt at Bovey Tracey would not settle and was set up after half-an-hour because of indifferent striking. After lunching well at the Rising Sun, Sticklepath, we continued westward, ringing at Okehampton, Bridestowe and Lifton, before crossing the border into Cornwall for tea in Launceston. A ring at St. Mary's, then we were up on Bodmin Moor, stopping briefly at the Jamaica Inn, on our way to Bodmin. Here we rang a touch of Grandsire Triples at the special request of the local band, who are learning 'scientific.'

CORNISH EXPERIENCES

Our abode for the next four nights was the Brookdale Hotel, Truro, where we were met by our old friends Bob and Jill Southwood. Tuesday we started at Perran-ar-worthal—a nice little six. Helston bells went very well to a bobbed course of Stedman, and at St. Mawgan-in-Meneage we rang Double Court and 5-spliced T.B. After a sandwich lunch, a peal of Grandsire Triples was scored on the grand eight at St. Keverne, Howard adding his name to those who have rung a bell without a stay to a peal. After a cream tea at Coverack we were rather late arriving at Landewednack. A couple of quick touches on the new six at Constantine, and then we were on our way back to Truro to join the Cathedral ringers in their practice.

We had some difficulty in ringing at Penzance on Wednesday morning due to the stays of the third and fifth sticking, and a splice had to be made in the rope of the seventh before we left. At Sennen, the most westerly tower, we rang Oxford T.B. The afternoon peal attempt at Gulval, a well-kept eight, was unsuccessful: after 45 minutes of Oxford Bob Triples, a shift course necessitated the call 'Stand.' The Rev. Arthur Roberts, who had been listening outside the church, invited us to go on to Carbis Bay. A touch of Cambridge here, and then we were away to tea, followed by ringing at Towednack and Tuckingmill.

Thursday's programme started with some good Yorkshire at Probus before going on to Fowey. After ringing here, the 15th century Toll Bar Restaurant was found to provide a good lunch. A 6-bell peal attempt in the afternoon at St. Winnow enabled two lucky tourists to have an afternoon off, while the rest rang 40 Minor methods. The bells are not easy to handle and have rather a long draught of rope, but with Joe 'in the chair' and Quasimodo performing on the tenor there was little fear of losing it. Lostwithiel and St. Stephen-in-Brannel completed the day's official programme.

We were joined by Bob Southwood on Friday morning before heading for St. Columb Major, where we were hoping to ring a peal of Yorkshire. However, the Vicar asked us not to attempt a full peal in view of a recent tragic death in the town, and a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was accordingly rung before we dashed away to 'snatch' St. Mawgan-in-Pydar. After lunch in Camelford, Tintagel was visited, with its nice six in a church right on the edge of Glebe Cliff. Our last Cornish tower, Stratton, is reputed to contain the finest eight in the county, and none of us would quarrel with that description. We rang a quarter peal of Stedman here.

On into Devon, and to Clovelly, where we were welcomed with an outstretched hand—that of the attendant at the car park on the cliff top! We walked down the quaint street to the harbour before climbing back to ring on the handy little six.

Bideford was the first tower on Saturday morning, followed by Tawstock and Bideford. After lunch, Frank rejoined us at Combe Martin, where we found the local ringers preparing the ropes for our peal attempt. There was some talk of losing the peal so that we could go to listen to some competition ringing at South Molton, but Kent and Oxford in the Ilkeston variation presented no difficulties, and the peal was completed at a fast pace. A run through some magnificent scenery at Martinhoe, Lee Bay, Lynmouth and Countisbury brought us to Porlock for a late tea, and later ringing at Dunster. Our hotel in Bridgwater was calling, but Pat decided that a run over the Quantocks could not be missed, and at the top of Lydeard Hill we agreed with him—the view extending across right into Wales is 'wholly wunnerful.'

Sunday morning dawned bright and clear, and we left the Royal Clarence to join the band at St. Mary's in ringing for the morning service. Rather poor ringing followed at Long Ashton before lunch in Bristol. The Cathedral belfry was well filled when we arrived, and we are grateful to John Hunt for allowing us to have a last touch as a band. Then came the parting of the ways, and goodbyes were said to the music of Stedman Triples rolling across Bristol. Many thanks, Cyril, for your splendid organisation, to our drivers, Pat and Frank, and to the many incumbents and ringers who met us on our journey and made us so welcome. P. J. E.

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'TINTINNABULA'

(Continued from front page)

Another interesting chapter relates to clock jacks. There are still a number of these jacks in existence in this country and these are quoted. The old clock of St. Paul's Cathedral which was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666 had jacks, and those of St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street, date from 1671. Matthew the Miller's clock at Exeter is well known. Here there are three figures, the centre one of which bends forward at every stroke of the hour, hence the local saying:—

'Every hour on Westgate Tower, Matthew the Miller nods his head.'

The javelin men on either side strike the quarters on hemispherical bells beneath them.

We cannot refrain from quoting the author's tailpiece: 'The most unusual bell ever manufactured by the Gong Bell Company of East Hampton, U.S.A., was called "the chestnut bell." The tiny bell was worn on the lapel of a man's coat, and whenever the wearer heard a tall story or obvious old joke he would tinkle his bell, indicating that he knew the tale to be an old chestnut.'

A secondary purpose of the book is to give the collector of small bells an idea of kinds worth seeking in contrast to the modern 'fakes.' As a help the 51 illustrations in the book are well chosen. The jacket of the book is a very good drawing of the Bells of Bethlehem by W. Cecil Dunford. Copies can be obtained from the author, 38, Strenshall Road, Eyres Monsell, Leicester.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The first meeting in the reconstructed Church of St. Mary, Swansea, was a red letter day for the Swansea and Brecon Guild. General opinion of the new ring by Taylor's was that the tone and 'go' could not be better.

The service, conducted by Canon Harry Williams, followed an hour's ringing. In his address and welcome the Canon mentioned that a church had been on that site for over 1,000 years. Tea followed in the vestry, the Vicar thanking the ladies who waited at table.

The Rev. D. M. White, from Sketty, presided at the business meeting and expressed the pleasure of the company at having Mr. and Mrs. Pitman with them. Ringing until 8 p.m. brought a good day to an end.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Weddings at all the local churches during the afternoon made it impossible for the Association to arrange afternoon ringing at its meeting on September 5th. The service was held at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's, Ewell, being taken by a ringing lay reader, Mr. J. H. Pycraft, of Ewell. This was followed by an excellent tea arranged by the local ringers in the Schoolroom, under the supervision of Mrs. C. W. Munday.

The routine business meeting included the election of three new members. The members and friends present concluded the meeting by instructing the secretary to convey to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' their sincere appreciation and unanimous approval of his efforts during the recent strike.

Ringing in a variety of methods to suit all tastes and standards continued until 8.30, under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. G. Peters.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Pimlott 1, R. Barratt 2, H. Lonyon 3, R. Worrall 4, B. Schofield (first as cond.) 5, L. Copnall 6.

SOME ODD TOUCHES FOR CONDUCTORS

By EDGAR C. SHEPPARD

STEDMAN TRIPLES

The Birmingham men were always famous for their manipulation of Stedman, and among them very few were more full of tricks and quaint devices in calling than Tom Miller. Tom had a magical touch in his handling of Stedman Triples, and when he called, one could never be sure in what manner he would bring the bells round. One little touch which may well have descended from this fine old ringer is the 180 shown here. It is handy for filling up a few odd minutes, and is easy to remember. All that one has to do is to prevent 1 and 2 from going behind, calling bobs necessary to ensure this, but calling no more than are needed. It will thus be found that 1 and 2 are ringing Stedman Doubles, while the 3rd and 4th always go in slow.

180

2 3 1 4 5 6 7

3 4 6 1 2 7 5 2
4 1 3 2 6 7 5 1
1 7 5 2 4 6 3 3
2 3 7 1 6 4 5 3
PS 2 3 1 4 7 5 6 1

Twice repeated.

The best music of Stedman Triples (as in Grandsire Triples) is made by the manipulation of 67, 74 and 46, and most ringers can scarce fail to notice when one of these pairs is behind. Many touches, indeed, can be called entirely, or almost entirely, by bobbing 67, 74 and 46 behind. The well-known 72 given here (a course that appears in most of the text books) can best be called by the following lesson: 'One on 67, One on 74, Two on 46.' The procedure is simplified by the fact that the bells to be bobbed behind actually come into position for a six before the bob is called, and so give warning, as it were, by proclaiming the excellence of their music.

72

2 3 1 4 5 6 7

3 4 2 5 1 6 7 1
1 5 3 2 6 7 4 7
5 2 7 3 1 4 6 2
2 3 5 1 7 4 6 1
P 2 3 1 4 5 6 7 1

There is a well-known, and justly famed, 408 Stedman Triples which is in the repertoire of most conductors. It will be found in Davies' 'Stedman' and in Powell, but Trollope rather unaccountably omits it from his work of 1938. I remember, many years ago, the late George Swann introducing me to this touch and its 'lesson,' which he described as: 'Two on 67, Two on 74, Two on 46; Call the 4th to make the Bob: Two on 74, Two on 46; Repeated.' The first part of this touch: Two on 67, Two on 74, Two on 46, if repeated, will provide a very musical 216. The latter part of the touch: Call 4th to make the bob: Two on 74, Two on 46, repeated, will give a musical 192.

Both these touches are, of course, well known, but they are inserted with a view to emphasising the practice of calling by the bells behind as distinct from learning the work of a fixed bell.

It is a well-known fact that two bobs called in any two consecutive sixes will produce a course end that will repeat once and so give a touch of two courses, 168 changes. Thus, one course becomes two. What applies to the plain course applies equally to any other course. By the use of this knowledge some interesting and unusual touches can be obtained.

216

2 3 1 4 5 6 7

3 4 2 5 1 6 7 1
3 4 5 1 2 6 7 1
2 3 6 5 1 7 4 11
2 3 5 1 6 7 4 1
3 1 7 5 2 4 6 2
1 5 3 2 7 4 6 1
P 1 5 2 4 3 6 7 1

Repeated

192

2 3 1 4 5 6 7

1 6 7 4 2 3 5 7
3 2 6 1 5 7 4 4
3 2 1 5 6 7 4 1
2 5 7 1 3 4 6 2
5 1 2 3 7 4 6 1
P 5 1 3 4 2 6 7 1

Repeated.

A

2 3 1 4 5 6 7

4 7 3 2 6 5 1 3
6 2 5 7 3 1 4 6S
P 2 1 4 3 6 5 7 3

Round next change.
75 changes.

B

2 3 1 4 5 6 7

3 4 2 5 1 7 6 1S
5 6 4 3 1 2 7 9
P 2 1 4 3 6 5 7 9

Round next change.
117 changes.

The two short touches, A and B, appear in one or two books. The first one, A, is called simply by the lesson: 'Call Treble 67 up with a bob, 67 up with a single.' The second one, B, is easily called: Single at 1, call 7th 67 up with a bob.' Both are worth memorising, not only because they will fill up two or three minutes in a very intriguing manner, but also because they are capable of easy extension on the principle alluded to above. Two examples will, perhaps, serve to demonstrate.

159

2 3 1 4 5 6 7

3 4 2 5 1 6 7 1
3 4 5 1 2 6 7 1
3 4 2 6 7 5 1 13
3 4 6 7 2 5 1 1
4 7 3 2 6 5 1 1
6 2 5 7 3 1 4 6S
P 2 1 4 3 6 5 7 3

Round next change.

201

2 3 1 4 5 6 7

3 4 2 5 1 7 6 1S
1 5 3 2 7 6 4 7
5 2 1 7 3 6 4 1
1 5 3 6 4 2 7 13
5 6 1 4 3 2 7 1
5 6 4 3 1 2 7 1
P 2 1 4 3 6 5 7 9

Round next change.

The first one, 159 changes, is merely the course A with a course inserted by calling the 4th into the Slow with two bobs. When the 4th is called into the Slow the second time the touch returns to the Plain Course, and the next six one must call according to touch A. If the student will take the trouble to prick out all the sixes of the touch the plan, or dodge, or trick (whichever you like to call it) will be revealed quite clearly. The second touch is on the same plan, and consists of Course B with a course inserted by calling the 3rd. In and Out Quick twice. Once again, a full pricking of the sixes will make the whole thing clear, and will probably lead to the realisation that there are several other ways in which Course A and Course B can be extended in simple fashion.

Here we must leave Stedman Triples, not, I fear, having introduced anything very new, but possibly having indicated one or two fresh lines of approach.

(To be continued)

The ringers of the quarter peal of Stedman Caters at Christ Church, Bristol, for the Feast of St. Bartholomew, desire to thank the Rector (Rev. S. Calverwell) and Mr. and Mrs. Hannay for their warm hospitality.

Among the many motoring designs of today the Bellringer's Car Badge will attract attention and enable the many touring parties to be identified. We would like to think that the many ringers' cars on the road today were as smart as the new badge that the versatile Mr. William H. Viggers, of 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, has now put on the road.

OUTINGS

TEWKESBURY, GLOS

The Tewkesbury Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association had a most successful and happy outing on August 29th, in visiting five towers in Somerset.

We set off by coach at 6.45 a.m., and our first tower was All Saints', Long Ashton (8, tenor 30 cwt.). Here we were very pleased to meet Mr. Herbert Knight, of Wrington, who had been kind enough to obtain the towers and to arrange meals. Ringing on this excellent eight was followed by a visit to Holy Trinity, Nailsea (6, 11 cwt.), and here we were welcomed by Mr. Len Derek. After enjoying our stay here, we went to Burrington for lunch. We were very interested to see the 'Rock of Ages,' which inspired the Rev. A. M. Toplady to write the famous hymn in 1762. Our next tower was St. Andrew's, Banwell (8, 23 cwt.). Here again we had a most enjoyable ring. Weston-super-Mare was our next call, and here we rang on the light eight (tenor 12 cwt.) at St. John-the-Baptist's, and were welcomed by another old friend, Mr. George Prescott. After tea, and after sampling the sea breezes, we went to St. Andrew's, Backwell (8, 18 cwt.), where we were welcomed by Mr. John Brown.

Our thanks are due to the Ringing Master (Mr. Trevor Newbury) for the general organisation, to Mr. H. Knight and to all others who assisted us and made us so welcome.

E. W. P.

WORCESTER RINGERS HIT TRAIL

Saturday, July 19th, saw members of the Wychbold, Hanbury and St. Peter-de-Witton companies hitting the trail in search of new towers in Southern Worcestershire.

In spite of the efforts of the map reader and navigator, Bushley was reached safely, and the pretty little six (tenor 7 cwt.) was soon ringing out well-struck rounds and Queen's.

At Longdon, the belfry stairs were eventually found in the gloomy recesses of a broom cupboard. The ponderous-sounding six here were much enjoyed, some good rounds, call-changes and Grandsire being rung. Castle Morton bells proved to be rather a handful, but the common was an excellent place for a picnic lunch.

As we were by now somewhat tired we did not do justice to the well-kept six at Welland. At Hanley-Swan the six bells are of doubtful quality and were almost inaudible above the organist's practice. The last tower was Madresfield, where the heavy-going six caused the large 'Bath' chair to be much appreciated. The Vicar's dog shook hands with some of the party in a friendly manner.

Our thanks are accorded to the incumbents and the local ringers who met us, and to the inhabitants of the various villages for not shooting us. We are also grateful to our tower captain for tolerating us, and eating all the left-over sandwiches!

PAUL.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting was held at Motcombe on September 5th: 20 ringers were present from 12 towers, including visitors from Wareham and Charminster. Ringing started at 3 p.m., followed by the Guild service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the hon. secretary, the Rev. R. N. Longridge, and at which the Vicar, the Rev. H. Ll. Davies, gave the address.

After tea in the Memorial Hall, the business meeting included details of the Dorset Ringing Festival, to be held at Blandford on October 31st.

QUARTER PEALS

ANCASTER, LINCS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Frith (cond.) 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, T. Charity 3, G. Vickers 4, J. Holmes 5.

BARMING, KENT.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 1, C. E. J. Norris (first of Doubles) 2, H. Springate 3, C. J. Gould (first of Doubles) 4, C. H. G. Ruffle 5, V. C. Ruffle (first quarter) 6. Specially arranged by W. R. Manster, captain of the Barming band, to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Hadaway, a resident of Barming.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. C. Lowe 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, G. B. Lowe 3, K. Graham 4, R. A. Brewin 5, J. R. Perkins 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. For Evensong.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): D. Eames (14) 1, Joan Cotton 2, J. W. Cotton 3, P. Grice 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to the conductor. First in two methods on the bells.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent, 360 Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. R. Lester 1, Alice Lester 2, P. Lester 3, C. Catchpole 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, R. Lester 6. First in three methods on the new bells. For Evensong, and on the 18th birthday of conductor

DUNHOLME, LINCS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Smith 1, D. Fox 2, D. Drury 3, W. S. Smith 4, B. W. Smith 5, J. Blaikie (cond.) 6. First quarter of Plain Bob Minor by all except conductor. Rung as a farewell compliment to David Fox, who is joining H.M. Forces.

EWELME, OXON.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: W. Fulker 1, F. Smith 2, F. Godden 3, R. Baker 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, H. J. Winfield, sen. 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. G. Winfield, a former ringer at this tower.

ESHER, SURREY.—On Sept. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. G. L. Coward 1, Christine Harbott 2, J. F. M. Maybrey 3, Catherine Powell 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, D. Ashridge 6, A. Bagworth 7, F. Oakshott 8. First of Treble Bob by 2, 3 and 4. A birthday compliment to Miss Monica Collins, of Guildford.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Powell 1, G. Walker 2, R. Keeves 3, W. Mawby 4, D. Taylor 5, A. Osborne 6, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 7, A. Keeves 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 3 and 5.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. McNaughton Ruddock (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Corner 2, F. Bowden 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, J. P. McDermott (cond.) 5, J. E. Clark 6. For evening service.

ORSTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Higgins (first of Minor) 1, H. Grocock 2, F. Pinchbeck 3, D. Frith 4, L. Squires 5, H. Squires (cond.) 6.

STAINES, MIDDLX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Williams (first of Triples) 1, D. Hawkins 2, B. Cox (first touch in method) 3, C. Fynes 4, R. Shepherd (cond.) 5, M. Lane 6, E. Skipsey (first of Triples) 7, M. Bartlett (first quarter) 8.

Corrections

Mr. Brian G. Warwick desires to make the following corrections to peals.

Billesdon, Leics, page 512.—The method rung in this peal was Yorkshire Surprise Major and not Cambridge Surprise Major.

Syston, Leics, page 513.—The asterisks were omitted against ringers of 4 and 5, and also against the method, Cambridge Surprise Major.

Netherseale, Derbyshire, page 513.—This peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Anne N. Woodward, younger daughter of W. F. Woodward, and Colin C. Daniels, who were married on August 15th, and to Mary C. Payne and Harry Poyner (both non-resident members of the Guild), who were married at Syston on August 15th.

Lubenham, Leics, page 516.—The (9) and (10) extents were April Day.

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MARRIAGE

ROBINSON—BROWN.—On Saturday, September 5th, 1959, at Bowdon Parish Church, Cheshire, Wilfred Ludlum, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Robinson, of Chesterfield, to Anne Patricia, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown, of Bowdon. 4910

DEATH

FORDHAM.—On Sept. 12th, 1959, Percy William, of 8, Kings-way, Mildenhall, passed peacefully away after a short illness. 4914

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MEETINGS

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Practice meeting at Winforth (6), Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4883

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Spaldwick, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea will be provided.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4857

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Holland, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 4861

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Thorley, Saturday, Sept. 19th, 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 4860

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 19th, Newton-Nottage, Porthcawl. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 4837

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Mereworth on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own tea. All members welcome; non-members cordially invited.—Pamela J. Usborne, Sec., 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 4878

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Arrangements: Shepperton (5), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, Sunbury (8), 4 to 5 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Names to D. Brock, 7, Loudwater Road, Sunbury. Business and further ringing until 8.30 p.m.—E. R. Gotham, Dis. Sec. 4865

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, North Muskham, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—W. L. Exton. 4768

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. 4823

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, Monday, Sept. 21st, 7.30 p.m., and third Monday in each month thereafter. Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 10th, 2.45 p.m., All Hallows', Twickenham.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel. ISL 3921. 4852

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Service of rededication of the restored ring of bells at Great Chart by the Bishop of Dover on Thursday, Sept. 24th, at 7.30 p.m. Bells available 6.45 p.m. and after the service, when there will also be light refreshments. All welcome.—C. T. H. 4892

KIDDERMINSTER, Worcs.—St. Mary and All Saints' (12). Special practice, Friday, Sept. 25th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. Enquiries to Martin Fellows, 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 4893

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Practice meeting, Westbury-sub-Mendip, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 4871

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Combined meeting with Bath Branch will be held at Radstock on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Midsomer Norton, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Carter, 31, New Bath Road, Radstock. 4879

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Waverton, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by first post Thursday, Sept. 24th, to Mr. T. L. Jones, Aston House, Waverton, near Chester.—Edna Price, Asst. Sec. 4866

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Burbage (Buxton), Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please inform Mr. J. Bagshaw, 17, Macclesfield Old Road, Burbage, Buxton, Derbyshire.—C. K. Lewis. 4901

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Church Broughton, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec., 29, Short Row, Belper. 4863

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Adwick-le-Street, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. Howard Scott, 105, Doncaster Lane, Woodlands, near Doncaster. Yorkshire Traction Skellow Service runs through Adwick-le-Street from off the North Bridge Bus Station.—George Watson, Dis. Sec. 4909

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Darlington, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Ringing: Holy Trinity (6), 11.30 to 12.30 and 2 to 4; St. John's (8), 2 to 4 and 7 to 9; St. Cuthbert's (8), 4 to 4.30 and 7 to 9; Hurworth (6), 2.30 to 3.30. Service 4.30 at St. Cuthbert's and tea at 5.15 at St. Cuthbert's Hall, with business meeting after. Names for tea to Mrs. T. Cooke, 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Crich, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Own tea. Business meeting in belfry, 6 p.m. Bells 3 p.m.—B. A. Sollis.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tilney All Saints', Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4904

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Rural Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Thornbury (8), Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow. Report of management committee meeting.—F. R. Hussey.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Winchcombe (6), Saturday, Sept. 26th. 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Sept. 22nd.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 4887

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Horsell, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Drury, 2, Manor Road, Horsell. 4896

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Westbury, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 4880

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Sept. 26th, Corn Exchange, Rochester, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (10s. 6d.) from District Secretaries or direct from Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham, Maidstone. Chatham bells from 4 to 6 p.m. 4754

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 26th, St. Bartholomew's, Penn, Wolverhampton. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing 6 to 8 p.m., approx. Notifications for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, to Miss R. Russell, 78, War Lane, Harborne, Birmingham, 17. 4839

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Newchurch, near Warrington, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business follows tea. Tea 5 p.m., only for those whose names are sent to the Rev. E. A. Lee, Newchurch Rectory, Risley, near Warrington.—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 4902

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than first post Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, to Mr. Thomas Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell, Yorkshire. 4915

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Broughton, Saturday, Sept. 26th (note change of date). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 4840

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Overseale, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 4872

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Roade, on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 4870

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Evening meeting, Watford (6), Saturday, Sept. 26th, commencing at 6 p.m. 4905

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Autumn meeting, Saturday, Sept. 26th, Newport, Mon. Ringing arrangements: All Saints' (8), 1.30 to 2.30 p.m.; St. Woolos' Cathedral (12), 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea (4s. 6d.) at the Tudor Restaurant, Stow Hill, Newport. Names for tea to Mr. J. Arthur Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea, Glam. 4832

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lytchett Minster, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 23rd to I. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. Lytchett Matravers after tea. 4890

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Puddletown (6), Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. J. Knight, High Street, Puddletown, Dorchester. 4913

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Downham, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions, please. 5907

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Eastwood (8), Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wed., 23rd, without fail, to Rev. Mr. Caporn, The Rectory, Eastwood, Notts.—D. H. Rooke. 4881

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—ADVANCED PRACTICE at Cuckfield (8), Saturday, Sept. 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wed., 23rd, to Mr. G. Apps, 24, Chatfield Road, Cuckfield. Special method, Yorkshire. 4873

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Waldron, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. Beeney, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 4898

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Llangattock, Breconshire, Saturday, Sept. 26th. 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 21st.—G. P. Davies, Hon. Sec., 4, Free Street, Brecon. 4868

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Froyle (6), Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by 23rd.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 4897

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Cottingham, on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in King Street Rooms. Names by Thursday, Sept. 24th, to Mr. K. G. Ornbo, 36, High Street, Hull.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4836

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual District meeting at Ashford (8), Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify by Oct. 1st Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford. Specially arranged to mark Mr. C. W. Everett's 60 years as tower captain.—C. T. H. 4891

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, Tunbridge Wells (please note change of tower). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 1st to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queens Road, Tunbridge Wells. 4869

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, St. Mary's, Swansea. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Whitworth, 3, Lon Derw, Ty-coch, Swansea.—J. S. King. 4886

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn general meeting will be at Banbury on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the Church House, 4.30. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 30th, to Mr. H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. Ringing arrangements as follows: Souldern, Somerton, Sandford St. Martin, 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Rousham, Lower Heyford, Great Tew, 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Bodicote, Banbury, 1 to 2 p.m.; Banbury, Tadmarton, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; Adderbury, Swalcliffe, Bloxham, 7 to 8 p.m.; Deddington, Steeple Aston, Hook Norton, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 4850

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Goose Fair meeting, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. St. Mary's (10) 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4.15. St. Peter's (10) 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 4906

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Special meeting for election of new District officers at Stoke-by-Nayland (8), Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Seabrook, Clare. 4877

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SUSSEX ASSOCIATION (Northern Division).—Joint meeting, Blechingley (8), on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 30th, to Mr. F. W. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Blechingley. 4864

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 22nd annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 10th, at 5.45 p.m. *prompt*. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 3.15 to 4.45 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tickets (9s. each) obtainable up to Wednesday, Oct. 7th, from Branch secretaries, dinner committee or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 4876

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner on Saturday, Oct. 10th, Shirehall, Chelmsford, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (12s. 6d.) from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. G. 4912

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner at Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford, on Saturday, Oct. 10th, 6 for 6.15 p.m. Tickets (14s. 6d.) from R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. 4903

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diamond jubilee dinner, Saracen's Head Hotel, Lincoln, Saturday, Oct. 17th, 7 p.m. Will visitors wishing to ring peals during week-end please notify as soon as possible Mr. J. L. Millhouse, 3, Honington Crescent, Burton Road, Lincoln. Dinner tickets (18s. 6d. each) from the undersigned.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec., Glebeland, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe. 4867

HECKINGTON, LINCS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Bird (first on eight) 1, Daphne Brown 2, R. Trevitt 3, R. Asher 4, J. Ward 5, R. Brown (first on eight) 6, R. Pocklington (cond.) 7, C. Asher 8. For Evensong. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. H. A. Skelton, Bishop of Lincoln, 1942–6.

QUARTER PEALS

BOURNE, LINCS.—On May 31st, 1,446 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 726 Cambridge): W. R. Marsh (cond.) 1, Eileen Walpole 2, F. French 3, C. Wade 4, L. Blanchard 5, A. Scott 6.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Aug. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Case 1, Mrs. J. Moreton 2, J. Linnell 3, T. E. Roberts 4, C. C. Clarke 5, G. W. Holland 6, G. E. Green 7, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 8. First in the method 'inside' for 2, 3 and 5.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.—On July 31st, 1,320 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 600 Plain Bob): T. N. J. Bailey 1, R. K. Hart 2, J. B. Morley 3, L. N. Melton 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, B. W. Fairhead 6. Conducted by the ringers of 1, 4 and 6.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Solomon 1, J. B. Gorrod 2, R. T. Tovell 3, P. G. Tovell 4, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. O. Outlaw, headmaster of Carlton School.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Sept. 6th, at the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): G. W. Barnes 1, Doreen Fairhead 2, R. Preston 3, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 4, P. G. Barnes 5, H. J. Millatt 6. For Evensong, also as a farewell to Mr. H. W. Hall, hon. organist, choirmaster and churchwarden of this church, who is leaving the district. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doreen Fairhead 1, A. Semkin (first quarter) 2, U. W. Wildney 3, R. Preston 4, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 5, J. Avis (first quarter) 6.

TWYFORD, LEICS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Smith 1, J. Webb 2, G. A. Bowcutt 3, Miss R. Tyler 4, C. E. Cooper 5, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Miss Sonia Spencer, ringer and chorister at this church, and Mr. Bernard Maurice Little, of Melton Mowbray. It was the bride's 21st birthday.

WHATTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Single Court and Plain Bob): Sheila Avey (first quarter) 1, Pamela Clarke 2, T. Goodwin 3, J. D. Clarke 4, B. Buswell (cond.) 5, T. O. Greasley 6.

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