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A CONVERT IN PRAISE OF RINGERS

'MOST ringers are more of a menace than an asset.' That is what he used to think. It was the opinion of a few jaundiced parsons, and he did not bother to question it. They (and he) seemed to think that for the most part ringers rang for their own pleasure, or satisfaction, or when there was a fee to be picked up. He was quite unconcerned with the thousands of hours put in each week for practice and Sunday service ringing. Then he took the trouble to get to know ringers and what they do, and very rapidly he was converted.

His conversion began seven years ago when, as the new Vicar, he asked if he could learn bellringing, having seen it at close quarters for the first time. The local band were mercifully tolerant, and endured rather more from him than they might have done from others, no doubt because of 'the cloth.' At the cost of two stays, a sheered clapper pin and a parted bell rope, he learned to manage Grandside Doubles, and eventually a peal in the method. Emboldened, and encouraged by others, chiefly the Ringing Master of Evesham's famous bell tower, he 'sallied' forth into new and fearfully complicated methods on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells (the higher the fewer). His experience grew, and he began to visit new towers and new bands, and discovered that if ringers are welcome on every 'foreign' territory, there seemed to be an especially warm welcome for clerical ringers. With this growth in experience his appreciation of those delightfully odd characters called 'ringers' increased, likewise his amazement at their forbearance with his errors, stupidity and not infrequent confusion. By now he had realised that he would never be an advanced ringer, nor a good one, only an enthusiastic one, ever dependent upon the superior competence of others. That was good for his soul's health.

Came the day when he moved to another parish at the far end of the diocese at the Bishop's request. There he lacked a ring of bells, and there was a total absence of ringing in that sizable town. Opportunities for ringing were rare, and contacts with old ringing friends few, but not altogether impossible. For some years he had both heard and shared in Sunday service ringing, and the mornings and evenings of the Lord's Day seemed strangely quiet. What he had come to regard as an essential preparation for worship was absent, and nothing could replace that particular expression of it. The shrill voice of the solitary bell only emphasised the missing 5, 7, 9 or 11, and with no sound of a weekday practice for miles around, ringers and ringing were far removed. But 'sorrow may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning,' and when the post brought an invitation to officiate at a wedding *and* stand in the peal afterwards, his campanalogical joy returned.

The wedding day of the only daughter of Evesham's Ringing Master fulfilled all anticipated expectations and was a memorable sequence of reverence, joy, feasting and the ringing of a peal of Yorkshire Surprise 'on the back eight.' What could be better than to celebrate the wedding in church first, at the festive board next, and in the tower afterwards? If he had been able to conduct the peal as well as the wedding . . . ! But that ability is so remote from him as to be a virtual impossibility. Into that peal and that day went much of his appreciation of ringers and the debt he owes to them, and his appreciation of the work they do for the Church. Not least it was a nostalgic thanksgiving for the friends and teachers, and the opportunities they have given him in the Exercise. If he returned home tired, blistered and late, there was none of it that he would have changed.

A GRATEFUL CONVERT.

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A PEAL TOUR OF SUSSEX

ALL PEALS FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.
On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

FRANK H. HICKS	*Treble*	FREDDIE SCOTT	6
LEONARD STILWELL	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	7
ERNEST J. LADD	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	8
*REGINALD G. HOOPER	4	ROBIN G. LEALE	9
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5	†A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † 725th peal.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.
On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	*Treble*	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	RONALD C. NOON	6
HENRY C. WEAVER	3	ERIC J. HITCHINS	7
ALBERT W. BOND	4	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HERBERT W. WOOLVEN.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	*Treble*	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	6
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
*REGINALD G. HOOPER	4	†ERIC J. HITCHINS	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX (No. 26). Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Yorkshire Major. † First of Surprise.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.
On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	5
GEORGE THODAY	2	*FREDDIE SCOTT	6
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	3	*ROBIN G. LEALE	7
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	4	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.
Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* 50th peal together.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
On Tues., Aug. 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	*Treble*	ERIC J. HITCHINS	5
GEORGE THODAY	2	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	6
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
ERNEST J. LADD	4	FREDDIE SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* 150th peal.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.
On Wed., Aug. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
A. PATRICK CANNON	2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4	FREDDIE SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
On Wed., Aug. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	*Treble*	FREDDIE SCOTT	5
*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	2	RONALD C. NOON	6
ROBIN G. LEALE	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in the method.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.
On Wed., Aug. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	5
*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	3	*ERIC J. HITCHINS	7
*GEORGE E. THODAY	4	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. First in method as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
On Thurs., Aug. 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt.

CYRIL A. WRATTEN	*Treble*	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	6
*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
†DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	3	ERNEST J. LADD	8
ERIC J. HITCHINS	4	†ROBIN G. LEALE	9
‡COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	5	FREDDIE SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Bob Royal. ‡ First of Royal.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
On Thurs., Aug. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Treble*	ERNEST J. LADD	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	FREDDIE SCOTT	6
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
First peal on these bells for 26 years.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
On Thurs., Aug. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Cave's variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

REGINALD C. NOON	*Treble*	*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	5
*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	2	†ERIC J. HITCHINS	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7
*GEORGE E. THODAY	4	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
* First peal in the method. † First of Triples in the method.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.
On Fri., Aug. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
REGINALD G. HOOPER	2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	3	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	7
GEORGE E. THODAY	4	ERIC J. HITCHINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.
First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
On Fri., Aug. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
ROBIN G. LEALE	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	6
GEORGE E. THODAY	3	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	FREDDIE SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
On Sat., Aug. 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25½ cwt.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Treble*	RAYMOND P. WOOD	6
REGINALD G. HOOPER	2	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
FREDDIE SCOTT	3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	8
*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	4	ERIC J. HITCHINS	9
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5	ROBIN G. LEALE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY (No. 7, C.C.C.).
Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

A WEST COUNTRY TOUR

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN ROBINSON	*Treble*	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	5
STELLA HUGHES	2	BARRIE HENDRY	6
JOHN R. KENNETT	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	4	FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal of Surprise. First of Cambridge S. Major on the bells.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., July 29, 1959, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, HEAVITREE.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	*Treble*	BARRIE HENDRY	5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	6
FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	7
MICHAEL W. CROWDER	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
First peal of Yorkshire as conductor. First of Yorkshire on the bells.

BROADCLYST, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, being 1,920 Rutland, 1,600 Yorkshire and 1,600 Cambridge, with 64 changes of method and all the work of every method for every bell. Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

*JOHN R. KENNETT	*Treble*	BARRIE HENDRY	5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	*WILLIAM H. DOWSE	6
JOHN A. ANDERSON	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
*MICHAEL W. CROWDER	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES.
Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced as conductor. First of Spliced on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Philip G. K. Davies, the composer, on attaining his B.A. degree at London University.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 17 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

JOHN R. KENNETT	*Treble*	MICHAEL ELSON	5
EILEEN M. FEARN	2	MICHAEL W. CROWDER	6
FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	7
CAROL FERNLEY	4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.
Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 5, 1959, in 4 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

MICHAEL ELSON	*Treble*	MICHAEL W. CROWDER	5
JOHN R. KENNETT	2	JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	3	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	7
FRANK OSBALDISTON	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
Average age 17½ years.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,344 New Cambridge, 1,248 Yorkshire, 1,152 Rutland and 1,344 Lincolnshire, with 86 changes of method and all the work of every method for each bell. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

*EILEEN M. FEARN	*Treble*	†MICHAEL W. CROWDER	5
*CAROL FERNLEY	2	†WILLIAM H. DOWSE	6
MICHAEL ELSON	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	7
*FRANK OSBALDISTON	4	JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Spliced. † First of 4-Spliced. First of 4-Spliced as conductor. First of Spliced on the bells.
The youngest band to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise Major: average age 17½ years.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK

ALL PEALS FOR THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.
On Mon., Aug. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)	*Treble*	G. C. GALLEY (Queens')	5
M. S. JACKSON (Newnham)	2	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	6
F. A. SECKER (Girton)	3	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	7
P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus)	4	F. B. COOKSON (John's)	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
On Tues., Aug. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)	*Treble*	P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus)	5
F. A. SECKER (Girton)	2	E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.'s)	6
*A. J. GRIFFIN (Trinity)	3	G. C. GALLEY (Queens')	7
J. D. L. RICHARDS (Corpus)	4	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. H. FIELDEN.
* First peal of Major.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5009 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare)	*Treble*	P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus)	6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)	2	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	7
M. S. JACKSON (Newnham)	3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	8
B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity)	4	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s)	9
W. T. COOK (Jesus)	5	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.
On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E flat.

J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare)	*Treble*	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s)	5
F. A. SECKER (Girton)	2	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	6
M. M. PETERSON (Trinity)	3	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	7
E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.'s)	4	*P. B. HODSON (Emmanuel)	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. T. COOK.
* First peal on tower bells.

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AN EVENING PEAL WEEK IN NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST DRAYTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
On Tues., Sept. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 15 methods, viz.: (1) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston T.B.; (2) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (3) Kent and Oxford T.B.; (4) College and Wavertree; (5) Double Court and Single Court; (6) Plain Bob and Single Oxford; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

JOHN H. BLUFF	*Treble*	†RICHARD HOBBS	4
*HAROLD DENMAN	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
PETER SHARP	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 250th peal. † First in 15 methods.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
On Wed., Sept. 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Court, and two extents each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*PAT GRADY	*Treble*	MARGARET ROSS	4
VALERIE WATERFIELD	2	GEORGE CHALLANS	5
HAROLD DENMAN	3	RICHARD HOBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.
* First peal in five methods. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
On Thurs., Sept. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

RICHARD HOBBS	*Treble*	†GEORGE CHALLANS	4
*MARGARET ROSS	2	†HAROLD DENMAN	5
VALERIE WATERFIELD	3	*DENNIS SMEDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.
* First peal in the method. † First of Minor in the method. The conductor has now 'circled the tower' twice.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
On Fri., Sept. 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

MARGARET ROSS	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
*JOHN COATES	2	RICHARD HOBBS	5
VALERIE WATERFIELD	3	†HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.
* First peal in three methods 'inside.' † 200th peal of Minor.

TEN BELL PEAL

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB CATERS
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*BRENDA HUMPHREYS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY M. HARVEY	6
FREDA P. GREAVES	2	VERNON GREEN	7
WILFRID G. WILSON	3	HAROLD W. ROGERS	8
*CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS	4	LEONARD W. BULLOCK	9
CHARLES A. HUGHES	5	REGINALD T. GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
* First peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

H. Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

*SHEILA HODSON	*Treble*	HAROLD ROBERTS	5
ALBERT LAWTON	2	ERIC YOUNG	6
*HARRY HODSON	3	G. ARNOLD MOORE	7
*WILLIS BUCKLEY	4	WILLIAM WATKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. H. Herbert on retiring as Rector.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

P. M. BOURN (Bristol)	*Treble*	*J. S. RANK (Sheffield)	5
*J. R. PERRETT (Sheffield)	2	J. R. TAYLOR (Cambridge)	6
J. SEAGER (London)	3	P. J. H. HUDSON (London)	7
J. M. DAVIES (Reading)	4	J. H. GILBERT (S'hampton)	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. H. GILBERT.
* First peal. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In 15 methods, comprising 1,824 Plain Bob, 1,248 Double Bob, 576 Reverse Bob, 336 Little Bob, 288 Gainsborough Little Bob, 192 Crayford College Bob, 144 Wellington Little Court, 96 each of St. Clement's, Fulbeck, Cleatham, Hackington and Canterbury Pleasure, 48 Crayford Little Court, and 24 each of Bastow and Kent Little Court, with 264 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

JOHN H. FIELDEN	*Treble*	PETER SCHOLFIELD	5
J. BARRY PICKUP	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
DEREK TAYLOR	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
DEREK BUTTERWORTH	4	NEIL BENNETT	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
First peal in 15 Major methods for all the band, and the greatest number of Major methods rung to a peal for the Association.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative and 320 Yorkshire, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	*Treble*	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	5
*NEIL BENNETT	2	*VICTOR GRIFFIN	6
DEREK TAYLOR	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
*NORMAN SMITH	4	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise in six methods.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Derek and Trevor Taylor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEOFFREY CHEETHAM	*Treble*	JOHN H. FIELDEN	5
F. JOHN NELSON	2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	6
PETER SCHOLFIELD	3	ROGER LEIGH	7
J. BARRY PICKUP	4	NORMAN SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
The ringer of the sixth has now 'circled the tower' with peals.

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 9, 1959, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Treble*	BASIL JONES	5
*ERNEST PIMLOTT	2	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	6
†BRIAN SCHOFIELD	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
HAROLD LONYON	4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal of Major 'inside,' and in the method. † First on eight bells, and in the method.
A wedding compliment to Elizabeth Brogden and John Greenwood, of Christ Church, Macclesfield, who were married at Bollington on Saturday, September 5th. Also a first birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the second. Tenor 11 cwt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	ROLAND BENISTON	5
DOREEN D. DUTTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
A wedding compliment to Mr. S. Anthony Jesson and Miss Peta Cole, the ceremony having taken place earlier this day at Leicester Cathedral. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

BENJAMIN BARKER	*Treble*	†MICHAEL R. BLORE	5
*MRS. PAT. A. M. HALLS	2	†CLIVE W. WALKLATE	6
JACK BAILEY	3	SAMPSON WALKLATE	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	GORDON A. HALLS	*Tenor*

Composed by D. R. CARLISLE. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* 125th peal. † First of Yorkshire.
Rung to mark the wedding this day of Mr. Alan Taylor (son of Derby Cathedral Ringing Master) to Miss Brenda Newbold.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

BASIL JONES	*Treble*	‡BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5
*EILEEN M. FEARN	2	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	6
STELLA HUGHES	3	*MICHAEL W. CROWDER	7
†CAROL FERNLEY	4	*ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal for the Guild.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	†PETER A. SHARPE	6
JOHN F. PEARSON	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
MARGARET A. SWANN	4	†RAYMOND F. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 200th peal. † First in the method.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 KINNERTON IMPERIAL MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

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

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
First peal in the method (C.C.C. No. 229).
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Sperring.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	FREDDIE SCOTT	5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	2	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	6
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
WILLIAM S. DEASON	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ROBERT COLLINS	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
IAN H. ORAM	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE (C.C.C. 24).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
Robert Collins has now 'circled the tower.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and ten extents Grandsire.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

MARK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM L. EXTON	4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	2	HAROLD STEVENSON	5
DENNIS SIMPSON	3	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* 100th peal. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 14 lb. in B flat.

E. JOHN WELLS	*Treble*	†R. IAN VAUGHAN	4
*JOHN L. QUEEN	2	*ANTHONY V. QUEEN	5
JILL M. LANE	3	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JILL M. LANE.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Surprise on the bells. First as conductor. First lady to conduct a peal of Surprise for the Guild. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a compliment to the ringers of the fifth and tenor on their examination success.

LOWDHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

IVY ROE	*Treble*	†WILLIAM L. EXTON	3
*†‡MARK W. LEWIS	2	‡F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4
SIDNEY ADAMS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* First peal in more than one method 'inside.' † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal together. 50th as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

MILLOM, CUMBERLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 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 13 cwt.

NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Treble*	JAMES E. DICKINSON	4
*DONALD LAWSON	2	W. THOMAS TURNER	5
KEITH NEWBY	3	RAYMOND SUART	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.
* First peal, first attempt.
Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. M. Overfield and family, who will shortly be leaving the district for Banbury.

UPHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DEDWORTH BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

*DAVID E. HOUSE	*Treble*	*JOHN R. FAITHFULL	4
†HILARY N. KIPPIN	2	*TOM CHAPMAN	5
*JANICE E. WILLIAMSON	3	MICHAEL THOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First as conductor. First peal of Dedworth ever rung.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

BERTRAM G. BRINKLEY	*Treble*	THOMAS R. ROAST	4
MRS. MARY ROAST	2	*JOE E. G. ROAST	5
RICHARD J. HARRISON	3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* 100th peal of Minor. An engagement compliment to Richard J. Harrison and Miss Judy Scales.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 28 extents (ten callings) and one 240 (Morris's) of Grandsire, two extents of Dedworth and ten extents (four callings) of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

DOUGLAS A. R. MAY	*Treble*	*JOHN L. QUEEN	4
JILL M. LANE	2	*JOHN P. MCDERMOTT	5
*EVE PEARSON	3	*RODNEY COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS A. R. MAY.

* First peal in more than one method.
Rung on the back six.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(The Southend and District Guild.)
On Wed., Sept. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

ALFRED HOUSE	*Treble*	MARK F. HATCH	4
MICHAEL HALLETT	2	GERALD S. SANDWELL	5
HERMON J. OLIVER	3	WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH

HARTLAND, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., Sept. 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NECTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Single Oxford, one extent Kent Treble Bob and four extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

BERTRAM G. BRINKLEY	*Treble*	THOMAS R. ROAST	4
MRS. MARY ROAST	2	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	5
RICHARD J. HARRISON	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

A birthday compliment to Richard J. Harrison and Peter J. Came.

ARRETON, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and one Morris 240.
Tenor 9 cwt.

SIDNEY MOODY	*Treble*	LESTER BAILEY	4
*LOIS BOWN	2	C. ARTHUR DRAKE	5
ARTHUR F. S. JACKSON	3	F. JAMES CHEEK	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESTER BAILEY.

* First peal.

A compliment to William Upton and his wife on their golden wedding anniversary (August 25th, 1959).

SEDLESCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SEDLESCOMBE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*JOAN V. GARNETT	*Treble*	ANTONY JACKSON	4
CELIA F. WHITFELD	2	†ERIC A. FELLOWS	5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.' First in the method.

SEDLESCOMBE SURPRISE MINOR
—34—14—12—1236—14—56
Lead-end 142635 (2nds place).

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720's of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ERNEST G. PEARCE	*Treble*	RODERICK W. PIPE	4
MARGARET A. LADD	2	*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	5
JAMES B. MORLEY	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

* First peal 'inside,' and first in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor. A birthday compliment to Margaret Ladd, Ernest Pearce and Kenneth G. Brown.

GREAT-WITH-LITTLE WELDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN L. MELWILLE	*Treble*	DAVID C. URQUHART	4
FRED A. GINNS	2	ROY W. SPENCER	5
AUBREY B. CLARKE	3	RICHARD A. WEBSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

Rung to commemorate the two-month stay in this village of Canon Lawrence Hall, of Cleveland, Ohio, and to welcome home from the U.S.A. the Rev. A. R. Higginson, Rector of this parish.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
AND
THE ST. MATTHIAS, RICHMOND, GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Cambridge and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

MARGARET A. WESTCOTT	*Treble*	*CHRISTOPHER M. BLOOMER	4
*GILLIAN NEAL SMITH	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
ANDREW D. GRANT	3	*DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* Tenth peal. First in seven Minor methods by all the band except the conductor.

NORTH PETHERWYN, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Sept. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATERNUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

JAMES RICH	*Treble*	*WILFRED BOUCHER	4
HARRY STACEY	2	HENRY TREWIN	5
C. CHRISTOPHER DURHAM	3	WILLIAM E. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. RIDGMAN.

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

HANDBELL PEAL

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT 66, MELTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK M. SAWYER	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
ERNEST MORRIS	3—4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7—8

Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

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ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. W. Wood 1, H. J. Ford (cond.) 2, J. H. Hayne 3, N. J. Hayne 4, M. W. Ford 5, D. J. Wood 6. For harvest festival.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Dunn 1, S. A. Wooding 2, C. J. Mackie 3, P. Lock 4, D. J. Roberts 5, W. Simmonds 6, R. Blackler (cond.) 7, B. Castle 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. A farewell compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. H. Bate) after 10 years' ministry at this church.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Denne (first quarter) 1, Violet Relf 2, Elizabeth Marshall 3, P. Jarvis 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, H. Jarvis 6. For morning service on Battle of Britain Sunday.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Sept. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Olliver 1, D. Munday 2, Mrs. B. A. Cracknell 3, F. E. Roberts 4, F. W. Bird 5, A. T. Shelton 6, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 7, E. G. L. Coward 8. For harvest festival, and as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Cracknell, who are leaving the district.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis 1, P. J. Lewis 2, R. Throsby (R.A.F.) 3, B. Wakefield 4, F. J. Lewis, jun. (cond.) 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, P. Wakefield 7, P. Morgans 8. Rung to mark the 54th anniversary of the opening of the Bingham Public Library.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsirre Doubles: Valerie Calcott (first quarter) 1, A. Grant 2, P. Woodgyer 3, June Richardson 4, T. Baker (cond.) 5, Josephine Pole 6. For Evensong, and to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. P. Hawker.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Richardson 1, T. Bevan 2, F. Barker 3, A. Warren 4, L. Tubb 5, C. Ward 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, F. Tubb 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mrs. Dorothy Matthews (wife of the Rector), who was laid to rest this day.

QUARTER PEALS

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marian Johnson 1, P. Richardson 2, A. Buswell 3, H. Allberry 4, R. Walker 5, J. Hasted 6, E. Treagus (cond.) 7, D. Body 8. For morning service and a 21st birthday compliment to Christine Ford. Also on July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Richardson 1, Christine Ford 2, Shirley Parsons 3, S. T. Ford 4, H. Allberry 5, J. Hasted 6, M. Marshall (cond.) 7, C. Parsons 8. For morning service and a 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Wells. Also on Aug. 23rd: Margaret Marshall 1, Shirley Parsons 2, Margaret Wilson 3, P. Richardson 4, H. Allberry 5, J. Hasted 6, E. Treagus (cond.) 7, C. Parsons 8. For morning service and a 21st birthday compliment to Margaret Marshall.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. F. E. Collins 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, Mrs. N. S. Bagworth 3, R. H. Davies 4, G. T. Peters 5, I. H. Oram 6, A. E. M. Bagworth 7, N. S. Bagworth 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, E. J. Rowe 10. For Battle of Britain commemoration service.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 13th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: Miss M. Mackay 1, A. Osbaldiston 2, W. H. Douse (cond.) 3, B. F. L. Groves 4, F. Osbaldiston 5, R. B. S. Smith 6.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFS.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Erica Kisch (first quarter) 1, M. Brown 2, A. Moss 3, D. Pitstow 4, A. Gaunt 5, B. Ryles 6, R. S. Anderson (cond.) 7, G. Lucas (first quarter) 8. Rung by the Sunday service band at the conclusion of the parish mission, rung which the bells were rung each evening.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Henebury 1, A. A. Upton 2, Mrs. B. M. W. Dobbie 3, M. C. Hughes 4, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 5, H. Windsor (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wixey 1, Miss A. Cox (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Burford (first quarter) 3, S. Pugh 4, P. Hurcombe (cond.) 5, F. Tranter 6. Rung to mark the end of a Church Army Mission in the village.

RANDWICK, N.S.W.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey E. Peters (first of Triples) 1, Jean H. Fayer 2, J. C. Sheehy 3, R. J. Klima (first of Triples 'inside') 4, Mrs. Margaret Goodyer 5, Wm. D. Watson 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, J. Hammond (first of Triples) 8. Also on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean H. Fayer 1, W. D. Watson 2, R. J. Klima 3, J. J. Cummins 4, Barbara J. Beeson 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6, J. J. F. Roper (Melbourne) 7, P. G. Richards (Melbourne) 8. Rung to welcome Princess Alexandra of Kent by ringers of Sydney and Melbourne. Also on Sept. 5th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: D. C. Hughes 1, W. D. Watson 2, Jean H. Fayer 3, R. J. Klima 4, J. C. Sheehy 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6, P. Carwadine 8. First of St. Clement's Minor 2, 3 and 4.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Court, 540 Plain Bob): Pamela Cox 1, M. Keyworth (first 'inside') 2, M. L. Mann 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, J. B. Nicholson 5, H. W. Cox (cond.) 6.

STAINES, MIDDLX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sept. 20th, 1,274 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Williams 1, J. Tomkinson 2, R. Shepherd 3, D. Hawkins 4, M. Lane 5, E. Skipsey 6, C. Fynes (cond.) 7, M. Bartlett 8. For morning civic service.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sept. 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Sprackling 1, F. B. Cookson (cond.) 2, Barbara Stephens (first in method) 3, M. D. Fellows 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, J. G. Pusey 6, R. Smith 7, P. W. Webb 8. For harvest festival Evensong, also as a compliment to Michael T. Sprackling and Brenda Riches on their engagement, and a hearty welcome to Miss Barbara Stephens, of Ebbw Vale. Mon. All are members of the Sunday service band.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The quarter peal at Saxilby on September 17th was a farewell tribute to Miss Joan Nicholson, who has now returned to Damascus to continue her work with the Syrian Missions. Miss Nicholson's father, by virtue of his regular attendances for service ringing, is one of the most valuable members of the Saxilby band.

Mr. A. J. Lock's tourists in Yorkshire had a very successful week with 13 peals from 15 attempts.

Mr. A. P. Cannon had one of his busy Saturdays on September 19th with three peals in a day in Kent.

Congratulations to Miss Jill M. Lane, of Merrow, who is the first lady to conduct a Surprise peal for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Dr. Donald Niblett has left for a year's scientific work at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and is taking with him Mrs. Niblett (Ruth Hodgson) and their baby.

Mr. W. L. Exton rang his 100th peal on the same bell that he rang his first peal at North Muskham, Notts, on August 21st, 1959. His first peal was on January 2nd, 1954.

St. Mary's, Gateshead, has become the Triples peal ringing tower of Tyneside, with four peals of Stedman, two of Erin and one of Oxford Bob successfully rung in the last 12 months. There have been at least another eight attempts.

On February 7th, 1920, Sgt. W. Hibbert, of the Devon Regiment, rang the treble to a peal of Stedman Triples at Whitley Bay, with young Richard A. Gofton ringing the second. They met again at Gateshead on September 10th for the first time in nearly 40 years, and rang another peal in the same method and in the same positions.

Organised by Tony Bennett, six members of Bristol University and two from Oxford University had a successful tour in Wiltshire and Dorchester from September 9th to 12th. For travelling, the party hired a 12-seater van, which proved an excellent form of transport.

Weston Favell ringers have so far this year rung for 18 weddings. Can any church in the Peterborough Diocese beat this?

Mr. John W. Griffiths informs us that the number of changes in the peal of Grandsire Cinques at Shrewsbury on August 1st (page 490) was 5,059 and not 5,039.

His many friends will regret to learn that Mr. Harry Miles, of Carbis Bay, is on the sick list, having fractured his left wrist; hence no gardening, no organ playing and no ringing for the time being.

In the peal at Lowdham, Notts, on August 29th, Mr. F. W. Midwinter rang his 100th peal in the county of Nottinghamshire; and Mr. Sid Adams, the Nottingham District secretary, nearly lost his trousers turning this tenor in to what is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

'The key of the door' has been very prominent at St. Faith's Church, Havant, this year. Quarter peals have been rung in honour of the 21st birthdays of three lady members—the Misses Christine Ford, Rosemary Wells and Margaret Marshall.

Recently six members of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild invaded Buckland, Surrey, and rang a peal of two Doubles methods. Catherine Powell, of Stoke D'Abernon, is to be congratulated on conducting her first peal at the age of 15. The ladies did full justice to a lovely tea provided by Mrs. Saunders and her husband, who is tower captain at Buckland.

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AMERICAN GUILD OF ENGLISH HANDBELL RINGERS

Sixth Annual Festival

THE festival this year was again held at Castle Hill, Ipswich, Mass, from Friday, August 28th, to Sunday, 30th, and the attendance was a record one, well over 200 members from all parts being present.

Castle Hill Estate, Ipswich, is on the Atlantic shore about 20 miles north of Boston. The house was built in the Georgian style about 1918, and is a reproduction of Ham House, near London, England. The view from the terrace down the 100-feet-wide tree-lined Mall to the cliff edge is magnificent. There is excellent sea bathing and there is also a large swimming pool and an outdoor theatre in the grounds.

The festival started with introductions in the Great Hall, and after dinner in the evening the first of the concerts was held, including solos by Mrs. A. A. Hughes, of London, England. Later, Mr. A. A. Hughes gave a talk on the history of handbells (their earliest use by the first Christian missionaries to England, later development for tune playing and change-ringing, and to the early exportation to America as well as the growth to the present standard).

On Saturday morning, 30th, talks were given on the arrangement of music and the organisation of handbell groups. Various bands demonstrated their technique and discussed methods of playing. Rehearsals were also held for the evening concert.

The annual business meeting was held immediately after lunch, with the president (Mrs. Norman Erb) in the chair. Mrs. Erb announced her retirement, and Dr. Robert Hieber was elected to succeed her.

An enjoyable tour to Gloucester, Mass, followed, to hear Mr. James Lawson play the carillon, and for swimming. The festival concert took place in the evening, and some remarkably fine playing was heard, as well as some by massed bands. Mrs. Hughes also contributed solos.

The progress made during the last two to three years is remarkable, especially in the musical arrangements for bells. During morning service on Sunday, handbell ringing by seven choirs, under the direction of Dr. Doris Watson, was rendered with wonderful effect.

Later the Margaret Shurcliff memorial plaque was displayed, and afterwards fixed on a wall of her house at Ipswich. The wording is:—

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The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers

This plaque was cast from bell metal from the Whitechapel Foundry in London in 1959.

After lunch came the big 'packing up,' and by 4 o'clock all had dispersed—some within a few miles, some further, and some to the Deep South, the middle and the far West, which means over 3,000 miles. This indicates the intense enthusiasm.

So ended another wonderfully enjoyable festival, and with thankful memories of the founder of the Guild.

REDEDICATION

EDMONTON

On Sunday, September 20th, the eight bells of All Saints', Edmonton, were rededicated by the Bishop of Willesden. Two of the bells had been recast and the rest had been tuned and rehung in a new timber frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The result is very satisfactory: the bells are much easier to handle and very pleasing to hear.

After a very simple service, the bells were rung for an hour. The methods included Stedman, Cambridge and Bristol, not forgetting rounds for the people who are just as keen if not yet so competent.

Many ringers attended the service, including officers of the Middlesex Association. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hart, Mr. A. Cutler and Mr. D. Smith and Miss R. Foreman. Mr. and Mrs. P. Corby and Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson were welcomed as members of previous Edmonton bands.

The local ringers would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped financially and practically to get the bells returned so quickly.

Practice night is Thursday—7.30 to 9.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The Society's quarterly meeting on September 12th was held at Chislehurst, and the fine bells of the Annunciation were enjoyed during the afternoon. A shortened Evensong followed, the lesson being read by the Master, Mr. P. N. Bond.

At the meeting after tea, the Master took the chair and welcomed those present. The following new members were elected: D. Leach (West Molesey), M. W. Fairey (Little Aston), E. Rochester (Sawbridgeworth), Maria Kirby (Bromley, Kent), Diana Prynn (Ashtead, Surrey), R. J. Stretton (Alfreton), E. H. Willow (Allenton, Derby), Rosamund Bull and Noreen Wickham (Etwall, Derby).

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne gave an excellent résumé of the Central Council's discussion at Southport with regard to the finances of 'The Ringing World.' After some discussion, a collection towards the cost of publishing 'The Ringing World' realised the sum of £1 1s., and the meeting agreed that a letter should be sent to the Editor congratulating him on his good work in producing 'The Ringing World' during the recent printing strike.

Members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. Alf Pulling, a valued member of the Society for nearly 50 years. Votes of thanks included one to Mr. Ian Oram for his help in organising the meeting.

The Master announced that the next meeting was to be held jointly with the Middlesex County Association on December 5th. The annual meeting would be held on Saturday, January 16th.

For harvest festival ringing on September 20th, two courses of very-well-struck Stedman Triples were rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Catherall, who for 40 years has been a regular Sunday service ringer.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Norman Chaddock writes that 'the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Eastwood, Rotherham, on July 13th, 1959, was not the first in the method, as I reported. One was rung on April 30th, 1932, conducted by A. Nash.'

The work of Mr. W. Mayle and Mr. Len Kitchen in teaching eight new ringers at All Saints', Sherbourne, Warwick, has been rewarded by regular Sunday service ringing. Practices are on Friday evenings.

By ringing a peal at Littlebourne, Kent, Mr. A. P. Cannon completes peals in 577 different towers. This is now the record, beating the late Frank Bennett's total of 576. Appropriately enough, it was rung on the 28th anniversary of his first peal 'inside' at Lamberhurst, Kent. He would like to thank everyone who has helped him to achieve this ambition.

The quarter peal of Norwich Surprise Minor at Marple, Cheshire, on September 13th, was rung as a farewell compliment to Robert B. Smith, Alec Osbaldiston and Valerie Pennington, all ringers at Marple, who are leaving to attend colleges at Loughborough, Chester and Leicester respectively. On the previous Friday night there was a record attendance of 25 ringers at the 6-bell practice, including one new recruit.

The Staines and District Arts and Civics Council are holding an exhibition of local arts and crafts at the Town Hall, Staines, on October 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The three towers in the Staines Urban District—St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Staines, and St. Mary's, Stanwell, are providing a stall at the exhibition showing the various aspects of the ringer's art, and will demonstrate handbell ringing on the last evening of the exhibition.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Only four teams entered for the annual cup contest of the Barnsley and District Society, held at Hoylandswaine, near Sheffield, on September 12th, and only three rang. The test piece was 720 changes. Mr. Harold Chant was the judge and Master John M. Buxton the marker. The result was Shelley 53, Sandal 80 and Cawthorne 171 faults. Mrs. Stephenson made the presentation of the cup to Mr. Albert Goldthorpe.

Mr. Noel F. Moxon presided at the business meeting, when six new members were elected. The next meeting at Cawthorne on October 10th coincides with the centenary of the bells. It was decided to hold the golden jubilee dinner on October 24th at the King George Hotel, Barnsley (price 10s.). Applications for tickets are to be made to Mr. Noel F. Moxon, Green Gables, Cawthorne.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

North Notts District

The Crawford cup contest was held at Clayworth on September 12th. Mr. J. Thorley, of Thorne, was the judge, and four teams competed. Warsop were declared the winners with 53 faults and 10 penalties; Ordsall were second with 91 faults, West Retford third with 153 faults and 10 penalties, and Bawtry fourth with 260 faults.

At the business meeting following tea, the Vicar presented the cup to Mr. Rooke, of Warsop, and said how much he had enjoyed hearing his bells ring. The bells were not rung regularly, he said, but he expressed a hope that a band might be formed.

Laxton was selected as the place for the next meeting, to be held on October 10th. Mr. A. Wilson, of Bawtry, was elected Ringing Master in place of Mr. R. Hobbs, who had resigned owing to his impending removal to Bridlington.

LONDON UNIVERSITY IN NORTH-EASTERN ENGLAND

The 14th annual ringing week of the University of London Society of Change Ringers began at Darlington on August 22nd. Our organiser was both a member of the U.L. and secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association—a most valuable liaison.

The Society has never before stayed in a mediæval castle (c. 1379–89). Besides being a fine building it is also *licensed*, and some of the turret rooms are approached by *spiral staircases*. Unfortunately, none of the four towers contains a ring of bells. In a place like this even a party of 46 adults and two children had plenty of room.

When we sat down to our first dinner in the great hall we were joined by about 20 members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, together with the rector of Chester-le-Street and his wife. This helped us to make friends in an area new to most of us. The president of the Durham and Newcastle Association (Kenneth Arthur) welcomed us most kindly. Both presidents then performed the difficult feat of recognising and naming their members, our own being helped by the fact that no fewer than eight of his flock were named Layton. A pleasant social evening was then spent.

The party found itself well provided with all the professional knowledge it might need during an arduous ringing tour. We had a doctor, though our confidence in her was somewhat weakened when she was overheard asking the barman in a Bamburgh pub what to do for a wasp sting! We also had a midwife of considerable experience and a solicitor, albeit a Scots one, which might have led to complications. We had a parson to say grace; and, very luckily as it turned out, we had plenty of men who knew about car engines.

TWO IMPRESSIONS

My first impression was transport. Fully extended, we mustered 11 motor-cars, a 'bug' (Messerschmitt) and 3 motor-bikes. Perhaps the long journey north had tired them, but we had a lot of mechanical trouble, especially at the beginning of the week. Thanks to our engineers we got through the week without anyone having to walk, though some—but not all—complained of overcrowding. The full fleet moving off was a remarkable sight, and was televised by the B.B.C.!

My second impression was Press relations. A freelance journalist had been told of our trip, and he seemed to have notified every local and regional paper in the north-east, as well as the B.B.C. and I.T.V. Constant interviews and photographs even interfered with our ringing, especially at Hexham, where I.T.V. took over the tower. However, we hoped the Exercise would be getting good publicity—though we are not responsible for the sound of bells ringing down which I.T.V. alleged to be Grandsire Triples.

A lot of our members were very surprised to see so much beautiful country. The 'southpaws' could be heard revising their opinions of the North-East. They also learned some history ('compulsory culture'). We visited the Roman camp at Housesteads-on-the-Wall on a perfect afternoon with wonderful visibility. From Bamburgh we saw the Farne Islands and thought of Lindisfarne to the north. Hexham reminded us of the great flowering of Celtic Christianity in this area in the so-called Dark Ages. We visited charming villages like Blanchland and Brancepeth. Altogether it was a revelation to many.

THE RINGING

We enjoyed our ringing, which included the cathedrals of Durham and Newcastle, Hexham Abbey and the secular tower of Morpeth, where the bells seemed to know Bristol. One of the pleasantest rings was undoubtedly Staindrop, where the bells not only sounded well but went beautifully. One of our last towers was Houghton-le-Spring, where we had some good ringing, including a touch of 6-Spliced Surprise. Fenham, Newcastle, bells were open to us on practice night; we found them a very good eight. A heavy six at Wylam impressed those who went there; and we thought our 'home tower' at Chester was one of the best.

Methods rung during the week covered everything from rounds to Spliced Surprise. Not all of it was good, but we usually managed something good at each tower, and the beginners improved very much during the week. Our party was really, from the ringing point of view, too large.

Only two peals were rung, and four lost! Cambridge failed at Sunderland, Northumberland Surprise Minor 'just didn't go' at Cramlingham, Rutland was lost at Allendale, apparently because 'they didn't know the method,' seven Surprise Minor methods came round at Darlington and Durham Surprise Minor at Blaydon (the Society's 50th peal), but Stedman Triples was lost at Consett.

We were met everywhere with true Northern friendliness, and often thanked for coming to ring. Some of the older members were delighted to meet Margaret Ranken (née Fidell), whom we had known years ago. During much of the week we were escorted by a bearded outrider, Tom Piercy, of King's College, Newcastle, and Kenneth Arthur looked in on us from time to time.

This tour will go down in the records as 'the one when we stayed in a castle.' One evening we had a conducted tour of the fortifications by the warden (Dr. Prowse) and his wife, which included an introduction to the ghost, Lily of Lumley. The castle was also an excellent setting for our last-night party, when we played such games as charades, a treasure hunt, sardines and murder. This last saw the demise of the longest of our vice-presidents—and a very striking corpse he made!

AT YORK

Regretfully, the party left on the Saturday morning. Most finished the tour with a night in York, but the president weakened and fled north. However, spies in York reported that Harold Walker and 'the locals' were most kind in their reception, and 'the same partnerships were observed as earlier at Lumley Castle.'

Thanks are always inadequate, but the Society wish to thank again all incumbents and local ringers in the 40 or so towers we visited, both for the use of their bells and for the warmth of their welcome. The president and other members of the Durham and Newcastle Association made us feel very at home. And we thank once again our organiser who made everything run so smoothly and had taken so much trouble over the arrangements. Last, but not least, we thank the organiser's wife, who prepared for us packed lunches which left nothing to be desired.

For those people not acquainted with the U.L., I append a list of dramatis personæ. President, Philip Gray; vice-presidents, Denis Layton and David Martin; Master ('Sir'), Michael Lakin; secretary, Marcus Barton; treasurer, Michael Rose; organiser, Denis Bayles.

J. G.

BURNHAM BELLS

The September issue of Burnham, Bucks, parish magazine has an editorial devoted to the bells. It states:—

'The Enabling Act laid it down that the incumbent was to *guide* and the laity to *assist* and, locally, we are fortunate that this division of responsibility has been, generally, accepted. At times there are, and must be, conflicts of opinion and one such is that of the activities in the belfry. That the bells of Burnham are among the finest, at their weight, in the country is not to be gainsaid but that they are a nuisance to the minority, and more especially to those not members of the congregation or living adjacent, can be both understood and appreciated. The average member of the public, probably through ignorance, is not particularly interested in change ringing and his ideas on permutations are more applicable to pools rather than to bells. On Sundays he would like to hear the bells rung as of old, derisively termed by some campanologists as the "Nellie Bly" method. We prefer the latter but neither can be achieved without practice and, as the public generously paid for the restoration and recasting of the bells, we only ask for more tolerance of their use and fewer complaints to the Vicar during the monthly peals and the weekly practice.'

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Minety on September 12th, where the bells have been rehung and augmented to six. A good job has been made of the restoration, but the bells are rather noisy in the tower and this problem is to be tackled by the local ringers. The visitors were welcomed by the Vicar (Rev. W. W. Grace) and one of the churchwardens.

The customary service was followed by tea on the lawn of Hovington House, at the invitation of Captain G. Raines and as guests of various local church organisations.

An apology was received from Dr. H. Craig (Branch chairman), who was convalescing following an operation, and Mr. W. H. Trueman acted as chairman for the business meeting. Six new members were elected, and towers suggested for the next three meetings were Blunsdon, Highworth and Christ Church, Swindon, providing repair work has been completed on the spire of Christ Church. Good use was made of the bells, and ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

W. B. K.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EARLY BROADCASTS

Dear Sir,—With reference to recent correspondence re early broadcasting of bells, J. R. Nicholls, in his book 'Bells Through the Ages,' published 1928, gives a list of eight famous rings on which change-ringing had been broadcast, viz.: St. Mary-le-Bow, Crowland Abbey, Canterbury Cathedral, St. Clement Danes', St. Mary's Cathedral (?), Birmingham, Buckfast Abbey, York Minster and Truro Cathedral. He says the distinction of being first belongs to St. Clement Danes'.

I well remember the occasion at Truro on Sunday, November 22nd, 1925. We rang 168 Grandsire Triples on the front seven, with 9, 8, 10 covering. As far as I can remember we were given plenty of time. A cutting from the 'Western Morning News' I have by me makes a full column of the occasion, and refers to the pealing of the Cathedral bells before the service, and says there was a congregation of 2,000. The sub-Dean (the late Canon J. Trevor Lewis, afterwards Vicar of Northampton) preached, and his sermon is given in full. The report ends by stating: 'The ringing of the Cathedral bells was also very fine.'

The service was relayed to Plymouth and broadcast from there, and is headed 'Broadcasting Experiment at Plymouth.' As we know, it was not easy to pick up these early broadcasts. This is confirmed by a letter I received from the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, and which I have also kept, saying he regretted he was unable to tune in.—Yours faithfully, A. S. ROBERTS.

Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

PEAL BOOKING FEES

Dear Sir,—The Guild of Devonshire Ringers has had a peal booking fee of 6d. per rope since 1949, and at this year's annual meeting it was agreed that this should be increased to 1s. per rope, the extra 6d. to go to 'The Ringing World.' The Guild has a resident membership of about 550, out of which 50 took part in peals last year, and it has always been felt that those who ring peals should meet the expense of having the peals printed in the annual report, which costs about £1 per page to produce. As the peals are mostly 6-bell peals, and six are set out per page, it will be seen that the fee is about right. I have never heard any adverse criticism and the 'R.W.' subsidy has been generally accepted. In fact the general opinion appears to be that if only the layout of the paper could be altered to appeal more to non-peal ringers, the circulation could be increased, especially among the 1,500 call-change ringers here in Devon.—Yours, etc.,

E. M. ATKINS.
General Secretary,
Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

MALE NAMES FOR BELLS

Dear Sir,—In Belfry Gossip last week the question was asked why bells are given male names. This, I think, is because the 'she's' are fast and furious, the more they are painted the more they cost to keep up, and actually you never know what the darned things are going to do next.—Yours, etc.

GEO. GILBERT.

Burnham, Bucks.

RUSTY BELL FRAMES

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the letter in the 'R.W.' of September 4th re 'Rusty Bell Frames.' I am afraid there are too many metal bell frames up and down the country which are sadly neglected through want of painting. After all, the installation of an iron or steel frame is a very costly matter, and one would think church authorities would realise the importance of regular painting. If this is done every seven or eight years, a frame—and fittings, for that matter—is kept in good order. Where it is left for longer periods it is a case of painting on top of rust. If done at regular intervals the job can be carried out at half the expense and also effect a big saving in time and paint.

I have had the experience of helping to paint a sadly-neglected iron frame in a tower near here twice in the last 30 years. The bells and frame were installed in about 1902 and had not been painted until 1930, when one of the local ringers and myself volunteered to do the job if the church authorities would find the paint, which they did. We applied two coats of red oxide paint after several days of arduous work with scraper and wire brush.

Some three years ago this same frame went through the same process, but this time with the newly-appointed Rector's help and mine (the Rector being a non-ringer). In conclusion I would suggest, regarding the Whatley bell frame problem, that all parts that are visible should be painted. I think Miss Overend will find that most frames have some parts that are impossible to get at to paint, but by painting wherever possible this will help to preserve the frame as a whole.—Yours, etc.,

Folkingham, Lincs. C. T. H. BRADLEY.

DON'T FORGET BRECONSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to see the peal at Brecon on Friday, August 21st, by the Cheshire tourists, reported as Brecon, Wales. Most British schoolchildren these days would know that Brecon is the county town of Brecknockshire, or as is more commonly called, Breconshire. There is no excuse for this negligence, as the tourists were based within five or six miles from the Breconshire boundary for most of their week.—Yours faithfully,

London. WILFRED WILLIAMS.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The September meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Guild was held at Wonersh on the 12th.

The eight bells were rung in a variety of methods from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major, under the direction of Mr. E. John Wells, District Ringing Master. The Guild Office was conducted by the Rev. E. O. Ware, Vicar of Blackheath and Chilworth.

Tea, prepared by the lady ringers of Wonersh, preceded a short business meeting, at which the chair was taken by the Guild Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer. Mr. Geoffrey R. Crisp, of Billingshurst, was elected a compounding member.

Mr. Denyer paid tribute to the life and ringing of the late Alfred H. Pulling, and the assembled company stood in silence for a few moments as a tribute from his District.

DERWENT'S SUBMERGED CHURCH

Dear Sir,—There recently appeared in 'The Daily Telegraph' a photograph of the ruins of the village of Derwent, in Derbyshire, revealed when the Ladybower reservoir ran dry during the present rainless summer.

While on holiday in Derbyshire in August, I was told that when the valley was flooded to form the reservoir, the village church, complete with a ring of six, was left behind. It was also said that when the level of the reservoir fell the top of the steeple could be seen. Is this true, or is it a legend reminiscent of 'La Cathedrale Engloutie'?

If it is true, it seems odd that the cameraman should have ignored what must have been a more impressive sight than the one he actually photographed, for nothing resembling a church can be seen. I can find no mention of Derwent in 'Dove,' but perhaps the reservoir was formed a good many years ago.

Can any of your readers throw any light on the matter?—Yours faithfully,

Surbiton. MARGARET LEWIS.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild's summer festival, held on September 5th, is over, but happy memories will linger in the minds of those who joined the merry throng. From the towers and steeples, 17 in all, ringing was to be heard from 11 a.m. onwards until after dark. One friend from afar described the day and district as a 'happy hunting ground,' and collected 13 new towers for his list. He also took the trouble to write and say 'Thank you' to all who deserved it.

The Church of The Holy Cross, at Daventry, mellow and golden in the glorious sunshine, was the scene of an inspiring service in which the Vicar (Rev. K. A. Ward) and the Guild president (Canon G. F. Turner) took part. The Vicar of the parish of All Saints, Northampton (Canon Richards), preached a thought-provoking sermon based on the lesson 1 Samuel xvii., 45, read by Mr. P. I. Chapman. Also present and robed was the Rev. C. J. W. Faulkner, rector of Harlestone. Some of the local stalwarts proved that they can sing as well as ring by forming a choir.

The Abbey buildings close by provided accommodation for tea, two rooms being needed for 200 or so present. The committee of ladies had prepared an abundance for everyone, the teapots being in great demand on that very hot day There was no business to distract from festivity except to thank everyone who had given so much thought and labour to make the day such a success. This matter was dealt with by Mr. B. Austin, who in a short speech proposed a vote of thanks. The seconder was Mr. B. P. Morris, who had come on a long journey from Ashbourne to meet old friends.

The arrangements had been made by the chairman, secretary and committee of the Daventry Branch, supported by many friends in the neighbourhood.

GREAT PONTON, LINCS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. P. A. Simpson 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, D. A. Frith 3, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 4, H. R. Woods 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. Pearson, a ringer at this tower for the last 55 years.

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A TOUR OF NORTHERN IRELAND

THE morning at Saturday, August 22nd, at first cloudy, but brightening as the day progressed, saw the arrival in Dublin of Mr. J. 'Phœnix' Phillips and other 'associated eccentrics' joining Wilfred Williams' touring peal band. Although two members had not arrived by lunchtime a peal of Stedman Cinques was duly scored at St. Patrick's in the afternoon (after Jim Pipe had covered up his first clock of the week). A convivial evening with the St. Patrick's ringers in the Stag's Head brought a pleasant end to the first day.

On the following morning several members of the band mortified the flesh by ringing at Christ Church for morning service; here there were disappointed by the unusually mild reaction of one of the local representatives to the breakage of his rope.

A slow train took us to Drogheda, where a peal of London was rung, and where the Dukes family and other local ringers turned out in force to greet us and to provide an enormous tea, which turned out to be only one of many such we were to receive during the week to follow.

'Dangerous Phil' Mehew had joined the band the previous night and the party was now brought up to full strength by the addition of a well-known pedagogue from Derbyshire (it was not, however, until later in the week that a member of the Irish Association, in reply to the accusation that the I.A.C.R. seemed to contain nothing by civil servants, said that she thought all English ringers were school teachers).

Moving on northwards, some passengers evaded the Customs at Goraghwood by the simple expedient of getting out on to the platform until the officers had gone past. It was not clear whether their sudden re-entry into the train was due to the appearance of two large members of the R.U.C. armed with pistols, or to the fact that it had begun to rain.

AT BELFAST

We established ourselves in Belfast, and the next day's festivities began with a ring at St. Thomas'; thence in cars, hired for the rest of the week, to Holywood, where a peal of Yorkshire was rung. Here we were met by John Dunwoody and by Mr. W. Pratt, president of the Irish Association, who joined us at an excellent lunch, again provided by the local ringers. Some members of the party prolonged their stay in order to admire the local scenery, but they were eventually persuaded to move on to Bangor. During the peal of Bristol here the non-ringers spent an idle day by the sea. Jim Pipe found a restaurant, had a large steak and liked it so much that when the peal was over he went back for more and took everyone else with him.

On Tuesday the party divided: eight members rang Cambridge at Hillsborough in the morning, and had thought of going for a peal on the light six at St. Donard's, Belfast, in the afternoon by way of substitution for an attempt at Ballymena, cancelled because of damage to the tower caused by a recent storm. Conditions there were so unbearable, however, with the humid atmosphere and tiny, ill-ventilated ringing chamber, that after a half-hearted attempt for what someone described as 'Turkish Delight,' the venture was abandoned and a trip to Drumbo for a ring on the six there was made instead. This latter tower had been visited earlier in the day by the remainder of the band, who in the afternoon rang a peal of Cambridge Minor at Rostrevor, enabling three members to complete the Cambridge 'family.' The tea laid on by the local ringers after the peal was so enormous that even the Coventry contingent was defeated. After a delightful drive back by the Mountains of Mourne and a stop at Ballynahinch for Jack Phillips to refuel, the whole band was reunited at the Holywood practice, where Jean Stewart, who had joined the St. Donard's party earlier, found herself (deservedly) the centre of attention. We were pleased to be able to offer her our congratulations on her engagement.

This was the last of the three nights in Belfast and there was some hilarity in the bar. The rugged masculinity of the party was softened this year, for the first time, by feminine charm in the person of Mrs. Ruth Border. This had the effect of inhibiting (to some extent) the rich vocabulary of some members until after the lady had retired, when they would once more burst into full song; it was only later disclosed that the ceiling and walls were not as soundproof as was at first thought. Nevertheless, lest the hasty should be led by these remarks to pass ill-considered judgments on the cultural level of the conversation during the week, let it be said at once that members of the party showed considerable interest in modern music (themes from Prokofief were often heard), nor were they ignorant of the ballad-writer's ancient art (see, for example, 'Christmas Day in the Workhouse' from the collected poems of W. A. Theobald, Vol. II, p. 157).

BELL-HANGER'S OPINION!

On Wednesday morning, unfortunately minus Derek Jones, who had felt unwell and returned home early, we set off for Carrick, where a peal of Rutland produced some of the best ringing to date, in spite of interruptions by sightseers and newspaper reporters. Here our bell-hanger took one look at the tower and retreated rapidly to a safe distance, afterwards giving it as his considered opinion that if it was possible to ring the bells to a peal without the whole edifice collapsing in ruins there were very few unsafe towers anywhere. Cambridge Royal at Dundela occupied the afternoon, and the local ringers provided lunch and tea respectively after each of these peals, thus teaching us more and more to appreciate what an Irish welcome was.

The run to Coleraine was uneventful. Later that evening, at the Corporation Arms, one member of the band was observed putting in overtime at the reception desk. Rita, in Dublin, and Rose, in Belfast, both seemed forgotten; it was perhaps bad luck that Ann was kept on duty late at a party upstairs and went straight to bed. While Coleraine bells were rung next morning to what was probably the best peal of the week, the non-pealers ventured up to Portrush, then to Dunluce Castle, ancient seat of the Earls of Antrim, and on to the Giant's Causeway.

After lunch in Coleraine there was a regrettably short time in which to take in some of the magnificent views of the week on the way to Derry, where Yorkshire Royal was soon going well at the Cathedral. The peal safely round, there was just time for a quick pint or three before heading on to Enniskillen.

It had been hoped to ring Spliced Surprise Royal at Enniskillen Cathedral, but the noise of the bells in the curiously-shaped and windowless ringing chamber ruled this out, and Cambridge was rung instead, while some of the non-pealers went to see the splendid Georgian mansion at Castlecoole. A quick run up the shore of Lough Erne included an involuntary incursion into the middle of a battle exercise being held at the old flying boat base, but we returned safely in time to hear the peal come round.

Two constables patrolling the bridge with sten guns reminded us that we were not far from the scene of the I.R.A. raid earlier in the week, and the road to Lurgan, often passing near the border, took us past more than one R.U.C. station barricaded with barbed wire and sandbags.

TOWER MOVED WITH THE BELLS

At Lurgan, where the tower moves when the bells are rung, one member of the band, being forwarned, chose one of the better bells and was rewarded by seeing the third involuntarily making fourth's place as the bells went off into New Cambridge. A slow and well-earned peal was followed yet again by a vast tea provided by the local ringers, accompanied this time by a tape recording of part of the peal, and by the presentation to each visitor of a copy of the church's own diary. As at many of the towers visited, a wash basin and lavatory proved a welcome addition to the amenities which would improve many English towers.

Back in Belfast Mr. Pratt kindly came to wish us farewell.

That night some people had difficulty in getting into bed, but all were in circulation next morning, when one member of the party was heard to order all three different kinds of breakfast. We finally got under way, and in spite of Bank Holiday crowds reached the Dublin train in time. John Dunwoody and Jean Stewart travelled with us (some people thought in the wrong seats); they and Fred Dukes were to join us in an attempt for Stedman Triples at St. George's, Dublin, after lunch, and it was, therefore, doubly disappointing that this should prove the only failure of the week. The remainder of the party rang a good peal of Superlative on the magnificent eight at Bray, however, and after the final rounds of drinks the band dispersed at the end of a highly successful and enjoyable week, in which the weather was kind, the bells uniformly excellent and the hospitality everywhere we went truly generous. Our warm thanks are due to Mr. Pratt and to all the Irish ringers and incumbents, many of whom we met, and to all of whom we are grateful, to our three hard-worked drivers, to John Dunwoody and Fred Dukes for all their help, to Jean Stewart for her delightful company and, of course, to Wilfred Williams for the (as usual) impeccable arrangements.

J. D. P.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

Once again the Society was fortunate with fine weather gracing the meeting at St. Peter's, Little Aston, on September 12th. During the afternoon the six bells were put to good use, under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. E. Malin. Ringing ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Surprise Minor methods. The belfry being very small, everyone not ringing remained outside the tower enjoying the warm sunshine and the delightful setting of this beautiful little church.

The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. H. H. Follis, who gave a most interesting address. Afterwards more than 90 members and their friends were entertained to tea by the Little Aston ringers. During a short business meeting the secretary said that he was sure that everyone in the Society was pleased to hear that the president (the Archdeacon of Stafford) was to be appointed to the Bishopric of Shrewsbury. A letter of congratulation had been sent to the Archdeacon on behalf of the Society. At this meeting it was decided to publish the annual report for the 1958–59 free to all fully-paid-up members.

Later in the evening the six bells at nearby Aldridge were made available and many visitors took the opportunity of ringing at this tower. So ended a most pleasant and successful meeting. Our thanks must go to the Little Aston ringers and all their many helpers for their splendid hospitality.

D. J. T.

OUTINGS

HENLOW, BEDS

On August 29th, the Henlow ringers, with several visitors, enjoyed a day's outing in the Fens, under the direction of Mr. L. H. Bywaters, the local captain.

Sutton, Cambs, the first tower, was reached in time to allow coffee before ascending the tower to do battle with the rather heavy-going six bells. At Ely, where non-ringers were able to linger over the delights of the ancient and lovely Cathedral, the more energetic ones spent a pleasant hour on the excellent eight bells of St. Mary's. Some good ringing was enjoyed here, concluding with a touching little ceremony when one of Bedfordshire's better-known ringers became a member of the R.S.S.B.S.B. (Remorseful Society of Slider Bashers and Stay Benders!). But it is doubtful if the new member of that distinguished body will be a great asset to them as he has started rather late in life!

After lunch we proceeded to Hilgay and had a rather hurried pull on the handy eight, and then on to King's Lynn, where Norman Harding had the bells up ready and where we almost did justice to a noble ten. After an excellent tea we journeyed on to the charming church at Walsoken. Here the bells have one great fault—they tend to make you wish to ring no others!

A short run brought us to Wisbech, where we all enjoyed the pleasant ten bells and where the local ringers were very reluctant to let us go; but all good things must come to an end, and we wended our way homewards, conscious of having spent a satisfying day in most congenial company. The thanks of all are tendered to the incumbents and to all who helped to make this trip a success. A. E. R.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS

On Sept. 19th, St. Peter's, Bushey Heath, ringers had their annual outing. Unfortunately, due to the unpunctuality of two newly-weds amongst the party of 31, it was necessary to delay the departure of the coach. The lost quarter-of-an-hour, however, was retrieved by the time the party reached the first tower, Woodstock, Oxon, thanks to the skilful work of the driver.

Here, while ringing a touch of Stedman Triples, the band was somewhat put off when, at the hour, a clock wire in the corner of the belfry began to dance and jump about although the chimes had been disengaged.

The other towers visited were Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos, where the party had lunch, Badsey, Worcs, Great Hampton and Hinton-on-the-Green. A very fine tea was had at Evesham under the shadow of the great detached 12-bell tower there.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Norris and Mr. F. T. Morris who organised the trip.

A. J. L.

BALDOCK AND NORTON

Elstow, John Bunyan's tower, Kempston, Turvey and Felmersham were visited by Baldock and Norton ringers during their half-day's outing on September 19th.

Inside the ringing chamber at Turvey were three distinctive memorials, stating: 'He was for . . . years a chimer and ringer at this church'—thus clearly differentiating between the ignorant who could be only one of the two classes and the ringers perpetuated on the boards! Wall paintings were unexpectedly found in the ringing chamber at Felmersham.

Thank you, Mr. Buck, for an interesting outing. J. S.

THE HALLOWING OF CARBIS BAY'S NEW TREBLES

The Church of St. Anta and All Saints, Carbis Bay, was filled for a special service to hallow the two new trebles to make a ring of ten in the completed tower on a recent Sunday evening at 9. The service was in place of the usual summer epilogue, and also enabled many ringers to attend. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. S. Roberts), who blessed the water at the altar. A procession then moved to the children's corner, where the bells had been set up on a special scaffold surrounded by the fittings. They were sprinkled and hallowed with water. After the hallowing of each, the bells were struck with their clappers respectively three times by Mr. T. R. Sullivan, a ringer, and Mr. T. C. F. Downman, churchwarden. They were then struck three times in rounds.

The service was both moving and unique, for it is seldom the assembled congregation sees bells being blessed or dedicated. It was also representative, the lessons being read by Mr. Alan Carveth (president of the Truro Guild) and Mr. W. D. Gill, C.C. The Mayor and Mayoress of St. Ives (Mr. and Mrs. J. Couch) and the Town Clerk (Mr. C. G. Sayer) were present, as were several ringers from neighbouring towers, including Mr. D. Burnett (diocesan Ringing Master), Mr. W. H. Southeard (vice-president) and visiting ringers from Bristol, Chepstow, Southampton and Nuneaton. All had taken part in ringing on the eight bells with the local ringers for an hour before the service. An interesting fact is that during the adding of the new top stage of the tower there has been no cessation of ringing. Ringing twice on Sundays and on practice nights has continued without a break, and visiting bands have been welcomed also.

The two new trebles are a generous gift by the Barron Bell Trust, and during the service the Vicar spoke in terms of appreciation for what the Trust had done, and that he felt certain it would be valued not only by the parish but by all Cornish ringers, because it would be the only ring of ten in a parish church in Cornwall.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

Southern Branch

On September 5th the Southern Branch visited Dickleburgh, where over 30 members and friends received a warm welcome. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. M. R. Peacock), who also dedicated a peal board recording the first peal on the augmented six. Mr. Nolan Golden (president of the Association) read the lesson.

At the business meeting, which was presided over by Dr. P. H. A. Jonason, three new members were elected. A collection for the belfry repair fund amounted to £1 6s. 3d.

It was decided to revive the former scheme of the practice of a chosen method at each meeting, and Highbury Court Bob has been selected for the next meeting at Quidenham on November 28th.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector, organist, the ladies who served the tea, and all who had helped to make it such a success. C. F. W. P.

ST. JOHN'S, HILLINGDON

The second annual half-day outing of the St. John's, Hillingdon, ringers took place on September 12th. Winchester Cathedral, Binsted and Alton were visited. Methods rung included Grandsire Cinques, Kent T.B. Royal, Bristol and Cambridge Surprise Major and Cambridge and Norwich Surprise Minor. The good quality of the ringing and the fine weather made an enjoyable afternoon for all.

M. J. P.

OBITUARY

MR. PERCY FORDHAM

For 51 years a ringer at Mildenhall and 30 years parish clerk, Mr. Percy Fordham died on September 12th, aged 78. He was a member of the Suffolk Guild, the Ely Diocesan Association, the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths. In memory of his wife, who died in 1949, Mr. Fordham gave two stained-glass windows to Mildenhall Church. One depicted a lady handbell ringer and the other St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music. He loved bells and ringing, and frequently accompanied the organ on handbells.

On the day of his funeral, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by Mrs. E. M. Peachy (Lakenheath) 1, H. B. Fuller (Thetford) 2, Miss D. M. Reeve (Hockwold) 3, L. J. Nice (Rougham) 4, R. Rose 5, A. R. Mann (Newmarket) 6, J. W. Paul (conductor, Elvedon) 7. L. Wright (Bury St. Edmunds) 8. Mr. Paul conducted Mr. Fordham's last peal on April 28th, 1928.

FUNERAL OF MRS. D. MATTHEWS

At the funeral service of Mrs. Dorothy Matthews, wife of the Rector of Finchley, on September 21st, half-muffled rounds were rung as the cortege left the church. Those taking part and paying their respects were Messrs. A. Richardson, F. Barker, A. Warren and L. Tubb (Finchley ringers), F. Tubb and F. Cherrett (retired Finchley ringers), Alick Cutler (Master at Willesden, at which church the Rector was prior to coming to Finchley) and T. J. Lock (secretary, Middlesex Association). Details of the quarter peal rung later in the day appear on another page.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

Over 80 members of the Rochester District attended a very pleasant by-meeting held at Northfleet on September 12th, where the old church, like many another, is undergoing repairs to the tower. Everyone was able to join in ringing for two weddings before enjoying the ringers' service, conducted by the Vicar.

An excellent tea was kindly given by ringing friends at Northfleet. At a short business meeting, the District secretary took the chair and several new members were elected to the Kent County Association. It was with regret that old members learnt of the death of Mr. R. Constant.

Mr. T. Barton, the District secretary, thanked the Vicar for conducting the service, and Mr. and Mrs. George Butcher and helpers for giving such an excellent tea. Ringing continued until 8 p.m. F. J. C.

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QUARTER PEALS

DARLING POINT, N.S.W.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy A. Nichols 1, J. H. Fayer 2, W. D. Watson 3, R. J. Klima 4, Audrey E. Peters 5, D. C. Hughes (first of Doubles) 6.
(St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): D. K. Walklate 1, Miss R. M. Bull (first quarter) 2,

ETWALL, DERBYS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles E. Walklate 3, P. B. Knights 4, M. Blore 5. Also on Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. Munton 1, Mrs. R. M. Bull 2, Miss N. Wickham 3, J. F. Murfin 4, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 5. Also on Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. D. Thomas (first quarter) 1, E. Walklate 2, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 3, E. H. Willows 4, G. Munton 5, Miss N. Wickham 6.

FAIRFIELD, DERBYS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Boundy 1, K. Ellison 2, Mrs. M. E. White 3, S. Ellison 4, Mrs. G. Richardson 5, E. Ellison 6, A. Richardson 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled by the local band on the evening of the funeral of Mr. J. W. Capp, organist and choirmaster at this church for 32 years.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Tipton 1, F. Whitby 2, J. Collins (first in method) 3, E. Larter 4, W. Wheeler 5, J. Aley 6, E. Rochester 7, S. Clark 8. Rung on the occasion of the baptism of Julia Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Corke 1, R. Corke 2, K. Sansom 3, Mrs. R. T. Jones 4, J. McDermott 5, C. Pound 6, R. T. Jones (cond.) 7, D. Hughes (first quarter) 8. Rung half muffled in memoriam Archibald Garrett, a past member of the Alton and Petersfield District.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Sept. 13th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: G. Harvey 1, J. Tomsett 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, Miss H. Nevin (first on 10) 4, G. Cartwright 5, H. Falkner 6, C. Hughes 7, R. Davies 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, L. Bullock 10.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Kemp 1, C. J. Turner (cond.) 2, E. J. Manley 3, Miss J. Addenbrooke (first of Triples) 4, J. Ayres 5, E. H. Marks 6, C. C. Deem 7, R. T. Wood 8.

OUNDLE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Marks (first quarter) 1, W. L. Ferrar 2, R. Gardner 3, Mrs. P. E. Clarke 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, C. L. Page (first 'inside') 6, D. Vessey 7, A. W. Pywell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. Pheasant, buried this day, who was for many years verger at this church.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela M. Turner 1, Judith M. Gwilt 2, R. E. Tallis, jun., 3, M. C. Hughes 4, C. J. A. Goy 5, R. E. Tallis (cond.) 6. For Matins.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: W. Newman (first of Stedman 'inside') 1, I. Goulter 2, D. Morris 3, R. G. Morris 4, Miss S. Parsons 5, E. T. Newbury 6, C. A. Wratten (first of Stedman Caters as cond.) 7, D. Beacham 8, T. Boreham 9, J. Stanier 10. For Evensong.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield. Please come early.—B. P. Morris. 4931

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Halesowen, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 4943

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Ippolyts, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Special method, Netherseale.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4917

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Aldenham (8), on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 4938

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 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

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 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

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Penistone, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Champion, 28, Lees Avenue, Penistone. — J. Seager, Sec. 4957

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. 4877

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Mildenhall and Bury St. Edmunds Districts will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., to be followed by a very special meeting, when a chairman, Ringing Master and secretary are to be elected for the newly-amalgamated District. 4927

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Longparish, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. in Parish Room, Hurstbourne Priors after tea. 4908

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Barton Stacey on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. 4950

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, October 5th, 7 p.m. 4967

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The last of the present series of evening practice meetings will be held at Teversal (5) on Wednesday, Oct. 7th, commencing at 7 p.m. All welcome. 4992

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Oct. 7th, 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 4969

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Cawthorne, near Barnsley, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify not later than Oct. 7th Mr. Herman Rusby, Darton Lane, Cawthorne, Barnsley. 4990

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Doulting (6), Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 4972

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Patrington, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 8th to Mr. D. Fewster, Lily Lodge, Patrington. 4962

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, Oct. 10th, ringing and tea at Biggin Hill (6). Westerham in evening. Names to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 4971

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Ely District, Cambridge University Guild, and Cambridge District, Longstanton, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 4973

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Blunsdon (6), on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 4966

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Names for tea (cash, please) not later than Wednesday, Oct. 7th, to me. Nominations for District officers by same date. Full details on tower notices. Copy to non-District members on receipt of S.A.E.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4935

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 4958

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Kendal, Saturday, Oct. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Names to N. Nightingale, 6, Kirkbarrow, Kendal.—N. M. Newby. 4991

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting, Sacred Heart Church, Talbot Square, Blackpool. Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) 4 to 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner. 4979

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Walton, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 7th, to Mr. A. Jackson, 77, Bedford Road, Liverpool.—T. E. Radcliffe. 4981

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting, Adlington, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Names by 7th for tea, please, to Mr. E. Baldwin, The Bungalow, Ashfield Road, Anderton, Chorley.—L. Walmsley. 4974

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, Oct. 10th, 2.45 p.m., All Hallows', Twickenham (10). Tea and business, 4.30 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Twickenham. Ringing, St. Mary's (8), 6 p.m. Names for tea, please. Practice, Lambeth, Monday, Oct. 19th, 7.30. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth (ISL 3921). 4985

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, St. Clement Danes', Strand, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Ringing: 2 to 2.30 p.m., 3 to 4.30 and 5 to 6 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4964

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Garsington, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 7th to Mr. A. J. Adams, 35, Church Hill Road, Cowley, Oxford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Newbury, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 6th, to H. P. Reed, 74, Queens Road, Newbury. 4954

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Watlington, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 7th, to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 4988

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Halesworth, Beccles and Saxmundham Districts. — Meeting at Halesworth, Saturday, Oct. 10th, for election of officers for new district. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth, by Friday, Oct. 9th. 4994

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—Joint meeting, Beddington, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday previous to Mr. F. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington, Croydon, Surrey. Ringing after tea.—W. Parrott and A. Hill, Hon. Secs. 4922

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Steyning (8), Saturday, Oct. 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 7th, to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 4978

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Bitterne Park diamond jubilee celebrations, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 in Church House. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 8th to Mrs. Hymas, 18, Newton Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton. 4984

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

THE WEEK TO ACT

By Monday we had had 16 new postal subscribers for the quarter starting with this issue. We still have more than 16 readers who have failed to renew their subscriptions. Rates: 3 months 7s. 6d., 6 months 14s. 6d., 12 months 28s. Remittances to J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Next meeting, Norton (Malton (8) bells may also be available), Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names by Oct. 8th to Mr. Bert Rowsby, Holmgarth, Park Road, Norton, Malton.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 4947

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Bampton, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea for those who notify by Oct. 10th.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec., 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 4953

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Newton Ferrers, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Oct. 12th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 4975

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, Leigh. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Cotgrove, 94, Blenheim Chase, Leigh-on-Sea. 4980

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Great Bardfield, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at café 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is essential that names for tea be sent by Wednesday, Oct. 14th, to Mr. J. Jennings, 1, Pant Place, Bridge Street, Great Bardfield. 4928

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Next meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Ranmore bells available from 2.30 until 4 p.m., when there will be a service in Ranmore Church. Tea 5 p.m., Dorking Church Hall, numbers for which should be sent by Oct. 15th to Miss Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking. Dorking bells available after tea until 9 p.m. 4970

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting, Sittingbourne, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. G. Kenward, Cemetery Lodge, Bell Road, Sittingbourne. 4986

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, *Oct. 17th*, Hamer (Rochdale), with celebrations for 90th anniversary of casting of bells. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea, by ticket *only*, to be obtained from G. Dyson, 6, Kentmere Avenue, Smallbridge, Rochdale; price 3s., or 5s. 6d. including dance. Numbers limited—please apply early.—Hudson, Sec. 4965

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Coltishall, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 14th to Mr. W. Stibbons, The Limes, Coltishall, please. Special method, Killamarsh.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 4945

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District.—Autumn meeting, Cropredy (6), Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 14th to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 4976

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest, Ripponden, Saturday, Oct. 24th. For teas please notify by Oct. 22nd Mr. F. Rhodes, 15, Lane Head, Soyland, Halifax.—A. Farrand, Sec. 4997

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—75th anniversary dinner, Saturday, Oct. 24th, Town Hall, St. Albans, 6.45 for 7 p.m. Tickets (15s.) from B. C. Johnson, 26, College Road, St. Albans. Stamped addressed envelope, please. Ringing and service details later.—H. V. F. 4946

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Snowdon dinner, Windmill Hotel, York, Saturday, Oct. 24th, 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 14s. each, from Miss M. E. Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York. Ringing: Minster (12), 2 to 3.55 and 4.45 to 6 p.m.; Acomb (6), 2 to 5.30; Institute of Architectural Study (6), 4 to 6 p.m. 4982

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 322nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (20s.) are now available. Details of ringing programme will be published later.—John Chilcott, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 4948

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BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. G. Hooper (cond.) 1, Molly P. Smith 2, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, R. J. Bowden 5, H. W. Woolven 6. First of Surprise 'inside' for 2, 4 and 5. For Matins.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Swindley 1, Miss D. Shallcross (first 'inside') 2, G. Parting 3, J. Parsonage (first) 4, J. W. Griffiths 5, G. F. Sperring 6, J. S. Dean (first as cond.) 7, R. King 8.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 12th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: M. R. Page 1, R. E. Lester 2, H. Mitson 3, G. R. Goodship 4, R. W. Steward 5, C. W. Beecroft 6, W. Raffles 7, L. G. Brett (cond.) 8. In memoriam Garnham A. Blaxcell, who was killed returning from ringing at this tower six years ago this day.

DORE, DERBYS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. P. Knights 1, D. Holland (cond.) 2, B. Hill 3, F. Ward 4, W. Holland 5, D. Armstrong 6, B. Holland 7, R. Birch 8. For the wedding of Mr. G. R. Batho and Miss Hilary Crowson.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. Lee 1, D. J. Barnett 2, B. Davis 3, J. J. Jeffries 4, T. J. Milsom (cond.) 5, A. F. Butt 6. Birthday compliments to the conductor and to Mrs. L. Butt, wife of the local tower captain.

EPWORTH, LINCS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Willders 1, Miss C. Dellamore 2, Miss D. Smith 3, G. L. Thompson 4, P. Sharpe 5, C. H. Baker 6, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 7, J. F. Pearson 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

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