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# A NEW ZEALANDER'S STORY

MR. G. NELSON SLOAN, of Christchurch, New Zealand, has sent us the story of his experiences during his memorable trip to England last year, in which he rang in 55 towers, including six cathedrals. As soon as he and Mrs. Sloan arrived at Southampton a welcome awaited them in the person of Dr. R. G. T. Bennett (a past Master of the Christchurch, New Zealand, Society) and Mrs. Bennett, who took them to their home at West Hendred.

His first Sunday in England was, for Mr. Sloan, a memorable day in his life—the ringing of the bells at Christ Church, Oxford. He was met by Mr. Charles Coles, with whom he had been corresponding since 1950, and introduced to Mr. Walter Judge (the Master), Mr. Phil Walker (secretary), Mr. Ted Moore and many others. Later he was taken to St. Martin's and All Saints' Church to ring Grandsire Triples. A tour of the colleges took place in the afternoon, and in the evening there was ringing for evening service at St. Ebbe's with that 88-year-old veteran Mr. Wilkins.

The following Tuesday was the sixth anniversary of the Queen's coronation, and another great day of ringing with Mr. Coles and other Oxford ringers. The four towers visited included Merton College. As there are only two active ringing Societies in New Zealand—one being in North Island—it is not possible to have ringers' annual outings. It was therefore a wonderful experience to accompany the Oxford Society on their tour and ring in so many towers.

After Oxford came Midsomer Norton, in Somerset, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Savage, who for a time lived in New Zealand, and Mr. Savage was Master of their Cathedral Society at the time of the visit of the Queen and Prince Philip. Again the great fellowship of ringers was experienced, and towers visited included Radstock, Marston Bigott, St. Peter's, Evercreech, and 'the best ring in Somerset'—Chewton Mendip. The highlight of his ringing in Somerset, however, was the visit to Wells Cathedral and ringing 'inside' to a touch of Grandsire Caters for Evensong, and afterwards, conducted by the Master (Mr. Gwilym Salmon), taken to see the bells and then to the top of the tower to view the countryside. 'It was with real regret we left Mr. and Mrs. Savage: no family could have looked after us better,' he writes.

The scene changes to the hop fields and/or churches of Kent, with a welcome from Mr. Albert J. Lancefield, who during his stay at Christchurch had conducted three peals for the local Society, one being to commemorate the opening of the bells at St. Peter's, Hamilton, in North Island. It was a great pleasure to meet him again and to be introduced to his parents and brother Mark. With the brothers Lancefield and John Cooper, Mr. Sloan visited many towers, including the lovely ten at Maidstone, where he rang his first touch of Little Bob Royal. At Bethersden came an unexpected honour of making the first entry in the new visitors' book, and supper afterwards with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall.

The experience of attending an Association meeting was something Mr. Sloan had been looking forward to, and the opportunity came with one arranged specially for the 92nd birthday of Mr. E. Ruck, which was held at Willesborough. The day coincided with his own birthday, and Mr. Sloan felt that he could not have spent it in better company. A visit to Canterbury, to ring for Evensong, gave him an opportunity of meeting some of the ringers who had made the recording which was sent to New Zealand for the centenary celebrations of Canterbury in 1950.

The new bells at Lydd were a great joy, and it was on these bells he scored his first quarter of Grandsire Triples. Ringing in this quarter were the Misses Marie Vantom and Kathleen Yeo, and it was a new experience to ring with ladies. 'I must congratulate them and other members of the band on their excellent striking,' comments Mr. Sloan.

The next journey was to King's Lynn to meet Miss Betty Dyer and Mr. Norman Harding. Miss Dyer was in New Zealand a few years ago and rang regularly at the Cathedral, and Mr. Harding by correspondence introduced Miss Dyer to him. It was at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, that Mr. Sloan rang his first quarter of Bob Major. On his last evening he went to Tilney All Saints' to attempt a peal of Plain Bob Minor, which unfortunately failed in the fifth 720. He sincerely thanks Mr. and Mrs. Harding and Miss Betty Dyer and her family, who made the visit so enjoyable.

On to Clitheroe, Lancashire, to meet Mr. Victor J. C. Wood, with whom Mr. Sloan rang a peal at Christchurch, N.Z., in honour of the visit of the Queen and Prince Philip. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wood, who not only hospitably entertained them but motored them some 200 miles around the Lake District. At St James' Church, Mr. Sloan rang his first peal of Plain Bob Major, which was arranged by Mr. Wood and conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite, to a composition by H. W. Wilde, a brother of the late Mr. James Wilde, with whom he had often rung in New Zealand.

Another great day in Lancashire was the ringing tour arranged by Mr. Wood. A very happy party set off at 8 a.m. and arrived home at 11.45 p.m. Ringing took place at High Walton and Whittle-le-Woods before an enjoyable lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barker. In the afternoon visits were paid to Chorley, Eccleston and Leyland. After a lovely tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crossthwaite, there was evening ringing at Preston Parish Church. Mr. Sloan's last ring in Lancashire was at Blackburn Cathedral, where he had another opportunity of ringing Caters.

Next came a visit to Chichester to stay with Mr. and Mrs. C. Pierce and visit a number of Sussex towers. At Chichester Cathedral he was introduced to Mr. Blackburn, and later had the honour to be one of four to ring handbells at the recital given by the Cathedral choir. He knew about Brighton from the late Mr. George Baker, who died in New Zealand, and while there he rang with a university party at St. Nicholas' Church.

There was a return visit to Dr. and Mrs. Bennett before going to London. Among the towers visited were Arborfield, East Hendred and Wantage. At Abingdon he met Mr. and Mrs. Locke, and rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters at St. Helen's Church.

Finally came the visit to famous London towers. 'I shall never forget,' writes Mr. Sloan, 'how very excited I was to receive a very kind letter from Mr. Hughes inviting me to visit St. Paul's Cathedral to meet Mr. Wilfred Williams (Master), Mr. John Chilcott (secretary) and members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who would be ringing on the Sunday, and also to visit the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. Sunday could not come quickly enough for me. I attended the morning ringing session and received a very warm welcome. I cannot express adequately how I felt to be in the bell chamber and to be shown the bells swinging at this famous Cathedral. I was present again in the afternoon, and what a thrill it was to me to be invited to ring rounds on No. 6 bell and also to ring it down in peal. When I left New Zealand I had often been asked "Will you get a ring at St. Paul's?," and you can imagine how happy I was to be able to say on my return that I had.'

Other highlights of the London visit were ringing Grandsire Caters and the tenor to Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster, a visit to the Whitechapel Foundry, and finally during his last week-end in London to be invited to attend a meeting of the College Youths at St. Olave's. 'The monthly meeting of the College Youths was held that evening,' writes Mr. Sloan, 'and what a wonderful surprise was in store for me. Mr. John Chilcott invited me to become a member of the Society. This great honour I shall always treasure. Upon being elected I was congratulated by the Master who said my election would give ringing in New Zealand some standing. I felt very humble to be the first New Zealand born and trained ringer to be elected to the Society. I was invited to Westminster Abbey when the official band would be ringing for the Battle of Britain Service. It was well worth travelling 12,000 miles to be able to accept such a privilege and to ring a touch of Grandsire Triples on that occasion.

'I hope I shall be able to use to advantage in New Zealand the valuable knowledge I have gained while ringing in England.'

## TEN BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
*On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS**
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

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| *JACK PILGRIM | *Treble* | *JAMES BAILEY | 6 |
| JAMES BENNETT | 2 | *ERNEST G. PEARCE | 7 |
| *ROGER L. K. WHITTELL | 3 | *PETER S. BEDFORD | 8 |
| *JAMES B. MORLEY | 4 | *LESLIE N. MELTON | 9 |
| *CLIFFORD R. LOVETT | 5 | RONALD W. STEWARD | *Tenor* |

Arranged and Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.
* First peal of Plain Bob Caters. First of Caters as conductor.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
AT THE CITY PARISH CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
**A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS**
Tenor 21 cwt.

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| MARY H. HALL | *Treble* | DONALD E. COBB | 6 |
| ANGELA GRAINGER | 2 | ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN | 7 |
| ROYSTON BLACKLER | 3 | ARTHUR H. READ | 8 |
| JANE K. A. COOK | 4 | RICHARD J. BOWDEN | 9 |
| ALBERT M. TYLER | 5 | FRANCIS C. MOGFORD | *Tenor* |

Composed by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Diana J. Fosse (daughter of Dr. George L. Fosse, M.D.) to Edward M. Sweeting.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS**
Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb.

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| MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY | *Treble* | FRANK L. HARRIS | 6 |
| DAVID HOARE | 2 | JOHN GILBERT | 7 |
| PHILIP N. TUBBS | 3 | JOHN HARTLESS | 8 |
| REGINALD W. REX | 4 | MICHAEL J. BEST | 9 |
| GWILYM SALMON | 5 | RONALD N. MARLOW | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
*On Mon., May 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

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| GEORGE E. THODAY | *Treble* | PHILIP N. TUBBS | 6 |
| FRANK L. HARRIS | 2 | GWILYM SALMON | 7 |
| MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY | 3 | RONALD N. MARLOW | 8 |
| REGINALD W. REX | 4 | JOHN GILBERT | 9 |
| MICHAEL J. BEST | 5 | DAVID HOARE | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
*On Fri., May 19, 1960, in 3 Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb.

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| PHILIP N. TUBBS | *Treble* | REGINALD W. REX | 6 |
| MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY | 2 | FRANK L. HARRIS | 7 |
| CHAS. E. SEDGLEY | 3 | GWILYM SALMON | 8 |
| DAVID HOARE | 4 | RONALD N. MARLOW | 9 |
| MICHAEL J. BEST | 5 | JOHN GILBERT | *Tenor* |

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN GILBERT.

DERBY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
**A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS**
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D.

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| KATHARINE BURCHNALL | *Treble* | *LOUIS WILLDERS | 6 |
| GRACE BURCHNALL | 2 | *PETER A. SHARP | 7 |
| *CLAIRE DILLAMORE | 3 | JAMES W. RAITHBY | 8 |
| MARGARET A. SWANN | 4 | GEOFFREY R. PARKER | 9 |
| JACK L. MILLHOUSE | 5 | HAROLD STEVENSON | *Tenor* |

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
*On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ABBEY OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
**A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

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| MURIEL REAY | *Treble* | NORMAN J. GOODMAN | 5 |
| EDGAR C. SHEPHERD | 2 | ARTHUR V. PEARSON | 6 |
| RODERICK J. LEES | 3 | MICHAEL ELSON | 7 |
| GEORGE E. FEARN | 4 | JOHN MCDONALD | *Tenor* |

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
*On Wed., May 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 23 cwt.

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| MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY | *Treble* | MICHAEL J. BEST | 5 |
| PHILIP N. TUBBS | 2 | RONALD N. MARLOW | 6 |
| REGINALD W. REX | 3 | GWILYM SALMON | 7 |
| DAVID HOARE | 4 | JOHN GILBERT | *Tenor* |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Wed., May 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**
Johnson's variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| MICHAEL D. FISHWICK | *Treble* | *JAMES CUNLIFFE | 5 |
| JOHN P. PARTINGTON | 2 | ROGER LEIGH | 6 |
| *GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL | 3 | ALBERT GREENHALGH | 7 |
| †GEOFFREY S. MILLS | 4 | JOHN ASHCROFT | *Tenor* |

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Thurs., May 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 14 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS | *Treble* | RONALD H. BULLEN | 5 |
| J. FRANK SMALLWOOD | 2 | BURLEY P. MORRIS | 6 |
| DENIS R. CARLISLE | 3 | GORDON A. HALLS | 7 |
| HAROLD TAYLOR | 4 | MICHAEL R. BLORE | *Tenor* |

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 15 cwt.

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| DAVID T. DARBY | *Treble* | *NICHOLAS J. MARTIN | 5 |
| ROBIN J. ELLIOTT | 2 | JOHN G. PUSEY | 6 |
| *JEAN M. ADDICOTT | 3 | *ANDREW N. STUBBS | 7 |
| JEREMY A. M. SALTER | 4 | JAMES H. PAILING | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ROBIN J. ELLIOTT.
* First peal of London Surprise. First of London as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
**A PEAL OF 5152 HEREWARD BOB MAJOR**
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal in the method. † 650th peal.
A birthday peal for F. Hector Bennett and Robert Griffiths (son of the conductor).

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HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
**A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

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| ALAN D. STEEL | *Treble* | HAROLD F. WHITE | 5 |
| *K. PETER JONES | 2 | GEOFFREY DAVIES | 6 |
| FREDERICK E. WILSHAW | 3 | RICHARD J. WARRILOW | 7 |
| *CHARLES A. S. WEBB | 4 | ARTHUR PRITCHARD | *Tenor* |

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major on the bells.
Rung to mark the golden jubilee of the city of Stoke-onTrent.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
**A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES**
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

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| *JOHN HICKS | *Treble* | CLIFFORD SKIDMORE | 5 |
| *WILLIAM H. TURNER | 2 | FREDERICK G. HANDLEY | 6 |
| JOHN LLOYD | 3 | ALFRED W. GLAZZARD | 7 |
| C. FREDERICK JUKES | 4 | †CYRIL BOW | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.
Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of the church and bells.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
**A PEAL OF 5088 CODICOTE SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

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| PETER J. COLES | *Treble* | JACK S. DEAR | 5 |
| PATRICIA M. BOURN | 2 | COLIN A. S. HARWOOD | 6 |
| ALICK CUTLER | 3 | G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY | 7 |
| CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY | 4 | PHILIP MEHEW | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL,
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**
Washbrook's transposition. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

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| JOHN PHILLIPS | *Treble* | ALAN F. THIRST | 5 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS | 2 | JAMES PHILLIPS | 6 |
| ROBERT W. HINDE | 3 | THOMAS J. SOUTHAM | 7 |
| WILLIAM T. COOK | 4 | ERNEST J. ROWE | *Tenor* |

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Belcher on their golden wedding anniversary.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

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| GEORGE W. HOWLETT | *Treble* | RICHARD W. R. COATES | 5 |
| A. WILLIAM BIRD | 2 | *RICHARD C. L. BROWN | 6 |
| *MICHAEL UTTON | 3 | *MICHAEL J. PARKER | 7 |
| ANDREW E. CROWE | 4 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
* First peal and first attempt.
A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 7.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
**A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

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| BERNARD F. L. GROVES | *Treble* | C. KENNETH LEWIS | 5 |
| PETER LAFLIN | 2 | EDWARD JENKINS | 6 |
| JOHN WORTH | 3 | LESLIE BOUMPHREY | 7 |
| BASIL JONES | 4 | BRIAN HARRIS | *Tenor* |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**
Pitstow's transposition. Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK J. CULLUM | *Treble* | JOHN O. WELLER | 5 |
| DORIS G. DOBBIE | 2 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY | 6 |
| STANLEY B. DOBBIE | 3 | GEORGE J. BUTCHER | 7 |
| HUBERT H. FURMINGER | 4 | RICHARD C. CONSTANT | *Tenor* |

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
In memoriam Frederick M. Mitchell, vice-president of the above Association.

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PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 28 cwt.

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| WILFRED J. NEWMAN | *Treble* | WILLIAM J. NEWMAN | 5 |
| JOSEPH D. JOHNSON | 2 | PATRICK HARRIS | 6 |
| RALPH HARRIS | 3 | JOSEPH E. NEWMAN | 7 |
| HAROLD E. RAXTER | 4 | HARRY PLUMB | *Tenor* |

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
First peal on the bells since being rehung.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**
Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *ROSAMUND BULL (18) | *Treble* | MICHAEL KNIGHT (16) | 5 |
| NOREEN WICKHAM (16) | 2 | ‡JOHN HARVEY | 6 |
| DAVID PARKIN (16) | 3 | CLIVE WALKLATE (16) | 7 |
| †DEBORAH WILSON (15) | 4 | MICHAEL R. BLORE (17) | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by MICHAEL R. BLORE.
* First peal on eight bells. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal, first attempt.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49½ Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**
Holt's Original. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

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| *ELIZABETH D. MASON | *Treble* | †FREDERICK W. MILLS | 5 |
| *DAVID E. BELCHAM | 2 | ROY D. TOMLIN | 6 |
| JOAN E. M. HILLS | 3 | MICHAEL J. HALLETT | 7 |
| CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON | 4 | WILLIAM A. SMITH | *Tenor* |

Conducted by ROY D. TOMLIN.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples. First as conductor.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**
Tenor 14 cwt.

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| W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON | *Treble* | FRANK H. HICKS | 5 |
| JUNE M. CLEMENTS | 2 | †FREDERICK J. ROBERTS | 6 |
| EDGAR R. RAPLEY | 3 | HERBERT W. WOOLVEN | 7 |
| *OLIVE D. COUCHMAN | 4 | COLIN A. TESTER | *Tenor* |

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON.
Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.
* 50th peal. † First of Major in the method.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)
*On Mon., May 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

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| HARRY SEAR | *Treble* | ROGER CADAMY | 5 |
| *ALBERT E. DANIELLS | 2 | WILLIAM A. YATES | 6 |
| JOSEPH MARKS | 3 | GEORGE W. HOLLAND | 7 |
| DONALD J. MEAGER | 4 | GEORGE E. GREEN | *Tenor* |

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of Joseph's Mark's first peal—he rang the third in both peals to the same composition when it was conducted by Harry Sear. Also to mark George Holland's 18th wedding anniversary.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
*On Tues., May 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
**A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

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| CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD | *Treble* | NICHOLAS J. MARTIN | 5 |
| ANDREW N. STUBBS | 2 | DAVID T. DARBY | 6 |
| EDGAR J. SMITH | 3 | CHARLES COLES | 7 |
| ERNEST J. MUNDAY | 4 | JAMES H. PAILING | *Tenor* |

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung to mark Commonwealth Day.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Wed., May 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
**A PEAL OF 5024 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

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| ROGER LEIGH | *Treble* | H. DAVID HOLLAND | 5 |
| VICTOR J. C. WOOD | 2 | GEOFFREY S. MILLS | 6 |
| JOHN P. PARTINGTON | 3 | NORMAN SMITH | 7 |
| MICHAEL D. FISHWICK | 4 | IAN M. HOLLAND | *Tenor* |

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.
Rung to mark the installation as Mayor of Accrington of Cclr. N. Bentley, a member of the P.C.C. and a sidesman at this church.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Wed., May 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

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| OSWALD CLAYBROOKE | *Treble* | FRED JACKSON | 5 |
| *HAROLD WORRALL | 2 | JOHN E. BIBBY | 6 |
| WALTER ALLMAN | 3 | CYRIL VALENTINE | 7 |
| DENIS MADDOCK | 4 | FRANCIS BIBBY | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
*On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
**A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

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| E. JANE LANGTON | *Treble* | GEOFF. PRATT | 5 |
| JOHN ARMSTRONG | 2 | ALAN F. THIRST | 6 |
| F. ERIC ROBERTS | 3 | DEREK E. SIBSON | 7 |
| ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK | 4 | PHILIP MEHEW | *Tenor* |

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
First peal in the method for the Society and by all the band except the ringers of 6 and tenor.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

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| ERIC WADMAN | *Treble* | DAVID HOARE | 5 |
| PETER WRIGHT | 2 | VICTOR ROBERTS | 6 |
| HENRY J. SANGER | 3 | ERIC NAYLOR | 7 |
| RONALD G. BECK | 4 | EDWARD J. CHIVERS | *Tenor* |

Composed by C. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

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| WALTER F. JUDGE | *Treble* | BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON | 5 |
| MRS. PAT LEWINGTON | 2 | REGINALD G. HOOPER | 6 |
| FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS | 3 | WILLIAM HIBBERT | 7 |
| CYRIL J. HIBBERT | 4 | RICHARD WELLS | *Tenor* |

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

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| *JOHN RYDER | *Treble* | CECIL RADDON | 5 |
| ROGER KING | 2 | HARRY W. HOWARD | 6 |
| JOHN E. BIBBY | 3 | HAROLD WORRALL | 7 |
| DENNIS MADDOCK | 4 | WALTER ALLMAN | *Tenor* |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
* 25th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Jean, wife of the ringer of the fourth, and as a welcome home peal to Mrs. Raddon, wife of the ringer of the fifth, from convalescence after a serious illness.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
**A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED BOB MAJOR**
Being 1,280 Plain Bob, 1,280 Little Bob, 1,248 Gainsborough Bob and 1,216 Double Bob, with 154 changes of method. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

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| ROBERT E. LESTER | *Treble* | URBAN W. WILDNEY | 5 |
| MAURICE E. DOWNS | 2 | JOHN WARNER | 6 |
| ALAN R. SYDER | 3 | FRANK B. LUFKIN | 7 |
| BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD | 4 | WALTER ARNOLD | *Tenor* |

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
First peal in 4-Spliced Bob Major by the band, and for the Association.

# FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
*On Fri., Feb. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

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| JAMES B. MORLEY | *Treble* | ROGER L. K. WHITTELL | 4 |
| CLIFFORD R. LOVETT | 2 | ERNEST G. PEARCE | 5 |
| JAMES BENNETT | 3 | LESLIE N. MELTON | *Tenor* |

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

OAKLEY, SUFFOLK
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
*On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**
Being four extents of Kent T.B. and three of Oxford T.B. Tenor 7 cwt.

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| CHARLES BROWN | *Treble* | WILLIAM CRACKNELL | 4 |
| ALBERT LAWES | 2 | ALAN FLATT | 5 |
| FREDERICK FLATT | 3 | GEORGE FILBY | *Tenor* |

Conducted by GEORGE FILBY.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Tues., March 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**
Being six extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

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| CHARLES H. BLAKE | *Treble* | FRANK C. J. ARNOLD | 3 |
| C FRANK W. PHILLIPPO | 2 | WILFRED G. SAUNDERS | 4 |

H. WILLIAM BARRETT *Tenor*
Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Leonard Blake (second son of the treble ringer), and also in honour of his engagement to Miss Joyce Reynolds.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**
Consisting of 2,520 St. Martin's, 1,320 Plain Bob, 600 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 600 Grandsire, three 12-scores and 36 6-scores.
Tenor 11 cwt.

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| *JOHN E. PICKETT (13) | *Treble* | *KENNETH E. YOUNG (12) | 4 |
| CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES | 2 / 3 | *DENNIS C. MORGAN | *Tenor* |

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES.
* First peal.
Rung for the wedding of Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

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| *JOHN R. PRATCHETT | *Treble* | F. LEWIS HEMSTOCK | 4 |
| FREDERICK G. HOOPER | 2 | F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER | 5 |
| HAROLD STEVENSON | 3 | CLARENCE F. BRIGGS | *Tenor* |

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
* First peal of Minor.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**
Being 26 six-scores of Grandsire and 16 of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| *MISS F. R. D. UNDERHILL | *Treble* | GEORGE A. NAYLOR | 3 |
| †JAMES DAVEY | 2 | GEORGE KENWARD | 4 |

EDWARD C. BARTON *Tenor*
Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR
* First peal, first attempt. † First peal 'inside.'


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THORLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JAMES', THORLEY, SOCIETY.
*On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

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| JAMES FOREMAN | *Treble* | REGINALD HAYDEN | 4 |
| *CECIL WARBOYS | 2 | THOMAS CAMP | 5 |
| *PETER WARBOYS | 3 | FREDERICK BIRD | *Tenor* |

Conducted by FREDERICK BIRD.

* First peal. First on the bells.
Rung by local ringers.

BRADSTONE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
*On Mon., May 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NONNA,
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Tenor 7 cwt.

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| R. JOHNS | *Treble* | J. H. BENOY | 4 |
| W. MANNING | 2 | D. ROY BOULD | 5 |
| W. C. BOUCHER | 3 | L. CUNDY | *Tenor* |

Conducted by D. ROY BOULD.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Tues., May 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being three extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington and April Day, four of Southrepps, two of Reverse St. Bartholomew, 14 Plain Bob and ten Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb.

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| MICHAEL LARCHER | *Treble* | TREVOR M. RODERICK | 4 |
| ROSEMARIE E. JONES | 2 | GWYN I. LEWIS | 5 |
| CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHES | 3 | JOHN MATTHEWS | *Tenor* |

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
*On Thurs., May 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

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| WALTER D. BAILEY | *Treble* | A. EDWARD LEGGETT | 4 |
| BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD | 2 | *DAVID E. CULHAM | 5 |
| EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE | 3 | ALLEN W. CANSDALE | *Tenor* |

Conducted by ALLEN W. CANSDALE.

* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

ATCHAM, SALOP.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EATA,
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Comprising ten extents of Grandsire and 16 each of Plain Bob and April Day. Tenor 10½ cwt., approx.

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| *JOAN HARTHILL | *Treble* | HARRY POYNER | 4 |
| MARY C. POYNER | 2 | †FREDERICK A. H. CATTELL | 5 |
| PHILIP J. EVANS | 3 | ‡JIM JONES | *Tenor* |

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal. † First in three methods. ‡ First 6-bell peal. First of Doubles as conductor.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb.

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| BRYAN C. BURROUGH | *Treble* | ROBERT WAKE | 4 |
| LEONARD STILWELL | 2 | BERNARD E. MATTHEWS | 5 |
| E. WINIFRED KEYS | 3 | W. LESLIE WELLER | *Tenor* |

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
**A PEAL OF 5100 DOUBLES**

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob, 10 of Stedman, 20 extents and a 60 of Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in B.

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| *KENNETH G. WANNELL | *Treble* | †DAVID A. WILLS | 4 |
| *MARY BROWNE | 2 | *PETER E. JUPP | 5 |
| FRANK D. MACK | 3 | *FRANK W. BYE | *Tenor* |

Conducted by FRANK D. MACK.

* First peal. † First in three methods.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| FRANK TAYLOR | *Treble* | MICHAEL THOMPSON | 4 |
| JOHN BREEZE | 2 | JOHN RYDER | 5 |
| CLIFFORD W. SHAW | 3 | HAROLD WORRALL | *Tenor* |

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells since being recast in 1956.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

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| ALAN G. PAYNE | *Treble* | WILLIAM E. CLARKE | 4 |
| FREDA P. GREAVES | 2 | HAROLD BARSLEY | 5 |
| JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM | 3 | J. MARTIN THORLEY | *Tenor* |

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

HORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| *JACK RILEY | *Treble* | REGINALD A. CHALLINOR | 4 |
| NORMAN SHERRATT | 2 | PHILLIP A. MASON | 5 |
| WALTER SHERRATT | 3 | ROY WORRALL | *Tenor* |

Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.

* First peal. First as conductor. First of seven Surprise by all the band.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents in 16 methods: (1) Whitley, Wooler, Northumberland and Carlisle; (2) Munden and Chester; (3) Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) Norfolk and Primrose; (5) Ipswich and Cambridge; (6) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (7) Hull. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| A. TERENCE COLLINS | *Treble* | VICTOR GRIFFIN | 4 |
| LESLEY J. BLADON | 2 | ANTHONY R. PEAKE | 5 |
| RONALD A. WRIGHT | 3 | BRIAN BLADON | *Tenor* |

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The most Surprise methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob, two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

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| WILLIAM C. SHUTE | *Treble* | A. EDWARD REEVES | 4 |
| *ALLAN D. MOGG | 2 | BRIAN P. MOGG | 5 |
| *MRS. MARGARET M. GODLEY | 3 | PHILIP W. MOGG | *Tenor* |

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal in four methods.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being one 240 (Morris') and 40 extents (ten callings). Tenor 7¼ cwt.

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| *PAMELA M. GILL | *Treble* | MARION E. KEY | 4 |
| LESLIE W. KEY | 2 | *KEITH WILLIAMS | 5 |
| BARNABAS G. KEY | 3 | JAMES S. EASTWOOD | *Tenor* |

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

PUCKLECHURCH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being ten six-scores each of Grandsire, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb.

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| MYRA J. WILKINS | *Treble* | *BRIAN K. LEWIS | 4 |
| GLORIA M. NEWTON | 2 | HENRY TAYSOM | 5 |
| ANTHONY W. GIBBS | 3 | JOHN A. POWELL | *Tenor* |

Conducted by ANTHONY W. GIBBS.

* First peal 'inside.' First of Four Doubles methods for all the band except the ringer of the second.

ROYDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| *ARTHUR C. HOWARD | *Treble* | BENJAMIN G. BURTON | 4 |
| †ROBERT D. SAMS | 2 | ALFRED A. LIVINGS | 5 |
| WALTER P. SAMS | 3 | JAMES H. TERRY | *Tenor* |

Conducted by WALTER P. SAMS.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung to mark the retirement of Mr. H. G. Shaw, choirmaster and organist at this church for 47 years.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

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| *PETER FENNEY (13) | *Treble* | WILLIAM R. MARSH | 4 |
| *ROGER TREVITT (12) | 2 | WALTER WESTON | 5 |
| FREDERICK DERRY | 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON | *Tenor* |

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Earl Jermyn and Lady Juliet Fitzwilliam.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Mon., May 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**
Being an extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

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| STANLEY E. BENNETT | *Treble* | RONALD C. NOON | 4 |
| JOHN E. ALLEN | 2 | ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT | 5 |
| EDWIN T. CHAPMAN | 3 | J. MARTIN THORLEY | *Tenor* |

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
*On Wed., May 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**
Being one extent each of Lightfoot, Alnwick, Chester, London, York, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

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| ANNE EDWARDS | *Treble* | HARRY TURNER | 4 |
| ALFRED J. HOUSE | 2 | PATRICK W. SALTMARSH | 5 |
| DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS | 3 | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE | *Tenor* |

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

ELM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

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| *A. KEITH PHILLIPS | *Treble* | JOHN WILSON | 4 |
| STANLEY G. ELSEY | 2 | ERNEST H. MASTIN | 5 |
| M. ROLAND REED | 3 | GRAHAM J. MANN | *Tenor* |

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* First peal.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Fri., May 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Double Bob, Childwall, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

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| *NORMAN SMITH | *Treble* | MICHAEL D. FISHWICK | 4 |
| JOHN P. PARTINGTON | 2 | JOHN H. FIELDEN | 5 |
| ROGER LEIGH | 3 | PETER SCHOLFIELD | *Tenor* |

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* 100th peal for the Association.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**
Tenor 9 cwt.

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| *C. MERYL PURSLOW | *Treble* | G. ARNOLD MOORE | 4 |
| GLENDA ROWLEY | 2 | GEOFFREY DAVIES | 5 |
| K. PETER JONES | 3 | WILLIAM WATKIN | *Tenor* |

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.
* First peal. First in the method by all except the conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Phillips, a life-long worker at this church.

## HANDBELL PEAL

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
*On Sun., April 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,*
AT 365, FELIXSTOWE ROAD,
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**
Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 14 in D.

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| MARY MADDISON | 1—2 | JAMES B. MORLEY | 3—4 |
| LESLIE N. MELTON | 5—6 | | |

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.
First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

## HALF PEAL

**TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.**—On May 19th, 2,880 Minor (1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 1,440 Plain Bob): R. G. Crooks 1, R. F. Taylor 2, H. A. Mitson 3, J. E. Ivings 4, J. L. Girt 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. Rung after peal failure as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. P. Biddlecombe.

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**BENHILTON, SURREY.**—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Dixon (first quarter) 1, M. Anne Burton 2, Emily Lane 3, Patricia Collins 4, P. W. S. Richardson (cond.) 5, R. Moore 6. Rung for the christening this day at Taplow, Bucks, of Ruth Elizabeth and Lynn Patricia, twin daughters of Clifford and Angela Blundell.

**CAM, GLOS.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): K. Bean 1, R. McLuing 2, C. Legg 3, R. Hedges 4, R. Cox (cond.) 5, J. Woodward 6. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. E. May, mother of Leonard and Edna, both ringers at this church, interred this day.

**CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.**—On Palm Sunday, April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Bonam (first quarter) 1, B. Cracknell (cond.) 2, Mrs. P. Cracknell 3, A. Atkins 4, B. Edwards 5, T. Bonam 6. For evening service. Also on April 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Edwards 1, Mrs. P. Cracknell 2, P. Atkins 3, A. Fortin 4, C. J. Shepherd 5, B. Cracknell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**CHILDWALL, LIVERPOOL, LANCS.**—On May 13th, 2,100 Minor (Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T. B. and Plain Bob): G. H. Pullin 1, F. Anderton 2, Alice E. J. Lester 3, E. C. Birkett 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. J. Martin 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Lester.

**CLYST HONITON, DEVON.**—On May 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. J. Turner 1, J. Manley 2, P. Davis 3, E. W. Rowe 4, J. Arbury 5, J. Quick 6, C. C. Turner 7, G. E. Retter (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major for 2 and 7.

**CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.**—On May 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Linda M. Jones (13, first of Major) 1, I. A. Richardson 2, P. A. Richardson 3, Mary Barlow 4, G. L. Chambers 5, D. A. Smedley 6, L. Bacon 7, J. R. Ketteringham (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Welsher 1, M. Baker 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, E. J. Ford 4, J. J. Ford (cond.) 5, W. F. Chidley 6.

**DENBY, DERBYS.**—On May 7th, 1,380 Doubles (St. Martin's, S. Simon's, S. Nicholas, Winchenden, Slapton S.C., Thornborough S.C., Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Weston 1, E. Walklate 2, D. Parkin 3, E. H. Willows 4, D. Walklate (cond.) 5.

**EALING, MIDDX.**—At Christ the Saviour, on May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. M. Harvey 1, A. M. Stacey 2, S. Croft 3, H. J. Eldred 4, D. Theedom 5, A. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, Miss E. Palmer 8. For Evensong.

**ECKINGTON, WORCS.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Haylings 1, R. Perks 2, J. Firkins 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, M. Hawkes (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second, and also for the birth of his first granddaughter.

**EDMONTON, MIDDX.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Bacon 1, W. George 2, D. Langdon 3, T. Hawkins 4, J. Weeks (first in method as cond.) 5, Trudy Newcombe 6. For Evensong.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—On May 29th, at Christ Church, 1,269 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Warwick (16, first quarter) 1, R. Fentiman (19, first 'inside') 2, Adrienne Gibson (17, cond.) 3, D. Herschell (15) 4, Sylvia Marsh (17) 5, Sally Hewitt (15) 6. For Commonwealth Youth Sunday service.

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. S. Burbidge 1, M. G. Ingram 2, A. Short 3, J. W. Pettigrew 4, D. R. Ingram (first of Triples 'inside') 5, D. T. Finnemore (first of Triples) 6, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 7, R. C. Ingram 8. For Evensong.

**FEERING, ESSEX.**—On May 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, W. G. Wade 2, S. Fisher 3, H. Langstone 4, G. Everett 5, H. Nichols (first as cond) 6, J. Papworth 7, A. T. Beckwith 8.

**FORDHAM, CAMBS.**—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Goodwin (13, first quarter) 1, R. Munns (first quarter 'inside') 2, R. Palmer 3, R. Morley 4, M. Tester (cond.) 5, D. Morley 6. By the Sunday service band.

**GRANBY, NOTTS.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): R. Blackshaw 1, D. Armstrong (cond.) 2, F. Bradley 3, M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, J. Higgs 6. First quarter on bells since augmentation to 6. Rung for the birthday of H.M. the Queen, and also as a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Mills, of Shelford, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Meredith, of Radcliffe on Trent.

# QUARTER PEALS

**GREAT PONTON, LINCS.**—On May 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Thomas 1, P. Slight 2, R. J. Hill 3, F. Pinchbeck 4, J. Meredith (cond.) 5. First of Plain Bob Doubles for 1 and 2. Rung as a compliment for the engagement of Miss Jean Hoy and Mr. Brian Buswell.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**—On April 17th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Stevens (first quarter) 1, E. J. Wells (cond.) 2, Miss D. Harfleet (first 'inside') 3, Miss A. M. Cox 4, Miss S. R. Collins 5, P. Olroyd (first quarter) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Olroyd 1, E. J. Wells (cond.) 2, Miss D. Harfleet 3, Miss S. R. Collins 4, F. Olroyd 5, R. Stevens 6.

**HACKNEY, LONDON.**—At St. John of Jerusalem, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Penfold 1, F. G. Richardson 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, J. Fowler 5, L. S. Woods (cond.) 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. Rung at the invitation of the Vicar for the televised service attended by the Bishop of London in connection with the Florence Nightingale centenary.

**HIGHCLERE, HANTS.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): P. E. Dodd 1, Cherry White 2, E. Woolgrove 3, Hazel White 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, Mrs. Sylvia Dodd 6, W. Kewell 7, F. Kewell 8. Rung for the visit of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to attend morning service. The bells were also rung as Her Majesty and her party left after the service.

### Hints For Beginners—24

*To stand comfortably when ringing keep your heels reasonably close and perhaps one foot slightly in front of the other. Move your feet as little as possible.*

**LUTON, BEDS.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Hulatt 1, G. Hawkins 2, J. G. Newman 3, R. Kendall 4, H. Wood 5, A. E. Rushton 6, A. J. Smith (cond.) 7, C. Mann 8. For morning service on Mayor's Sunday. The conductor has now 'circled the tower' to quarter peals.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Canon C. Carew Cox 1, C. W. Powell (cond.) 2, J. Looker 3, G. Gaylard 4, Mrs. C. W. Powell 5, F. Knight 6, H. Gaylard 7, J. Rattenbury 8. Rung as a compliment to Canon Cox on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

**MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.**—On May 22nd, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Diana M. Pipe 1, K. Minchinton 2, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 3, J. H. Fryer (16) 4, W. Watson (15) 5, G. W. Heyes 6, A. H. Fisher 7, J. J. F. Roper 8. First quarter in the method by all the band except the conductor and first in Australia. For Matins.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On May 24th, 1,440 Minor (Spliced Oxford and Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. Plain Bob): Ann Hancock 1, L. Cordell 2, M. McQuistan 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the captain (Mr. H. King).

**PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, GLAM.**—On May 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. W. Goodfellow 1, E. J. R. Hartley 2, R. G. Harard 3, A. F. R. Hartley 4, B. Taylor 5, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 6. First in method by all the band. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

**PURLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Grinstead (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Roast 2, H. W. Eggleston 3, P. W. Sattmarsh 4, J. E. G. Roast 5, D. A. S. Symonds (cond.) 6.

**RANMORE, SURREY.**—On May 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Alison Read (first of Major) 1, Mary Munt (first of Major 'inside') 2, C. Lloyd (first of Major) 3, Ethel Cleat 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, G. F. Pratt 6, Rev. C. Munt 7, E. G. L. Coward 8. First quarter of Major by a Dorking local band. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. and Miss M. Munt, who are leaving for Cheriton, Kent.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Freda Hankey (first of Caters) 1, E. G. Talbot 2, J. H. Euston 3, A. Streeter 4, G. A. Parsons 5, A. Bull 6, A. T. Shelton 7, W. H. Inwood 8, E. G. L. Coward (cond.) 9, K. Game 10.

**ROMSEY, HANTS.**—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Edwards 1, Miss A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, M. L. Northway 3, C. M. White 4, M. D. G. Northway 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, H. J. Page 7, R. C. B. Smallman 8. Rung for the election of Councillor R. H. Harvey as Mayor of the Borough.

**ST. BRIDES MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.**—On April 9th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford, 720 Plain Bob): E. Morris 1, Rosemary Jones 2, R. Throsby 3, D. Llewellyn 4, T. M. Roderick 5, R. Wright (cond.) 6.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Roles 1, R. O. Fry (cond.) 2, H. Prout 3, I. Ann Abrahams 4, Margaret R. Page 5, E. C. Read 6, L. A. Page 7, B. J. Lawes 8. For Evensong. Rung with congratulations to the Master of the Guild, Canon C. Carew Cox, on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

**SANDFORD ST. MARTIN, OXON.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Coleman 1, Miss D. French 2, B. Davis (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. A. Bennett 4, R. Reeves (cond.) 5, P. Reeves 6. First quarter for 2 and 4.

**SHOREDITCH, LONDON.**—At St. Leonard's, on May 22nd, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Miss D. Deverell 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Miss M. Harte 3, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 4, C. Hughes 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, A. R. Ling (cond.) 7, B. F. Baker 8, P. Beresford 9, T. H. Francis 10.

**SOUTHGATE LONDON.**—At Christ Church, on May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. G. Gates 1, Ann Aldridge 2, S. G. Peck 3, W. Wainwright 4, H. Miller 5, C. Aldridge (cond.) 6. For Festal Evensong on the Eve of the Ascension.

**STEPNEY, LONDON.**—At St. Dunstan's, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Joyce Willson (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Stevinson (first as cond.) 2, Hazel Weedon (first 'inside') 3, L. Fox 4, A. Lewry 5, J. Scotcher 6. For Evensong.

**STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss J. Cook 1, Miss M. Wright 2, V. Griffin (cond.) 3, S. J. Withey 4, Dr. G. C. Roworth 5, Miss C. Lansley 6. For Evensong on the Day of Prayer and Gifts, also to congratulate Mrs. Pinnock on her 105 birthday.

**TANWORTH IN ARDEN, WARWICKS.**—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, Tessa P. Kemp 2, R. Ann Barr 3, Elizabeth Oakeshott 4, J. D. Atkinson 5, A. J. Collings 6, P. W. Webb 7, C. A. Catt 8. By the Birmingham University Society.

**WAKEFIELD, YORKS.**—At the Cathedral, on May 29th (Oak Apple Day), 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss L. Gott 1, Mrs. W. F. Moreton 2, W. F. Moreton 3, J. L. White 4, P. Woodward 5, D. Cubitt (cond.) 6, H. Chant 7, G. Townend 8, K. Park 9, J. E. Kirby 10. To commemorate the 300th anniversary of the Restoration of the Monarchy.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—On May 22nd, 1,344 Grandsire Major: C. A. Diggins 1, Miss G. Newcombe 2, F. C. Maynard 3, A. J. Boyack 4, F. Sykes 5, P. D. Chapman 6, T. Hawkins 7, B. R. Downes (cond.) 8. First of Grandsire Major for all except 3 and 4. For Evensong. Also on May 29th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: C. Diggins 1, F. C. Maynard 2, B. R. Downes (cond.) 3, A. J. Boyack 4, F. Sykes 5, P. D. Chapman 6, D. Hewitt 7, F. Taylor 8. For Evensong.

**WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Maple 1, Miss J. Horton 2, M. Newth 3, J. Newell 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, D. Hugill 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss R. Maple to Mr. K. Smith.

**WEST HARTLEPOOLS, CO. DURHAM.**—On Mar. 13th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: J. Woodman 1, J. Pladdys 2, J. Payne 3, M. Machin 4, R. Anderson 5, J. Maughan 6, R. Webster 7, W. Maughan (cond.) 8. For evening service. Also on Mar. 27th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: J. Maughan 1, J. Pladdys 2, M. Machin 3, M. Maughan 4, R. Anderson 5, R. Webster 6, J. Woodman 7, W. Maughan (cond.) 8. For evening service and a farewell to the ringer of the 7th.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On May 22nd, 1,296 Beverley Surprise Minor: Caroline Carpenter 1, Susan Rawlings 2, M. H. Sinden 3, J. Perrett 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. First in the method for all the band and on the bells. Rung for Evensong.

**WOLLATON, NOTTINGHAM.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Daft 1, G. Stroud 2, P. W. Hawcock 3, P. J. Hawcock 4, R. Preston (first as cond.) 5, R. Stroud 6. A compliment to Peter Giles (Ringing Master) and Hazel Gale, on their engagement.

**WOODSTOCK, OXON.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Franklin 1, D. J. Wooliscroft 2, D. S. Holley 3, R. Datson (first quarter) 4, H. P. Floyd (cond.) 5, W. W. Franklin 6. Rung for the birthday of Miss D. S. Holley.

**WYCHBOLD, WORCS.**—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Powell 1, J. E. Pullon 2, Heather M. Pullon 3, A. D. Cook 4, R. S. Smith 5, P. Cattermole (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong by members of the local band.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

It was an unexpected honour for the ringers at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Highclere, to be called upon to ring a quarter peal on Sunday, May 29th, when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attended morning service. The request was made the previous Thursday evening and three Andover ringers were called in to strengthen the local band. Other members of the local band had the pleasure of ringing as the Royal party left the church.

Because of special services, Wednesday practices at Winchester Cathedral will be on Tuesday, June 14th, Tuesday, June 21st, Thursday, June 30th and Thursday, July 14th.

Ringing the treble in the Royal wedding quarter peal at Ashford, Kent (see page 347), was Rita E. Gould and not Rosemary E. Gould.

It was very appropriate that for the Commonwealth Youth Sunday service at Epsom, the band for a quarter peal should be composed exclusively of young people. The conductor was Miss Adrienne Gibson, aged 17 years.

Work has started on the restoration of St. Nicholas', Kenilworth, and the rehanging of the present six bells in a new iron frame by Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough. It is hoped to complete the work in about six months. The local band are appreciative of the invitation to practise in neighbouring towers while awaiting the return of their own bells.

After the peal of Stedman Triples at Ilsley, on May 28th, the band were entertained sumptuously to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Hibbert. They then joined the Appleton ringers at their Saturday evening practice and afterwards came a 'March 4th' in retrospect. The member of the band whose birthday coincided with the day could not have been 'treated' better or 'more often' had he been Royalty. The peal was a compliment to Mrs. W. East, cousin of three of the band, who has been organist at St. Mary's for nearly 50 years.

'The completion of the peal of Plain Bob Major at Sawley came as a great shock to many Derby ringers,' write our correspondent. Its success was a matter of congratulation to John Harvey on his first peal at first attempt, Deborah Wilson on her first 'inside' and Rosamund Bull on her first on eight. Perhaps, we should also add the conductor.

Somewhat belatedly we have received another Royal wedding peal, making the 122nd.

The Rev. D. G. Brunning, of Usk, informs us that no one can hold office in the Church unless confirmed and in the Church of Wales all godparents now have to be confirmed.

Within four days, Somerby, Leicestershire, lost two of its veteran bell ringers. They were Mr. William H. Kenney and Mr. James W. Underwood. Both were 78 years of age.

In the peal of Doubles in three methods at Brampford Speke, Devon, on May 21st, there were four first pealers, all of whom are members of the youthful and enthusiastic band at Topsham.

Mr. James H. Musson, the well-known Lincolnshire ringer, had great pleasure in calling a peal for the wedding of Earl Jermyn and Lady Juliet Fitzwilliam, as he had worked on the Lincolnshire estate of the Earl for many years. Unfortunately at the first attempt on April 28th the clapper of the third bell fell on during the fourth extent, but success crowned the second attempt.

How many Quakers have we in the Exercise? Miss Mary Maddison, of Ipswich, has been a member of the Society of Friends for eight years and a ringer for the last three years. 'It is my practice,' she writes, 'to ring for a church service and then attend meeting for worship. I belong to four ringing associations, and my religious views are well-known, yet I have at all times been warmly welcomed into any tower I have visited, and am proud to have a large circle of ringing acquaintances, including some Anglican priests, whom I respect.' So let it be.


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## CHESTER GUILD FESTIVAL AT ECCLESTON

THE Chester Diocesan Guild, for its annual festival held at the picturesque village of Eccleston on May 14th, was privileged to have with them the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who is a ringer, having rung in one peal and many of the churches in his diocese.

Dr. G. A. Ellison preached the festival sermon from Ephesians iv, 13: 'Unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ': 'We are glad to be perfect,' said the Bishop, 'and the ideal that is set before each one of us is nothing less than perfection. Our Lord says that we are to be perfect as our Father is perfect.'

### MISSING PERFECTION

'Ringing is a pleasant skilled occupation or hobby for a sacred purpose and therefore, although ringers may do their work with great efficiency, it will miss that perfection for which is strives, and only reach it when it has recognised that ultimate purpose for which it has been outpoured. To make a joyful noise to the Glory of God, those who make the glorious music of bells make it an offering to Him who has given the skill and material.

'Secondly, we also ring for the purpose of calling our fellow Christians into God's House to come and offer their worship and so by what we are doing we are expressing our unity with Almighty God, also that of the whole of His Church, for as we ring in one particular tower, we ring not only to call the people of that locality, but we ring it across the whole world proclaiming the Glory of God and duty of man.

'We must carry that unity out into the life which we live beyond. We learn a unity with God and His Church and that is something which the whole world and every individual in it needs most desperately. We can tell people that through the craft which we exercise we have learnt the joy to do something which is difficult but which we think worth doing. The worry of a broken home and the trouble and ill-feeling in a community, we can tell them from our experience that it is good to do something complete, and how joyful it is to be in unity. We can also tell the world that unity cannot be achieved fully unless our lives are related to the purpose of Almighty God, who has created His world and has called us to be obedient to His calling.'

The annual meeting followed tea in the Village Hall, when over 130 members and friends enjoyed an excellent meal arranged by the local branch.

### A GUILD BADGE

Among the decisions reached was the provision of a Guild badge for sale to members, the annual dinner to be held on October 8th, and the festival in 1961 to be held at Macclesfield.

It was also decided to send a letter of congratulation to the band of the Essex Association, which had recently rung the greatest number of changes.

Officers re-elected were Messrs. J. W. Clarke, Master; John Worth, Deputy Master; H. O. Baker, honorary secretary and treasurer; C. K. Lewis, report secretary; Mrs. C. K. Lewis, peal recorder; librarian, P. Laflin; Central Council representatives, J. W. Clarke, H. O. Baker, A. R. Elkins and John Worth.

The annual report recorded the deaths of Mrs. J. Fernley (Norbury), Tom Arrowsmith (Lawton), S. Depledge (Taxal), T. Huxley (Handley), J. Minshull (Macclesfield) and W. O. Wharton (Oxton).

The membership of the Guild is: honorary members 16, life ringing members 17, ringing members 718. These represent 89 towers.

### PEAL PERFORMANCES

One peal was omitted from last year's report and had been included with the 109 rung during 1959—106 on tower bells and three in hand. In these peals 137 resident and 30 non-resident members took part. Twenty-two members rang their first peal, 11 their first in the method 'inside' and 64 their first peal in a new method or methods. There were 30 conductors and three called a peal for the first time.

The first peals ever of Kinnerton Imperial Bob Major, Littleton Imperial Major and Overleigh Imperial Bob Major were rung by the Guild, and a record length of 9,568 Spliced Surprise Major rung at Over. Pudsey Surprise Maximus, Superlative Surprise Maximus, Lincolnshire Surprise Royal and Cornwall Surprise Major were rung for the Guild for the first time.

'The appearance of new methods in our records is evidence that the art is vitally alive in the Guild, and we would urge more bands to venture outside what is usually termed standard methods.'

The statement of accounts showed an increase of £38 18s. 2d. in the balance to £61 19s. 6d., but this included subscriptions from one band for the current year of £11 3s. 9d. No charge was made for Central Council representatives' expenses. The Bell Restoration and Augmentation Fund had increased to £172 3s. The report and accounts were approved.

Ringing took place after the meeting at Eccleston and Chester (St. Mary without the Walls).

## SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 24

**MR. A. W. COLES,**
**Middlesex Association**

Mr. A. W. (Bert) Coles will long be remembered as the orginator and organiser of the very successful rallies of veteran ringers held in London for several years past. He conceived the idea that personal invitation would have the effect of making the older ringers feel that they were really wanted, and the result has been that many happy reunions of old acquaintances have been brought about. It has meant the writing of literally hundreds of letters, and the expenditure of not a little money on postage. Truly a labour of love—but bringing a rich reward, for the pleasure of the 'old timers' in meeting each other is so obvious and sincere.

Bert Coles, brother of the late C. T. Coles, was born in London in 1888, and followed his father as a writer and embosser. He and Charles learned to ring at St. George's East in 1903, under the instruction of G. B. Lucas, of Walthamstow. He joined the Middlesex Association in 1905, and rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) in 1906 at St. George's East. By 1911 he had conducted his first peal (Stedman Triples) at Cubitt Town. Then came a break due to the 1914-18 war, during which he served in the R.A.F.

On demobilisation he entered the Engineering Department of the G.P.O. (1919), and also resumed his ringing activities. He began a long period of service in the Middlesex Association, and was elected District Master in 1929 to 1935. On the death of William Pye, he was elected Master, serving until 1935. He was made a vice-president in 1946, and served in this capacity until 1953.

Having a flair for instruction, he was appointed instructor to the bands at Bloomsbury, Clerkenwell, Bethnal Green, and other places. Closely associated with William Pye, he became a member of the pioneer band which rang the first peals of Spliced Surprise Major in three and five to 12 methods, and the first peals of Spliced Surprise Royal and Maximus. In 1948 he was awarded the Imperial Service Order.

His peals total to date is 481, of which he has conducted 12. Noteworthy amongst these are 10,440 Cambridge Royal, at Walthamstow, in 1923; 7,392 Cambridge Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, in 1925; the first peal at Buckfast Abey (old bells) in 1930, and the first peal of Cambridge Maximus, at Exeter Cathedral, in 1932. Bert Coles is a member of 30 Associations or Guilds, and it is gratifying to note that he is bringing up his son, Peter John, in the proper Coles tradition, to be a ringer, for if he turns out to be as good as his father—he'll do! JAFUS.

## Wallingford Grammar School

For the first time in its long history a team of pupils from Wallingford Grammar School rang the bells of St. Mary-le-More, Wallingford, for the annual Founders' Day service on June 2nd. Only call changes were rung but the striking was good, taking into account the ages of the boys and the weight of the bells. The ringing was under the supervision of Mr. Claude Corderey, of Blewbury Parish Church.

The boys were: J. Webb (18, Benson), T. Howes (17, Benson), G. McIlone (13, Warborough), R. Howes (14, Warborough), R. Partridge (13, Wallingford), A. Esplin 16, P. Esplin, 14 (Blewbury), M. Young (15, Cholsey), P. Selwood (17, Dorchester), R. Bird (17, East Hagbourne), R. Hill-Baldwin (13, Cholsey) and M. Corderey (14, Blewbury).

## GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The annual meeting of the Guild took place on May 21st. Members gathered first at the Church of Peter, Benington, where ringing began soon after 3 o'clock. It usually takes a little while for this necessarily scratch company to produce their best results in a new tower, and so it proved, but in the half hour before the service at 4.30 good touches of Double Norwich and of Stedman were achieved.

Unfortunately, the Rector, the Rev. K. O. Morris, was prevented from conducting the service by a car breakdown, and the Guild was most grateful to Mr. J. Thomas, of Benington School, who took the Rector's place at very short notice.

Afterwards the party moved on to the recently rehung six at Aston—in fact the whole of the tower has been restored after an outbreak of fire. Comment on the bells was most favourable, and they do great credit to the founders responsible. Methods rung included most of the standard Minor ones, Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise.

The annual general meeting was held at the 'Coach and Horses,' Stevenage, before dinner. After receiving a report on the year past, officers were elected for 1960/61 as follows: President, W. R. Winkerton; Master, D. J. Neal Smith; secretary, D. L. Gullick. The details for the Dorset meeting on July 2nd and 3rd were announced and it was decided to hold the London meeting on November 12th, and next year's annual general meeting on May 13th.

A most enjoyable dinner followed by handbell touches concluded a very successful occasion. In addition to members of the Guild, during the meeting guests and visitors took a very active part. In particular, the Guild was happy to have as its guest Mr. Rex Agg, the newly appointed secretary of the Hertfordshire Association.

D. L. G.

# SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

## Subscription To Be Reviewed

THE festival and annual general meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Wimborne on May 14th, when most towers in the Wimborne Branch were open for ringing during the day. The proceedings commenced with the annual general meeting in the Grammar School, when the Guild was welcomed by the chairman of the Urban District council, Councillor A. R. Maiden.

The Master of the Guild, Canon Cox, presided and opened the meeting with prayer. He replied to the welcome given in suitable terms.

The annual report covering 1958-59, which had been just published, contained the honorary secretary and treasurer's report and it was not deemed necessary to read it to the meeting, it being moved to be taken as read. Mr. West, however, had something to say about the statement of accounts, pointing out to the meeting that the balance in hand in the current account was not enough to cover the expenses. He asked permission to draw on the deposit account if required, and also dropped what may be described as a 'bombshell,' when he suggested the members' subscription be raised. This was discussed and after Mr. True had reminded the members that notice of motion must be given under Rule 11, it was proposed and carried 'that notice be given that the subscription be raised.'

### REVISION OF GUILD OFFICE

A sub-committee had been at work on this. The meeting decided to give permission to act and have sufficient copies printed for the Guild, when the final draft had been passed by the Bishop. In his remarks, the Master complimented those responsible for having the report published before the annual meeting. Continuing, he said a telegram had been sent to the Royal family on the birth of a Prince. Copies of the telegram and reply had been circulated to the Branches. A suggested form of belfry prayers, in card form, had been drawn up and sent to the Bishop who had given his approval. These cards will be sent out to all towers.

He said some of the Branch reports made good reading; there was a lot of instruction being done in the form of extra practices, but an increase in members attending Branch meetings would be welcomed. He also asked the secretary to send congratulations to Mr. L. A. Wilson, vice-president, who had just celebrated his diamond wedding.

The whole of the retiring officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: Canon Cox, Master; Mr. W. C. West, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. F. S. Slatford, hon. assistant secretary; Mr. J. S. Weeks and Mr. C. F. Andrews, honorary auditors. A new office which had been created was honorary librarian and to this the Rev. W. Uphill was appointed. Mr. G. H. Harding put the motion that thanks be accorded to all officers for their work. The Guild Committee was re-elected en bloc. Honorary life members elected: the Rev. W. Uphill, Mrs. Day and Mr. Hiscocks (Wareham). Mr. F. Haines (Wilton). Mr. Roberts (Berwick St. John).

Grants of money were made to Warminster £5 5s., Charminster £3 3s., Askerwell (second grant) £2 2s.

### LOSSES BY DEATH

The following members, who had passed away during the year, were mentioned: William Chalk (honorary life member), Mr. Frank Taylor (Wylye). Mrs. Blanche Hibbard (Tidpit). Mr. Davis (honorary secretary, Wimborne Branch), who had recently lost his wife, and Mr. Paul Field, who although not living in the Guild, having also been bereaved, were coupled with a vote of sympathy expressed by the Master.

It was decided to hold the next annual festival in Calne, the second Saturday in May, 1961.

The service was held in the Minster, the Vicar, the Rev. S. M. Epps, officiating. Canon Cox read the lesson. The Lyme Regis ringers rang a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, the service being an inspiration to all.

Tea was served in the Grammar School after which a presentation was made to Canon Cox for his great services to the Guild as Master for the past 20 years. The honorary general secretary gave a few details of the work carried through by the Canon and then handed over the Master to the tender mercies of Rev. R. N. Longridge, Vicar of Bourton and honorary secretary, North Dorset Branch, for the presentation.

## REDEDICATION

### CHISLET, KENT

To hear the bells of St. Mary's, Chislet, Kent, ringing once more, after fifty years' silence, was the stated ambition of Mr. Frank Spanton. In 1951 he set out on the task of raising the necessary money to see the job done and by various means raised £1,308. With this money in hand he placed the order for the work to be done, only to be met with a setback—the roof timbers of the tower were found to be infested with beetle and another £375 had to be found. This has been done, and now, with the roof timbers safe, the bells tuned to a proper scale, in a new frame, and complete now fittings, his ambition has been realised.

On Sunday, May 16th, Bishop C. W. A. Rose, former Bishop of Dover, dedicated the bells during Evensong. Among the congregation, which filled the church, were many of Mr. Spanton's farming friends, the villagers and ringers from surrounding parishes. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. G. P. Chidgey, who was assisted by two former vicars, Rev. R. Meredith and Rev. A. P. A. Barnes. The founders were represented by Mr. P. L. Taylor. Following the service, refreshments were served on the lawn at Chislet Court.

Mr. Spanton, who for many years was a churchwarden at Chislet, has also helped to raise £2,000 for the fabric of the church, and for so small a parish this has been a magnificent effort, and a story that will give him much pleasure in his retirement from farming. Although leaving the farm, he is not leaving the parish, and there is no doubt he will hear the bells of St. Mary's in his new home.

There was still one more snag: with the bells in order there were no ringers, but this is being successfully overcome by the Birchington ringers, who are going over each week to give instruction to a new band. B. J. L.

## No Bats In The Bradstone Belfry!

Jackdaws at Bradstone, Devon, Parish Church had a shock over a recent week-end when, to enable the Lifton band of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers to ring to peal of 5,040 Grandsire Doubles on May 16th, two men took five hours to clear out a host of jackdaws' nests which had accumulated beneath the bells and was preventing them from being rung.

The jackdaws had obviously been building their nests there for many years, but had remained unnoticed until the accumulation of wood had lifted the slide of a bell up and the bell, when rung, had toppled over.

Members of the above team have visited six bell towers on the borders of Devon and Cornwall and have to their credit three peals of Grandsire Doubles and three quarter peals.

## RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Through the kindness of Mr. George E. Fearn, secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, who arranged for the bells, the British Railway Staff Association Guild of Church Bell Ringers held their fourth annual meeting at Birmingham, on May 14th.

Ringers present represented: Taunton, York, Skewen, Swansea, Warwick, Bedford, Swindon, Leamington Spa, Wolverhampton, Crewe, London, Darlington, Wadhurst, Nantwich, Reading, Blackburn and Birmingham. It was a pleasure to see Mr. Jack Pitman amongst the members present. (You can't keep Jack chained to a T.V. set.)

Ringing commenced at 11 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's, Edgbaston, a light ring of eight, and continued during the afternoon at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral. The Cathedral Church of St. Philip and Aston Parish Church were visited, and under the guidance of the Master, Mr. Bert Kynaston, a good standard of ringing was maintained throughout the day.

Tea was laid on at the Co-op Restaurant in the High Street, where everyone refreshed themselves with the good things provided. After tea Mr. George Fearn apologised that St. Martin's bells were not available, so back to the Cathedral where the business meeting was held in the belfry, with the Master presiding.

Mr. E. C. Shepherd welcomed the Guild to Birmingham and hoped that all had enjoyed the visit. 'We want to see the Guild getting on,' he said, in wishing it every success for the future.

Apologies were received from Mr. O. J. Whitaker, secretary of the Joint Committee B.R.S. Association, Mr. Rodney Meadows, Mr. Bert Sutton, Miss Wallace, Mr. Fred Hannington, Mr. T. R. Barron, Mr. Luton and Mr. Harold Walker. The meeting stood in silence for the late Mr. Fred Seager, who had passed on since last year.

The statement of accounts, with an income of £7 16s., showed a balance of £3 13s. 2d. on the right side. The honorary secretary in his report stated that free passes could not be obtained for wives of members attending the Guild meetings.

It was proposed by Mr. Freeman and seconded by Mr. Sid Foskett, that all officers be re-elected for the coming year. The vacancy of Master of the Eastern Region was left open until the next meeting; all other regional Masters were re-elected. Mr. W. Meredith, Shrewsbury, and Mr. John Lindon, Birmingham, were elected members.

A proposal to held the annual general meeting in 1961 at Lincoln was lost by a casting vote in preference for Darlington. The date will be April 29th, 1961. Mr. Tomlin proposed Southend-on-Sea for the autumn meeting and this was carried. The date fixed was September 30th, 1961.

An omnibus vote of thanks was extended to all who had contributed towards the success of the meeting, and was carried with acclamation.

J. A. H.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

One of the most successful ringing festivals in Mid-Cornwall for several years was that at St. Columb Minor, which was attended by nearly 100 ringers. The service was conducted by the Rev. S. J. Rust, who also gave the address. The tea was arranged by ringers' wives and other local helpers.

Judge for the test ringing was Mr. J. Keatt (St. Merryn) and seven first class and nine second class certificates were awarded. The festival was organised by Mr. D. Burnett (Guild secretary) and Mr. H. Lander (honorary treasurer).

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BROADCAST RINGING

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to enlighten Mr. W. Upton concerning the broadcast from St. Mary Redcliffe, on May 15th. The bells were not heard over the air before the service owing to an error of 1½ minutes in the timing arrangements made with Broadcasting House.

The bells were heard, however, at the end of the service and I should like to compliment and thank the Rev. Martin Wilson and the B.B.C. engineers for their efforts in making this possible.

My thanks also to the band who made such a good effort for the broadcast.

It is a matter for consideration by all concerned that Sunday service ringing should take place at the end of the broadcast service rather than at the beginning, it being appreciated that it is much more easy to start ringing than to stop especially when seconds are so important.—Yours sincerely,

EMLYN F. HANCOCK.

Bristol.

### NEWS FROM CALGARY

Dear Sir,—Ringing at Christ Church, Calgary, very rarely reaches the news headlines, but readers of 'The Ringing World' may be interested to hear that we continue to ring there fairly regularly. It seems extremely difficult to keep a band together. However, we now have the 'faithful few,' most of whom have learnt to ring within the past year. Also with the help of Ted Clements, a former Leicester ringer, who is now living in Calgary, I am hoping we shall be able to progress beyond plain hunting.

I have recently spent a short holiday in Vancouver and Victoria, and was very pleased indeed to meet and ring with the ringers at the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, and especially pleased to stand in a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, on the occasion of Princess Margaret's wedding. Unfortunately, the great distance between towers in this country makes visits like this very infrequent!

Any ringers visiting Canada will be most welcome in Calgary.—With best wishes, yours sincerely,

JUDY MIDGLEY (Miss)

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629 14 Avenue S.W.,
Calgary, Canada.

### PATRON SAINT OF RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the letters in the issue of March 25th, relating to the patron saint of ringers and naming no less than five saints with their respective claims. Would it be throwing 'a spoke in the wheel,' so to speak, by furnishing this piece of information?

**'St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr.**—St. Agatha was a virgin martyred in Sicily. She was held in great honour from the fifth century onwards, and two early churches were dedicated to her in Rome. She is the patron saint of Catania, where she died, and for some unknown reason is also regarded as the patron of bellringers.'

This was printed on page 8, February 5th, 1960, issue of 'The Anglican,' under the heading Saints for the Month, and was probably taken from 'The English Churchman's Calendar,' published by Mowbray and Co.—Yours sincerely,

WENDY NICHOLLS.

Randwick, N.S.W.

### NOTATION ALPHABET

Dear Sir,—I must apologise to Mr. Hawkins for not having been sufficiently explicit in my reply ('R. W.' April 8th) to his letter on the listing of methods. Perhaps it will be clearer if I say that I use the following notation 'alphabet' in my own lists of Surprise Major methods.

-.12.1234.1236.1238.1256.1258.14.1456.1458.16.18.
34.3456.3458.36.38.56.58.78.

(Although I know of no method that contains four contiguous places, I have included 1234 and 3456 in the above 'alphabet' for the sake of completeness.) Similar 'alphabets' can of course be drawn up for Royal and Maximus methods within a few minutes. Thus, having an 'alphabet,' it becomes an easy question of writing out the methods 'alphabetically.'

As for cataloguing purposes the actual lead-end of the method is of minor importance. I generally leave it to the end of the place notation, when I use the letters referred to by Mr. Pattison. This seems to me to be simpler than to subdivide the methods into classes by their lead-ends, as Mr. Pattison suggests, and also has another marked advantage. When methods, are listed 'alphabetically' and irrespective of their lead-ends, those with the same work above the treble are at once apparent, as in the following example:

-36-4-58-16-12-5-16-1 a Cranbourne
-36-4-58-16-12-5-16-7 b Painswick
-36-4-58-16-12-5-16-7 g Blackburn
-36-4-58-16-14-3-14-5 f Lindum
-36-4-58-36-14-5-36-7 b Superlative
-36-4-58-36-14-5-36-7 g Harleston

Of the above, Cranbourne, Painswick and Superlative are 2nds place methods, and Blackburn, Lindum and Harleston 8ths place methods.

Conversely, a reverse 'alphabetical' listing will show up those methods having the same work below the treble:

34-38.6-56-36.14-14.5-14-1 m Tottenham
56-56.4-58-36.14-14.5-14-1 m Olney
-56-4.56-58.36.14-14.5-14-1 m Dublin
34-56.4.56-58.36.14-14.5-14-1 m Suffolk
-58-4.58-58.36.14-14.5-14-1 m Bristol
-58-4-56-38.14-14.5-14-1 m Hampshire

Neither Mr. Hawkins' nor Mr. Pattison's systems do this. While the former appears to serve no useful purpose, the latter is limited to a pure listing of methods, for which it is, of course, quite adequate.

Finally, I should like to make a small correction to R.A.S. report on Kenwyn Ringers' outing, in which he says that Hartley, Kent, has no bells ('R. W.' May 6th). Having myself had cause to pay occasional visits to Hartley, in the past few months, I can assure him that All Saints' Church has two bells, which, like Fremington's, may be said to have a character of their own!—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Cheltenham.

### ADVICE FROM FATHER
**(On Record Peal Ringing)**

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Stephen Ivin for once again stirring up the correspondence columns. His suggestion to shout 'Stand' after 12 hours' ringing when one bell misses a dodge would, if I was ringing, send me completely 'round the bend.'

Carry on trying for the 40,000 Stephen, and if you bring it off you too can share the honour and glory of Frank Lufkin's band, but don't be so silly and set the bells up at the first bad blow. Unless you hurry, Frank will beat you to it and leave you to learn the Bristol and ring a 40,000 of this method.—Yours sincerely,

G. K. DODD.

Highclere, Hants.

### NO SERMON INTENDED

Dear Sir,—I fear that Stephen Ivin has misunderstood much of the report of the long peal at Kirby-le-Soken. In the first place no attempt was made at preaching a sermon about long peal attempts. If this is the way he has interpreted it, it can only be because he has a guilty conscience about his own attempts, realising perhaps that others have succeeded in something he has tried to do by sheer determination.

I understand that the comments made about the high standard of discipline in the peal were made by a member of the band, who was also in the recent attempts at Loughborough. This must surely indicate that the discipline during these attempts was not all that it might have been.

Stephen Ivin seems to lay much emphasis on the fact that Plain Bob was rung at Kirby-le-Soken, and not Bristol. Why does he himself not go for a longer length of Bristol? This was, I think, the idea in the mind of the leader writer, when talking about long peals.—Yours sincerely,

MAURICE E. DOWNS.

Clacton-on-Sea.

### NOT UNDERSTANDABLE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Ivin's letter (page 371) concerning the record peal at Kirby-le-Soken is a jealous and snooty comment written in extremely bad taste, and it is not the first time he has shown such an attitude in your columns. Does he imagine that Bristol is the Everest of all change-ringing? Surely it is the quality of the performance that is of prime importance. Are these Loughborough people so almighty that they can ring peals of Surprise every 'practice' night? And why don't they ring 40,320 Bristol instead of toying around with a simple method like Bob Major?

No, sir! I cannot understand this ridiculous attitude. Who is Stephen Ivin, anyway?—Yours sincerely,

R. BROWN.

Leeds.

### THE KIRBY PEAL

Dear Sir,—Talk about catty remarks! I think the letter from Stephen Ivin concerning the 22,400 Bob Major at Kirby-le-Soken was disgusting.—Yours sincerely,

A. G. CLARK.

Tadworth, Surrey.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### North Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Lillington on May 28th. There were 26 present in the lovely little mediaeval church of St. Martin, whose five bells sounded very pleasant over the green countryside, on a perfect May afternoon.

At the Guild service, the Rev. G. R. Buchanan welcomed the ringers on behalf of the Vicar, Canon Wingfield-Digby. He said that the keenness of the Lillington ringers had resulted in young people from the Sherborne schools coming out to learn from them.

An excellent tea, provided by Mrs. Marks and Mrs. Sampson, preceded the meeting. At this, two new members were elected to the Guild—David Hopkins, of Lillington, and Graham Davison, of Gillingham. It was unanimously agreed that a message of goodwill be sent to Canon C. Carew Cox, Master of the Guild, on the 50th anniversary of his ordination as priest.

The next quarterly meeting was arranged for September 10th at Maiden Bradley. After the meeting ringing was resumed at Lillington and also at Thornford.

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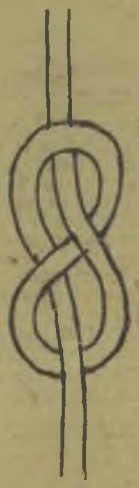
## ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"K"

**KNEES.**—You will notice that those ringers who make bellringing look easy, the good handlers, do not bend at the knees. If bending of the body does occur it should be done from the hips. However, there is a case for the knee-benders when a heavy bell is being rung. The 'pull,' both at sally (or handstroke) and at rope's end (or backstroke), is too long for the average human's reach, so in addition to hip bending knee bending is automatically resorted to. This long pull is due to the large wheel which is attached to a heavy bell and around which the top end of the rope goes. As the result of this a longer length of rope is required below the sally—at the end which is gripped by the ringer—and to overcome the danger of too much rope coiling on the floor at the ringer's feet, boxes are brought into use.

**KNOT.**—Peculiar to any part of the whole world is the Yorkshire tuft for bellringing. This tuft is another padded part, identical to the sally although much shorter, and is at the rope's end. As you may know, the method of adjusting the length of a bell rope with a looped end is merely by threading the end of the rope through the three or four strands of the same rope at a different place so as to make the length of loop longer or shorter as may be required. But the length of rope between the tuft and the sally cannot be adjusted by looping and so other means have to be employed. A knot is used and in itself is quite a simple expedient, because it does not interfere with a ringer handling his bell, it is easily and quickly made and it is easily and quickly unmade. And if one knot does not shorten the rope sufficiently then a second knot may be tied. The sketch will illustrate the knot, which is often referred to as the Yorkshire eight.



**KNOWLEDGE.**—Your progress in ringing will largely depend on the knowledge you have acquired, and for this short article we shall confine ourselves to two kinds of knowledge, practical and theoretical. Believe me, one kind is of no use to you without the other kind, and they must both be gained together, bit by bit. Basically, it is up to each ringer the amount of knowledge acquired but there are, of course, the more fortunate ones who have opportunity continually knocking at their door. If it is your door, seize the opportunity or else you may have regrets later on.

I would recommend the raw beginner to gain practical knowledge at the outset, such as seeing all 'the works' in the belfry, then receiving demonstrations in bell handling and bell control, and being given experience in ringing rounds and call changes. Even at this stage, rightly or wrongly, I have put some of my pupils on to plain hunting (standing behind them the whole time to Courses of Original telling them over which bells to strike) before I have introduced to them any technical books or impressed upon them the importance of the use of pencil and paper. My word, this is the time when one realises how many learners have deaf ears! At this stage it could be revealed how a little knowledge can be a dangerous thing because the beginner must have continual and constant practice to become a good handler and a good striker, for without this practice, should he be quick on the uptake and be one of those easily adaptable to learning methods, he might sweep through the stages of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob and still be a poor striker. But theory, well under control, is an essential and a knowledge of method construction, lead and course ends, and coursing order is part of the attributes of the complete ringer. So regulate your researches into the theory of ringing in relation to your practical attainments.

# SPRING TIME OUTINGS

### BARKING AND DISTRICT

Ringers of St. Mary's, Barking, and other members of the Suffolk Guild, spent an enjoyable day in the Fen country on their outing on May 21st. A rather cold, dull day was compensated by good bells and glorious churches.

Ringing in various methods, with call changes for beginners, took place at Elm, Wisbech St. Mary, Leverington, Walsoken, Walpole St Peter, Walpole St. Andrew, Terrington St. Clement, Tilney All Saints and Terrington St. John, with lunch at Wisbech and tea at Kings Lynn. To all incumbents, local ringers for their kind help and in particular Mr. J. E. Fox, the party expresses sincere thanks.

R. E. L.

### ST. CUTHBERT'S, DARLINGTON

Ringers of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, and their friends, went northwards on May 21st, for their annual outing. They stopped for an hour at Chester-le-Street, and were welcomed by Mr. Dennis Bayles and Mr. Sheridan. Touches of Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were enjoyed on this fine ring.

The route then lay, through a mixture of industrial squalor and residential suburbs, which spreads south of the Tyne, through Blaydon and into the lovely country of Tynedale. At Corbridge, the party spent half an hour full of interest at the remains of the Roman Station at Corstorpitum, and then continued to Hexham, for a fine ham and egg tea at the Beaumont Hotel.

The ringing members of the party accomplished the somewhat complicated ascent of Hexham Abbey—a magnificent building which is being worthily restored—and raised the bells only to find that, though the clock hammers had been pulled off, three of them were still fouling the bells. There was a very informal lower, and by the time the defect had been remedied it was too late to ring.

There was compensation for this disappointment, however, in the superb countryside. The organiser of this enjoyable expedition, Mr. E. Mashiter, was warmly thanked by the captain, Mr. T. Cooke, during the tea.

### ST. MARY'S, READING

The dismal weather of May 21st did not dampen the spirits of the party from St. Mary's, Reading, which arrived at St. Albans Abbey, the first tower of this year's outing, well on time. Stedman and Grandsire Cinques were rung on the twelve, interspaced with rounds. Having collected the stragglers taking late breakfasts in St. Albans coffee houses, we made for Bengeo, in contrast a light, fast moving octave, where methods up to Spliced came round.

After lunch at the White Hart, Hertford, the lovely ten at All Saints were tackled. Low ropes on the four trebles and the bells being difficult to hear lowered our standards a bit, but two of the party rang Cambridge Royal for the first time.

The main road from Ware to Bishop's Stortford was one of the worst we have ever encountered. However, a patient coach driver soon saw to it that we had the handy ten at Bishop's Stortford ringing out. Highlights of the ringing here were a touch of Stedman Caters and a half-course of Yorkshire Royal, which almost settled to a peal beat. Leaving the eastern borders of Hertfordshire, we journeyed across country to Stevenage, where the Scotch Corner Restaurant provided a sumptuous tea before we rang the fine Taylor eight in methods up to Spliced.

The route to our last tower, Harpenden (8), lay through Knebworth and Kimpton. We had many an anxious moment rounding blind corners on the amazingly narrow roads through these villages.

The success of the day was due in no small measure to ringing friends from Reading University and elsewhere, who gave us their support, and to those good people waiting at each tower, not forgetting Albert Diserens and Frank Lewis, who saw to it everyone was well satisfied.

R. K. R.

### LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

Eight towers were represented on what would be more aptly described as a 'Leeds and District' outing on May 21st, to Northumberland and Durham, with Morpeth as the objective.

Good use was made of the two tens—St. Andrew's, Roker, and All Saints', Gosforth—but the former are marred by excessive noise in the ringing room in spite of a 'sound-deadening' ceiling.

An hour's ringing on the light eight at the Morpeth Watch Tower catered for all tastes and we were assured that it is the normal custom, owing to the situation of the tower in the middle of the main street, to shutter the bells drastically when they are rung as opposed to chiming from the 'Ellacombe.'

Perhaps, the biggest surprise of the day came at Brancepeth. One half expected to see a pitshaft or some signs of its situation in the Durham coalfield. Instead, we found a church with a 700 year old tower—a church abounding in seventeenth century woodwork—set in lovely surroundings in the grounds of Brancepeth Castle, from which grounds three hundred years ago came the timber for the British Navy's first three-decker, 'Sovereign of the Seas,' and in which today peacocks strut proudly.

R. H. D.

### HILLINGDON

Ringers of St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, enjoyed a wonderful day in the West Country on May 14th. 'Setting sail' at 7.30 a.m., Evercreech was reached at 11.30 a.m. Treble Ten and Grandsire Caters allowed the visitors to appreciate the lovely bells and meeting several of the local ringers, including Harry Sanger was a great pleasure.

After lunch at Shepton Mallet, Wells Cathedral was reached at 2 p.m. where the party was welcomed. A course of Cambridge Royal foundered towards the end, but Caters on this wonderful ring was more successful. Chewton Mendip was next and one feels almost envious of the folk who live there with such beauty and grandeur all around, enhanced by a lovely example of a Somerset Parish Church, with bells so wonderful as to be difficult to describe. A great consolation was to be able to take their sound home on a tape recorder!

Every favourable comparison was made by some when Trowbridge was reached. This famous ring, so easy to hear and to ring, was very much enjoyed and proved a fitting conclusion to a wonderful ringing outing.

How fortunate we ringers are to have incumbents who will allow us the joy of ringing their bells, the local ringers who meet and welcome us, and captains like Fred Goodfellow who never spare themselves in efforts to organise these perfect days.

W. H. C.

### WATFORD, HERTS

Old Windsor, with its light ring of eight, was the first tower on the list for this year's outing of the Watford company on May 14th. During the ringing, the eight non-ringers in the coach party of 33 were able to look round the church and also enjoy the glorious sunshine on the banks of the Thames.

Leatherhead was visited next, where rounds for the beginners was followed by Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal. Cambridge Major went well on the excellent Taylor eight at Shalford, before the Hampshire border was crossed. The village of Bentley is the home of a member of the Watford band, and after an enjoyable ring on the six, which are unusually deep toned for their weight, the party sat down to an excellent tea prepared her relations. The recast eight at Farnham were put to good use, Little Bob Major being among the methods rung.

The weather had been perfect all day and it was an ideal event for the journey over the Hog's Back to Guildford, where we were met, at Holy Trinity, by our respected editor. Ringing on this magnificent octave provided a fitting end to a most enjoyable day, for which thanks are due to incumbents and ringers at the towers visited.

R. G. S.

# THE TOWERS OF THE FENLAND

By T. A. BEVIS

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## ST. WENDREDA'S CHURCH, MARCH

Many church towers have an open ringing gallery overlooking impressive interiors, but few, if any, of such galleries afford a finer view of an ancient double-hammerbeam roof as that of St. Wendreda's Church, March.

Here the ringers are accompanied by a multitude of angels, so realistic that one can almost hear the beating of their outstretched wings. There are one hundred and twenty of these heavenly figures projected from the hammerbeams in triple tiers, holding various musical instruments peculiar to the 16th century, while at the feet of each of the lower angels, saints and martyrs display emblems and symbols of martyrdom. The roof is regarded by experts as being the finest example of its kind in the country.

Wendreda is an obscure 'local' Saxon saint of whom very little is known. It is said that her earthly remains were interred at Ely, and later transferred to Canterbury. The dedication is believed to be unique.

The 14th century tower stands on two arches and has a groined passage preserving an ancient right-of-way—an unusual but not uncommon feature. A soaring spire brings the steeple's total height to approximately 140 feet. It is unusual for East Anglian towers to possess vertebrae-like exterior turrets from top to bottom, but such is the case at March, and the result of this 'borrowed' West Country style is most pleasing. Dorothy Sayers, author of 'The Nine Tailors,' was a frequent visitor to this church, and the roof of her composite fane, 'Fenchurch St. Paul,' was directly inspired by the angel roof at St. Wendreda's.

There are six bells (tenor 15 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs. in E) of fine tonal quality, cast at Downham Market by Thomas Osborn in 1802. They were conveyed to March from Downham on barges via the River Nene and had a lane (Bell Metal Road) named after them. In the spring of 1929 the bells were tuned and rehung and the treble recast by Taylor's, and they revolve on ball-bearings in a teak frame.

Osborn was a capable founder, being foreman for Edward Arnold, who later formed a partnership with the former at St. Neots foundry, before Osborn set up for himself at his native town, Downham Market, where he died in 1806. He cast many good bells for Fenland, a notable eight being Hilgay, 1779.

The bells at St. Wendreda's carry typical inscriptions of the day in which they were created, the tenor being appropriately inscribed 'I to the Church the living call, and to the grave I summon all.' The fifth, however, has a most unappropriate inscription for the Fenlands: 'Our voices shall with joyful sound make hills and valleys echo round' (poetic licence was surely obtained in this instance!). These two inscriptions also occur at Marham, Norfolk, the fifth and tenor of the ring of six being identical to those at March. Marham's bells were provided in the same year, 1802.

It is thought that St. Wendreda's bells were cast from the metal of previous ones, for Cole refers to a visit to March about the middle of the 18th century and mention is made of five bells at that time. Records date back to 1542, and we learn that two bell ropes in 1555 cost three shillings. In 1558 the bells were rung for the Coronation and in 1593 they received a thorough overhaul. The 'greate bell of March' was recast by John Draper, at Thetford, on February 24th, 1613; it weighed 12 cwts. Another 'greate bell' was recast in 1648.

The first peal of 5,040 changes on the present bells was completed by March ringers on November 5th, 1819 (presumably to the accompaniment of exploding fireworks!). A Sunday service team emulated this achievement on September 29th, 1956. The church was fortunate in having a keen team of ringers as early as 1815 when extents were regularly rung. In 1824 a peal of Doubles was achieved and in the same year the same team rang 1,800 changes of Cambridge Surprise.

The church's handbells, which have been recently renovated, bequeath an amusing story: Over a hundred years old, they were formerly the property of a neighbouring inn, and according to hearsay the local ringers of yesteryear, having welcomed the New Year in the traditional manner, descended the tower and entered the inn, where they drew lots for the largest handbells. Having done this the clappers were unscrewed, the bells inverted and topped up with ale, and a good time had by all!

## ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, LITTLEPORT

'Do not ring and run away,
Leaving other folk to pray;
When a ringer doeth so,
Hand says "Come," but foot says "Go."'

This 'controversial' advice is prominently displayed to visitors entering the ringing gallery at St. George's Church, Littleport, a large perpendicular building which has been much renewed. The lofty 15th century tower is very well proportioned and rises gracefully above tree-tops. It once had a passage through the base, similar to that at March, but this has been closed and the space serves now as a miscellaneous store, an 'improvement' very much to be regretted.

There is a good ring of eight bells by John Warner and Sons, the only inscribed 'instrument' being the tenor (18 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs.), which informs us 'We swing to the Glory of God and in memory of William Bonner Hopkins, Vicar 1866-1890.' The bells were rehung in the original oak frame by Messrs. Taylor's, in 1935, at an expense of £170. Of this amount over £120 was raised by public subscription.

Dedicated on June 24th, 1891 '. . . at 10 o'clock in the morning the first chimes on the bells were rung . . . one remarked that the peal was extremely similar to the beautiful peal of Old Chesterton. . . The handling of the bells gave much pleasure to the parishioners, and inspired not a few with the desire to become ringers.'

The tower contained four bells in the 18th century, the second, third and treble being cast by John Draper in 1622, 1624 and 1640 respectively, and the tenor (9 cwt.) was by Thomas Osborn, 1790. This ring was considered to be absolutely imperfect, the treble being out of all proportion to the tenor.

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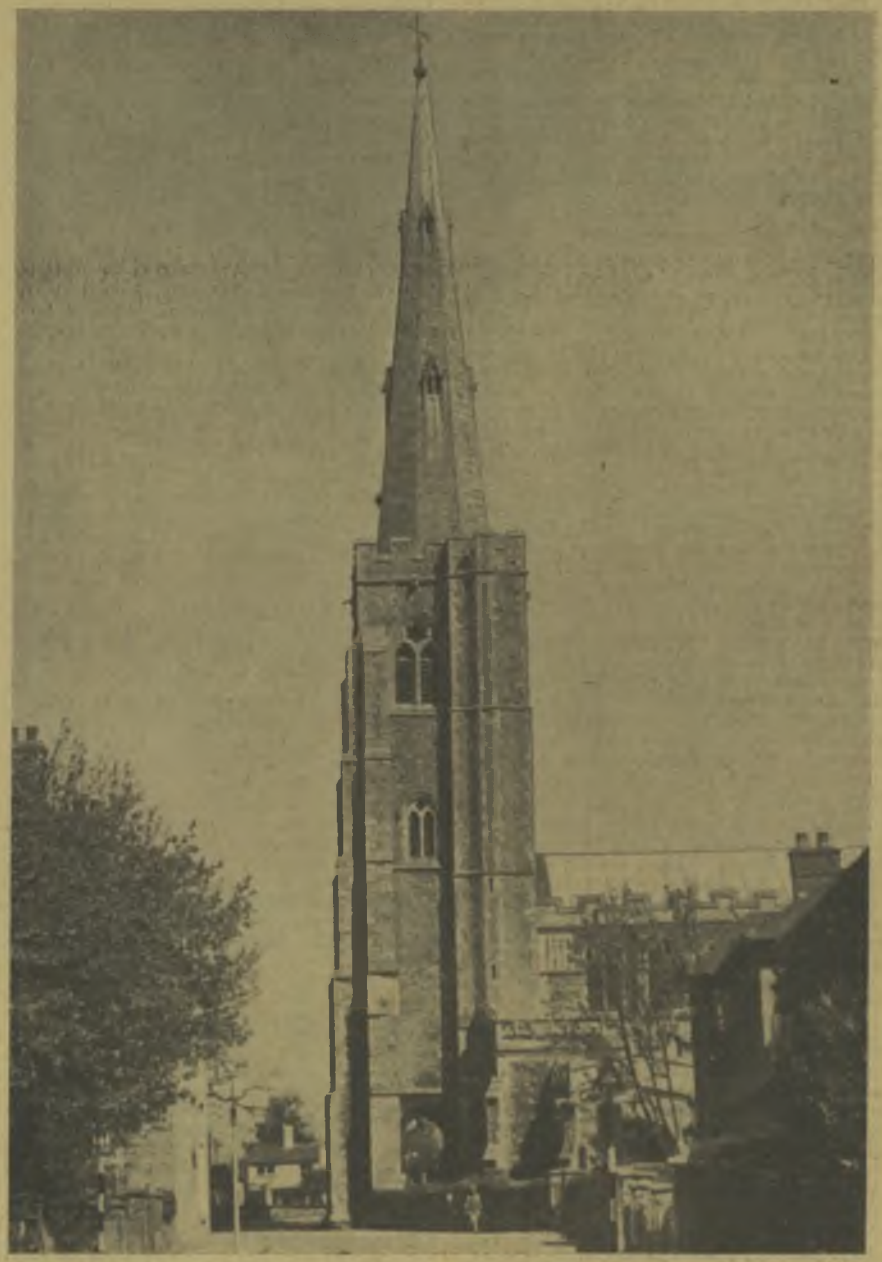

THE CHURCH OF ST. WENDREDA, MARCH
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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Brampton (6) 3 p.m., June 11th. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—A. B. Cooper 6072

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival, Saturday, June 11th. Ringing arrangements: Capel 10.30-12 noon, Merrow and Ockley 11-12, Ranmore 11.30-1 p.m., Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon 2-4, Epsom, Christ Church 3-4, Leatherhead from 4, Dorking 7-8. Service 4.30 p.m. at Leatherhead, followed by tea in St. Nicholas' Hall. 6005

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Cheshunt, Saturday, June 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Durrant, 7, The Folly, Brookfield Lane, Cheshunt. 6024

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—Joint meeting with Northwich Branch, CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, at St. Helen's, Witton, Northwich, Saturday, June 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 6030

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD: Joint meeting, Measham, June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Hall and J. W. Cotton. 6019

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. John's, Stanmore, joint with HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Watford District) Saturday, June 11th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and further ringing until 8 p.m. Ringing also at St. Margaret's, Edgware, 2.30 p.m. until 4 p.m. 6044

SOUTH WALES NOMADS.—Practice meeting at Peterstone-Wentloog (Mon.), on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. All ringers welcome, especially learners.—D. P., Hon. Sec. 6063

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Lyminster (6), on Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Sorry, no facilities for tea available.—E. W. Keys, Hon. Sec. 6059

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Flitton, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. A. Munday, The Old Vicarage, Flitton. No name, no tea. 6067

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Market Drayton, June 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (2s. 3d.) by June 15th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6071

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Newbold on Avon, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6066

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 18th. Service St. Mark's 4 p.m., address by the Bishop of Exeter. Tea and meeting in St. Mark's Parish Hall. Numbers for tea to Rev. C. G. Poulton, 36, Polsloe Road, Exeter. Ringing arrangements: St. Thomas' 1.30-3 p.m., Heavitree 1.30-3, St. Mark's 3-4, Cathedral 6-8.30 p.m. 5985

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, Saturday, June 18th, Blackwell (Feast Saturday). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Smithson, 29, Littlemoor Lane, Newton, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 6073

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Cranham, June 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea to S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 6069

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Evening quarterly meeting, Meysey Hampton, June 18th. Service 6 p.m. Ringing afterwards.—R. Wenban, Hon. Sec. 6077

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Stanton Lacy, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Randall. 6078

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Joint meeting with the BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY at Barrow-on-Humber (8), June 18th, usual arrangements. Names for tea by June 15th, to Mr. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber. 6048

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Elloe Deaneries Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Lincolnshire Branch).—Joint meeting at Gosberton, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 15th, to Mrs. M. Thorley, 32, Whitehall, Gosberton, Spalding, Lincs. 6016

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Poole, June 18th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by June 15th, J. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. 6074

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Section.—Quarterly meeting at Limpsfield (6), June 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Large set of handbells available. Names for tea to Mr. E. Jarrett, 3, Titsey Road, Limpsfield, by June 16th.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 6042

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, June 18th, Sherfield English. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names for tea by June 15th, to J. Hartless, 17, Testwood Crescent, Salisbury Road, Totton, East Tytherley after tea. 6068

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Andover District) and OXFORD GUILD (Newbury District).—Joint meeting, Highclere, June 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Armoury. Thatcham (8) 6.30. Newbury (10) 7.45 to 9 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to G. K. Dodd, 7, The White City, Woolton Hill, near Newbury. 6080

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Alvechurch (8), Saturday, June 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Coach will leave Bell Hotel, Stourbridge at 2.30 p.m. sharp.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. 6038

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual meeting, Almondbury, near Huddersfield, on June 18th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea in Church School 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Monday, June 13th, to Mr. R. Jobson, School House, 8, Westgate, Almondbury, Huddersfield.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6054

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual festival, St. Mary's, Swansea, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by June 18th, to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 6056

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Bath, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available: St. Michael with St. Paul, Broad Street, 10-11 a.m.; Twerton 11-12 noon; St. Mark's 2-3 p.m.; Abbey 2.30-3.30; St. Mary, Bathwick 7-7.30; All Saints, Weston 7.30-8.30; Corston from 7 p.m. Committee meeting 1 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall. Service, Bath Abbey, 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting, St. Mary's Church Hall, 4.15 p.m. Names for tea (3s. 6d.) by June 29th, to Mrs. Norton, Gout House Farm, Kingston Seymour, Clevedon, Somerset. 6018

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Meeting. Aberavon, June 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 6076

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Summer quarterly meeting. Bere Regis, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 22nd, to Mr. H. Pitfield, Rose Cottage, Butt Lane, Bere Regis, Dorchester, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 6079

SOUTH WALES NOMADS. — Ringing festival, July 2nd, opening the Panteg Restoration Fund. Mathern 10 a.m. Penhow 11, Nash 12 noon. Llanfrechfa 2 p.m., Panteg 3, (service 4. refreshments), Llangibby 5.30. Caerleon 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 6064

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, July 2nd, at Whitchurch, Hants. Meeting 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Church Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. E. W. Dance, Bere Hill Farm, Whitchurch, Hants. 19 towers open during the day—details later.—R. R. Savory, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6070

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## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The village of Essendon, on its hill-top, with a pleasantly tuneless ring of six, is an ideal place for a summer meeting. However, on May 21st, a cold day and the fact that no tea arrangements are possible in the village, kept surprisingly few ringers away from the Ashford District meeting.

A short service was conducted by the Rector, and then a 'picnic' would hardly be the right word to describe the sight of several ringers munching their way around the village.

During the business meeting the secretary, Mr. S. Huckle, stated that he hoped the next meeting would be at Welwyn and Tewin on June 18th, special methods being Gainsborough and Little Bob. Several new members were elected from Tewin. J. D.

## TOWERS OF THE FENLAND

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At a vestry meeting held on November 4th, 1787, there was recorded 'That the person or persons who broke the bell should be forthwith brought to justice'; and on January 1788, 'That the bells should be forthwith taken down in order that they be run over again with an addition of mettal in order to have five bells for the use of the parish.' Perhaps the treble was the bell which was broken, presumably by a parishioner who could no longer tolerate its discordant note! However, the recasting of the bells did not materialise and it is believed two of them were later sold.

There are two memorials to ringers. One is to the memory of Benjamin Arber, who died September 25th, 1918, who had rung the bells at this church for 60 years. We leave this impressive place having thoughtfully read the wall-tablet erected to the memory of Stanley Ellingham, who expired April 29th, 1911, aged 18 years:

'Though called away so soon, he had for a considerable time rendered efficient and reverent service in this belfry. May God enable each ringer to do his work as faithfully and with as big a motive as he did.'

## OBITUARY

### MR. AUSTIN B. COOK

The news of the passing of Mr. Austin Bernard Cook, who was secretary of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association from 1921 to 1932, will be received with regret by many old ringers. He died at the age of 78 at the Castle Hill Hospital, Cottingham, near Hull. His membership of the Yorkshire Association dates back to 1907.

He learnt to ring at St. Mary's, Hull, and afterwards rang at All Saints', Margaret Street, until the bells became unringable. Then followed a long association with Holy Trinity, Hull, until ill-health in the late 1930's compelled him to give up active ringing. Much of his ringing was with the late Mr. Charles Jackson and Mr. George Williams, of Hull. Another great friend of his was Mr. Arthur West, of Sutton-on-Hull, whose home with its 300 clocks and handbells was a great attraction to East Yorkshire ringers.

Mr. Cook was employed as a clerk by the North Eastern Railway Company and for some time was a trustee of the Yorkshire Association. Of late years he did not often attend Eastern District meetings owing to ill-health but was always highly respected and welcomed when he could come. He leaves a widow for whom much sympathy is felt. May he rest in peace.

H. S. M.

### MR. SIMON CADE

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Simon Cade, of Scothern, on April 8th, at the age of 86 years. One of the first members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, he rang one or two peals with the late Rev. H. Law James.

At his funeral at Scothern Parish Church the Guild was represented by the Master (Mr. J. H. Freeman) and other members. The Guild also supplied the organist.

After the service a quarter peal of Minor was rung. This was made difficult, by the band finding that a bell rope had been broken a few days previously by a touring band and the muffles had inadvertently been cleared away during 'tidying-up' operation. A Kettleham ringer, however, produced the necessary materials and the ringing was appreciated by several parishioners who had known the late Mr. Cade for many years.

### MR. W. H. KENNEY

On May 13th Somerby, Leicestershire, suffered a sad loss by the death of Mr. William Herbert Kenney, aged 78. He was a member of the Goscote Society of Change Ringers, the old Midland Counties Association and the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and had been a regular service ringer at All Saints' Church for more than fifty years.

A good churchman, he did a lot of work for his church, both inside and in the church yard.

The funeral service at Somerby on May 16th was attended by a large congregation, including the ringers, who sent a wreath in the shape of a bell. The bells were rung half-muffled in his memory on the following evening by his fellow ringers and friends from Great Dalby.

### MR. J. W. UNDERWOOD

Another old Somerby stalwart passed peacefully away on May 17th, in the person of Mr. James William Underwood, aged 78. He had been in failing health for a long time and had not rung for several years.

A member of the Midland Counties Association, the Framland Association and the Leicester Diocesan Guild, he took a great interest in the church and its bells. At the beginning of the century Somerby had one of the best teams of ringers in the district.

The funeral took place at Somerby on May 21st. Amongst the wreaths was one from the ringers, and also from the British Legion, of which he was standard bearer for the local branch for 24 years.

Before evensong, on May 22nd, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to him and to the late Mr. W. H. Kenney. It was conducted by Mr. H. T. Bonshor.

## LATE NOTICES

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 11th, St. Gabriel's, Pimlico. 3-4 p.m. Tea: own arrangements. Business 6 p.m. St. Mary Abbots, High Street, Kensington. Ringing 6.30-8 p.m.—M. Powell. 6084

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Evening practice meeting on Monday, June 13th, at Barton Seagrave (5), from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome. 6087

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Curry Rivel, Saturday, June 18th. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, Local Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 6092

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Minehead, June 18th, 7 p.m. for 10 bell methods only.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 6088

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Stanground, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea: Woodston (6) 6-7.15 p.m. Fletton (5) 6-8.30 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6093

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Mary's, Prestwich, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 15th, to Mr. F. Reynolds, 38, Windsor Avenue, Whitefield, Prestwich. Special methods: Grandsire and Cambridge.—G. D. Fearnehough, Sec. 6094

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District.—Annual meeting in conjunction with the Eastern District of the DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, on Saturday, June 18th, at St. Hilda's Church, South Shields. Names for tea by Thursday, June 16th, to Mrs. C. N. Lea, 48, Rosebery Avenue, South Shields. 6083

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. & W. District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 18th. Arrangements: Stanwell 2.30-3.30 p.m., Staines (St. Mary) 3-4.30, followed by service. Tea 5 p.m. St. Peter's, Staines 6-8 p.m.—E. R. G. 6089

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Bury, on Saturday, June 18th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 6086

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea by Wednesday, June 15th.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 6085

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Edenham, Saturday, June 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 20th, to Mr. W. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 6090

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623).—The 337th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service 6 p.m. 12 bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch and tea for those who notify me by 23rd.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields, ('Phone 2074). 6082

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 2nd. Service at Christ Church 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Chapter House 12 noon. Lunch in Christ Church dining hall 1.30 p.m. Luncheon tickets 6s. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, not later than Tuesday, June 28th. Ringing arrangements as on agenda.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6091

**OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.**—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Clark, (first of Minor) 1, Miss C. Withell (first of Minor 'inside') 2, J. Cruickshank 3, Miss J. Masters 4, T. H. Smith 5, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rev. Lloyd Gedge, curate, on his departure to Canada.

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