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THE NAME OF SNOWDON

THE mention of the name of Snowdon straightway brings to mind that excellent series of ringing text books which still forms the vade-mecum of the average ringer.

Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, who originated the series, had a deep and extensive insight into all aspects of change-ringing, from elementary instruction to the composition and proof of complex methods. An even greater gift which he possessed was his willingness and ability to impart this knowledge to others, with a clarity of written expression which few writers achieve. Though many books on ringing preceded his, Jasper was the man who really popularised the ringing text book, and his introduction of standard diagrams was an original and progressive step.

Whilst some of his written works are designed for beginners, others form the foundation on which many modern composers build up their systems of composition and proof in advanced methods.

Jasper Snowdon, born at Ilkley in 1844, established a competent local band there and was instrumental in the augmentation of the bells from six into eight. On his initiative the Yorkshire Association was established in 1875, and he served as president from then until his untimely death in 1885.

The Exercise and the Yorkshire Association were fortunate that the good works begun by Jasper were able to be developed and completed by his brother William, who became second president for 25 years. Aided by his wife, Laura, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, he effected the completion and publication of Jasper's manuscripts, thus preserving these valuable works for future generations.

William Snowdon was noted for his punctual and regular attention to service ringing and to the affairs of the Yorkshire Association. He was esteemed as a perfect gentleman, holding the view that 'ringing makes all men equal.' In all that he did he was supported by his wife Laura, who, until her death in 1941, continued publication of The Snowdon Series. Their daughter, Margaret E. Snowdon, then took over the responsibility of the books.

This gracious lady is still an ardent church worker at Cartmel Priory, and during the years after 1941 she has, aided by such men as the late J. A. Trollope and Ernest C. S. Turner, seen that the books have been thoroughly revised, brought up to date, and republished.

In 1959 she handed over care of the series to a younger person, Mrs. Winifred Turner, who can be relied upon to ensure their continuity in the future. Although the books have moved with the times, they still have the hallmark of the illustrious name of Snowdon.

It is fitting that such names should be remembered, and on October 22nd this year members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers and friends from many parts of the country will, on the occasion of their annual commemoration dinner, gather at Rotherham to pay tribute to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and other past officers of the Yorkshire Association. N. C.

A BELL FOR THE MISSION FIELD

THE seed was sown in the autumn of 1959 when Father Cox, of the U.M.C.A., home on leave from his new church, St. Michael's, M'twara, Tanganyika Territory, ascended the detached tower of St. David's Cathedral one practice night to see the ringers and tell them what a fine ring of bells they had. In conversation, it transpired that his church had not a bell, and his people were summoned by a hammer being beaten on a tractor wheel!

The ringers decided that they must try and find a bell for M'twara Church. Mr. Frederick Sharpe was consulted, and through him they learnt that Mr. F. A. White, the bell-hanger at Appleton, had one for sale, cast in 1848 by William Taylor, of Oxford. The price was £45, and a deposit was paid to secure the bell.

To raise the money the ringers took on various jobs in their spare time, such as potato picking, pruning and rooting out nettles. Another gave a part of his B.B.C. fee for a broadcast, and there were also personal gifts. Then it was decided to make the appeal to a wider circle. A collecting box bearing the story of the M'twara bell was placed in the Cathedral to attract the sympathy of the many visitors. The Dean, however, had a more appealing idea—placing the box on the top of a huge old bell which stands in the nave, a reminder of the sad old days when the Cathedral bells had cracked. A coffee morning in the City Hall finally completed the task.

On September 14th St. David's ringers heard from Father Cox, expressing his thanks and saying how much he was looking forward to the early arrival of the bell, which will be going out from Central Africa House with a priest who is soon leaving for this diocese.

A PEAL WEEK-END IN SUFFOLK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

RODERICK W. PIPE	*Treble*	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	*LESLIE N. MELTON	6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
PETER J. EVES	4	JOHN MCDONALD	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN MCDONALD.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CECIL W. PIPE	*Treble*	PETER J. EVES	6
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	7
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	8
JOHN MCDONALD	4	RODERICK W. PIPE	9
*JAMES B. MORLEY	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal. First of London Surprise Royal as conductor.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	LESLIE N. MELTON	4
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	2	*JOHN MCDONALD	5
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of London Surprise Minor.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960 in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C.

*J. KEITH WARD	*Treble*	*STANLEY JENNER	7
†CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	‡WILFRID G. WILSON	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	§THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	9
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	‡WALTER H. DOBBIE	10
‡FREDERICK R. SCOTT	5	‡FRANK C. PRICE	11
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	6	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First 12-bell peal. † 300th peal. ‡ First of Yorkshire Maximus. § First of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

BUCKFAST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	6
JAMES G. NEWMAN	2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	7
RONALD C. NOON	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	8
BARRIE HENDRY	4	BRYAN PATTISON	9
JAMES R. TAYLOR	5	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
First 10-bell peal on the bells.
Rung in connection with the golden jubilee of the blessing of the Abbey bells on Michaelmas Day, 1910.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. in D flat.

JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT	2	*†IAN M. HOLLAND	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	8
*HOWARD SCOTT	4	*J. HENRY FIELDEN	9
*GORDON BENFIELD	5	*NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of London Royal. † 100th peal for the Association. First of London Royal for the Association by a resident band.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Treble*	GORDON T. PETERS	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	ALAN E. M. BAGWORTH	7
MICHAEL P. MORETON	3	JACK S. DEAR	8
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
JOHN HILL	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALMA M. GREAVES	*Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
MURIEL REAY	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
RODERICK J. LEES	3	JOHN MCDONALD	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
DAVID J. PURNELL	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri. Aug. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	*Treble*	*PETER SCHOLFIELD	5
*S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	2	*JOHN H. FIELDEN	6
*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
*GEOFFREY CHEETHAM	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. First of London on the bells. The conductor has now rung peals at 100 Yorkshire churches.

HEADCORN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
*KATHLEEN M. YEO	2	IAN H. ORAM	6
JOHN R. COOPER	3	RALPH BIRD	7
MAURICE E. DOWNS	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* 50th peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Geoffrey Pearson and Jane-Ann Hedges, married at this church immediately prior to the commencement of the peal.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

DAVID J. PURNELL	*Treble*	RALPH G. EDWARDS	5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	2	JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
PETER BORDER	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
RICHARD C. PRICE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

SHIRLEY HARRIS	*Treble*	*ROBERT B. SMITH	5
EILEEN M. FEARN	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
CAROL FERNLEY	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BASIL JONES	4	FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
* 100th peal of Major.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

NORMAN HAYES	*Treble*	JOHN R. FAITHFULL	5
MARY S. TAYLOR	2	JANICE E. WILLIAMSON	6
DAVID E. HOUSE	3	DAVID J. FORDER	7
PAULINE FENNELL	4	MICHAEL J. THOMAS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by MICHAEL J. THOMAS.
First peal as conductor.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Treble*	MICHAEL R. ROSE	5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	2	DON C. EXELL	6
D. JOHN HUNT	3	*PATRICK J. BIRD	7
*DONALD E. COBB	4	JOHN H. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.
* First peal in the method. First of Bristol on these bells, and of Surprise at the Cathedral. First of 'Bristol' in Bristol since September, 1925.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in D flat.

REV. JOHN B. T. HOMFRAY	*Treble*	*WENDY BIRD	5
PETER BAKER	2	PETER T. HURCOMBE	6
FRED NEWTON	3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	7
*DERRICK ASTON	4	LESLIE ASTON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell to Miss Wendy Bird, of the local band, who is leaving for the Teachers' Training College, Salisbury.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat. Sept. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

RODERICK W. PIPE	*Treble*	CECIL W. PIPE	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	6
*BRENDA E. DOWNING	3	*ROBERT F. DOWNING	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 8).
Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

LOUIS WILLDERS	*Treble*	*PETER A. SHARP	5
*DELIA SMITH	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
MARGARET A. SWANN	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Composer's Twelve-Part, No. 17 in the method. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

GODFREY G. WALPOLE	*Treble*	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	NORMAN V. HARDING	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	BERT GOGLE	7
WILLIAM LOVE	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barrett, who were married at this church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	A. JAMES POYNOR	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	6
*MRS. G. A. HALLS	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	GEORGE A. SPENCER	5
*HORACE E. WERRET	2	A. REX AGG	6
EDWIN G. BUCK	3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	7
ERIC EDMONDSON	4	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by COLIN A. S. HARWOOD.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. David Ritchie and Mrs. Ritchie.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	ALAN F. THIRST	5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	6
WILLIAM T. COOK	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
R. ROGER SAVORY	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

UFFCULME, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

PHILIP N. TUBBS	*Treble*	WALTER H. POOLE	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	DAVID T. NORTH	6
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	ARTHUR H. REED	7
GWILYM SALMON	4	ALBERT W. DYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 Pudsey and Superlative, and 416 Lincoln; all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14 cwt.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	5
MRS. SHEILA M. MOULDS	2	J. HENRY FIELDEN	6
PATRICIA REEVE	3	JOHN F. BRYANT	7
M. VIVIEN COPPING	4	ROBERT E. MOULDS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.
Rung by the Sunday service band of All Souls' Church, Halifax.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. DEASON	5
CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT	2	EUNICE A. HILEY	6
*COLIN CHINNERY	3	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY	7
CATHERINE M. POWELL	4	FRANK W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal 'inside.' The conductor has now 'completed the circle' of this tower.
Rung as a compliment to the new Vicar (Rev. F. H. Hargraves) and his wife.

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Treble*	KENNETH ARTHUR	5
FREDERICK ROSS	2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	6
NORMAN ERRINGTON	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
WILLIAM TYSON	4	ROBERT F. TELFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN.
First peal in the method as conductor.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

ROSEMARY FLEMING	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
*CATHERINE WHITE	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

MARION ARCHER	*Treble*	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	5
CYRIL WRIGHT	2	STANLEY SLANEY	6
*EILEEN A. OSBORNE	3	LEONARD GOODALL	7
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in connection with the appeal to restore the organ of this church, destroyed by fire in 1959.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

PETER F. BORER	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
*ARTHUR G. MASON	2	IAN H. ORAM	6
FRANK I. HAIRS	3	‡HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
†ANDREW M. MACVE	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (C.C.C. 5).
Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* 75th peal on the bells. † First in the method. ‡ 1,100th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Borer on the birth of a daughter, Denise Ann.

ESHER, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	PETER G. SMART	5
*ANGELA J. MARTIN	2	‡KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS	6
†RUPERT L. CAPORN	3	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY	7
CATHERINE M. POWELL	4	WILLIAM S. DEASON	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CATHERINE M. POWELL.
* First peal on eight bells 'inside.' † First on eight bells. ‡ First peal. First touch of Major as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 HAMPSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E.

HERBERT A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	5
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	2	LEWIS F. COBB	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
MICHAEL J. BEST	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
First peal in the method for all.

HAZELBECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	RODERICK J. LEES	5
DIANA M. LAWLESS	2	ALAN J. FROST	6
ERIC BILLINGS	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
RUTH M. BORDER	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LEVERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELENA.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*H. LAKIN	*Treble*	*T. MOTTRAM	4
*MISS N. WILLINGHAM	2	*W. H. LAKIN	5
*C. ASKEW	3	*A. PICKWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. LAKIN.
* First peal. First as conductor. First on the bells.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT J. DAVEY	*Treble*	GEORGE E. THODAY	4
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
DONALD F. MURFET	3	*MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
* 25th peal together. First in the method by all the band.

STAPLETON, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and one each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN H. GILBERT	*Treble*	*DON C. EXELL	4
*CLIFF J. RICHARDS	2	D. JOHN HUNT	5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	3	†JOHN BRAIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* First peal in six methods. † First of Minor. First in six methods as conductor. First on the bells.

THANINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 2,640 of Grandsire (Morris's 240 and 20 extents) and 2,400 of Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in C.

*JOSEPHINE D. HARDY	*Treble*	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	3
†PAUL A. BATCHELOR	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	4

DENNIS A. CHAPMAN *Tenor*
Conducted by DENNIS A. CHAPMAN.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. First of Doubles as conductor. First on the bells.

FINDON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ANDREW J. THOMSON	*Treble*	RAYMOND A. BROWN	4
ANGELA GRAINGER	2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	5
*VICTOR J. DALE	3	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.
* First peal. The conductor's 50th peal.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Double and Single Court, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, (5) Double Bob and Fulbeck, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Reverse Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

JOHN COATES	*Treble*	LOUIS WILLDERS	4
CLAIRE DILLAMORE	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	PETER A. SHARP	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

TREVOR TARBATT	*Treble*	PETER SCHOLFIELD	4
WILFRID F. MORETON	2	*GEOFFREY TOWNEND	5
RODNEY PAGDIN	3	*KENNETH PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in seven methods.

CONSETT, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

J. GEORGE WALL .. .. *Treble*		KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	4
DENIS A. BAYLES	2	*ROBERT B. SKELTON ..	5
WILLIAM TYSON	3	RICHARD OLIVER .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal in five methods.

Rung for the wedding at this church on September 3rd of Miss Ella Foreman, of the local band, to Mr. Stanley Green.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 15 methods, being seven 720's, viz.: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (4) Hereford and Oxford Bob, (5) Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (6) Double and Plain Bob, (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*DAVID E. CULHAM.. .. *Treble*		*ALLEN W. CANSDALE ..	4
*EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
*BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD ..	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. *Treble*	

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* Most methods to a peal.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (2) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (3) York and Durham; (4) Beverley and Surfleet; (5) Annable's London; (6) Norwich; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich and Bourne. Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

JOHN R. COOPER .. .. *Treble*		IAN H. ORAM	4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	2	RALPH BIRD	5
ANDREW M. MACVE	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in 14 Surprise methods by all the band, and on the bells.

HADDENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, comprising an extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE A. WALKER .. *Treble*		*ANTHONY R. MANN ..	4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	2	ROGER J. PALMER	5
*†W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	3	MANSFIELD GINN .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ROGER J. PALMER.

* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal for the Association. First as conductor in more than one method.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 10½ cwt.

*KEITH C. STONE .. .. *Treble*		‡JOHN W. PERKINS	4
†‡RICHARD H. SPRAY ..	2	‡PETER S. BENNETT	5
MAURICE C. HUGHES ..	3	*JAMES A. CROOK .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Plain Bob Doubles.

Rung to commemorate the engagements of Mr. H. Windsor to Miss J. Elliman and Mr. R. Winter to Miss B. Thompson.

BROADWAS-ON-TEME, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Broadwas Bob and ten each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 4½ cwt. in D flat minor.

*PETER J. BROWN .. .. *Treble*		*JOHN C. EISEL	3
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS ..	2	†PAUL CATTERMOLE	4
MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. *Tenor*			

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.

* First peal on five bells. † 25th peal for the Association.

Rung within the octave of Holy Cross Day.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
On Tues, Sept. 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) Norfolk Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Double Court and College Bob, (4) St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob, (5) London Surprise, (6) Plain and Double Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. *Treble*		RODERICK W. PIPE ..	4
JAMES B. MORLEY	2	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
JACK PILGRIM	3	LESLIE N. MELTON .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

The greatest number of methods rung in a peal of Minor by the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents: (1) Single Oxford Bob, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Double Plain Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

CAROL FERNLEY .. .. *Treble*		BASIL JONES	4
EILEEN M. FEARN	2	BRIAN HARRIS	5
LESLIE BOUMPHREY	3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Beverley Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Double Oxford, (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B.

JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. *Treble*		KENNETH ARTHUR	4
MARION S. AINSWORTH ..	2	FREDERICK ROSE	5
STEPHEN THOMPSON	3	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, three each of April Day, Dedworth, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Stedman, and two each of Kennington, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Wychbold Pleasure. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.

PAUL CATTERMOLE .. .. *Treble*		ARTHUR D. COOK	4
JAMES E. PULLON	2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS ..	5
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS ..	3	ARTHUR D. FELLOWS .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.

Fastest peal on the bells. Most methods rung to a peal by all, and on the bells.

A birthday compliment to Mr. E. Dudley Wilson, of Redmarley D'Abitot.

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NORTON DISNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double and Single Court, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (4) London Surprise, (5) Plain and Oxford Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Double Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in B flat.

DELIA SMITH	*Treble*	G. LEONARD THOMPSON	4
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 11 lb.

GEORGE BARBER	*Treble*	SIDNEY C. EASTER	4
*ALISON MANN	2	JAMES TOWLER	5
BERNARD C. MANN	3	ARTHUR HUBBLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR HUBBLE.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a compliment to John Easter and Celia Bloomfield on their engagement, and as a going-away peal for Alison Mann, who is attending a teachers' training college at Putney.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of St. Clement's, two each of Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER JONES	*Treble*	JOHN RYDER	4
DENNIS MADDOCK	2	HAROLD WORRALL	5
MICHAEL THOMPSON	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

SUTTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Norwich Surprise, two of Cambridge Surprise and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

ARTHUR YARROW	*Treble*	GEORGE THODAY	4
ROGER I. PALMER	2	MANSFIELD GINN	5
DONALD F. MURFET	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

WOULDHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Annable's London, (5) Norwich, (6) Ipswich and (7) Cambridge. Tenor 13¼ cwt. in G.

TREVOR A. CROSS	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	4
ANDREW M. MACVE	2	RALPH BIRD	5
JOHN R. COOPER	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal on the bells since 1925, that being the first.

HANDBELL PEAL

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1960, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.
AT 24, DOYLE AVENUE, HILSEA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Reverse Bob, St. Clement's Bob and College, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 7.

*NEVILLE HAILE	1—2	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3—4
ROGER BALDWIN	5—6		

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First handbell peal of Minor in more than one method.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of 1-2.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Surprice Minor: J. Riley 1, N. Sherratt (cond.) 2, W. Sherratt 3, R. A. Challinor 4, P. A. Mason 5, R. Worrall 6. First in the Chester Group by all the band.

ASTON-ON-TRENT, DERBYS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. W. Pincombe 1, J. S. Knighton 2, M. A. Fern 3, G. Cheverton (first quarter) 4, A. Whiting (cond.) 5, E. Barker (first quarter) 6.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Beeson 1, T. Bird 2, G. Olliver 3, Miss F. Hankey 4, F. W. Bird 5, W. Dunn 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, J. Burgess 8. For Evensong, also the birthdays of Mr. F. W. Bird and Mr. T. Bird.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 6th, 1,440 Minor (Single Oxford and Double Oxford): C. R. C. Coussmaker (Oxford) 1, Jennifer Davies (Reading) 2, R. Brown (Southampton) 3, G. Crisp (Southampton) 4, A. J. Griffin (Cambridge) 5, J. R. Taylor (Cambridge, cond.) 6. For the Universities' Association.

BRISTOL.—On Sept. 18th, at 76, Hill Street, Totterdown, 1,272 Bob Minimus: K. W. Price 1-2, T. K. Price 3-4. Witness: David J. M. Price. To commemorate 'Battle of Britain' Sunday.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On July 24th, 1,328 Plain Bob Major: L. Muller 1, F. Hannington 2, J. Davies 3, W. Harford 4, T. Yeomans 5, L. Hulbert 6, J. Pryor 7, T. Lewis (cond.) 8.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Peggy Dando 1, Gladys Bishop 2, D. Dando 3, A. Hazzard 4, P. Gallop 5, C. Hall 6, C. Bishop (cond.) 7, H. Babb 8. First of Stedman for 2 and 6. Rung by the Sunday service band for the enthronement this day of the Rt. Rev. E. B. Henderson as Bishop of Bath and Wells.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Harvey 1, Mrs. A. J. Frith 2, R. W. Treasure 3, C. Allward 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, L. B. Coles 6. Rung in honour of the enthronement this day of the Rt. Rev. E. B. Henderson as Bishop of Bath and Wells.

CONINGSBY, LINCS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Burrell (first quarter) 1, Mary Morriss 2, E. Flintham 3, A. E. Flatters 4, J. P. Morriss 5, L. H. Taylor (cond.) 6.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Kathleen Mallender 1, Marguerite Batram 2, E. Baldwin 3, G. Graham 4, H. Scott 5, H. Wagstaff 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, G. White 8.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. P. Cannon (cond.) 1, B. Read 2, C. Lloyd 3, Ethel Clear 4, J. Stedman (first 'inside') 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, G. F. Pratt 7, B. Coward 8. The conductor has now called a quarter-peal from every bell in the tower.

EAST HARPTREE, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Philippa King (first quarter) 1, Jacqueline A. Purnell 2, R. J. Gay (cond.) 3, P. W. Gay 4, D. Uphill 5, F. H. Andrews 6.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss A. E. J. Lester 3, R. E. Lester (cond.) 4, J. E. Ivings 5, H. Ivings 6, J. Paul 7, H. Fuller 8. For Matins on 'Battle of Britain' Sunday.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Fentiman (first of Major) 1, G. A. Cockman 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, D. Herschell 4, W. Parrott 5, Adrienne Gibson 6, F. Oakshott 7, N. D. J. Webb (cond.) 8. First of Major 'inside' for 2 and 4. Rung for 'Battle of Britain' Sunday and to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. R. E. Falkner, M.A.).

GORING-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Pepler (first quarter) 1, Patricia Hibbert 2, Mrs. C. Hibbert 3, N. Tull 4, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 5, J. Hibbert 6, W. Irving 7, J. Hiscock 8.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 11th, at Christ Church, Blacklands, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Downing 1, E. F. P. Bryant 2, Joan M. Downing 3, R. I. Vaughan 4, A. Jackson 5, J. Downing (cond.) 6, A. A. Price 7, J. E. Downing 8. Rung for the baptism of Jill Susan Downing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Downing.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Bell 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, P. E. Wells 4, A. J. Davey 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Foster 1, C. Bell (first 'inside') 2, A. Smith 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, A. J. Davey 5, H. S. Peacock 6. For morning service.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Munn 1, Rosemary Jarrett 2, F. Reed 3, A. T. Wingate 4, T. Wood 5, G. Davis 6, G. T. Cousins 7, A. W. Davis (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 5. For Evensong.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,680 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. M. Ford 1, Miss J. M. Gambling 2, D. M. Gambling 3, D. S. Harris 4, J. G. Cull 5, P.C. F. Wooster (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the wedding of Audrey Bailey to Ronald Short, which took place at Tewin this afternoon.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. Harper (first quarter) 1, Miss G. E. Graney 2, D. J. Goodman 3, Miss M. Erik 4, R. J. Picton 5, R. W. R. Picton 6, B. M. Barker (cond.) 7, K. D. Waples 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Powell 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, D. A. Chapman 5, R. Pittman 6, H. G. Keeley 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Bowsher 1, V. Clifton 2, N. Leslie 3, A. Cantwell 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, P. Trinder (first quarter) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. A. Pimm and Miss P. Hale.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. C. Turner 1, E. J. Manley 2, E. Marks 3, C. J. Turner 4, J. Carter 5, J. Quick (first of Triples as cond.) 6, F. Shepherd 7, R. T. Wood 8. Rung before the Sunday afternoon organ recital at this church.

OXFORD.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Woolf (first of Triples) 1, P. Walker 2, L. Stilwell 3, Mrs. T. J. Lock 4, A. H. Gearing 5, T. J. Lock (cond.) 6, P. J. Coles 7, H. J. Pratley 8. For Evensong in the octave of St. Giles. Also at the Church of St. Martin and All Saints, on Sept. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. G. Moore 1, F. A. H. Wilkins 2, Dawn V. Elson 3, E. R. Venn 4, C. Coles 5, N. I. Allnutt 6, R. B. Meadows 7, W. F. Judge (cond.) 8. Rung prior to Matins for 'Battle of Britain' Sunday.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Hughes (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Carpenter 2, A. Clayton 3, M. P. Moreton 4, A. Bishop 5, B. Coatsworth 6, C. Mew (cond.) 7, B. Bull 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor on his 19th anniversary. For Evensong.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Bennett (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Chettle (first quarter) 3, S. P. Hodgkins 4, J. Mills-Clifton 5, B. Whitworth 6, A. L. Priestley 7, W. Dickens 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. David and Mrs. Croad to this parish.

SKILGATE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Churchill (first on five) 1, Miss J. Stevens 2, Miss P. Stevens 3, C. J. Stevens 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Short with the band's best wishes for their future happiness.

STONELEIGH, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. K. Hubbard (aged 12, first quarter) 1, Gillian A. Williamson 2, K. J. Hancock (first 'inside') 3, Sheila J. Rench 4, P. K. Williamson (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Lee (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Chacksfield 2, J. Chacksfield (first 'inside') 3, Jean Horton 4, J. R. Maple (cond.) 5, K. Pritchard 6. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to the treble and tenor ringers. The conductor has now 'circled' the tower.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, A. E. Bissat 2, Miss B. Boyle 3, C. Sangwin 4, H. Heard 5, H. Stacey 6, F. Sangwin (cond.) 7, G. Halford 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss P. Simpson and Mr. K. G. Avery.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Besthorpe, Kennington, Old Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, 240 each of Plain Bob and Norfolk, and 60 Grandsire): D. Penn 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, J. Firkins 3, A. Halling 3, E. W. Penn 5, R. Perks 6. For Evensong.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 St. Simon's Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, F. Hawkes 2, Judith A. Harding 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, R. Hawkes 6. First in the method for all the band.

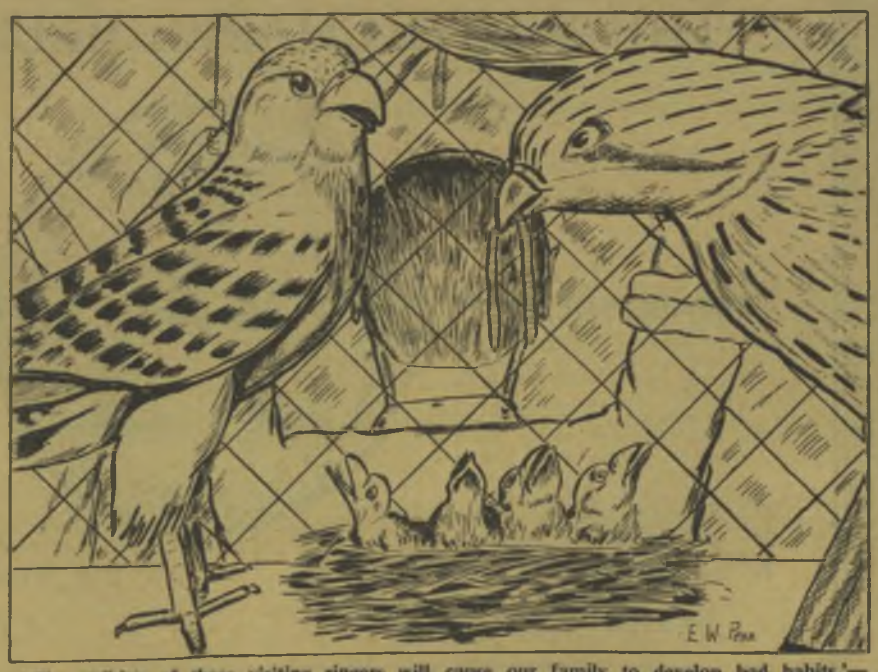
WALKINGTON, YORKS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Rank 1, I. Booth 2, J. Singleton (first of Minor 'inside') 3, G. Pybus 4, I. Goldthorpe 5, R. Gibson (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Parsonage (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Howard 2, Miss M. Hobbs 3, Miss M. Barrett 4, W. Lee (cond.) 5, L. Floyd 6. For Evensong.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Wild 1, J. Ferris 2, W. Taylor 3, M. Webb 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, H. Shellard 6. For Harvest Festival.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, G. E. Green (cond.) 2, F. C. Case 3, C. E. Truman 4, R. Rogers (first on eight) 5, T. E. Roberts 6, P. D. Taylor 7, G. Foddy 8. Also on Sept. 13th, 1,260 Erin Triples: G. W. Holland 1, T. E. Roberts 2, C. E. Truman 3, R. Rogers 4, W. A. Yates 5, J. Linnell 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. First quarter of Erin on the bells and by all the band.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, C. Bellew 2, G. Sparkes 3, A. Turner 4, W. Hartnell 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, F. Casely (cond.) 7, W. Baker 8. Rung for the enthronement of the new Bishop of the Diocese this day at Wells Cathedral.



'The striking of these visiting ringers will cause our family to develop bad habits.'—Mother Kestrel Hawk at Tawstock, Devon. ('R.W.', page 416.)

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BELFRY GOSSIP

After countless attempts, Mrs. Pat Halls has at last scored her first peal of Stedman Triples. The credit for this achievement goes entirely to that eminent conductor, Brian Warwick, who succeeded in the difficult task of keeping her firmly on the blue line. Pat has previously rung to within four minutes of her ambition to achieve a peal of Stedman Triples. The general belief was that she would have wrecked the peal if it had taken longer than 2 hours 8 minutes to complete!

Mrs. D. Strong, of Nailsea, has been admitted to Bristol General Hospital.

A peal week-end in Suffolk consisted of peals of London in Minor, Major and Royal.

Application for a faculty for the Charles W. Blakey memorial was made early in the summer. Our latest information is that 'the matter is with the Chancellor.' It will not be possible, therefore, to hold the dedication in October as originally intended.

Schoolgirl Gillian Schofield, of Bradford, mentioned recently in connection with a peal of Spliced Surprise, has a 12-year-old brother who obviously intends to catch up his sister. He rang a peal of London Surprise Major at Cross Stone, Todmorden, with scarcely a mistake. Congratulations, Barry!

Miss Audrey Bailey, for her wedding to Mr. Ronald Short at Tewin on September 17th, had an unusual compliment in the form of a third-of-a-peal rung at Kimpton. What happened was that the band intended to ring a half peal, but a false start and restricted time only allowed for a third-of-a-peal.

One peal and two quarter peals were planned for the wedding of Mr. David H. White (secretary of the Axbridge District) and his bride and fellow ringer at Uphill tower, Miss Annette E. Lang. The peal attempt on the wedding day at Mark unfortunately came to grief after the treble rope slipped wheel. However, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was successfully rung. A quarter peal at Uphill was lost after the conductor had been stung by what was believed to be a wasp after about 1,000 changes.

We were pleased to note that Mr. Nolan Golden conducted the peal at Loddon on September 10th in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of his old friends Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barrett. It was at Loddon Church that they were married, and after the peal the ringers and friends were most hospitably entertained in the Church Hall.

Leverton, near Boston, has had its first peal rung on the bells. The performance on August 6th was by a band all of whom had not rung a peal previously. Congratulations!

The extents of Broadwas Bob included in the peal of Doubles rung at Broadwas-on-Teme, Worcs, on September 12th, consisted of Norfolk Doubles with plain bob leads replaced by Reverse Canterbury plain leads.

An interesting note regarding the peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Bristol Cathedral on September 9th is that the last peal of Bristol in the city was at St. Stephen's on September 12th, 1925.

The new Vicar of Hersham, Surrey (Rev. F. H. Hargraves), showed his appreciation of the band who rang a peal in honour of his induction by entertaining them to refreshments. A much-appreciated gesture.

To welcome the Coventry Guild to Whitnash for their quarterly meeting tomorrow (Saturday) will be Mr. F. W. Hauley, who reaches his 95th milestone today. He hopes not only to participate in the ringing with other veterans but also to read the lesson at the service.

Miss Catherine M. Powell, of Stoke D'Abernon, gave another example of her accomplishments when she called her first peal of Major at Esher on September 17th. Every call was in its correct place, and her ability enabled Mr. A. P. Cannon to ring his 800th peal! Catherine is the first lady to call a peal of Major for the Guildford Guild. Mr. Cannon's peals have been rung in 616 towers with 1,259 different ringers. He has conducted 412 peals.

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VETERANS STILL FORGATHER

NINETY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD Mr. F. V. Sinkin came from hospital on September 17th to attend the veterans' reunion at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London. The 37 other male veterans present accorded him a hearty welcome. This year's gathering was honoured by ladies, and qualifying for the veteran distinction were present Miss Evelyn Steel, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, Mrs. Hairs, and in the background, superintending the tea, Mrs. E. E. Davis.

For five years these gatherings have been organised by the originator, Mr. A. W. Coles. The planning of this year's function was in the capable hands of Mr. John Euston, and when the future of these gatherings was discussed there was a unanimous wish that they should be continued and that Mr. Euston should make the arrangements.

In the afternoon there was ringing at St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Clement Danes' and St. Botolph's. The bells of St. Olave's, Hart Street, were also available, but not sufficient ringers attended. A short service was conducted in St. Botolph's Church by Prebendary H. H. Treacher, who is retiring from the living after some 10½ years in office. As in previous years, he came to the tea table, and in a short speech of welcome told the gathering that it was 'his last time.' 'I know the value of these gatherings, of getting together and having a good old natter.' He congratulated Mr. Sinkin on being present, and hoped that the fellowship St. Botolph's had to offer would be continued in years to come.

The story of this year's gathering was told by Mr. Euston. First he had a word of appreciation for Mrs. Davis and her helpers for the excellent tea.

Pressed to reply, Mrs. Davis said it was a great pleasure to have them all. 'Some of us,' she added, 'feel we are veterans as much as you are.'

Mr. Euston read out a long list of apologies. Among them were Messrs. A. A. Hughes, the Leatherhead contingent, Maynard (Walthamstow), Wainwright (Southgate), Alf Poole (Horley), Brinklow and Bert Aldridge (Bexley), Jim Bennett, Stephen Hoare, Gilbert Goodship, William Shepherd, Dr. Taylor and Canon C. Carew Cox.

DEBT TO VETERANS

Not a veteran himself, Mr. Euston had complimentary things to say to the veterans present. If one glanced through 'The Ringing Worlds' until 1930, they would read of their achievements in peals. He did not think the ringing today was better than what they achieved. (A voice: 'What about Minimus?') It was also to these veterans that they owed Sunday ringing, and it needed to be more encouraged. The reason he was so interested in these veterans' reunions was because they did all the work for the foundation of ringing today. It was not then easy travel, but meant walking miles.

The 38 veterans present that afternoon made an average age of 74. The following, who had died since the last reunion, were remembered: Bill Wenban, Bill Langdon, Bob Grimwood, Fred Mitchell, Frank Skidmore, Albert Lock, of Abingdon, and Miss Stella Davies.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Jack Euston for his work in organising the gathering was proposed by Mr. S. Howard.

THOSE PRESENT

F. V. Sinkin (95), H. Stalham (87), Reuben Sanders (86), I. J. Attwater (82), A. F. Wellington (82), F. Howard (81), J. W. Chapman (79), T. R. Dennis (77), Richard F. Deal (76), W. H. Hewett (74), H. E. Smith (74), H. Belcher (74), N. Tomlinson (74), A. Hunter (74), E. W. Furbank (73), C. J. Sedgley (73), A. W. Coles (72), F. W. Wicks (72), A. Turner (72), Tom Collins (72), F. I. Hairs (72), C. E. J. Norris (71), R. Stilwell (70).

Under 70.—S. Howard, H. Allen, H. J. Hazell, W. J. Rawlings, W. A. J. Knight, A. D. Barker, P. J. Spice, J. Marks, E. E. Holman, W. Insley, T. W. White, H. W. Clark, R. Newman, A. Cutler.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 40

JOHN FREEMAN

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

Mr. John Freeman is a man held in high esteem by the Exercise and the Central Council. Quiet and thoughtful, he is never noisy in debate, but when he does speak he is listened to, with much respect. Like his father, he is solid and reliable, and his sound common sense ensures that his contributions to discussions on the Standing Committee are of the utmost value.

Born at Lincoln in 1919, he was educated at Lincoln School, and later qualified as a Public Health Inspector. He is also a member of the Institution of Municipal Engineers. He learned to ring at Lincoln Cathedral in 1934, and in just over a year conducted his first peal, Stedman Cinques, a really remarkable achievement for one so young. His services to the Lincoln Guild have been outstanding, for besides being a member of the Guild's committee, he represents that body on the Diocesan Advisory Committee, and has been Central Council representative since 1948. Such a useful man would naturally find his way to the Standing Committee, and in 1954 he was elected to both that and the Towers and Belfries Committee.

His ringing performances are outstanding, and amongst many notable achievements are the record length of 14,144 London Surprise Major, which he conducted, a peal of 5,016 Stedman Cinques in short courses throughout, called from a non-observation bell, and a 'John' peal of Cambridge Maximus, rung by College Youths, which he also conducted. Other notable peals were 'silent' Spliced Surprise Major in four methods, 'silent' Stedman Triples at Gainsborough, Spliced Surprise Major in 32 methods, Cambridge Surprise Major 'in hand,' H. Law James' seven-part peal of Stedman Triples and Erin Triples, all of which he conducted. He also took part in the first peals of Surprise Major in 16 and 22 methods, and peals of Spliced Plain Major 'in hand' in up to 50 methods. He has conducted peals on all numbers from 6 to 12, both on tower- and handbells.

His peals total up to July was 355, of which he conducted 198. Of the total, 84 peals have been on handbells, rung by the 'blue line' method. The foundation of the handbell ringing was laid in the period 1937-39, when John, his father and brother used to practise daily. John Freeman is a very likeable young man: his quiet modesty has endeared him not only to ringers in Lincolnshire but to the Exercise generally. JAFUS.

THE WEDDING AT TEWIN

The wedding of Miss Audrey Bailey, one of Hertfordshire's best-known ringers, to Mr. Ronald Short, secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, at St. Peter's Church, Tewin, Herts, on September 17th, was a very happy occasion.

Ringing for the wedding was first by the bride's Tewin friends, followed by the Somerset contingent. A choir solely of bellringers sang for the service conducted by the Rev. Blamire-Brown, prest-in-charge, with another ringer (Mr. Garrod) as organist. The best man was Mr. H. Best and the bridesmaid Miss M. Christie.

During the signing of the register Tewin ringers rang handbells from the choir stalls, and formed an archway with handbells as the bridal party left the church. Ringing after the service was by members of the Hertfordshire County Association.

The reception was held in the School Hall, Tewin, after which the bride and bridegroom left for the Cotswolds for their honeymoon. Mr. and Mrs. Short are making their home in Bridgwater. Hertfordshire's loss is very much Somerset's gain.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

About 45 members from 18 towers attended the meeting at the Church of St. Nicholas, Witham, on September 10th. The Vicar (Rev. R. D. Black) welcomed visitors and conducted the service. Mr. Osborn was at the organ. After the service, the Vicar conducted the ringers round the ancient church, pointing out some of the historical features.

An excellent tea was arranged by wives of the ringers and was served in the Church Hall. At the meeting, two new members were elected, both of Sible Hedingham. Wethersfield was chosen for the next meeting, and November 19th the proposed date. M. E. M.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Week-end Ringing Course

To spend a whole week-end learning and talking about bells and ringing was a new experience for almost all of the 30 people who were at Hartpury from September 16th to 18th. On reflection one realises that although the Association has held hundreds of meetings of its members over the years, this is probably the first one where the agenda has been entirely devoted to ringing rather than to procedural details of running the Association (i.e., election of officers, place and date of next meeting, etc.).

This is a strange fact when you think about it, for surely the spreading of knowledge about bells and ringing and the teaching of ringing are also subjects with which any Association should be concerned? At any rate, all of us who were at Hartpury for the week-end learnt something we did not know before about the history of bells, method structure, ringing instruction, care and maintenance of bells, belfry organisation and conducting, and we became the more useful ringers for the knowledge. What we also realised was that there was a great deal more besides that we ought to know and do not, and that there are many others in our Association who would also like to know more, so we hope that this course will have started something and lead on to other courses of a similar or different type.

One thing is certain—that getting to know some more about ringing in such pleasant surroundings as those at Hartpury was a most enjoyable experience for us all. P. G.

Mr. Paul Cattermole, in a peal at Wychbold, introduced Wychbold Pleasure, which is Dedworth with the plain lead-ends rung as Reverse Canterbury. He states that a search of old 'Ringing Worlds' has not revealed another name for this variation.

BRIDGE THAT GAP! By B. D. PRICE

THE Central Council have dealt admirably with teaching a beginner to handle a bell, and many books have adequate expositions on method ringing, but there is a gap between the beginner ringing call-changes and 'blue line' ringing, which is not in practice bridged by a graded set of exercises for the learner. This (these) article(s) are an attempt to bridge that gap.

It is quite obvious to the ringer who travels about that there are fundamentally different approaches to change-ringing. At one extreme are ringers who learn a string of numbers, can only ring a limited repertoire of plain hunt, plain courses, etc. Many cannot strike their bell well because the ropesight on which they depend does not give sufficient notice for proper bell control in changes. There are next those who learn a coursing order, and can adjust it at calls for simple touches, but still rely on memorising numbers. It is more likely than not that a ringer in either of these categories cannot hear his own bell, or the rhythm of the changes, but rings purely by ropesight, and the finer points of striking bells of different weights are unknown. Most rely on the tenor for leading, and hence cannot ring even-bell methods.

Then there are ringers who have freed themselves largely from numbers, but rely wholly on such mnemonics as 'first, last, near, full, far.' Finally the 'blue line' ringers who ring by rhythm and a knowledge of their own position in that rhythm, with ropesight as an aid.

It cannot be doubted that the biggest single factor in arrested progress is the lack of hearing one's bell, and hence of hearing the rhythm of the changes. The two faculties of rhythm and ropesight must be united at the earliest possible stage for the beginner, and a too rapid transition from call-changes to plain hunting avoided. The beginner so often falls into a struggle for numbers, or just ropesight without rhythm, and rhythm is acquired by accident rather than by design on the part of the instructor.

The graded exercises to be explained were invented for a special need—that of training beginners in a way which would obviate a local tradition of learning by numbers, but they have proved very successful over a short period and are set down here for others to try. The cardinal point is not to move the learner's bell too far at once (plain hunting is too difficult in this respect) so that he has time to digest the important matter of rhythm, and to acquire the sheer physical skill of 'cutting in' and 'holding up' without taxing his brain at the same time. One does not give a car driver his first lesson on gear-changing in a busy street!

All the exercises are on even numbers, and no cover bell tolerated, as 'leading off the tenor' is but a special case of learning numbers. This does not, of course, rule out odd-bell ringing later. Use the 'blue line' method from the start. Emphasise rhythm and picking out one's own bell. Tackle each exercise a little before the last one is done correctly (i.e., *well struck*), and run quickly through them all at each practice. The sequence will be found very useful for starting a band from scratch.

Exercise 1. All place making.

1 2 3 4
———
2 1 4 3
2 1 4 3
1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4
———

Exercise 2. All dodging.

1 2 3 4
———
2 1 4 3
1 2 3 4
———

Ring these two exercises continuously. Use the traditional 'Go next time,' and 'This is all' from the start. Extend to six and eight bells, but prudently.

Exercise 3. 1-2 places, 3-4 dodge.

1 2 3 4
———
2 1 4 3
2 1 3 4
1 2 4 3
1 2 3 4
———

Not as artless as it looks, as 1 and 2 when leading have to lead by rhythm since the bells behind are different.

Exercise 4. 1-2 dodge, 3-4 places.

Extend these to six and eight bells. Ring the changes on the pairs dodging and place making.

Exercise 5. Dodging with places.

1 2 3 4
———
2 1 4 3
1 2 3 4
2 1 4 3
2 1 4 3
1 2 3 4
2 1 4 3
1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4
———

This gives practice at holding up and cutting in, at hand and at back. Ring the changes on the pairs, with plain dodging, and plain places.

Exercise 6. Places and hunting (four bells only).

1 2 3 4
———
2 1 4 3
2 4 1 3
4 2 3 1
4 2 3 1
2 4 1 3
2 1 4 3
1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4
———

The more experienced ringers on 1 and 4. Those on 2 and 3 still make places, but have to look for different bells. Add 5-6 dodging if desired.

Exercise 7. Little Bob.

1 2 3 4
———
2 1 4 3
2 1 3 4
1 2 4 3
1 4 2 3
4 1 3 2
4 1 2 3
1 4 3 2
1 3 4 2
3 1 2 4
3 1 4 2
1 3 2 4
1 2 3 4
———

This is a bigger step, but the treble ringer is just making places, and in practice it has been found that dodging gives more time for thought than plain hunting. Extend to six later.

Exercise 8. Treble Bob Hunt.

1 2 3 4
———
2 1 4 3
1 2 3 4
2 1 4 3
2 4 1 3
4 2 3 1
2 4 1 3
etc.

Everyone dodges with two bells alternately, and passes another. Extend to six later.

Exercise 9. Double Bob (on four only).

1 2 3 4
———
2 1 4 3
2 4 1 3
4 2 3 1
2 4 3 1
4 2 1 3
etc.

The treble hunts (a more experienced ringer!). The others dodge as in treble bob hunt except with the treble, when they make places.

Exercise 10. Plain Bob on four.

The gap is now bridged!

If this system were to be adopted in a thriving belfry, beginners could have ten to 15 minutes devoted to them with experienced ringers helping, and the rate of progress would be correspondingly quicker. Fundamental differences in the teaching of early change-ringing are so vital that the Central Council should set up a committee of enquiry to resolve the matter, and save in the future the tremendous waste of energy which I am sure occurs now.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild summer festival again proved to be an attraction for many ringers on September 3rd. Visitors from far and wide swelled the numbers of members to something like 120 at tea in the Parish Hall at Welford. They were given a hearty welcome at the service in church by the Rector (Rev. H. G. Withey) and also by the Guild president (Canon G. F. Turner) at tea.

The Guilsborough Branch, in which area Welford lies, went all out to provide ringing to suit everyone with an imposing array of 18 towers. In this historical part of the country is Naseby, scene of the battle between Charles I and Cromwell on June 14th, 1645, and marked in a field nearby with an obelisk. In the church was seen Cromwell's table.

Two recently-restored rings—Marston Trussell and Cottesbrooke—were 'on show,' and enthusiastic appreciation of the work done at each tower was heard many times. For their work in preparing for such an extensive day's ringing the Guilsborough Branch officers and members were thanked by Mr. E. Nobles, seconded by Mr. M. Coleman, after tea, and included in the thanks were the Rector of Welford, the organist, and the ladies who provided a tea suitable to the occasion.

A number of 'new towers' were added to the list of some of the younger members, who were out in great strength.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

A quarterly meeting of the Northern Disrtict was held at West Hill, Wandsworth and Putney, on September 3rd. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. at West Hill, under the direction of Mr. Norman Bagworth.

The service to the Association's form was taken at Putney by the Curate (Rev. J. Mason), who joined the company of 27 ringers at tea in the New Church Hall. This was in true Putney style, and once again those present were the guests of the Putney ringers.

The routine business meeting concluded with votes of thanks to all who had made the meeting so enjoyable, with special reference to Mr. Whelan, of Wandsworth, for arranging the ringing there, and to Mr. Tony Clayton for so ably organising the meeting at such short notice.

Ringing for two hours on the Putney bells, under the direction of Mr. F. E. Collins, concluded a happy day.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE RESTORATION RINGERS

Dear Sir,—After reading your publication about the efforts of young people renovating disused towers, I would like to inform you of the efforts of six ringers, whose average age is only 16, who have, during the past three months, restored the ring of bells at Halling, which have been silent for 28 years.

Under the able captaincy of R. G. Rye, the six members of the young band climbed the tower steps and spent a week of hard work and spare time oiling the bearings, cleaning the tower, painting the frame, replacing broken stays, and clearing 1¼ cwt. of dirt from the tower's three rooms. The band restored the tower in a week so that the six bells could be rung for the Whitsun services.

Later, the 'Restoration Ringers,' as they are now known, taught a band of local inhabitants to ring, and now that the Halling band are progressing steadily, the ringers are set to move across the other side of the River Medway to the neighbouring parish of Wouldham to teach change-ringing to the Wouldham band, and it is the Restoration Ringers' wish to ring a peal soon.

It is also hoped that the towers of the Kent County Association which are not normally rung at will, in the near future, be heard regularly after a few visits of the Restoration Ringers.

The thanks for the success of the ringers' efforts are due to the incumbent of Halling and the Rev. R. Godfrey (incumbent of Wouldham), who both agreed to the idea.—Yours faithfully,

R. CRANE.

Rainham, Kent.

BRIGHTON TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir,—The reference to the late Mr. F. Dench and his producing Brighton Treble Bob, also that a peal of it was never rung, is interesting; but one of his compositions he intended for the method was rung at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, on August 28th, 1911. Here is the footnote to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Bury on September 29th, 1912:

'This peal was rung to replace a peal rung by the same band on August 28th, 1911, which was afterwards proved to be false in several places, Mr. F. Dench having published the composition in 1897 as a 5,056 of Brighton Treble Bob and not intending it for Kent.'

It was rung on handbells by F. Dewell 1-2, H. A. Turner 3-4, A. E. Moore 5-6, F. J. Levitt 7-8, and conducted by A. E. Moore, who is still living and recently celebrated his 78th birthday. He is a skilful ringer and conductor.—Yours, etc.,

E. G. HIBBINS.

Cambridge.

IMBER CHURCH INSCRIPTIONS

Dear Sir,—The late Miss Edith Olivier, Wiltshire writer and historian, who lived at The Daye House in the grounds of Wilton Park, near Salisbury, had a copy of the 17th century table of changes painted on the walls of Imber Church, as she once showed it to me. If I remember rightly, she also told me that the Wiltshire Archæological Society had some records on the matter. I understand that her niece now lives at Wilton, and it is possible that Miss Olivier's papers have been preserved, so an inquiry there might be successful.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Som.

P.S.—Walters does not mention the writings in his 'Church Bells of Wiltshire.'—E. G. C.

NO RIGHT TO CRITICISE

Dear Sir,—In almost all societies and fraternal organisations—sad to say, in the Christian Church itself—will be found a certain minority of folk always ready to pour contempt upon their fellow men.

The ringing fraternity is by no means an exception, judging by recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' on peals of Minimus. It would be interesting to know how much time and patience has been given for the benefit of learners by Mr. Border and his fellow critics.

As Ringing Master of St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, for the last 14 years, I would like to point out that we now have a first-class band of enthusiastic youngsters, loyal and regular attenders for both Sunday service and practice ringing. The lads all share in the running of the belfry, conducting, etc., which has produced a wonderful fellowship, second to none.

Whilst in no way wishing to be disrespectful to the Leicester Guild, I contend that one's duty to one's church takes priority to that of any Guild. Little help came from the Guild as a whole during the years when we were struggling for existence.

The two persons (one a local ringer) who rang the much-criticised peal of Minimus have done a great deal of spadework for our benefit by constant attendance at practice and by arranging 6-bell peals for our youngsters, although good Surprise ringers themselves. No doubt the 15-year-old (also a local ringer) derived a certain amount of pleasure from it. It was rung after Evensong.

I am a person of straight speaking, and would point out that if permission is given by me for a so-called 'stunt' to be performed in my own belfry, which in my opinion would contribute towards this fellowship, it is *not* within the province of Mr. Border or anyone else to shoot their darts of sarcasm at those concerned. Personally, I couldn't care less for his opinion or what he says. There is far too much of this kind of snobbery among ringers, which in some cases is the cause of depleted bands and empty belfries.

I am sure that many ringers who knew the late William Willson, for many years Ringing Master of St. John's, will agree that he would have resisted in the strongest terms any attempted interference in the affairs of his belfry.

Let us not waste any more valuable space in 'The Ringing World' on petty arguments. Let Christian spirit prevail.—Yours sincerely,

S. HARRISON.

Leicester.

ONE-MAN PEALS NEXT!

Dear Sir,—Having read the letters in recent issues on the ringing of peals of Minimus, no one has mentioned the greatest danger to our art. One man could ring a peal of Minimus on handbells, thus destroying our argument that recorded bells, etc., do not call for a team effort.

This would also give the enthusiast a chance to pile up his peal total and to stop even more people from sending their names to you with more than 25 peals at the end of the year.—Yours sincerely,

EDWIN G. BUCK.

Baldock, Herts.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 540 Plain Bob): Miss D. Page 1, Miss C. Stratford 2, Miss J. Stratford 3, Miss D. Stratford 4, A. M. Lindsey 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung for the Wake Festival.

AGAINST 'FIRING' BELLS

Dear Sir,—I would like to endorse Mr. H. Gauntlett's views concerning the 'firing' of bells, although not wishing to alter any *traditional* practice on royal occasions. How long has it been usual to 'fire' the bells in royal salute? Perhaps someone could trace the history of this practice for us, then we should be better able to judge whether 'firing' the bells on royal occasions is justified. I suggest it would be better to leave the firing of royal salutes to the guns!—instruments made for that very purpose.

The late Mr. Sam Hector used to refer to the bells hanging in Trowbridge tower as 'those musical instruments.' I consider that 'firing' bells produces a *hideous* noise: why use our 'musical instruments' for such a purpose? I am sure any wedding party would prefer some nicely-rung changes on the bells.

One other point: the late Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth, one-time Master of the Salisbury Guild, convinced me that the practice of 'firing' the bells of St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, was fraught with some danger to the bells and fabric of the tower. I should explain that the tower is a long and slender one in design and is surmounted by a spire as high as the tower itself. The bells are hung to swing in one direction, i.e., east and west. To 'fire' such bells is 'like giving a man a terrific punch in the belly,' was Major D'Aeth's forthright way of putting his view.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Southbourne, Bournemouth.

CECIL EBBERSON MEMORIAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to the notice advertising the service of dedication of the Cecil Ebberson memorial, the Norwich Diocesan Association wish to thank the many friends of the late Mr. Ebberson who have subscribed towards the cost of the memorial.

The memorial is a tablet, 12 in. × 17 in., executed in Hopton Wood stone, and is being erected in the belfry of Dersingham Parish Church. The lettering is as follows:—

In grateful memory of
CECIL VICTOR EBBERSON
a ringer at this church for
thirty years and Ringing Master
of the Western Branch of
the Diocesan Association
1953—1959.

Yours sincerely,
W. LOVE,
General Secretary and Treasurer,
N.D.A.

COMPOSITION FOR EIGHT METHODS

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to make a small correction to the composition on page 616? It is really a composition of Lincolnshire, and the 43265 F.C.E. should not have appeared. It was used for New Cambridge and will go to all eight methods with the F.C.E.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

The Biggleswade District's monthly meeting at Sandy on September 10th was not very well supported, only eight District members being present. Visitors from the Bedford District and Middlesex increased the number to 12.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. T. Colls), with Mr. R. Ward at the organ. Tea was arranged at the King's Head, and this was followed by the business meeting, with Mr. B. Sims in the chair. Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to Norwich Surprise.

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PIPE'S PILGRIMS' NORTH COUNTRY TOUR

A SMALL but an enthusiastic party left Grundisburgh Green at 5.45 a.m. on Sunday, July 31st, for the North Country. After an uneventful journey, Sleaford was reached at 9.45 a.m., and after ringing for Matins the party was augmented by several old faces and some new ones.

An early light lunch was well received at Grantham, and further Pilgrims nearly completed the coach's complement. Grantham ringers very kindly arranged ringing on their fine ten the previous evening for those Pilgrims staying overnight.

Tea was taken at Kingston-upon-Hull after a very long journey. The recently-augmented 12 at Holy Trinity was the objective afterwards, and while all had their turn in ringing, which included Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal, those not ringing were able to enjoy the wonderful view from the church roof, from which can be seen three cathedrals. A cross country route through York brought us to Boroughbridge where, after an evening meal and an enjoyable social hour, we retired, very sleepy, to bed.

Monday morning was bright and sunny as we left for another cross country journey to Lake Windermere, which was viewed in all its glory from the coach windows. Ample justice was done to a chicken salad luncheon at Dalton-in-Furness, and at St. Mary's Parish Church, almost adjacent to the hotel, all were able to enjoy a good hour-and-a-half's ringing on a grand ten.

IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

Sightseeing was to follow, with Coniston Water the objective. A brief halt was made on the west side of this lake for the enthusiasts to take photographs before carrying on to Ambleside for tea and further ringing on the heavy eight (tenor 32 cwt.), which are a joy to the listener. It was here where many were caught without protection when a cloudburst descended. Journeying on past Rydal Water and Grasmere Lake, our night's resting place was the Rothay Hotel, Grasmere. This charming hotel is in extensive grounds in a beautiful fell-land setting, and is owned by the Rev. Mr. Dand (a former vicar of Woodbridge) and Mrs. Dand, who were known to many of the party.

We were sorry indeed to leave Grasmere on Tuesday morning, but all enjoyed the sightseeing drive through Kirkstone Pass and along one side of Ullswater. Lunch was taken at Keswick and was followed by a visit to Derwent Water before proceeding to Cockermouth for an hour's ringing on a modern, very pleasant light eight by Mears and Stainbank. It was here that we were met by Roger Whetenhall, who joined us in ringing. After tea the party proceeded to Cleator Moor to ring on a delightful 21 cwt. eight. Here the only touch of Spliced Surprise of the week was rung.

Headquarters for the night was the Abbotts Court Hotel, St. Bees. After refreshments, some took a stroll to the beach, while others found their way to the town to sample the local waters. The Church of SS. Mary and Bega is within easy walking distance of the hotel, and so early ringing did not mean early rising. The party also visited the light eights at Egremont and Workington during Wednesday morning.

STEEPLE-KEEPING WORK

After lunch at Workington the coastal journey to Silloth was pursued. Whilst most of the party enjoyed an afternoon by the sea, a few valiant members, under the direction of Ron Edwards, ascended the tower in an attempt to put into order a ring of bells silent since 1928 and now declared unringable. With limited facilities, the gallant few achieved the impossible, which included almost the rehanging of the seventh. Ropes were put on and after tea the bells were raised very carefully one by one before the ringing of several methods on a most pleasant 23 cwt. eight which only needed rehanging. What a pity to find such fine bells never rung.

On to Carlisle to ring on the peculiar eight at the Cathedral, and the 14 cwt. ground floor eight at St. Stephen's, before seeking out our night's resting place—the State-owned Red Lion Hotel.

Thursday morning took us right across country to Newcastle upon Tyne. The party was privileged to see parts of the ruined remains of the historical Hadrian's Wall en route. Our first ring of the day was on the recently-augmented ten at Gosforth, where we were met by Dennis Bayles, who kindly piloted us for the rest of the day. Lunch was taken at Whitley Bay, but a heavy mist prevented us from viewing the sea.

The pleasant 17 cwt. eight at St. Paul's were put into action immediately after lunch. Although a giant pendulum swings across the ringing room, our efforts were not thwarted and the standard was fairly high. More ringing was to follow, at Tynemouth, on a fine ten in a large tower. The journey to Roker included a ferry trip across the Tyne, the coach almost filling the space reserved for vehicles.

AT ROKER

After tea at Roker we said farewell to Dennis Bayles before we found our way to the Parish Church of St. Andrew, a modern church which had the appearance of being built on prison lines, with a grey, forbidding look. The bells, a modern ten by Gillett and Johnson, are magnificent, rather loud but ideal from the ringing viewpoint. No excuses for poor striking can be offered here. The ringing included a course of Double Norwich Caters and a fine touch of Grandsire Caters to end with.

On down the coast to West Hartlepool, where we were greeted by Fred Hodgson and two of his learners. Ringing here ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal, before we left to continue to Middlesbrough for the night. It was on the snooker table at the Star and Garter that the so-called experts proved to be not as good as they thought when coming up against two beginners who won all their small change.

On Friday morning the Church of St. Cuthbert, North Ormesby, eluded us for a while. When it was eventually found, our efforts were rewarded by some good ringing. An early lunch was taken at Darlington so that as much time as possible could be devoted to ringing on the glorious eight. Journeying back down the A1 we turned off to visit the very old church at Bedale, where the tenor is a pre-Reformation bell and does not quite reach the intended note of D natural. However, the bells are well worth a visit.

The fourth ring of the day was at Ripon Cathedral. A delightful ten here, but what a pity that the ninth shouts above the others. Satisfactory ringing was followed by a delicious tea before, like Turpin, we rode to York where, unlike Turpin, we were privileged to ring at the Minster. What a glorious sound these bells make outside, but how disappointing to the ringer, for they can be hardly heard inside the tower. Three leads of Treble Bob Maximus were followed by Stedman Cinques and Caters.

PRESENTATION

After the evening meal, Arthur and Mrs. Barker suitably conveyed the appreciation of all to Jim and Sylvia Pipe for their untiring efforts and usual efficient planning to ensure a happy, carefree week for the party. A pair of garden shears was presented to Jim and a wrought-iron plant pot holder to Sylvia. Our driver, who had sportingly entered into the spirit of things, was also presented with a cigarette lighter as a token of our appreciation.

On Saturday morning we rang at Epworth on a very pleasant ground floor eight before carrying on to Gainsborough, where a course of Gainsborough Surprise Major was brought round. At Grantham, sad farewells were made. The nucleus continued the journey back to Grundisburgh, reached at 9.30 p.m., after covering 1,100 miles in seven days.

It had been a most enjoyable holiday, and our heartiest thanks are due to our organiser for his excellent arrangements, which must have entailed endless hours of hard work.

B. D. A. W.

The Sunday service band at All Souls', Halifax, continue in the forefront of ringing. Their latest—Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods.

WORCESTERSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS

Worcestershire Young Ringers from Wychbold and Stourbridge had a 10-day cycle tour embracing six counties, which started from Worcester on August 2nd. The first tower was Powick, having the heaviest six in Worcestershire.

The first full day was spent in the Avon Valley and included Berrow, having the best five in Worcestershire, Tredington, a half-timbered tower with a good five rung from round the font, and Bishop's Cleeve with bells really worthy of the fine church.

St. George's, Didbrook, on the Thursday morning, had some unusual features. The ropes hang just inside the main entrance, with four in a straight line on one side and the tenor on the other side of the doorway. To complicate matters the 'circle' is anti-clockwise. The day was spent in the valley of the Windrush River, the Slaughters being lovely villages, with a fine ring of five at Upper Slaughter. A wonderful welcome was received from the ringers of Stow-on-the-Wold when we joined them at practice, and every member of the team tried the 30 cwt. tenor.

A good quarter of Doubles was rung at Bledington on Friday before journeying to Bourton-on-the-Water, where the lovely eight bells were rung to call-changes and Doubles. Saturday was spent in the valley of the Thames, and among the towers visited were Great Rissington, Windrush, Coln St. Aldwyn and Meysey-Hampton. At Ashton Keynes we were rather disappointed at the narrow dyke which is apparently the Thames.

The lovely five at Cricklade were much enjoyed before attending morning service. In the afternoon we rang at Preston and Ampney Crucis, where 2 and 3 have exactly the same note, and for Evensong a good quarter at Ashton Keynes.

Three people were needed to get Purton tenor up the right way on Monday, and after these lovely bells Lydiard Millicent and Rodbourne Cheney seemed very light. The Vale of the White Horse was visited on Tuesday to ring at Shrivenham and Uffington. Wednesday started with a good quarter of Minor at Lechlade, and later at Leafield the Vicar entertained the party to a sumptuous tea. Thursday was a very wet day. A good new ring was found at Enstone.

Great Pollright, having a minor six which had not been rung for several years, was the first tower on Friday. At Sutton-under-Brailey the five are rung from the church porch, and the ropes of 1 and 3 fall about 1½ inches from the walls! The last day's programme was only two towers—Henley-in-Arden and Studley, with some of the best ringing in Spliced Doubles and Minor.

Thanks are accorded to local ringers and incumbents.

P. C.

STONE, STAFFS, RINGERS' OUTING

St. Michael's, Stone, outing this year was into Shropshire. Good ringing, including Stedman and Plain Bob Major, opened the ringing programme at Church Stratton. The long climb of 136 steps to the ringing chamber at Ludlow Parish Church was well rewarded, although ringing was restricted to half-an-hour owing to the nearby hospital.

After lunch the border was crossed into Wales, and at Knighton, Kent T.B. Major, Plain Bob and Grandsire were all brought round. The curate met the party and joined in the ringing at Bridgnorth, and at Newport, the last tower, local ringers had everything in readiness. A good fall in peal ended a pleasant tour. To all who contributed to the success of the outing sincere thanks are returned.

ST. COLUMB MAJOR, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. A. Lewis (first on eight) 1. J. K. Foot 2. R. C. Warburton 3. R. G. Morris 4. R. E. Tallis (jun.) 5. M. C. Hughes 6. M. S. Hart 7. P. S. Bennett (cond.) 8. Rung on the Packwood ringers' tour as a birthday compliment to Miss Pamela M. Turner, non-touring secretary.

OBITUARY

JAMES GEORGE RUMSEY

AN APPRECIATION

Jim Rumsey has been described in the Suffolk idiom as 'a good owd ringer.' He was indeed: safe, a good striker, could ring any bell as required: had one ambition, which was to be punctual in attendance and of use when he arrived.

Born in Holborn in 1882, he removed to Debenham as a boy of seven. One of six brothers and sisters, he and they became members of the church choir. Later on Jim joined the ringers, who at that time were under the leadership of William Grimes. With Alfred W. Grimes, William C. Rumsey (a cousin), William J. Groom and others joining about that time, a new era commenced in Debenham tower. The old saying that Debenham bells if pulled off and left to themselves would ring Bob Triples came to an end.

In 1897 Jim rang his first peal, Bob Major. This was followed in succession by peals of Treble Bob, Oxford, followed by Kent, the 'correct' order in Suffolk in those days, and Double Norwich. About the time the writer joined the tower, Superlative Surprise was being considered. After much practice, and a few peals with outside help, the first Surprise peal by the Sunday band was rung, Jim ringing the tenor. This was in 1907. The signwriter who wrote the peal board put the words 'weight 20 cwt.' directly beneath the name James G. Rumsey, which caused Jim—who had a fine sense of humour—to remark that he had no idea he weighed so much.

In 1911, some time after his marriage, he removed to Leiston, and worked for many years for Richard Garrett and Sons, agricultural engineers. Recommencing where he left off at Debenham, he was soon a member both of the choir and the ringing society, and thus became connected with the Bailey family, then going ahead smartly under the conductorship of that remarkable man, Charles F. Bailey. Service ringing, combined with a succession of peals in a good selection of Surprise methods, some of which were rung for the first time, with occasional visits to other towers in East Anglia, made up the rest of Jim's ringing career.

The Leiston men did much handbell ringing with the success which is now history, but Jim took little part in this, ringing two peals only. Later in life he took up the duties of sexton and verger, and his devotion to this work gained him the appreciation of both clergy and congregation.

Failing health compelled him to retire and also to give up ringing, his last peal being appropriately enough rung at Debenham in 1950. In his declining years, his wife having predeceased him, he owed much to the devoted care of a sister, being often in pain and weakness.

He was interred in Leiston Cemetery on August 29th, following a service in the church, at which his two remaining sisters and a brother, with brother ringers present, listened to a moving tribute by one of the clergy. In the evening the Leiston band rang muffled bells to mark the end of a dedicated life. P. L.

HIS PEALS

Doubles, Grandsire and Plain 1, T.B. Minor 4, Grandsire Triples 3, Stedman Triples 14, Plain Bob Major 19 (2 handbell), Kent T.B. 16, Kent Royal 4, Kent T.B. Maximus 1, Oxford T.B. Major 24, Double Norwich 27.

Surprise Major.—Superlative 34, Cambridge 31, New Cambridge 4, Bristol 52, London 39, Guildford 8, Suffolk 5, Dublin 2, Rochester 12, Surrey 2; and one each of the following: Norfolk, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Edinburgh, Camdon, Essex, Premier and Waveney. Total: 310.

MR. GEORGE GILBERT

We regret to announce that Mr. George Gilbert, of Burnham, Bucks, died early on Friday morning at the Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow. He was 73.

The funeral service was held at Burnham Parish Church yesterday at 3 p.m.

MR. T. RILEY

Briefly announced in our last issue, Mr. Tom Riley died on August 30th in Haslemere Hospital after a few days' illness from coronary thrombosis. He was 59.

'Tommy' Riley had been connected with the ringing at St. Peter and St. Mary's Church, Liss, for 40 years, and at times he was the only ringer. He never reached great heights in change-ringing, but endeared himself to many by his hard work behind the scenes, especially in organising outings, special ringing and the like. For many years he was tower secretary; he was also a keen member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

Besides ringing, he served the community in other directions, such as being treasurer of the football club for 22 years, treasurer of the slate club and scorer for the cricket club. A great little man and a true friend, he will be missed by many.

At the funeral service, the church bells were rung before and after by 12 ringers representing Liss, Petersfield, Blackmoor and Hawkley towers. C. E. B.

SHELLEY CUP CONTEST

The Shelley Cup contest, held on September 17th, was won by Cawthorne with 31 faults, followed by Meltham 34, Warsop 40 and Friezland 73. The test piece was 600 changes preceded by 120 changes practice. Messrs. Percy Hawthornethwaite and Herbert Holbrook were the judges, and Mr. Albert Goldthorpe marker. Mr. Noel F. Moxon received the cup on behalf of the winners, and each member of the team received a jam dish.

Thanks to the Shelley ringers were voiced by Messrs. Moxon, Harry Mann and Rooke, whose team (Warsop) were competing for the first time.

The meeting stood to remember Mr. Harry Roberts, of Kirkburton, who commenced his ringing at Shelley before going to Kirkburton. He was a judge for the Halifax Society for many years.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

An encouraging feature of the quarterly meeting of St. David's Guild, held at St. Mary's, Pembroke, was the number of young ringers present and the election of eight probationary members. The company present included ringers from Tenby, Burry Port, Carmarthen, St. David's, Llanelly, and the local band.

Following a service conducted by the Rev. T. C. Johns, the ladies of Pembroke provided a very nice tea in the Church Hall, and they were thanked by the Rev. T. J. Thomas, Vicar of Burry Port. The Rev. T. C. Johns presided at the business meeting, when it was decided to accept the invitation to hold the December meeting at Llandovery. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 11s. Mr. H. Jenkins proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, and the proceedings closed with prayer. A very good day's ringing was then concluded in the tower.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch, held at Maiden Bradley on September 10th, was attended by a larger number than usual, there being 40 present from 13 towers, including visitors from the Bath and Wells Guild. Doubles and Minor were rung on the six bells before the service.

After an excellent tea in the Village Hall, the business meeting was despatched with reasonable brevity under the acting-chairmanship of the Vicar (Rev. J. Wright), who welcomed the Branch to his parish. The business included the election of a new member from Mere, and the decision to contribute £5 to the Guild funds in addition to the ordinary subscription. This was in response to a suggestion made at the annual meeting of the Guild last May.

Ringing was later resumed at Maiden Bradley, Horningsham and Bourton.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Views On Minimus

For the September quarterly meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild a 6-bell tower was chosen as the venue for the first time since the Guild was formed in 1946. It was undoubtedly a tremendous success, as over 50 members and friends sat down to tea, and the tiny village church at Twyford was competely filled for the service, which was taken by the Rev. A. W. Harrison, Vicar of Somerby.

During the afternoon, bells at Great Dalby (5) and Somerby (6) were available for ringing. At the business meeting, which was presided over by the president (Mr. P. J. Staniforth), a special welcome was given to Mr. Evander Littlewood, who has been ringing at Asfordby for over 60 years. The president presented eight certificates—five to ringers from Blaby, who are to have their five bells rehung by the end of the year. This tower now has 13 enthusiastic ringers who are learning to ring at South Wigston, Whetstone, and other churches.

After the routine items on the agenda had been disposed of, members were reminded of the annual dinner and social, which would be held on October 29th in the Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, on the outskirts of Leicester. The Lord Bishop of Leicester and the Provost of Leicester Cathedral (together with their wives) were to be the guests. Tickets (price 12s. 6d.) would be available from the secretary shortly. Ringing during the afternoon would be arranged by the Leicester District committee.

Under the item 'Any Other Business,' members expressed their views on the recent peal of Minimus rung for the Guild. ('Performance, please,' one member said!) It was moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Rowley, that 'the Guild ask the Central Council *not* to recognise peals of Minimus.' This motion was eventually carried by 26 votes to 1.

The secretary then had the unpleasant task of reporting that he had received a telephone complaint from the Vicar of Copt Oak who, having granted a band permission for a peal attempt at his church, had waited two hours for them to arrive, and had had no message saying they were not coming or apology since. Mr. Harrison agreed to contact the Vicar of Copt Oak and find out more details of who the culprits were.

Miss Betty Smith, of Ashby Folville, requested that when peal bands visited her church and altered the length of ropes they should replace them afterwards. Finally, Mr. Day gave a warm welcome back to Mr. J. Harry Cook, the popular Ringing Master of the Melton District, who is recovering from an internal operation.

Thanks were expressed to all who had made the meeting so enjoyable.

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HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

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MISCELLANEOUS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The first practice next term is on Wednesday, October 5th, at 8 p.m., at Great St. Andrew's Church. Ringers coming up are welcome. Or contact the Secretary, Frances Secker, Girton College. 6714

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—Mistley, Essex: Weekly practice resumed Thursday, 7.30, not Monday as before. —A. Honeywood, 2, Oxford Road, Mistley.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—First practice, Sacred Trinity, Salford, Saturday, Oct 11th. Week-end tour, October 28th to 30th: all freshers welcome.—R. Johnston, 8, Moor Park Mount, Headingley, Leeds, 6.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Ringers coming up to Oxford University this term are invited to attend the business meeting at 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11th, in the Old Bursary, New College.—N. J. Martin, St. Peter's Hall. 6646

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—The supper and social arranged for October 15th has had to be cancelled owing to catering difficulties.—R. J. Seabrook. 6710

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MEETINGS

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Ringing: Gosforth 11 to 12.30, Jesmond 2 to 3, Fenham 2.30 to 3.30, Cathedral 3.30 to 4.15 and 7 to 9, Gateshead 7 to 9 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4.15, with tea at St. John's 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. 6669

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, on October 1st, at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45. p.m. Tickets 15s. Early applications with stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 6508

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice, Pirbright (6), Saturday, Oct. 1st, from 6 to 9 p.m. 6649

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, Oct. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6591

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual general meeting at Ashford, Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—C. T. H. 6633

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbride District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, October 1st, at Tonbridge. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 6616

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Immanuel, Oswaldtwistle, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Special method, Lancashire Surprise.—John Pilkington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Hindley, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make your own arrangements for tea. 6683

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —J. Armiger Trollope commemorative dinner, Ealing Town Hall, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Service 6 p.m. in Church of Christ the Saviour, Ealing Broadway. Ringing arrangements: St. Stephen's, West Ealing, 2.30 to 4 p.m.: St. Mary's and Christ the Saviour, 4.30 to 5.45 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 6699

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. —Quarterly meeting, Aston, October 1st. Bells (12) available 3.30 p.m. 6632

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Bretforton, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business. 6666

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern Division) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern Division). — Joint meeting, East Grinstead (8), Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea for those who have notified.—E. L. Hairs and G. A. West, Hon. Secs. 6682

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Oct. 3rd, 7 p.m. 6698

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice on Wednesday, Oct. 5th, will be held at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 6.30 p.m. 6700

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Hemsworth, near Pontefract, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food.—J. W. Buxton. 6695

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Westonzoyland, Saturday, Oct. 8th, 3.15 p.m. Usual arrangements. Please notify for tea.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 6693

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Skilgate, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Numbers for tea essential by Oct. 5th.—A. R. Tudball. 6707

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Dunkerton, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to A. F. Butt, 10, Brooklands, Dunkerton, Bath. —Alan Lee, Sec. 6686

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashwick (6), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Usual arrangements. —E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6715

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Great Barford, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Ringing in honour of Canon A. J. W. Pym, who is shortly retiring.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 6718

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Walkington, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Names for tea by Thursday, Oct. 6th, to Miss J. Gray, 7, Northgate, Walkington, Beverley. 6688

BUXTON, NORFOLK.—The overhauled ring of six will be rededicated by the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow (vice-president, Norwich Diocesan Association) on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Service 3 p.m. Ringing and refreshments afterwards. All ringers cordially invited. 6721

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be at Wingerworth, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to E. Blythe, 58, Church Street South, Derby Road, Birdholme, Chesterfield.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 6702

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Joint meeting with the Cambridge District and Cambridge University Guild at Longstanton, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —D. F. Murfet, Dec. Sec. 6708

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Capel (6), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tea and business in the Institute. Newdigate (6) in evening. Don't let the local ladies down: please send post card for tea.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 6689

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting, St. Mary's (8), Old Harlow, Saturday, Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Queen's Head.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon, Harlow. 6691

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch. —Meeting, Ashleworth (5) (No. 3 unringable), 3 to 4.15 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8th. Evening ringing at Hartpury (6) approx. 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names by Oct. 5th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 6705

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, Hannington, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Blunsdon. Evening ringing at Blunsdon. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 6694

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Tidenham, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Coombe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham, Glos. 6704

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Monthly meeting, Wickwar (6), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—B. Cooper, Ranger's House, Dursley. 6724

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, October 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names together with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, October 5th, to me. Nominations for District officers same date. Full details on tower notices. Copy to non-district members on receipt of S.A.E.—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 6631

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to L. Mannering, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 6706

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting, St. Mark's, Preston, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bring own food. Lane Ends and Larches buses from town centre and railway station, alight Pedder Street.—L. Walmsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, at St. Mary's, Walton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to Mr. A. Jackson, 77, Bedford Road, Liverpool, 4.—T. E. Radcliffe. 6711

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, 2.30 p.m., Ambleside. Names for tea to A. Capstick, Kirkwood, Millans Park, Ambleside.—N. M. Newby.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Kegworth, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Oct. 4th to P. J. Sutton, 12, Broadhill Road, Kegworth, near Derby.—C. W. Hall. 6676

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Sibsey, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 3rd, to me.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Meeting at Dyffryn, Neath, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. —R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 6662

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th. St. George's, Wells Way, Camberwell, 4 to 5.30 p.m. Business 5.30 to 6. St. Margaret's, Westminster, 7.15 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 6657

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Monken Hadley. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Olde Tea Shoppe, Barnet. 5.15 p.m., only for those who notify by Oct. 5th C. W. Ward, 12, Alston Road, Barnet, Hertfordshire. Evening ringing 6 to 7 p.m., also at St. John-the-Baptist's, Barnet, 7.30 to 9 p.m. 6687

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, Swynnerton (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to Mr. W. H. Watkin, Early Lane, Swynnerton, Stone.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 6720

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, New Buckenham, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Time of service to be arranged. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to Mr. W. G. Saunders, King Street, New Buckenham, Norwich.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 6654

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Preston Capes, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Names for tea by Monday previous to me.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 6709

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Berrington, Saturday, Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to W. Lloyd, Belswardine Hall, Cressage, Shrewsbury.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual Goose Fair meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells: St. Mary's (10), 3 p.m.: St. Peter's (10), 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6703

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, Mildenhall (10). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to Mr. J. Y. Parker, Broom Cottage, Worlington, Bury St. Edmunds. 6674

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Southern and Western Divisions, at Steyning (8), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, Sussex. No tea guaranteed unless names are received by Thursday, Oct. 6th. 6697

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Wickham, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., Church Hall. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. John Rolph, 20, Buddens Road, Meon Park, Wickham. 6701

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 23rd annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 8th, at 5.45 p.m. **prompt.** Bells available: Cathedral (12) 3.30-5 p.m., All Saints' (10) 4-5.15 p.m. Tickets (12s. each) obtainable until Wednesday, October 5th, from Branch officers or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 6613

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 15th, 2.30 p.m., Hexham Abbey. Names essential for tea (3s. 6d. per head) to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill. 6692

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Thorpe Bay (8), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. R. Wilson, 133, St. Augustine Avenue, Thorpe Bay. 6717

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Rochester District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Rochester District annual meeting combined with the Ladies' Guild at Milton-next-Gravesend, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. F. A. Mitchell, 21, Lamorna Avenue, Gravesend. 6690

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dersingham, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Service of dedication: CECIL EBBERSON MEMORIAL. Service to commence 3 p.m. Preacher, The Archdeacon of Lynn, the Ven. H. K. Percival Smith, M.A. Tea directly after the service. Names to Mr. A. E. Nurse, 7, Centre Vale, Dersingham, King's Lynn.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 6696

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Oct. 15th, Newbury. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 11th, to H. P. Reed, 74, Queens Road, Newbury. 6713

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Meeting at Sandford St. Martin (6), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 p.m. Duns Tew (5) 7.30 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 11th to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington. 6723

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Seaton (5), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Walsall (12), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 12th, to Mr. G. W. Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. *Dinner tickets available at this meeting.* Bells also available at Rushall (6), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Carillon recital, Town Hall, 12.30 to 1.15 p.m. 6680

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Jasper Snowdon commemoration dinner will be held at Rotherham on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. The bells of Rotherham Parish Church (10), Eastwood (8), Whiston (8), Thrybergh (6), Wentworth (6), Rawmarsh (8) will be available morning or afternoon, times to be published later. Tickets, 12s. 6d. each, from Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield, 2, also inquiries for hotel accommodation. Peals will be arranged Friday evening or Saturday morning if desired. The Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers will entertain at the dinner. A cordial welcome will be extended to all visitors.—N. Chaddock, J. J. L. Gilbert, organising committee. 6678

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 29th, Rose and Crown Hotel, Tonbridge, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (13s.) from Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. Please apply early as number limited. 6660

LATE NOTICES

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Autumn general meeting, Saturday, Oct. 1st, Newbury. Business meeting, Corn Exchange, 2.30 p.m. Service, Parish Church, 4.30. Tea, Corn Exchange, 5.30. Ringing—10-11 a.m.: Lambourne (8), Peasmore (6), Stanford Dingley (4), Beenham (6): 11-12 noon: East Garston (6), Chieveley (6), Midgham (6): 12-1 p.m.: Great Shefford (6), Shaw (6), Bucklebury (8): 1-2 p.m.: Speen **(cancelled)**, Newbury (10): curtailed to before meeting: Kintbury (6), Thatcham (8): 6.45-7.45 p.m.: Hungerford (8), Hampstead Norris (6), Aldermaston (8): 7-8 p.m.: Compton (6), Yattendon (6), Mortimer (8): 7.30-8.30 p.m.: East Ilsley (8), Brightwalton (6), Burghfield (6).—M. R. Cross. 6726

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, Healey. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to B. Coop, 123, Market Street, Whitworth, Rochdale.—Hudson, Sec. 6727

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

About 30 members and visitors attended the quarterly meeting at Broadwindsor on September 17th. The bells were raised in peal, and methods included London Surprise Minor. The service was conducted by the chairman of the Branch (Rev. J. S. Arthur), Canon C. C. Cox read the lesson and the Rev. P. Smith gave the address.

Tea was served in the Reading Room, kindly given by Broadwindsor P.C.C. At the business meeting four new members were elected—Dorothy Symonds, Patricia Keats, Vivienne Denning and Michael Dawe, all of Beaminster. Mr. F. Wreford, who was elected a non-resident member prior to a peal, was duly ratified.

Notice was given of the dedication of the new sixth bell at Powerstock. Other meetings were arranged as follows: October 14th at Netherbury, November 18th at Evershot. The annual to be at Lyme Regis on November 26th. The chairman thanked Broadwindsor for their hospitality, and Mr. Studley, Vicar's warden, very humorously replied.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Sonning Deanery Hold Striking Competition

An innovation in the form of a striking competition among the towers in the Sonning Deanery Branch took place at St. Michael's, Sandhurst, on September 17th.

Six towers entered teams of six ringers, and the object was perfect striking, whether in rounds, call-changes, or a method. Two well-known members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild—Major E. T. Bragg and the Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer—adjudicated, and were installed in a schoolroom close to the church. Mr. Harold Smith, a Branch Ringing Master, was in the tower to watch the ringing and give advice, while Mr. W. Parker marshalled the teams. In another schoolroom Mrs. Parker and her helpers provided tea from 4 till 6 p.m., which was much appreciated.

Each team decided to ring Grandsire Doubles, and some good striking was heard. As the last team vacated the tower the judges left the schoolroom, and in announcing their verdict gave a summary of the faults of each team and general comments on the ringing, which proved most helpful for future contests.

The results were: Sonning 38 faults, Hurst 44, Sandhurst 46, Easthampstead 62, Twyford 83 and Arborfield 96.

Mr. Smith thanked Major Bragg and Mr. Denyer for their services, Mr. and Mrs. Parker for all the local arrangements, and the Branch secretary for his part in organising the event.

A combined practice followed. It is hoped the contest will be an annual event. B. C. C.

THE BEGINNER

As a child I used to go out and sit on the church roof, while the men inside pulled the bell ropes. Even then I was aware that all the words my grandfather bellowed across the ringing chamber were not ringing terms; but I wasn't quite sure what they were. (They did not sound at all amiable.) Now I know.

As I stand holding the rope, arms stretched up, with sweating hands, palpitating heart, and weak legs, the terms from my childhood comes floating across to me, painfully clear, to mingle with the clashing of the bells and numbers desperately rushing through my brain: four, six, five, dodge, three, five, one, three, lead. Even as I think of these numbers I am filled with a sense of guilt, and I think quietly, lest anyone should hear—because I am breaking the law. Ringing by numbers is just not allowed. I must ring by my position.

More clashes and we 'stand.' Hands, with skin like aged yellow parchment, blister bloated, relax; legs, trembling, sink to the wooden benches and a cool stone wall supports the back and helps to calm the exploding heart.

There is silence for a while: the body regains its composure and shredded nerves gather themselves together. Then, rueful smiles break across the faces of experts—and others, and someone suggests we try again.

This time an expert falters—in despair? We grin in gladness, and in doing so lose our place again and, grin gone, blushing, pull the bell rope harder.

Place regained (with music and discord), we pull on.

Sweat-soaked, no nerves left, arms aching, overcome by tiredness and yawns, suddenly we find we have completed a course, place perfect (if a little badly struck). We brighten up and smile, ring 'simple rounds,' and stand.

On Saturday night, in some foreign village tower, a hardened ringer asks: 'And what would you like to ring?'

And startled, the timid whisper, 'I'm only a beginnner.' Like a worm to a beautiful butterfly.

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QUARTER PEALS

HESWALL, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire and 600 Plain Bob): R. H. Davies 1, Kay Richmond 2, E. Britton 3, E. T. Carvell 4, A. J. Martin (cond.) 5, T. A. Morgan 6. First quarter 1 and 2. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Davies, of Moreton, on their 25th wedding anniversary.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. J. Southwood 1, C. Sangwin 2, C. Holloway 3, D. C. Woodward 4, F. A. White 5, B. R. White 6, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 7, C. Taylor 8. Rung following evening Communion for the Harvest Thanksgiving.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: Miss A. Hales 1, Miss S. Collins 2, Miss D. Lawless 3, A. Idle 4, R. Turner 5, R. Black 6, R. Marsh 7, B. Austin 8, G. Watson (cond.) 9, A. Frost 10. First quarter 1 to 8. For Evensong.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Still (first quarter) 1, E. Morris 2, F. P. Harwood 3, W. J. Tanser 4, K. Mason (first of Triples) 5, A. E. Hartley 6, G. A. Olliffe (cond.) 7, P. Davis 8. Rung for Evensong and as a compliment to Edward J. Clements, a ringer of this church, on his marriage to Miss Barbara Chalmers, of Bothwell, Lanarkshire, which took place at Great Falls, Montana, U.S.A.

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