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HERITAGE

A PRIDE in one's heritage is very deep in most people. If a thing is worth while, then pride in being associated with it is fully justified, and as year succeeds year an additional lustre is added to it. This is particularly so of ringing societies, not merely the national bodies like the College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, but of our territorial associations with a strong affiliation with the diocese. This is the 80th year of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and at the annual festival at Oxford on July 1st thoughts were very much in retrospect. Indeed, the theme of all the officers' reports was the past 80 years.

The birth of this Guild was on January 17th, 1881, and it had three objects, viz.: (1) To recognise the true position of ringers as church officers; (2) to cultivate the art of change-ringing; (3) to promote belfry reform where it was needed. The Guild started in a small way with some 22 towers in union with 314 members. The first Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, soon became a national figure. He had, as the present master (Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) reminds those who read the annual report, a great missionary responsibility. The majority of the members were call-change ringers, and his task was to convert those ringers from that traditional style of ringing to become efficient 'scientific' ringers, as change-ringers proper were often called. The Master travelled indefatigably throughout the length and breadth of the diocese, holding meetings, instructing beginners, and above all ringing numerous peals with picked bands in order to get a standard of first-class ringing. For 30 years he was Master, and by 1911 those 22 towers had increased to 149 towers and the membership from 314 to 1,800. A pleasing link with this period was the presence at the Guild festival of his daughter, Miss Robinson.

The second Master was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who held the office for 22 years, and Mr. Elliot Wigg regards this period as one of consolidation. In the jubilee year, 1931, the Guild comprised no fewer than 209 towers and 2,478 members. Most of the present branches had been formed by then and the general 'look' of the Guild was

very much as today. Tradition had been established, and an example of this was the holding of the annual general meeting at Oxford; but with the revision of rules in 1958 the Oxford gathering became a festival, and an autumn business meeting is held in different parts of the diocese.

Few Guilds have a greater sense of awareness of the responsibilities involved by the Sunday Service Survey of 1958. Commenting on this the hon. general secretary, Miss M. R. Cross, states: 'Nearly all the branches are tackling the problem in one way or another, and in some great progress is being made. This does not mean that we have any reason for complacency. There are still areas where the problem is not yet being faced with any constructive plans. In some branches, such as the East Berks and South Bucks Branch and the South Oxon Branch, the problem is being tackled by holding day and half-day courses; others have allocated some of their better ringers to a weaker tower; in some cases (as with Wantage and West Hanney) an active tower has made itself responsible for a second band just beginning.' Another result of the Survey, in the opinion of Miss Cross, has been that the clergy are now taking a keener interest in their ringers. 'This is to the good, for during the post-war years there had been a falling off in interest as compared with the pre-war years when it was a common thing for the clergy to accompany their ringers to the branch annual meetings.'

The holding of a residential week-end course is commented upon by three of the officers. 'This new technique in teaching' is warmly praised, and the 1961 programme included three courses which have been or will be held. The present position suggests to the Master that this 80th anniversary year is on the brink of a new forward movement in the history of the Guild. He sums up the position thuswise: 'We look back, and we note a wonderful growth and expansion in the past both in the technical abilities of the ringers and also in their sense of responsibility as officers of the Church. We notice also, in the more immediate past, a period of consolidation and acceptance of traditional ideas. Now the time has come. I fully believe, for a further advance, both in technical efficiency and in fellowships. Each of us Guild members should now look actively for opportunities of service, and often beyond the immediate range of our own towers. Let us resolve that this year, 1961, shall mark the beginning of new enthusiasm, new missionary endeavour, and fresh consecration to the task which God has called us, as churchmen and church bell ringers.'

Peals rung for the Enthronement of the Most Rev. A. Michael Ramsey as 100th Archbishop of Canterbury

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE .. Treble	EDWIN G. MOORE .. 7
EDWARD R. VENN .. 2	WILLIAM A. YATES .. 8
JOHN DREWITT .. 3	DAVID T. DARBY .. 9
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 10
WILLIAM T. CARTER .. 5	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 11
PHILIP WALKER .. 6	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER, A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

*DAVID RHODES .. Treble	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 6
†JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 2	†ROGER J. LUMLEY .. 7
†IRIS LEMARE .. 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 8
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 4	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 9
RITA M. JOWETT .. 5	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Royal. ‡ First on ten bells.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in C.

*BERTRAM J. LUCK .. Treble	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	WILLIAM ROGERS .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 8
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 9
RALPH BIRD .. 5	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*DAVID K. PUTNAM .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE .. 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
JOHN R. COOPER .. 3	PETER F. BORER .. 8
MARGARET A. LADD .. 4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 9
†MARTIN L. HOWE .. 5	ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS, A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. Treble	JAMES W. R. QUINNY .. 6
ALAN CARVETH .. 2	ARTHUR F. BURLEY .. 7
V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 3	†ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. 8
*GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. 4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 9
DOUGLAS BURNETT .. 5	†GRAHAM D. CARTER .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* 100th peal. † First on ten.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND PARISH CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SS. GEORGE AND DENYS, A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
DEREK OGDEN .. 2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 8
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. 9
F. JOHN NELSON .. 5	DENIS MOTTESHEAD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

This is the greatest number of Surprise Royal methods yet rung to a peal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY, A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*PAUL J. DYE .. Treble	CLIFF RICHARDS .. 5
†F. CECIL MOGFORD .. 2	†DONALD E. COBB .. 6
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 3	DON C. EXELL .. 7
D. JOHN HUNT .. 4	PATRICK J. BIRD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by DON C. EXELL.

* First peal of Kent. † First of Kent Major. First of Major as conductor. The ringer of the second has now rung Kent from Minor to Maximus.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE, A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MERVYN J. HOSKINS .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 5
SHERLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 6
PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 3	ERIC J. HITCHINS .. 7
†VICTOR J. WILLIAMS .. 4	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON.

* First peal on eight. † First of Plain Bob Major. 25th peal on the bells.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. 28 lb.

RONALD CHAFER .. Treble	JACK BRAY .. 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	GEORGE W. MOODY .. 6
HARRY HALL .. 3	*ARTHUR CROWDER .. 7
*STEPHEN BROMFIELD .. 4	PHILIP BARNES .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 30½ cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT .. Treble	HAROLD WAGSTAFF .. 5
KATHLEEN MALLENDER .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
EDWARD DALINGWATER .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. 7
GEOFFREY GRAHAM .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-OF-TOURS, A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

J. J. PARKER'S One-Part .. Treble	DENNIS J. OAKSHOTT .. 5
*BARBARA M. SPENCER .. 2	*LESLIE D. KINGSWOOD .. 6
JANET M. BESANT .. 3	†JOHN C. DAVIDGE .. 7
CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by B. J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal. † First of Triples. First of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, A PEAL OF 5152 TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

LESLIE AINGER .. Treble	BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 5
*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 2	GEORGE E. THODAY .. 6
ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
JOE E. G. ROAST .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 100th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

Also an 89th birthday compliment to Mr. George Green.

ENTHRONEMENT PEALS—Continued

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

STANLEY G. PONTING Treble	ANNE C. GARNETT 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON 2	†E. JOHN WELLS 6
*DAVID J. TUBBS 3	GEORGE FRANCIS 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	W. LESLIE WELLER Tenor

Composed by D. N. LEYTON.

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

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

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5152 RAMSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

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

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

RICHARD GRANT Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON 2	JOHN M. JELLEY 6
GEORGE W. MASSEY 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT 7
ALAN E. HARTLEY 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR

At the Church of St. Ebbe,

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

HARRY W. BADGER Treble	EDGAR J. SMITH 5
A. JAMES ADAMS 2	JOHN G. PUSEY 6
DAWN V. ELSON 3	CHARLES COLES 7
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method by all, and for the Guild.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*GRAHAM AVENT Treble	DENNIS LAUD 5
*JENNIFER M. BUNYAN 2	WALTER G. PAUL 6
ROSEMARY S. HAWKES 3	RICHARD G. BELL 7
RAYMOND G. SMITH 4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

* First peal.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Middleton's.	
HENRY WEAVER Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 5
MRS. BETTY PERCY 2	RICHARD WILSON 6
LEONARD STILWELL 3	*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN 7
RAYMOND P. WOOD 4	W. LESLIE WELLER Tenor

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

* 100th peal.

REVELSTOKE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., June 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

REV. PASCHAL DOWLING .. Treble	WILLIAM J. HARVEY 5
ANN GEORGE 2	D. ROY BOULD 6
STANLEY JENNER 3	WILLIAM G. LAVERS 7
H. FREDERICK MYERS 4	THOMAS G. MYERS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

RALPH BIRD Treble	*ANDREW M. MACVE 5
IAN H. ORAM 2	JOHN W. SMITH 6
*ISOBEL INMAN 3	JOHN R. COOPER 7
NICHOLAS J. MARTIN 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER (C.C.C. 13).

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

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

QUEDGLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ROGER J. FRY Treble	IVOR GOULTER 5
†GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS 3	†PETER T. HURCOMBE 7
CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4	ERIC J. HITCHINS Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal of T.B. Major. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Major in the method 'inside.' The conductor's 50th peal of Surprise Major.

Also as a farewell to the Rev. F. J. Lanham, Rector of Quedgley, in gratitude for all he has done for ringing.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Carlisle, York, Lightfoot, Ipswich, London, Cambridge and Norwich.

EDWIN J. UPTON Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4
JOYCE A. GOOD 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN 5
WALTER AYRE 3	KEITH B. GOOD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*CHRISTINE SMITH Treble	JUDY A. M. COX 4
*AMY WARNES 2	†BARRY BRANT 5
†MICHAEL BROWN 3	*MAURICE R. A. KIRK Tenor

Conducted by BARRY BRANT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First 'inside.'

Also as a birthday compliment to Judy A. M. Cox.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 9 cwt.

HARRY LUXTON Treble	GEORGE WEST 4
*GEORGE E. ELLETT 2	CYRIL SAVAGE 5
MICHAEL B. BOARD 3	*FREDERICK SNOW Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL SAVAGE.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung by the Sunday service band.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

*KATHLEEN BARNETT Treble	*FREDERICK MOLAND 4
DENNIS LESLIE 2	NORMAN LESLIE 5
†ALLEN O'SHAUGHNESSY 3	*ARTHUR RALPH Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN LESLIE.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor. First peal by all Hinton Waldrist ringers.

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ENTHRONEMENT PEALS—Continued

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven methods: (1) Capel, (2) Sandal, (3) London Scholars' and Kingston, (4) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' and Kingston, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent and Oxford, (7) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' and Kingston. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

HAROLD DENMAN Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 4
*DELIA SMITH 2	LOUIS WILLIERS 5
PETER A. SHARP 3	*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods.

PEASEMORE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

REGINALD F. CROOK .. Treble	CYRIL J. HIBBERT 4
REGINALD W. REX 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD 5
*JOHN W. NAPPER 3	ARTHUR SAYERS Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal of Minor.

Also to the memory of Percy Lindsay, a ringer at Peasemore for 40 years.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., June 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WINSTON S. GIRLING .. Treble	ERIC HOTINE 4
HUBERT A. MITSON 2	ROBERT E. LESTER 5
RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. 3	JOHN E. IVINGS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

WELLAND, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. GEORGE NORRIS .. Treble	CHARLES HAYTINGS 4
ANNE J. BULLARD 2	JOHN CLEMENTS 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	LEONARD DOVEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD LUNN Treble	*RONALD R. WARFORD .. 4
JAMES THORLEY 2	FRANK LAMB 5
*RUSSELL STEPHENSON .. 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal in the method.
Also for the Patronal Festival.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of St. Clement's. Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

JOHN WILSON Treble	MICHAEL GATHERCOLE .. 4
MIRIAM HIGDON 2	TONY OWEN 5
ROBIN SHIPP 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

AND

THE CHURCH IN WALES.

Peals rung for the consecration at Llandaff Cathedral, on June 29th, 1961, of the Ven. T. M. Hughes, Archdeacon of Margam, as Assistant Bishop of Llandaff, and Rev. B. N. Y. Vaughan, as Bishop Suffragan of Manderville, Jamaica.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

On Wed., June 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

EDMUND J. MORRIS .. Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 4
HARRY BOYCE 2	MICHAEL LARCHER 5
*ERNEST STITCH 3	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* 550th peal.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.

On Thurs., June 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods, being six extents of Stedman and Grandsire and three each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ERNEST STITCH Treble	MICHAEL LARCHER 4
TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
JUDY-ANN ESHELBY 3	HARRY BOYCE Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

On Tues., July 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being ten different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*ALFRED HANNINGTON .. Treble	†TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 4
MICHAEL LARCHER 2	†GWYN I. LEWIS 5
ERNEST STITCH 3	WILLIAM T. PETTY Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Doubles in the method. † 100th peal together.
Rung on the back six after meeting short for Triples.

TEN BELL PEALS

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E.

FRED W. GOODFELLOW .. Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 2	ALBERT R. G. TWINN .. 7
J. KEITH WARD 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 8
MRS. T. J. LOCK 4	FRANK C. PRICE 9
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 5	WILLIAM H. COLES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT. Conducted by FRED W. GOODFELLOW.
Rung on the Feast of St. John-the-Baptist to commemorate the re-casting of the old ring of eight in this tower and their augmentation to ten in 1911 through the generosity of John Finnis Stilwell, of Hillingdon, a friend of ringers.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPAIGN.

A PEAL OF 5112 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

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

*JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	*ALAN R. BRIDGES 8
†R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 4	*ROBERT B. SMITH 9
†B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPAIGN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DISEWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL

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

*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
†BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 7
†RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES 8
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH 9
†JOHN M. JELLEY 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN HILL. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † Have completed the alphabet to Surprise Royal methods. ‡ 100th peal.

A fifth birthday compliment to Audrey Mary Warwick, daughter of the conductor; also a 46th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Tipler, of Lutterworth.

DISEWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1470 x 38 x 34 x 3470 x 18 x 90

L.-c. 12 1573 Clean

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PENRITH, CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*GEOFFREY TEMBEY .. Treble	*HENRY C. LEWIS 5
GRAHAM MCKAY 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
WILLIAM G. WILSON .. 3	JAMES R. TAYLOR 7
*STANLEY RICHARDSON .. 4	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal of Surprise.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND EDWARD, KING AND MARTYR, AND HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*PAUL J. DYE Treble	†REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5
†BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 2	†DON C. EXELL 6
*PETER BRIDLE 3	†DONALD E. COBB 7
*S. MICHAEL J. YOUNG .. 4	†D. JOHN HUNT Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Oxford Treble Bob.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. E. Groves' variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

*PETER L. BILL Treble	FREDERICK E. JUKES .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 6
†MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 3	†MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 7
*JEREMY A. TANDY 4	STEPHEN MALLEN Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples, and 25th peal. ‡ First of Grandsire Triples 'inside,' and first as conductor on eight bells.

BROSELEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

*VALERIE M. EDGE Treble	E. MARION KEY 5
ALAN ELSMORE 2	KENNETH W. KNOWLES .. 6
J. DENNIS HOLDEN 3	HARRY EDGE 7
HARRY GRIFFITHS 4	BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Bob Major. First on the bells since being augmented.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

CYRIL J. HIBBERT Treble	FRANK W. LEWIS 5
JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. 2	REGINALD F. CROOK .. 6
ERIC T. LEE 3	ARTHUR SAYERS 7
GEOFFREY K. DODD 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The conductor's 850th peal (conducted 435).

Rung for the Patronal Festival of St. John-the-Baptist, and as a

21st birthday compliment to Miss Jill Lane, of Merrow.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative; 112 changes of method, and all the work for each bell.

Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

DENNIS G. BROWN Treble	*BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	PETER BERESFORD 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13).

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* 300th peal. First of Spiced on the bells.

Rung on the Feast of St. John-the-Baptist.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London, and 1,312 Bristol; with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

E. JANE LANGTON Treble	J. MICHAEL LAKIN 5
F. ERIC ROBERTS 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG 6
MICHAEL R. ROSE 3	NOEL J. DISERENS 7
DEREK E. SIBSON 4	DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*JOHN M. HALLIWELL .. Treble	*JOHN R. PAGDIN 5
†JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2	JOHN PILKINGTON 6
JOHN F. NELSON 3	JOHN H. FIELDEN 7
JOHN B. PICKUP 4	JOHN ASHCROFT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † 100th peal.

Rung in memoriam Thomas Marshall, of Douglas-in-Parbold.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SS. JAMES AND BASIL'S GUILD.)

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND BASIL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

JOHN E. ERRINGTON .. Treble	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 5
MICHAEL J. TODD 2	JOHN HEDLEY 6
KENNETH ARTHUR 3	ERIC N. HARRISON 7
NORMAN H. HEWETT .. 4	THOMAS SEWELL Tenor

Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.

Rung as a token of appreciation for the interest and encouragement shown by the Rev. J. R. H. Prophet, Vicar for the past 13 years, who is leaving to become Rector of Blaby, Leicestershire.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 5
GEOFFREY DAVIES 2	ROGER J. GAY 6
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal in the method for the Society, and by all the band except the treble ringer.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in G.

FRANK B. LUFKIN Treble	FELIX H. ERITH 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 2	ROY DUESBURY 6
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 3	LEONARD E. SHARP 7
EDWARD E. DAVEY 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding on June 20th of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Lufkin.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

PATRICIA M. BOURN .. Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
EDGAR J. SMITH 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*CAROL NORMAN Treble	MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 5
MARK G. WOOD 2	†J. HEDLEY WALE 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	JOHN A. ACRES 7
†GARY W. MASON 4	*KEITH H. MILDRED Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

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

Rung for the Feast of the Nativity of St. John-the-Baptist.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.	
CHARLES S. RYLES Treble	† WILLIS BUCKLEY 5
DOUGLAS STEEL 2	LESLIE SHENTON 6
*ERIC YOUNG 3	MICHAEL JACK 7
† GLENDA ROWLEY 4	ALBAN J. JACK Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.

* 25th peal. † First in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Sheila Hodson, a regular service ringer at this church.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicar's Six-Part. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
*NIGEL F. BEARNE Treble	REV. PETER T. ROBBINS .. 5
GEORGE H. SPICE 2	TERENCE BARTON 6
JOSEPH GRENSED 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR 7
GEORGE KENWARD 4	PETER G. RICHARDS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal.
Rung as part of the patronal festivities; also 50 years to the same day of the second ringer's first peal.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.	
MRS. DORA EVANS Treble	JOHN R. C. TILEY 5
ERIC NAYLOR 2	TERENCE J. MILSON 6
CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS 7
*LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. 4	ALAN F. LEE Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS

* First peal of Major.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.	
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Treble	ERNEST E. GOSLING .. 5
MONICA M. BLAGROVE .. 2	A. JAMES GLASS 6
PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 3	GLYN F. JENKINS 7
	*SIDNEY BLYTH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* First peal attempt.
Rung for the Feast of St. John-the-Baptist, and as a birthday compliment to A. James Glass.

The composition, rung for the first time, contains 88 calls only, being the least number possible using two singles and common bobs only.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Rung on the middle eight.

*TERRY FITZGERALD .. Treble	*PETER S. BENNETT .. 5
PATRICIA BUSS 2	JOHN F. GROVE 6
FRED PEARSON 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 7
WILLIAM E. COURT .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.
Rung in memoriam Thomas Marshall, of Parbold.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt.	
*LESLIE MCCLUSKEY .. Treble	FRED PEARSON 5
RONALD KENRICK 2	ERIC COOK 6
PATRICIA BUSS 3	PETER COXALL 7
† MARTIN SNAPE 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal. † First in the method 'inside'.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Thomas Marshall, for over 40 years a member of the local band, who was interred on June 20th at Parbold.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.	
*RICHARD M. FORDER .. Treble	† MELVYN STEVENS .. 5
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 2	*GILLIAN M. DOGGETT .. 6
*CHRISTINE MORRIS .. 3	*RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. 7
*SUSAN E. WATERFORD .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.	
*ERNEST G. PEARCE .. Treble	† SYLVIA R. E. PIPE .. 5
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 2	RODERICK W. PIPE .. 6
† JAMES B. MORLEY .. 3	GEORGE W. PIPE 7
*DIANA M. PIPE 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of London. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ 275th peal

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Treble	† JOE WALLIS 5
*BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
† MARTIN L. HOWE 4	† DAVID K. PUTNAM Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First of Stedman. ‡ First on eight bells. The conductor's 150th of Stedman.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.	
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 6
*JOHN K. SMITH 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,120 London, 800 Bristol, 640 each of Ealing and Rutland, and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 144 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.	
*ROSEMARY FLEMING .. Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
ALICK CUTLER 2	*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	*JACK S. DEAR 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of 8-Spliced. First of 8-Spliced on the bells.

Rung in honour of the engagement of Rosemary Fleming to John R. Mayne.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch)
On Sun., July 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*PETER JACKSON .. Treble	† MICHAEL ARROWSMITH .. 5
THOMAS BARKER 2	† BERNARD MOSS 6
MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE 3	WALTER MANSLEY 7
*DERICK HARWOOD .. 4	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' Tenor 15 cwt.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. H. F. Doupe.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.	
BASIL W. WHITE .. Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4
GEORGE FRANCIS 2	CECIL LONGHURST .. 5
FREDERICK J. ROBERTS .. 3	W. LESLIE WELLER Tenor

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER

Rung for the Rev. Bernard G. Moore, who was ordained priest on this day at York Minster.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

CHARLES B. SKINNER .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. 4
DAVID J. FORDER .. 2	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 5
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 3	W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

ATCHAM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Eata.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.
*IAN FRIEND .. Treble | BARNABAS G. KEY .. 4
REGINALD H. NEWTON .. 2 | PHILIP J. EVANS .. 5
FREDERICK G. BEDDOWS .. 3 | ERNEST F. WILLCOX .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal in the method, and of Minor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., June 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods, viz.: (1) Ipswich, (2) Bourne, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Beverley, (5) Cambridge and Primrose, (6) Surfleet and Hexham, (7) S. Oxford and S. Court. Rung on light six.
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. Treble | RICHARD CLIFTON .. 4
G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 2 | FRANK CHAMBERS .. 5
C. WILLIAM HALL .. 3 | ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Helen.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one Morris' 240. Rung on front six.
*C. BLACKBURN .. Treble | J. C. ELLISON .. 4
†G. ROTHERY .. 2 | E. ROUGHLEY .. 5
T. D. ROUGHLEY .. 3 | J. G. EVANS .. Tenor

Conducted by E. ROUGHLEY.

* First peal on treble in the method. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal. First as conductor.

Rung for the confirmation of the election of Dr. A. M. Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury.

BRADSTONE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., June 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Non.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt.
*WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. Treble | *D. ROY BOULD .. 4
ANN GEORGE .. 2 | *HARRY STACEY .. 5
*CHARLES E. TAYLOR .. 3 | STANLEY JENNER .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. Believed to be the first of Kent Treble Bob on the bells.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. DEREK A. DAVIS .. Treble	*ROGER D. BAILEY .. 4
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 2	DEREK A. DAVIS .. 5
*KEITH R. DAVEY .. 3	FRANK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal.

An engagement compliment to Josie R. Hutchings and F. Keith Williamson.

HATFIELD HEATH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

At the Church of Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob.

REGINALD HAYDEN .. Treble	*JOHN COLLINS .. 4
HENRY BIRD .. 2	EDWARD ROCHESTER .. 5
EDWARD COSENS .. 3	WILLIAM ALEY .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ALEY.

* First peal. First on the bells.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Sheila Dellow and Brian Rochester (son of the ringer of the fifth), who were married at Farnham on June 24th.

MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*MICHAEL WYCHERLEY .. Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4
BERYL W. ABBOTT .. 2	†RICHARD E. MORRIS .. 5
MARY C. POYNER .. 3	‡EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

* First peal in three methods. † First in three methods 'inside.'
‡ 200th peal for the Association, and first of Minor as conductor since 1936.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ARCHIE R. WIFE .. Treble	†PETER J. WOODCOCK .. 4
†ROBERT C. BUTTON .. 2	TONY OWEN .. 5
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 3	†WILLIAM J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of rehanging bells in a new frame; also to mark the birth of a son to the ringer of the fourth.

GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Swithun.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each Stedman, St. Simon's, Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES E. COOPER .. Treble	*ARTHUR J. STIMSON .. 3
HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. 2	†ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 4
ROLAND H. COOK	.. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD T. BONSHOR.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal. C. E. Cooper has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cooper.

HANDBELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes.

In the Cathedral Belfry.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

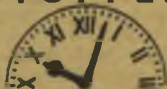
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ROBERT B. SMITH .. 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5-6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3-4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted JOHN M. JELLEY.

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HALF PEALS

HATHERN, LEICS.—On June 27th. 2,880 Cambridge, Kent, Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's Minor: V. Lacey 1. C. Cowley 2. T. Harris (cond.) 3. J. Tickle 4. F. Chambers 5. J. E. Manners 6.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On June 29th. 3,600 Minor in 5 methods: L. E. Sharp 1. E. W. Furbank 2. J. Avis 3. U. W. Wildney 4. F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5. B. W. Fairhead 6.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.—On June 27th. 2,528 Plain Bob Major: E. Hardon 1. G. McKay 2. J. Hail 3. Mrs. L. Boumfrey 4. J. McTear 5. H. Bynon 6. S. Richardson 7. L. Boumfrey (cond.) 8. First half peal by all the band, on the bells and in the county.

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On June 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. L. Roper 1. Miss H. M. Johnston (first quarter) 2. M. W. Sayer 3. Mrs. A. Bennett 4. B. J. Davis 5. R. A. Reeves 6. M. W. Coleman (first of Triples as cond.) 7. C. E. Gunttripp 8.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Catherine Williamson (first quarter) 1. W. Viggers (cond.) 2. Stella Tate-Mitchell 3. Barbara Williamson 4. K. Williamson 5. E. Bragg 6. T. Page 7. Betty Stewart 8.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On June 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Kathleen Mulvey 1. E. Hough 2. Denise E. Rider 3. M. J. Mulvey (first as cond.) 4. A. C. Mason 5. J. P. Burton 6. First quarter by all the band except the conductor.

ALTON, HANTS.—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Biddlecombe (first quarter) 1. R. Corke (cond.) 2. G. Noakes 3. H. Moody 4. C. Smith 5. L. Noakes 6. E. Hedger 7. A. Bone 8.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On June 27th. 1,260 Doubles (in six methods): J. T. P. Thorpe 1. H. T. Bonshor 2. J. H. Cook 3. A. E. Hinman 4. R. H. Cook (cond.) 5. K. J. Panter 6.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 27th. 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. D. Casson (first of Caters) 1. A. Short 2. B. D. Downie 3. M. G. Ingram 4. R. C. Ingram 5. D. T. Finmore 6. J. W. Pettigrew 7. D. R. Ingram (first of Caters as cond.) 8. W. A. Best (first quarter) 9. E. J. Franklin 10.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Roberts (first on eight) 1. A. J. Garbett 2. Mary Russell 3. H. C. Spencer (cond.) 4. W. Simmonds 5. P. Lock 6. D. J. Roberts 7. P. Shipp 8.

BARNES, SURREY.—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet D. Randles 1. Ann Shearman (first on the bells) 2. M. C. Cuthbert 3. Mary Heath 4. J. H. W. Harold (cond.) 5. G. Holdaway (first quarter) 6.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Metters 1. W. T. Turner 2. K. Newby 3. N. M. Newby 4. J. Bagnall 5. J. E. Burles (cond.) 6. F. H. Crawley 7. Rev. E. Notman (first quarter) 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On June 27th. at the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul. 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Merritt 1. Mrs. D. Evans 2. G. Hawkins 3. J. Tiley 4. H. Taylor 5. W. Hurford 6. J. Hallett 7. R. Smith 8. E. Naylor (cond.) 9. J. Owen 10.

BATHFORD, BATH.—On June 28th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol A. Ritchens 1. A. F. Lee 2. T. J. Milsom (cond.) 3. D. J. Barnett 4. A. Cannings 5. P. R. Young 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On July 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: May Wingrove 1. H. Wingrove (cond.) 2. Gwen Reeves 3. Dorothy Fletcher 4. Kathleen Fletcher 5. R. Broadley 6. M. Broadley 7. P. Davis 8. Also a compliment to the Rector, Rev. C. R. Warner, on becoming Rural Dean.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On June 27th. 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Miss J. Cox 1. Miss M. Butcher 2. Miss M. Tate 3. E. J. Phillips (cond.) 4. J. H. Phillips 5. S. D. Butcher 6.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On June 27th. 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): R. J. Brown 1. W. R. Chandler (first as cond.) 2. Miss M. Witney 3. V. J. C. Dale 4. Miss B. Fisher 5.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On June 27th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1. O. Castleman 2. C. Linch 3. R. Swan 4. P. Wells 5. J. Kesterton 6. A. Skinner (cond.) 7. J. Tieraan 8. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 4 and 8 covering): D. George 1. Audrey Eldridge 2. J. M. Swift 3. L. Tapp 4. Rev. R. O. Stroud 5. C. E. Verdon (cond.) 6. C. F. Pilbeam 7. R. Vale 8.

BILLESDON, LEICS.—On June 27th. 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob, Plain Bob): R. H. Faulkner (first quarter) 1. Miss P. M. Geary 2. J. G. Geary (cond.) 3. A. N. Geary 4. G. Allen 5. J. Wadkin 6. H. Faulkner 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On June 27th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Sear 1. A. B. Corden 2. H. Sear 3. W. Daniells 4. A. E. Daniells 5. D. J. Meager 6. J. Marks 7. R. Cadamy (cond.) 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On June 27th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Corderoy (first of Stedman away from tenor) 1. Mary Wells 2. H. W. Dunsden 3. E. J. Grace 4. J. P. Blond 5. C. Corderoy 6. R. B. Blond (cond.) 7. J. Napper 8. Also a compliment to Jim Blond, who was this day awarded his B.Sc. (Reading).

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On June 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Hearn 1. Miss S. Peake 2. Miss A. Porter 3. J. Vincent 4. B. S. Sheppard 5. W. H. Trueman (cond.) 6.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—At the Deanery Church. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rev. J. Burslem 1. Mrs. Moore 2. H. Pratt 3. W. Chapman 4. H. Moore 5. A. Little 6. G. Ashton 7. R. Suckling (cond.) 8.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On June 27th. 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Mrs. L. Holmes 1. A. B. Cooper 2. G. Ashley 3. F. Peacock 4. D. A. Smedley 5. G. E. Hancock 6. D. Cooper 7. H. T. Rooke (cond.) 8.

BRAY, BERKS.—On July 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): B. McCleary 1. Diana Harris 2. Sylvia Woods 3. C. Burridge 4. B. May 5. Joan Davey 6. Doreen Hague (cond.) 7. J. E. Norsworthy 8. By the local band before Evensong.

BRECON.—On June 27th. 1,260 Doubles (in four methods): Miss S. Roderick 1. M. M. Peterson 2. M. T. Johns 3. M. R. Thomas 4. E. Nobles (cond.) 5. E. P. J. Pollard 6. Also in honour of the birth of the tower captain's first grandson.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On June 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Cowling (first quarter) 1. Edna Frith 2. Janet Groves 3. A. R. Groves 4. G. Nicholls 5. I. R. Pantom (cond.) 6.

BROUGHTON, LANCs.—On June 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Meryl R. Crosswaite (first as cond.) 1. C. Crosswaite 2. J. Jolleys 3. M. Smith 4. J. Shaw 5. K. Durro 6.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.—On June 27th. 1,440 Minor (Double Court and Kent T.B.): W. G. Saunders 1. R. E. Burt 2. T. C. Browne 3. L. F. Bailey 4. F. C. Arnold 5. F. Phillippo (cond.) 6.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Parslow 1. E. A. Ashby 2. T. Clark 3. R. Rowley 4. J. E. Rootes 5. S. E. Darmon (cond.) 6. N. Jenkins 7. V. Green 8.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shelagh Guthrie 1. Margaret Guthrie 2. G. Bradbury (cond.) 3. A. E. Barker 4. H. Butler 5. J. P. Darrell (first quarter) 6.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On June 27th. at the Cathedral. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Holtby 1. B. Forsyth 2. Miss A. Callum 3. J. Boustead 4. C. Mew 5. A. Forsyth (cond.) 6. J. Ling 7.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.—At St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Handbridge, on June 27th. 1,216 Plain Bob Major: P. Swindley 1. Miss D. Shallock 2. J. Hughes 3. J. Dean 4. A. Close 5. S. Jones 6. T. Griffiths 7. R. J. Lee (first as cond.) 8.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Hope 1. I. Wintrip 2. Miss M. A. P. Bertie 3. F. Sheraton 4. J. W. Robson 5. P. D. Walker 6. D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7. W. Nicholson 8.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—At the Cathedral, on June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Wake 1. R. G. Blackman 2. J. S. Still (first of Triples 'inside') 3. Rev. C. R. R. Coussmaker 4. W. G. Challen 5. E. W. Keys 6. R. Wake (cond.) 7. P. Stevens (first on eight) 8.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Hudson 1. C. Hill 2. J. W. Priest 3. Roy Collins (cond.) 4. D. G. Blows 5. Ron Collins 6.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On June 27th. 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss R. J. Seabrook 1. Mrs. W. G. Perry (first of Kent) 2. H. B. G. Honeyball 3. H. Clarke (first of Kent) 4. O. C. Ballard 5. S. G. Honeyball 6. S. J. Twitchett (cond.) 7. W. G. Perry 8.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On July 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Parton 1. J. Marsh 2. W. Francis 3. E. Drew (cond.) 4. G. Goodson 5. F. Bennett 6. C. Jones 7. A. Nurse 8.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On July 2nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Turner 1. W. G. Wade 2. G. Everett 3. W. G. Bilner 4. H. Nichols 5. A. T. Beckwith (cond.) 6. B. Shepherd (covering) 7.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On June 27th at St. Leonard's. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. P. Duffield 1. N. Avis (first 'inside') 2. F. G. Oliver 3. J. Avis 4. D. Whent 5. H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. Also on June 27th. at St. Peter's. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. J. Millatt (cond.) 1. N. Avis 2. W. J. Brunt 3. J. Avis (first 'inside') 4. F. G. Oliver 5. D. Whent 6. E. P. Duffield 7. B. W. Fairhead 8.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. M. Boyle 1. R. Gubb 2. C. Rooke 3. L. Rooke 4. S. Sully 5. G. Limmer 6. D. Jewell (cond.) 7. L. Walters 8.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Elford 1. C. J. A. Brown 2. Mrs. M. de Jong 3. Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 4. S. G. King 5. L. R. G. Taylor 6. H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7. L. W. Jewell 8.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.—On St. Peter's Day. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Boxall 1. Miss R. A. Boxall 2. F. Godmarsh 3. B. Dixon 4. J. Jeffrey 5. R. Johnson (cond.) 6.

COWLEY, OXON.—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Grainge (first quarter) 1. Mrs. W. Holloway 2. Brenda Martin (first quarter) 3. A. Bennett (first 'inside') 4. W. Fern (cond.) 5. J. Sutton 6.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Boxall 1. Miss R. A. Stevens 2. R. Dixon 3. R. Johnson 4. R. Durnford 5. J. Jeffrey 6. F. Godmarsh (cond.) 7. E. Brett 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On June 27th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Metters 1. W. T. Turner 2. V. Forshaw 3. J. E. Burles 4. K. Newby 5. J. Bagnall 6. W. Wall 7. N. M. Newby (cond.) 8.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On June 27th. 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor: P. I. Chapman (cond.) 1. Hilary M. Johnson 2. Patricia F. Curtis 3. H. M. Johnson 4. M. J. V. Chown 5. M. R. Bennett 6.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On June 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (rung with 1 and 2 leading): Mrs. E. E. Pearson 1. Miss Y. Obbard 2. J. Minnear 3. Miss J. Phillips 4. A. W. Ivings 5. W. Ivings 6. E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7. B. J. Sykes 8.

DEENE, NORTHANTS.—On June 27th. 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): Anthea Reed (first quarter) 1. F. A. Gims 2. D. G. Urquhart 3. R. Russell 4. R. A. Webster (cond.) 5. M. Chambers 6.

DOVER, KENT.—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Fisher 1. Miss L. Coveney 2. C. George 3. Miss K. Todhunter 4. G. Gray 5. E. J. Walker 6. G. Ruck (cond.) 7. M. Godfrey 8. First quarter 1 and 4.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On June 27th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Webb 1. Miss E. Jackson (first of Stedman Triples) 2. A. Sayers 3. J. Hibbert 4. C. Garlick 5. G. W. Bishop 6. C. Hibbert (cond.) 7. R. Wells 8.

ENTHRONEMENT QUARTER

PEALS—Continued

EAST MEON, HANTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Stone 1, D. M. Hughes 2, C. A. Pound 3, C. G. Johnstone 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, N. Lambert (first quarter) 6.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the front six): P. Smithson (first quarter) 1, R. Fanthorpe 2, Mrs. D. Metcalfe 3, M. Noble (first quarter) 4, H. Denman 5, J. Coates (cond.) 6.

EPPING, ESSEX.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Statham (cond.) 1, Miss B. M. McClelland 2, E. Freeman 3, M. Osborne 4, J. Aldridge 5, A. Freeman 6.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Smith 1, P. Bridges 2, Monica Horseman 3, J. Fray 4, J. Owen (cond.) 5, J. Coombes 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On June 27th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: D. P. Treble 1, R. H. Mills 2, Miss M. Finch 3, W. W. Wright (cond.) 4, V. M. Cox 5, P. Joyce 6.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Payne (first of Caters) 1, W. Jones 2, P. Clarkson 3, L. Hewitt 4, W. Cox 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, I. Whiting 7, L. Edwards 8, P. Allen 9, J. Whiting 10.

GREAT AMWELL, HERTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. R. Tubby (first quarter) 1, R. A. Berry 2, F. K. Cooke 3, R. A. Cochrane 4, R. Hornby (cond.) 5, W. Copcoat 6.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Hibbert 1, J. H. Napper 2, Mrs. P. Tait 3, M. Bishop 4, C. Garlick 5, A. Sayer 6, G. W. Bishop 7, A. H. Webb (cond.) 8.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On June 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: V. Tipton 1, Mrs. E. Curson 2, J. Collins 3, F. Whitby 4, G. Miller 5, E. Curson 6, W. Wheeler 7, S. Clark (cond.) 8.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary Potts (first quarter) 1, A. Day (cond.) 2, Amy Coburn 3, L. Coburn 4, R. Newson 5, F. C. Jacklin 6.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Jackson 1, D. Jordan 2, J. Hibbert 3, C. Garlick 4, A. Sayer 5, J. H. Napper 6, G. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8.

HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, ESSEX.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Lowings 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, A. Gargrave 4, F. V. Gant 5, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 6.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. H. Thompson 1, C. Yates 2, A. Truman 3, F. Wills 4, E. Glass 5, G. Skinner 6, N. Mallett (cond.) 7, F. Wreford 8.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. D. Egddell 1, B. Huddleston 2, C. Abbott 3, G. Locke 4, M. T. Owen (first of Triples) 5, P. E. Parry (cond.) 6, J. A. Bennett 7, C. Wyatt 8.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Church 1, L. H. Bywaters 2, M. Major (cond.) 3, K. Barnes 4, R. Fuller 5, T. Hyde 6.

HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Loveless 1, Miss I. Down 2, Miss M. Dorey 3, F. Priddle 4, P. Sparkes (cond.) 5, A. Sherrin 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDD.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Sexton 1, T. G. Bannister 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, Miss J. Essen (first of Royal) 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, A. R. Turley 6, G. Hopkinson 7, N. D. Robinson 8, W. H. Coles 9, F. C. Price (cond.) 10.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On June 27th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford T.B. Single Oxford and Plain Bob): D. Bradley 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6.

HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE.—On June 27th, 1,320 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Morrey 1, D. Phillips 2, D. Kirkham 3, L. Copnall 4, B. J. Ongley (cond.) 5, R. J. Ongley 6.

HOLT, WILTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Veronica Sheet 1, D. Nibbs 2, R. Humphries (cond.) 3, G. Humphries 4, D. Stillman 5, J. Stillman 6. First quarter 2 and 6. Average age of band: 14 years.

HONITON, DEVON.—At St. Paul's Church, on June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 behind): Janet Real 1, M. Hodge 2, C. Manley 3, J. Real 4, D. Salter 5, W. Baker 6, W. Webb (cond.) 7, M. Squire 8.

HUCKNALL, NOTTS.—On June 27th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. M. E. Gibson 1, H. Lewin 2, K. Marriott 3, B. Hincliffe 4, P. Nix (cond.) 5, Miss E. Charlton 6, G. Gibson 7, N. Wiser 8. First quarter 6 and 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Newton 1, Beryl Smith 2, R. Biggs 3, Meryl Newton 4, Joyce Barton 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, N. Cornwall 8.

HUMBERSTONE, LEICS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (in 7 methods): E. Bagworth 1, Miss J. Kent 2, R. Brewin 3, A. Rudge 4, D. Manship (cond.) 5, R. Manship 6.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. C. Hall 1, R. Churchill (cond.) 2, M. Pearson 3, W. Peacock 4, I. N. Pett 5, R. Ward 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. Bedford 1, Norma Jeffery 2, P. Bedford (cond.) 3, A. Duggan 4, F. J. Wood 5.

KEMERTON, GLOS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Mills (first quarter) 1, A. Pulley 2, F. Wood (cond.) 3, C. Brazier 4, D. Devereux 5, J. Jones (first quarter) 6.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—On June 27th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, A. Capstick 2, A. Diserens 3, Diana J. Perrins 4, W. G. Wilson 5, G. E. Braithwaite (cond.) 6.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—At St. Mary Abbots', on June 27th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. E. Sawyer (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, Miss V. E. Dupre 3, Miss K. M. Baker (first quarter) 4, J. H. Lott 5, A. F. Udall 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, R. F. Overington 8.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. E. Brookes (first of Minor) 1, F. A. Jaine 2, J. F. Fox 3, W. E. Brookes 4, D. F. Jaine (cond.) 5, T. C. Jaine 6.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss M. Lander (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Arnold 2, A. J. Cole 3, D. C. Price 4, J. G. Culh (cond.) 5, Miss S. Baxter 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On June 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. R. Reed 1, R. Shipp 2, Freda P. Greaves 3, W. Curston 4, T. Bush 5, C. H. Whitton 6, J. Wilson (first as cond.) 7, N. V. Harding 8.

KINGSTEIGNTON, DEVON.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Garbett 1, R. Blacker 2, Mary Russell 3, P. A. Lock 4, D. J. Roberts 5, H. C. Spencer 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, P. Shipp 8.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Elizabeth Warren (first quarter) 1, Ann F. Gartell 2, Christine M. Shaw (first 'inside') 3, W. Margaret Balcomb 4, E. W. Taylor 5, A. G. Clark (cond.) 6.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. T. P. Thorpe 1, J. H. Cook 2, A. E. Hinman (cond.) 3, H. T. Bonshor 4, R. H. Cook 5.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. M. White (first of Minor) 1, F. C. Hobson (first quarter) 2, J. I. Booth 3, K. Kirk 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 6.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Sears 1, J. Goodchild (first 'inside') 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, S. Smith 4, C. Hagger 5, J. Gibbard 6.

LAVERHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. A. Turner 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, W. Fakers 3, A. Knight 4, M. T. Symonds 5, F. S. Mortlock 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Offord 8.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Mason 1, T. H. Bent 2, W. G. Hunt (first 'inside' on eight) 3, W. J. Tanser 4, E. R. Whitehead 5, G. H. Bray 6, G. A. Olliffe (cond.) 7, T. E. Adams 8.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cook 1, C. Williamson 2, Miss P. Fox (first 'inside') 3, C. Hughes 4, F. Mills 5, Miss V. Hester 6, J. Crampin (cond.) 7, A. White 8.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Garton (first quarter) 1, L. A. Tidy 2, Mary Stephens 3, D. Summer 4, W. L. Tidy 5, R. W. Stephens (cond.) 6.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Tei 1, Dina Paine 2, S. Orchard 3, H. Baldwin 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5, A. Peek 6.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): N. Markovits 1, E. M. Jones 2, F. Jones 3, A. Bailey (cond.) 4, J. H. Jones 5, M. Pugh 6, W. Young 7, M. Heath 8.

LONDON, N.—On June 27th, at the Church of St. Anne, Highgate, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rachel Snell 1, T. Bevan 2, Margaret Harle 3, P. Foote 4, A. Butler (cond.) 5, J. O'Dell 6, M. Lewis 7, P. Henning 8.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Lewis (first away from cover) 1, M. A. Stenhouse 2, J. F. A. Shire (first quarter) 3, R. J. House 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, R. H. J. Hunt (first quarter) 6.

LOWER HEYFORD, NORTHANTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): I. Wilkinson 1, M. Hensher 2, W. Collins 3, E. Garrett 4, R. Danby (cond.) 5, R. Clarke 6.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On June 27th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: G. S. Morris (cond.) 1, W. H. Poole 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, M. V. White 5, R. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell 7, J. Rattenbury 8.

MADELEY, SALOP.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. W. Jones 1, T. Pritchard 2, T. S. Wilkes 3, F. W. Jones 4, J. L. Stanier (cond.) 5, H. Hyde 6.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pearl Gibson (first quarter) 1, G. Lister 2, D. Young (first 'inside') 3, G. Gibbs 4, Kathleen North 5, J. Blackwood 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, S. Gibson (first quarter) 8. By the Sunday service band.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Hambly (14. first quarter) 1, E. Ford 2, Joy Towner (first quarter) 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, R. A. Marsh 6.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On June 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Hazeldine 1, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 2, A. M. Hickman 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, R. H. Tyler 6, H. F. White 7, F. Price 8.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. R. Dean 1, R. E. Dean 2, B. D. Price 3, E. Silvey 4, J. Young 5, E. D. Poole 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, A. Boarder 8.

MATHON, HEREFORDS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Andrews (first quarter) 1, T. J. Walters (first 'inside') 2, C. W. Nutt (cond.) 3, J. Ranford 4, R. Lewis 5, C. Bowers 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On June 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Colegrove 1, J. B. Budd 2, J. C. Nicholls 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Grant 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 5.

NORTHENDEN, MANCHESTER.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. P. Ward 1, Enid Rowley (first of Grandsire) 2, F. H. Gates 3, Roger Twigg (cond. first quarter) 4, M. J. M. Ratcliff 5, S. Coutts (first quarter) 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On June 27th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob: Ann Hanzcock 1, H. King 2, Wendy Bowak 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6.

NOTTINGHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Deborah Hopkins 1, Helen Nevin 2, O. Orledge 3, R. Baldwin 4, B. Grainger 5, M. Bishop 6, D. Friend (cond.) 7, R. Day 8. Probably the first quarter on the bells for 50 years.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss N. Kempell 1, W. Dunn 2, D. Mundy 3, G. Olliver 4, G. Clark 5, K. Game (first as cond.) 6.

NUTHALL, NOTTS.—On June 27th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Pool 1, E. Wilcox 2, H. Young 3, J. E. Hobbs 4, Joan Harrison 5, E. Jenkinson (cond.) 6.

ENTHRONEMENT QUARTER PEALS—Continued

PENN, STAFFS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Howell (12, first quarter) 1. H. Howell 2. H. Griffiths 3. Miss A. Frost 4. C. Griffiths 5. A. Collins 6. E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7. G. Hill 8.

PENZANCE, CORNWALL.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Opie (first attempt) 1. D. Gendall 2. K. Davy (cond.) 3. J. Harvey 4. A. Willis 5. W. Roach 6.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): Delwyn Young (first quarter) 1. C. Brown 2. B. Goodliffe 3. J. Riley 4. M. Horseman (cond.) 5. R. Haskins 6.

PRESTON, LANCs.—On June 27th, at the Church of St. John, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Smith 1. W. K. Martin 2. Maryl R. Cross-thwaite 3. Margaret Cross-thwaite 4. Betty Faunch 5. C. Cross-thwaite (cond.) 6. K. Durro 7. G. A. Dimmock 8. E. Couperthwaite 9. A. Gardner 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 1. 3. 4. 5 and 7.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ambler (cond.) 1. R. Kendall 2. C. Ellison 3. S. A. Longbottom 4. H. Wilde 5. S. Longbottom 6.

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Valerie Pacey (first quarter) 1. Miss M. Kirk (first 'inside') 2. C. Lowe 3. E. J. Perkins 4. D. Lowe (cond.) 5.

RAINFORD, LANCs.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. F. Green 1. J. C. Ellison 2. W. G. Ellison 3. T. D. Roughley 4. E. Roughley (cond.) 5. J. G. Evans 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Joan Hanning 1. K. Game 2. T. H. Bird 3. Rev. K. G. Hoare 4. A. J. Bull 5. A. Streeter 6. G. Olliver (cond.) 7. A. T. Shelton 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On June 27th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: N. Donovan 1. Susan Chaddock 2. Pat Walker 3. Margaret Burns 4. R. Woodward 5. I. Tilling 6. S. Armeson 7. G. S. Lee 8. J. N. D. Chaddock 9. N. Chaddock (cond.) 10.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Mills 1. Miss M. A. Ward 2. J. A. Townsend (cond.) 3. J. Pendlebury 4. C. A. Brass 5. E. H. Norman 6.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Felicity M. A. Rooke 1. Susan M. Morley (first of Triples 'inside') 2. Noreen Winter 3. M. Winter 4. C. H. Knowles (cond.) 5. Gillian Sewell 6. A. J. Hicks 7. S. Skinner 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On June 27th, at the Cathedral, 1,265 Stedman Caters: Mrs. J. Dobbs 1. W. J. Arnold (cond.) 2. Miss C. Chambers 3. Miss P. Doorn 4. G. Dodds 5. K. Darvill 6. W. Little 7. G. W. Debenham 8. G. Penney 9. W. A. Nicholls 10. Also at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. H. Chambers 1. B. B. Hullah 2. J. D. Chamberlain 3. C. M. Foster 4. A. T. Hawkins (cond.) 5. G. T. Ridgway 6.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On June 27th, 1,260 Minor (3 methods): R. Beard 1. F. Gorrington 2. E. Coode 3. F. Wheller 4. P. Braund 5. B. Aldridge (cond.) 6. First in three Minor methods by all except the conductor.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Watkins 1. Dorothy Page 2. Rita M. Stratford 3. Jennifer Stratford 4. M. E. Brown (cond.) 5. V. T. Cooper 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Newsum 1. Mrs. S. Marshall 2. Mrs. J. Simpson 3. J. Harvey 4. C. Geary 5. W. Simpson (cond.) 6.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. Parsons 1. A. L. Westwood 2. Miss L. Barker (first quarter) 3. J. L. Boylin 4. W. B. Cartwright (cond.) 5. R. Daw 6. H. J. Turner 7. R. L. Joyce (first quarter) 8. By the Sunday service ringers.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Chad's Church, on June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Newman (first of Triples) 1. Mary C. Poyner 2. N. Round-Turner 3. R. Newton 4. H. C. Lewis 5. F. G. Beddow 6. H. Poyner (cond.) 7. E. Wilcox 8.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Bartlett 1. E. W. Brown 2. Miss J. R. Simmonds 3. D. E. Tupper 4. J. G. Brett 5. V. S. Connell 6. J. H. Brett (cond.) 7. A. R. Ruffle 8. First in the method for all except the conductor. Rung by a resident service band.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1. C. Dale 2. R. Cann 3. A. J. Collings 4. T. J. Warner 5. E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 6. C. Bragg 7. V. W. Rigg 8.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): Sheila Stephens (first quarter) 1. B. Wakefield (cond.) 2. R. T. Wakefield 3. M. J. Cook 4. R. J. Smith 5. P. Law 6.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): Miss S. Peters 1. A. Tapley 2. W. Burnett 3. Miss S. White (first quarter) 4. F. Willmington 5. H. Willmington 6. W. Panter (cond.) 7. C. Burnett 8.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Doy 1. B. G. Brinkley 2. C. Cooper 3. J. Kerley 4. J. Crawley 5. B. Bover (cond.) 6. Also a birthday compliment to R. Smith.

STAINES, MIDDx.—On June 27th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Shepherd 1. Pamela Harris 2. D. Hawkins 3. B. Wiggins 4. B. Bartlett 5. C. Fynnes 6. M. Bartlett 7. E. Skipsey (cond.) 8. First of Major for 2, 4 and 5.

STANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL.—On June 27th, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise): Janet Payne 1. Margaret Machin 2. R. Webster 3. J. Maughan 4. P. Draffan 5. W. Maughan (cond.) 6.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On June 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Dickinson 1. K. Goodall 2. F. A. Adams 3. H. Paddison 4. K. Rutland 5. G. W. Longden (first of Major) 6. L. Goodall 7. J. Ford (first quarter of Major as cond.) 8.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On June 27th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. A. Warner 1. Margaret Pantton (first in method) 2. P. L. Wood 3. W. Arnold 4. A. T. Beckwith 5. A. R. Syder (cond.) 6.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Boorman 1. Miss F. R. D. Underhill 2. J. Davey 3. M. F. H. Lacey 4. A. S. Dunk (cond.) 5.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. D. Hayne 1. Mrs. P. Wright 2. D. Ellender 3. D. Sibley 4. R. Robinson 5. H. Folwell 6. E. Sibley 7. W. A. Stote (cond.) 8.

STONEHOUSE, GLOS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. T. Price (cond.) 1. A. Arnold 2. T. Baker 3. A. Harmer 4. N. Perkins 5. H. Matthews 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On June 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. S. Atyeo 1. Mrs. J. Ward 2. Ann George 3. S. Jenner 4. C. Sangwin 5. H. Stacey 6. A. T. Wingate 7. A. Ward (cond.) 8.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDx.—On June 27th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: E. Pizzey 1. Doreen Gibbons 2. P. Brand 3. D. Brock 4. D. Boniface (cond.) 5. D. Struckett 6.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On June 27th, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge and Kent T.B.): J. I. Porter (cond.) 1. B. J. Fisher 2. T. W. Thirkell 3. Mrs. R. Ducker 4. H. Rodmell 5. C. R. Robinson 6.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Mumford (first of Triples away from tenor) 1. Lavina Mumford 2. J. Coates 3. N. Moxon 4. Eleanor Rose 5. Katharine Burchnaill 6. Grace Burchnaill (cond.) 7. C. Copp 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On June 27th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. E. Sutton 1. T. R. Collins 2. B. Bladon 3. A. T. Collins 4. Dr. H. Craig 5. M. B. Kemp 6. Dr. C. G. Roworth 7. B. R. Cox (first in Great Britain) 8. R. G. Townsend 9. E. Sutton (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 2, 6, 7 and 8.

SWINESHEAD, LINC's.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Reynolds 1. W. B. Dawson 2. J. E. Brown (first of Triples) 3. J. P. Morriss (cond.) 4. N. B. Fovargue 5. R. Stephenson 6. P. H. Reynolds 7. C. Stubley 8.

TADCASTER, YORKS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Shann (first quarter) 1. P. Harrison 2. A. Dennison 3. W. Hick (cond.) 4. W. Stead 5. C. Sollitt 6. A. Evans 7. A. Barker 8.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On June 27th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Mrs. I. Mills 1. Mrs. D. Stuteley 2. Ann Pryke 3. Mrs. V. Hales 4. P. W. Mills 5. E. E. Davey (cond.) 6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Smith 1. F. J. Cook 2. June E. Sinfield 3. R. J. Scott 4. J. Cloughton 5. I. Knox 6. J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7. W. F. Gladman 8. First of Grandsire for 1. 5 and 8.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Kerslake (first quarter) 1. Mrs. B. Morris 2. R. G. Perry 3. J. Baker 4. B. Vine (cond.) 5. H. Churchill 6.

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.—On June 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. I. Roberts (11, first quarter) 1. D. Slater 2. I. Leppard 3. C. Bonnett 4. F. Roberts (cond.) 5. E. Constable 6.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. A. Packham 1. Susan J. Beresford 2. Alison S. Murray 3. Stella M. Knight (cond.) 4. D. S. Anderson 5.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDx.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Sheehan 1. Mrs. E. R. Gotham 2. H. W. Impey 3. E. R. Gotham 4. D. G. Rowlands 5. Miss J. Reeve 6. F. H. Corke (cond.) 7. F. Bedford 8.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6, 4, 8 covering): B. Bassett 1. Mrs. E. Bassett 2. C. A. Bassett (cond.) 3. Rosemary Hemsley 4. C. Pibbeam 5. J. Wilcox 6. L. W. Giles 7. G. Baker 8. First quarter 1 and 4.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On June 27th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Wild 1. Miss V. Pain 2. Mrs. R. J. Chapman 3. Mrs. C. W. Roberts 4. M. C. Austin 5. D. Hawkins 6. R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7. H. Duncan 8.

WANSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Woodman 1. B. Branton (first 'inside') 2. L. Brighton 3. Miss R. Anderson 4. M. Parker (cond.) 5.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Bailey 1. I. Stoter 2. J. White 3. H. V. Booker 4. D. Stoter 5. K. Leach (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method by 1 and 4.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On June 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Eastland 1. R. Bullivant 2. F. Cooke 3. R. Lucas 4. A. Brown 5. F. Flint (cond.) 6.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): Sandra Owens (first quarter) 1. D. C. Urquhart 2. F. A. Gains 3. R. Russell 4. R. A. Webster 5. M. Chambers 6. Conducted jointly by 3 and 5.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. T. Bailey 1. W. L. Ratcliffe 2. Christine Froggatt 3. J. B. Perkins 4. J. Woolley (cond.) 5. A. H. Longhurst 6.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Ingram 1. Mrs. F. Penn 2. Miss T. Elliott 3. Miss V. Doel 4. F. Brown 5. T. B. Holloway (cond.) 6. F. Penn 7. A. Grist 8.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. H. F. Knight 1. A. Chamberlain 2. Miss T. M. Lloyd 3. Miss J. Watkin (first quarter) 4. R. J. Carter 5. K. A. Roe (cond.) 6. T. E. Harrold 7. F. S. Cheney 8.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—At St. Paul's Church, on June 27th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss D. Gibbs 1. J. Froome 2. Miss S. A. Castle 3. Mrs. B. C. Castle 4. C. W. Mortimer 5. R. K. Rivers 6. B. C. Castle (cond.) 7. C. A. Eeie 8. Rung by the ringers of St. Nicholas', Hurst.

WOLVERCOTE, OXFORD.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): Ann Thompson (first quarter) 1. Mrs. M. Godwin 2. N. Chamberlain 3. P. Heritage (first 'inside') 4. H. Floyd (cond.) 5. W. Godwin 6.

ENTHRONEMENT QUARTER PEALS—Continued

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On June 27th. 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Grandsire, Plain Bob): J. E. Brook 1, Myra J. Wilkins 2, A. W. Gibbs (cond., 50th quarter) 3, I. G. Smith 4, H. Taysom 5.

WOLVEY, WARWICKS.—On June 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. H. Chase (14) 1, W. J. Chase (12, first 'inside') 2, A. D. O'Donnell (14, first as cond.) 3, J. H. Beale 4, H. M. Windsor 5, A. C. Beck 6.

WORCESTER.—On June 26th. at the Cathedral. 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: D. R. Morris 1, Anne Bullard 2, R. G. Morris 3, Susan Jackson 4, J. J. Starrier 5, M. Hawkes 6, D. R. Sayers 7, J. C. Slater 8, D. Beacham (cond.) 9, T. W. Lewis 10, G. E. Evenden 11, F. C. Pugh 12, First of Cinques for 2, 5, 6 and 7.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On July 1st. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Crowson 1, B. Kingston 2, Janet Welsh 3, J. Waugh 4, K. Gardner 5, S. M. J. Young 6, D. Riley (first as cond.) 7, J. Laken 8, First quarter 1 and 8, First of Grandsire 'inside' 3, 5 and 6.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.—On June 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Simons 1, A. Mill 2, D. A. Whetton 3, G. Chalmers 4, M. Smart (cond.) 5, J. S. Eastland 6.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHS.—On June 27th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, June Harding 2, J. E. Barber 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, G. Ledsham 5, J. M. Capper 6, W. Cathrall 7, E. Edwards 8.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruby Cox (first quarter) 1, A. H. Fitter (cond.) 2, Rosemary D. Waterhouse (first 'inside') 3, Dorothy M. Palmer 4, M. F. Edwards 5, M. Cox 6.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Church (first quarter) 1, F. Farr 2, R. Bath (cond.) 3, R. Clift 4, H. Noakes 5, E. Hunt 6. Also a 15th birthday compliment to treble ringer.

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OTHER QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEAL

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On June 10th. 2,520 Doubles (in 5 methods): J. W. Sampson 1, M. Utton 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, R. C. L. Brown 4, M. J. Parker (cond.) 5. First half peal for all.

ACCRINGTON, LANCs.—On June 16th. 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Steer 1, K. Earnshaw 2, P. Eagle 3, R. Bolt 4, R. Leigh (cond.) 5, R. Whittaker 6, First quarter 1, 3, 6. A farewell to the Vicar, Rev. J. H. P. Slade, M.A.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On June 21st. 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: B. A. Shackleton 1, R. G. Hooper 2, J. Brain 3, D. C. Exell 4, D. J. Hunt 5, D. E. Cobb 6, M. J. Horseman 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8, First in method 3, 4, 6 and 7. Also on June 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Horseman (cond.) 1, Kathleen Exell (first in method 'inside') 2, P. Bridle 3, P. Dye 4, F. C. Mogford 5, D. J. Hunt 6, D. E. Cobb 7, B. Goodliffe 8.

BACUP, LANCs.—At the Church of St. Saviour, on July 1st. 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Kendal 1, G. Young 2, S. Lowe 3, J. Walsh 4, J. Bracewell (cond.) 5, G. Coppin 6. For the induction of the Rev. J. A. Slater by the Archdeacon of Rochdale.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On June 25th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy (first attempt) 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, P. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, Claude Corderoy 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, J. P. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8.

BRADSTONE, DEVON.—On June 19th. 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): A. J. Collings 1, Ann George 2, C. E. Taylor 3, D. R. Bould 4, H. Stacey 5, S. Jenner (cond.) 6, First in two methods 1, 3 and 4.

BRISTOL.—On June 23rd, at St. Michael's-on the Mount. 1,440 Oxford T.B. Minor: P. Dye 1, Sally Oates 2, S. M. J. Young 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, J. Brain 5, L. Derrick 6. First of Oxford Minor by all.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—On July 4th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Harrison 1, W. Fay 2, J. Ashby 3, R. J. Wyatt 4, J. A. Parker 5, F. E. Burnett 6, H. Parker (cond.) 7, T. Ayre 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Thomas H. Huddleston, of Driffeld.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On June 29th. at the Church of St. Peter. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Stone 1, C. W. T. Riddleston 2, B. North 3, Angela Grainger (cond.) 4, F. Rowsell 5, G. North 6, A. W. Bond 7, D. Snoswell 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.—On July 2nd. 1,020 Plain Bob Minor: N. Crossland (first quarter) 1, C. A. Moxon 2, W. Broadhead 3, Miss M. Moxon 4, H. Rusby 6, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. Dedication of new British Legion Banner. Also on April 23rd. 1,320 T.B. Minor (four methods): W. Broadhead 1, C. A. Moxon 2, E. Stainrod 3, D. Stables 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. St. George's Day.

CHORLEY, LANCs.—On June 24th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): F. Maudsley (first quarter) 1, J. H. Gartside 2, P. Jackson (first quarter) 3, T. Barker 4, C. Crosshwaite (cond.) 5, B. Moss 6, M. Arrowsmith 7, A. Rigby 8.

DOWN AMPNEY, GLOS.—On June 22nd. 1,260 Doubles (in 5 methods): M. A. New 1, T. R. Collins 2, G. W. Land 3, M. J. Stanley 4, A. T. Collins (cond.) 5.

EDMONTON, MIDDx.—On June 25th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: Trudy Newcombe 1, D. Hewitt 2, D. Towers 3, J. Towers 4, J. Weeks 5, B. Downes 6, T. Hawkins (cond.) 7, W. George 8. For Confirmation service.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On June 18th. 1,380 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob): Miss J. M. Cox 1, R. H. Mills 2, Miss M. Finch 3, W. W. Wright (cond.) 4, D. P. Treble 5, C. B. Allen 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. H. Mills on the award of the B.E.M. Also on July 2nd. 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Bebb 1, R. H. Mills 2, W. W. Wright 3, V. M. Cox 4, P. Joyce 5, D. P. Treble (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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By the peal at Milford-on-Sea, Hants, Mr. Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, has now rung a full 5,000 on every date in the year, including February 29th, a record which very few have accomplished. By a coincidence the composition (Grove's transposition of Parker's) was the same as his first peal (in 1906) and he rang the second on both occasions, but at places many miles apart—St. Andrew's, Grimsby, Lincs, and All Saints', Milford, Hants!

We learn that Mr. Brian Price is joining the staff of Radley College next September.

Kent ringers will congratulate Mr. George H. Spice on ringing in a peal on the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild has 72 members with over 50 years' membership. Oldest is Mr. H. Gregory, who joined in 1892.

The peal at Broseley, Shropshire, on June 24th—the first on the augmented eight—is believed to be only the second peal on the bells.

In the quarter peal at Little Missenden, reported on page 419, the ringer of the second bell was Miss D. Page. Our correspondent sends his apologies to the lady concerned.

Congratulations to Mr. R. H. Mills, of Farnborough, Hants, who was awarded the British Empire Medal in the recent Honours List. A congratulatory quarter peal was rung on June 18th.

The bells of All Saints' Church, Stamford, will not be rung again until the work of repairing the steeple has been completed. It was damaged during a gale in the early part of this year. Practices will go on as usual on Tuesday evenings only at St. Martin's Church.

The six bells of St. Peter's, Whetstone, Leicestershire, are being rehung on ball-bearings, fittings overhauled, bell frame repainted, etc., at a cost of £250. To raise funds for this a garden fête was held in the grounds of the Memorial Hall, opened by Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester. The gratifying sum of over £170 was raised.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mr. G. W. Taysom on his 100th peal. Geoffrey moved to Cornwall from the Hereford area some 30 years ago and now rings regularly at both Gulval and Madron. It takes a long time for a peal total to rise in the extreme west, but he has gone on joining in attempts at every opportunity as well as loyally and regularly helping in every sphere of ringing; in fact he is one of those stalwarts of whom any Guild can be proud. The Truro Guild is of him.

Mr. James R. Lawson, carillonneur at Riverside Church, New York, has been in England and is now in Sweden. Next week he is giving a recital in Belgium, followed by a visit to Greece. He hopes to see some more of his English friends before returning to the States.

Although rung for Matins, the quarter peal at Whittle on July 2nd was in the nature of a belated 57th wedding anniversary quarter for Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Fenn, of Barking. Caleb, of course, is associated with St. Margaret's, Barking, and was a leading member of that most competent band of some years ago. Nowadays the stairs are a bit too much, but he maintains his interest through 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. C. Wiltshire, formerly of Guildford, who is now 95 years of age, has been living at Nansouville, Quebec. His daughter writes acknowledging a letter from the secretary of the Central Council and a copy of the jubilee issue of 'The Ringing World,' which gave him great pleasure. Recently he was removed to a nursing home, but he is still able to take an interest in things and remembers his old friends.

The ringers of the peal of Stedman Caters at Hillingdon on June 24th, arranged and rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ten bells, would like it also to be associated with the life and work of Dennis C. Morgan, of Harlington. He was to have rung in the peal, but unfortunately he was killed in a road accident and was buried on the morning of the 24th. The conductor of the peal had the sad task of representing the band at the funeral.

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RINGING FOR THE ENTHRONEMENT

A Great Response

NEVER before has there been concerted ringing to honour the enthronement of an archbishop. The enthronement of the Most Rev. A. Michael Ramsey as 100th Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of All England was marked by the ringing of church bells in every diocese. At the Central Council meeting at Stoke-on-Trent on Whit Tuesday a request was made by the president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) that the day, Tuesday, June 27th, should be honoured by the ringing of church bells.

31 PEALS

The response was most gratifying. At the time of writing no fewer than 31 reports of peals having been rung have reached this office. These included the Cathedrals of Canterbury, Oxford, Leicester, Bradford, Bristol, Manchester and the former Pro-Cathedral at Guildford.

At Canterbury a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung in the evening at the Cathedral by nine resident members of the Kent County Association and one non-resident member from Croydon, which is also in the Diocese of Canterbury. The Archbishop is ex-officio president of the Association, which comprises all the Diocese of Canterbury except the Croydon Archdeaconry, all the Diocese of Rochester and part of the Diocese of Southwark in that part of the South East London area which was formerly in Kent.

PERSONAL MILESTONES

In the 31 peals rung 35 of the ringers were ladies. Twelve of the ringers were ringing their first peal and for three others it was their 100th peal. These were Messrs. Geoffrey W. Taysom, the well-known Cornish ringer, who reached his century at Carbis Bay, Patrick W. Saltmarsh, of Danbury, Essex, who rang at Great Baddow, and Herbert W. Woolven, of Sussex, who was ringing at Heene, Worthing.

Two former Devon call-change ringers took part in a peal at East Budleigh. On the treble was Mr. Henry Luxton (64), who was ringing his second peal, and on the tenor Mr. Frederick Snow, who was ringing his first.

Ramsey Surprise Major was the appropriate method selected at Harrow Weald for the peal in honour of the enthronement.

176 QUARTER PEALS

Quarter and half peal ringing reached the splendid total of 176. Cathedrals in the list included St. Albans, Gloucester, Chichester, Worcester, Carlisle and Bath Abbey. London was represented by quarters at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, and St. Ann's, Highgate.

In these quarters there were no fewer than 56 ringers who were ringing their first quarter, and among them was R. I. Roberts, aged 11, of Turners Hill, Sussex. At Wolvey, Warwickshire, A. D. O'Donnell, aged 14, was conducting his first quarter peal.

A very youthful band was performing at Holt, Wilts, where the average age of the band was 14 years and two were ringing their first quarter.

At Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex, it was intended to ring a peal. Towards the end of the fifth 720 one member of the company became ill, and the conductor called 'Stand' at the end of the extent.

The quarter rung at Woodford, Essex, on July 1st was a second attempt. The band made its first attempt at Loughton on the Tuesday but were thwarted by a gang of hooligans entering the church and meddling with the chiming apparatus.

ROPES UNRAVELLED

The quarter peal at St. Michael's, Stoke Coventry, was accomplished not without difficulties. Just before the half-way single a strand of the tenor rope broke at the tucking in the rope end. This quickly unravelled to six feet above the sally. It was only the importance of the occasion and the dexterity of the conductor (Mr. W. A. Stote) which restrained him from calling 'Stand'.

Another case of a disintegrating rope occurred at Workington, where a peal attempt of Plain Bob Major was going well and had to be curtailed to 2,528 changes.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 28



MR. FRANK T. BLAGROVE,
Middlesex County Association.

If there were such an organisation as a Bellringers' Trade Union, Mr. Frank T. Blagrove, of Windsor, Berks, would surely be frequently 'on the carpet'. He is a very competent 'double-handed' tower bell ringer, and in fact has rung more double-handed peals than anyone (including Washbrook), having scored 12 so far, and about 60 quarter peals. What is more extraordinary is that these peals have included 3 of Doubles, in 25, 45 and 72 methods, which he also conducted! He has rung Bob Minor with four officers of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, and this year rang in the only triple 'double-handed' peal, with Tony and Frank C. Price—Bob Minor at Preston Candover, Hants. There are not more than eight ringers alive today who have rung even one 'double-handed' peal, but it should not be too difficult for four of them to get together, and ring a peal of Major—something worth doing.

The quarter peal rung at Twineham, Sussex, on June 27th was the first time the bells had been rung for over three years, as the state of the tower, which has now been repaired, rendered ringing inadvisable. During the 'silent' period the oldest ringer and tower captain, George Packham and Charles Wickens, have both died, and they were very much in the minds of those who rang. The ringers included a son of one and a daughter of the other.

The quarter on the Priory bells at Worksop, Notts, was the first on the bells for seven years. The team was entirely local.

The analysis of methods rung in quarter peals is Cinques 1 (Worcester Cathedral), Royal 3, Caters 6, Major 17 (no Surprise Major), Triples 48, Minor 39 (three Surprise), Doubles 62.

The bells of the Municipal Church of St. Laurence, Reading, were rung for an hour on June 27th.

At Emmanuel Church, Clifton, the conductor suffered a lapse of memory and 1,200 changes only of Grand sire Doubles were rung. This performance would have been the first quarter for two young members of the band—Peter Hyatt and James Alexander, who are both pupils at Clifton College and very promising young ringers.

To celebrate the enthronement, touches were rung on the bells of St. Michael's, North Cadbury, and St. Thomas a Becket, South Cadbury, Somerset, on the Tuesday evening.

Frank, who was born at Bedford, Middlesex, on June 17th, 1934, educated at Ashford Grammar School, Middlesex, and graduated at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London University, is now a schoolmaster at Slough Grammar School. He started to ring at Stanwell in April, 1947, when Sydney Sabin started a band of young ringers to help the old call change band there. However, he gratefully acknowledges the help he received from that well known ringer, Tony Price, of Feltham, who taught him to handle a bell properly, and also change ringing. There are many ringers in South West Middlesex who owe a great deal to Tony's patient and skilful instruction.

In November, 1949, and aged only 15, he was asked to take over at Stanwell, and to teach a new band from scratch. As he had no assistance to teach change ringing, he found it more convenient to teach himself to ring two tower bells at the same time! The Stanwell Society, as then formed, rang their first local 120 of Doubles in May, 1951, their first local quarter peal in October, and their first local peal on February 15th, 1952, in 11 Doubles methods, which was rung fully muffled for the funeral of King George VI. The Society also provided opportunities for many other ringers in the District to learn change ringing, and ring their first quarter peal. One of their more recent members—Christopher B. Fynes—has also rung and conducted two or three peals of Doubles 'double-handed'.

Frank's first peal was seven methods of Minor, rung at Horton, Bucks, on February 11th, 1950, and conducted by Tony Price, and his first peal as conductor was also seven Minor methods at Stanwell on May 12th, 1951. His present peal total is 110, all on tower bells, and of which he has conducted about 40. They have been rung in many methods from Bob Doubles to Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. Amongst those he recalls with pleasure are London Surprise Major rung by officers of the Middlesex Association, the record peal of 113 Doubles methods, and the first peal on the 10 bells at Feltham, Middlesex, which he composed and conducted.

Frank was elected a member of the Middlesex Association in 1950, and has held offices in the South and West District since 1952. He has been Deputy Ringing Master, District Ringing Master, assistant District secretary, and is now District secretary. He was elected as a Central Council representative in 1957, and serves on the Records Committee and the Methods Committee. He is very keen on tracing a complete list of First Peal Performances, and a history of bell ringing in the 18th and 19th centuries. Towards this end he has so far collected about 8,000 peals rung before 1881—an amazing number! Serving on the Methods Committee, he is naturally very interested in new methods, and has produced two books: one on Surprise methods from 1821-1950, arranged in mathematical order of places, and also a collection of Little and Alliance Doubles methods, most of which have been rung at Stanwell.

In 1956, Frank married Monica Howard, who has rung a number of peals. They met at Clewer, Berks, which in the early 50's was a popular ringing centre. As they now live in Windsor, they ring at St. John's Parish Church and the Curfew Tower. They have one son, Mark Thomas, and his mother rang in a quarter peal at Stanwell 12 days before he was born. Frank's other interests are philately and gardening.

Still a young man, he has shown that good work can be done at an early age and he has set a fine example to all young ringers. His future, both in peals and research, will be watched with much interest. **APACE.**

A quarter peal of Little and Plain Bob Minor was rung at Woodhouse, Leics, on June 28th for Miss Pamela Dobson, who is to live in Cyprus for 2½ years. A peal attempt for her took place at Queniborough on July 1st and came to grief 960 changes from home, when the tenor rope broke. The ringers were Pamela Dobson 1, Michael Brown 2, Barry Brant 3, David Manship 4, Maurice Kirk (conductor) 5.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

Presentation To The Rev. H. H. Barker

ON June 10th the Society held its 71st annual general meeting at Lichfield. Unfortunately the weather was not up the standard usually enjoyed on these occasions and a steady drizzle persisted throughout the afternoon. It did not dampen the spirits of the ringers, however, and during the afternoon the fine 'ten' at the Cathedral and the 'eight' at St. Mary's were put to very good use. The new ring of five bells at Shenstone was also available during the afternoon, and in the evening Alrewas and Elford towers were opened to visitors.

The service was held at St. Michael's Church and conducted by the Ven. Basil Stratton, Archdeacon of Stafford and president of the Society. The address was given by the Rev. J. Ormiston, Vicar of Shenstone, who likened the Church to a lighthouse whose beams shone out into the darkness and showed the way to safety and peace. He liked to think that behind every team of bellringers there was a team of Christians, calling people to church.

After the service the congregation made its way through pouring rain to the Women's Institute Hall, where an excellent tea awaited. It had been provided by a willing band of lady helpers drawn from Lichfield and all quarters of the Archdeaconry. They had worked extremely hard from 2 p.m., and grateful thanks are extended to them and their many male helpers for providing such a first class spread.

REAL FEE ACCEPTED

The Archdeacon presided over the business meeting. Mr. Frank Brotherton, honorary treasurer, presented the accounts. The income showed a reduction, compared with the previous year, due to a smaller number of paid up resident members. On the other hand additional expense had been incurred in printing the annual report and this, together with losses at meetings and on the annual dinner, was causing an excess of expenditure over income. To try to remedy this difficulty a proposition was put forward that a peal ringing fee be introduced. It was argued that, as the main cost of printing the report was due to reproducing the peals after 'The Ringing World' style, it was only equitable that peal ringers should bear a fair proportion of this cost. There followed quite a long and heated argument as several members of the Society were most reluctant to see this idea introduced. The Archdeacon skilfully conducted the discussion and eventually the proposal was put to the vote and carried by a substantial margin. It was later decided that this peal fee should be fixed at 6d. per ringer for the time being and its collection would commence immediately.

The secretary, Mr. D. J. Tranter, presented the Committee's report and reviewed the previous year's progress and activities with satisfaction. Meetings had been well attended during the year and the average attendance over all the meetings was 90 people per venue. The Lichfield Diocesan Ringing Festival, held at Stoke-on-Trent, had been a great success and the Society looked forward to holding another this year in the Wolverhampton area. Peals rung for the Society during the 12 months totalled, to date, 41, a decrease of seven over the previous year. A high standard had been maintained and of the total 15 had been peals in Surprise methods.

PEAL NOT ACCEPTED

Messrs. B. G. Key and G. W. Hughes, the Central Council representatives, gave a report on the recent meeting held at Stoke-on-Trent.

They reported that a peal of Gainsborough Surprise Royal which had been rung for the Society would have to be withdrawn. It apparently did not conform to the Central Council's rules and would not, therefore, be included in the analysis of peals. The hospitality of the North Staffordshire Association on this occasion was first class and each representative was presented with a china ashtray as a memento of his visit to the Potteries. One of these beautiful ashtrays was passed around the assembly for all to see.

The president extended a vote of thanks to all the officers of the Society for their hard work during the past year. He also congratulated Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key who were celebrating their 21st wedding anniversary that day.

The following elections for the coming year were made: Ringing Master, Mr. J. Eastwood; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. J. Allen; honorary treasurer, Mr. F. Brotherton; honorary secretary, Mr. D. J. Tranter; assistant secretary, Mr. C. M. Smith; auditor, Mrs. E. E. Speake; Central Council representatives, Mr. B. G. Key and Mr. G. W. Hughes.

44 YEARS IN OFFICE

At the close of the formal meeting the president called upon the secretary, Mr. D. J. Tranter, to make a presentation to the Rev. H. Holroyd Barker, who resigned last September from the office of clerical secretary. Mr. Tranter gave an appreciation of Mr. Barker's services to the Society and said that it was with great regret that his resignation had been received after 44 years' service. A presentation fund had been started and the Society had responded magnificently, raising a total of £22 10s. in all. It was with the greatest pleasure that he now presented to Mr. Barker, on behalf of the Society, an Aldis Film Projector. In thanking the Society for its generosity, Mr. Barker recalled his many happy associations with past and present members. His son was abroad now and this projector would be extremely useful for viewing colour films of his family from time to time.

In recognition of 50 years' continuous resident ringing membership the following members were elected to become honorary life members: Edgar Marlow, Wood Green, and Edgar T. Smith, Walsall.

D. J. T.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The meeting of the West Central District at the five bell tower of Badwell Ash on July 1st was a disappointment as only seven District members attended, supported by three from other Districts.

One wonders how many would have attended if there had been six or even eight bells. In the evening there was ringing on another five—at Great Ashfield.

Next meetings: Thornham Magna, August 19th (evening); Rattlesden and Drinkstone, September 2nd.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

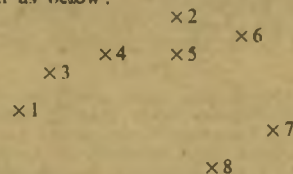
Mrs. Sinfild and helpers prepared a very enjoyable tea for the quarterly meeting of the Luton District held at Totternhoe on June 17th. At the business meeting it was decided, after much discussion, that the fate of the ringing competition should be settled by a committee, composed of a representative from each tower in the District. Evensong was conducted by the Rev. W. O. Sunman, who gave an acceptable address. In the evening methods rung included Little Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

C. S.

A NOTE ON WORCESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS

With the peal on the C sharp octave, all fifteen bells hung for ringing at Worcester Cathedral have been rung to peals.

The extra bells to the ring of twelve are a flat 4th, a flat 6th and a flat 8th. Thus two 'middle eights' are available, one with the ninth as tenor (20 cwt. 0 qr. 6lb. in E) and one with the eleventh as tenor (34 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in C sharp). For the E octave the ropes fall in a semi-circle, but for the C sharp octave they fall as below:



It seems practical for this arrangement to be improved.

It is interesting to note that if the bourdon bell was hung for ringing and a flat tenth and flat third added a ring of twelve with a tenor of 82 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. would be available—97 lb. heavier than Liverpool Cathedral tenor. The total number of rings available would be two major twelves, two major tens, one minor ten, four major eights, two minor eights, six major sixes and five minor sixes.

G. E. E.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A fair-sized crowd attended the St. Albans District meeting at Sandridge on June 17th, where the attractions were pleasant weather, an ancient church with a Saxon screen and Roman tiled chancel floor and anticipation of a good tea, although some of the company are still doubtful about the long, almost vertical ascent to the belfry.

After half-an-hour's ringing the bells had to be muffled because of complaints from local night workers. Standard methods were, however, rung.

The Rev. C. G. Woodhead, a ringer, conducted the service, and an excellent tea was provided by the local band. Mr. T. J. Southam presided at the business meeting, and the company stood in silence in respect for John T. Kentish, a Hatfield ringer, who died on June 2nd.

Next meeting, North Mymms, Special method, Double Oxford Bob Major.

C. M. R.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

It was a very warm, close day on July 1st for the meeting of the Newark District at Sutton-on-Trent. The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to a good variety of Triples and Major methods up to Yorkshire Surprise, with rounds for the less experienced. This pleasant, light ring of eight sounds best when being tapped round briskly.

The usual excellent tea was served by lady ringers and helpers, followed by a short business meeting, presided over by Mr. J. W. Raithby, in the absence of the District chairman. A special welcome was accorded to Mr. Turner, of Anston, in the North Notts District, who has served 70 years as a ringer in his home tower. One new member was elected and the meeting was closed with thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies for preparing tea. Next meeting: September 16th, Whetton-in-the-Vale.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INFERIOR DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. Saltmarsh for his congratulations first of all.

So that we do not argue at cross purposes may I take it that when he refers to methods with 'places made at once' he is thinking of methods with 'four places made at once'.

The point at issue is that of quality. We think these methods which include at least two single changes in each lead are rubbish. Mr. Saltmarsh thinks they are preferable to those of the Little Court variety. May I give an example of each so that a comparison is possible.

123456	123456
214365	214365
241356	241635
423165	426153
423615	462135
246351	641253
423651	614523
246315	165432
246135	
421653	156342
412635	
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The method on the left has from the third to the fourth change one pair of bells only changing, 1 and 6. From the seventh to the eighth change only 1 and 3 cross. There are thus two single changes in each lead. Now this method complies, as far as I can see, with the Central Council Decisions, but it has never been included in a C.C. Collection and this fact is very significant. I believe that in olden days some methods of this sort were rung and they were thought to be dead; the transient strain which appeared two or three years ago will, I fancy, last little longer than the time taken to ring the 'first in the method' of each of this type.

The objections to it are first, that it tends towards call change ringing, and second, that it sounds bad. I have no quarrel with call change ringing as such, but it would seem obvious that one of the purposes of 'scientific' change ringing is to change as many pairs of bells each time as possible. Admittedly, Cambridge Major and upwards, Yorkshire Royal and most Surprise Royal and Maximus methods as well as a number of 'once rung' Surprise Major methods, have this same blemish, as the Rev. C. D. P. Davies so firmly points out in 'Surprise Methods,' but the result in these cases does not sound as bad, for there are in Major two pairs changing at the crucial times, and in Cambridge at any rate the two pairs of places are separated by the dodging bells in 3-4. (New Cambridge is worse in this respect.) In Minor, however, three of the four places must be adjacent, unless fifths without the treble in sixths is allowed—and that would be the end, or next to it!

In comparison the only criticism that can be levelled against the method on the right above, Crayford Little Court, is that the treble does not hunt the whole distance. Otherwise there is just about as much movement of the bells from front to back as there is in Plain Bob and the music is very similar. Little Bob, Crayford's pair, is sufficiently popular to justify its existence.

There is, lastly, the important point of principle. During the last thirty or forty years the record in number of methods has been broken a good many times. In the 1930's, in particular, rivalry was strong and a number of unofficial rules were tacitly accepted. One of these was that there should be at least one plain lead of each method included: a bobbed lead only was to be avoided. In our recent peal we deliberately did not include a bobbed lead of Capel even though Ockley, its pair,

does not appear, but rang Sandal instead, as it appears elsewhere 'plained.' We have tried to follow suit in other respects and so avoided methods with four places made at once. To have included them would have been an easy way of breaking the record. If a county batsman knocked up 500 runs for an old boys' XI against his school team this would not displace Hanif Mohammed's record.

A record in bellringing, whether of endurance or intricacy, must not only be made but must be shown to be made: the new performance must be of higher standard in its particular sphere.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

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MR. BLAGROVE CONFUSED

Dear Sir.—Several words and expressions used by Mr. Blagrove ('The Ringing World,' page 423) shows he has got confused.

In the first place, his use of the word *neither* (which is generally taken to mean two of anything) is not in order. I quoted three known ways of ringing 'St. Dunstan's' not two: the one given in the Central Council, 1939, Collection on pages 2 and 5, which he himself admits is not correct; the one he gives with Grandsire Singles (which differs very little from Grandsire, and about which all the arguing was in the Central Council some years ago, and which J. Monk, the compiler of the 1753 'Campanologia Improvada,' in his 1766 fifth edition rejected, as not the correct St. Dunstan's-note, he edited this 1766 book, fifth edition, corrected by J. Monk), together with the version he regarded as correct and from which I gave the figures in 'The Ringing World' recently.

So when Mr. Blagrove states 'neither of the methods I submit is correct,' he actually is challenging the authority of J. Monk and his own Central Council, and not Mr. Amos, as he tries to make it appear.

Having already given the figures from the 1766 book, may I quote what it states? On page 27 are these words (I repeat, not the words of Mr. Amos, but of J. Monk, the compiler):

'St. Dunstan's Doubles.—In this peal the changes are all double, except one single every second time the treble leads, there being six of them in the "peal"; the treble, as before, hath a direct hunting course, and every time it goes to lead, and leaves leading, the bell in thirds place lies a whole pull, and then goes down, and the two hindmost bells dodge ill treble parts them, except at three of the single changes, and the bell in thirds place goes up behind (here is where Mr. Blagrove is getting confused) and the bell in fourths place comes down; but at other times they have a hunting course.

'When the treble leads and the second is in its own place it is a bob, Kz'L psjPho'.—second is in thirds place it is a single.'

That is the St. Dunstan's we attempted for a peal (but lost) for the recent Festival of St. Dunstan, and which we, in this district, are accepting as the true St. Dunstan's Doubles and the least like ordinary Grandsire of the three, despite what Mr. Blagrove or the Central Council like to say to the contrary. The single is certainly not a Grandsire single, the bob is a Chace bob (or a Grandsire extreme, whichever one likes to call it) and the plain lead is not a plain lead of Grandsire. I suppose here, someone will want to rush in and say, 'No, it is a bob lead!' I hope they do, because that straightway goes to prove a point I raised recently: that all this baloney from certain Central Council members that they will not recognise a method which has a plain lead of one method and a bob

lead of another may sound all right on paper, but it does not work out in practice! You do not need to call bob (as in this case of St. Dunstan's) and it becomes a plain lead, or vice versa. St. Simon's and many more do not have a bob of their own—they employ a fourths place (Plain Bob-bob), and as for Mr. Blagrove's suggestion that we rename St. George Spiced Winchendon, Wexham and Reverse St. Faith here again he has got confused, for it is nothing of the kind.

True, the plain leads (only three in 120) are Winchendon, but the bobs are a half-lead of Original (in other words, every bell at a bob plain hunts), and the singles are Old Doubles bobs called as singles.

If a Saint's Day can be commemorated in the way we set out to do it, that is more in keeping with the real and true purpose of the bells than all the competitive spirit behind many of the peals rung, which, as Mr. E. T. Paul Field stated recently, have little or no spiritual value behind them whatsoever. In any case, we have no evidence of another method named St. George, and if there was one, was it rung to a full peal, and where does the Central Council ruling take effect, that the band who rings the first peal in any method shall have the right to name it, come into the picture? I noticed someone asked that very question on the same page as I gave the figures for St. Dunstan's Doubles.

One other point, Mr. Blagrove is not consistent when he suggests we rename the peal at Wootton Spiced Winchendon, etc. Why doesn't he admit that St. Nicholas' is Spiced St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury—plain course or no, it is still a mixture of both. And what about Stamford Surprise Minor? Primrose, which is as near like Cambridge as anything, and dozens more I could quote, which are bits of one methods and bits of another. Why doesn't he call Biddenden a mere variation of Yorkshire?—Yours sincerely,

Weston Favell.

P. AMOS.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On July 1st, the Western Branch held its first meeting at Crowle since 1947. The bells are an old John Martin five (1667), augmented to eight in 1897 by James Barwell, not quite in tune and very loud. Touches in the standard methods were made more interesting, as the third bell rope slips wheel at regular intervals!

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Owen, who, after welcoming us to Crowle, gave an interesting address on the text 'Serve the Lord with gladness.' An excellent tea was provided on the Vicarage lawn, where the business meeting was held, the Vicar taking the chair. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hallow and Grimley, practice methods being Yorkshire and St. Clement's.

During the evening members tackled the flying sallies of the heavy six (17 cwt.) at Upton Snodsbury, where methods up to Cambridge were rung. The Crowle bells were lowered at 8.45 p.m.

Our visit to these two little known towers was much enjoyed, and thanks are due to Mr. Sidney T. Holt for his very capable arrangements. We hope it will not be another 14 years before we again meet to ring in the lovely half-timbered and thatched village of Crowle. P. C.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. G. Forrester 1, A. Campbell 2, R. Barratt 3, H. Calwood 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, D. Harradine 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Confirmation service.

CHELSEA, KENT.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Smith 1, Hilary Martin 2, Jillian Outwaite 3, M. A. Legg 4, D. L. Parker 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. For Evening, also a farewell to M. A. Legg, who is shortly leaving the area.

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OXFORD GUILD'S 80th BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL

BRINK OF A NEW FORWARD MOVEMENT SUGGESTED — NEARLY 2,000 MEMBERS — GRANTS TO CHURCHES TOO MEAGRE — POOR MAINTENANCE WORK IN BELFRIES

THE Oxford Diocesan Guild's 80th birthday festival on July 1st was marked by not only a large attendance, but most of the proceedings were conducted under the patronage of two Bishops and two Archdeacons. Such is the close and intimate relationship held between members of the Guild and the spiritual leaders of the Diocese. This year there was introduced a Communion service at St. Aldate's Church, at which the Master, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, was the celebrant, and about 40 members attended.

The service in Christ Church Cathedral was preceded by a touch of Cinques. The choir of ringers was of substantial proportions and in the procession the Guild's banner was carried by Mr. F. G. Edmans. The service was conducted by the Master, and the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) read the lesson. Mr. Harry Badger was the organist. The service was attended by the Bishops of Dorchester and Buckingham.

FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

In his address, the Archdeacon of Buckingham said it was quite a humble thought as they called others to worship and to worship themselves that they were in company with such a fellowship coming down through the ages of giving glory to God. People came to their churches for three things—to worship and keep the glory of God in the forefront of their minds; to learn and to ponder the meaning of the life and death of Jesus Christ; to form a centre from which others might learn about the Divine Glory as revealed in Jesus Christ.

In the churches of the Diocese they had been thinking about the 80 years of their Guild. Suppose their remote successors of five or 10 centuries were to look back on this age. He felt certain they would note the preservation of the fabrics of their churches and the way new churches had been built. They would also note that 90 per cent of the people were completely out of touch.

Concluding, the Archdeacon said: 'You and I, as we go to our churches week by week, continually draw inspiration from the past that we can better serve the present and thus hand on to those who follow something worthy of Almighty God.'

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House, with the Master in the chair, supported by the Deputy Master, the honorary secretary (Miss M. R. Cross), the honorary treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) and the honorary librarian (Mr. H. L. Roper). The Bishop of Dorchester was also present.

MR. A. D. BARKER HONOURED

Early in the proceedings the honorary secretary said one of their officers had served for 25 years as treasurer, and she would like the Guild to honour him by electing him as a vice-president. The proposition electing Mr. A. D. Barker to the office was carried with acclamation.

The reports of the officers and the accounts were issued in duplicate form. The Master, in his report, reviewed the past 80 years. He wrote, 'Within the last few years we have seen two very helpful signs for the future. One is a new approach to the teaching of beginners, more efficiently and more rapidly than ever before. The highly successful weekend course at Radley, last May, admirably demonstrated the new technique of teaching. Secondly, I believe that there is a growing sense of responsibility among Guild members about the "black spots" in the Guild's territory. It may well be then, that we find ourselves in this 80th anniversary year on the brink of a new forward movement in the history of the Guild.'

The Deputy Master, in his report, mentioned that in response to requests he had made over 30 inspections and reports on conditions of bells and their gear in all parts of the Diocese. This work was of an exceptional nature, and would not continue at its present level, but was occasioned by the architects' inspection of churches under the recent Quinquennial Inspection of Churches Measure.

LOSSES BY DEATH

Mr. Sharpe's report recorded the passing of Miss Stella Davies, Messrs. Albert E. Lock (secretary of the North Berkshire Branch), Edward G. Foster (former secretary of the Reading Branch), Thomas Trollope (aged 90, who was a pupil of J. W. Washbrook), James Haynes (of Charlton-on-Otmoor, in a fatal accident), Canon C. E. Last, of Great Horwood, and the Rev. A. L. Gutch, of Kirtlington.

In a very comprehensive report the honorary secretary said in 1960 the total membership of the Guild was 1,937 ringing members, 37 life members and 82 honorary members, as against 1,854 ringing members in 1959. This showed a marked increase. They had elected 37 non-resident life members, among whom were nine boys from Groton School, Massachusetts, U.S.A., and Mr. and Mrs. W. Tufts, of Washington, U.S.A.

During 1960 restoration work had been carried out at Arborfield, Cumnor, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Enstone and Eynsham. Work at present was being done to Northleigh and would begin at St. Helen's, Abingdon, during the summer of 1961. This would give the Guild once again five good tens.

The honorary treasurer, in his report, said the general funds of the Guild amounted to £1,066 3s. 9d., of which £1,036 14s. 4d. was in the Bell Restoration Fund. During the year £104 3s. 1d. was contributed to the Restoration Fund by 100 Parochial Church Councils.

GRANTS, AN INSULT

Mr. Cracknell said the position of the Restoration Fund was quite pathetic. They were giving grants to P.C.C.s up to £50, which was rather less than four per cent of the cost. A contribution was an insult unless it was about 25 per cent. He would like to propose that all possible steps be taken to increase the Restoration Fund so that grants could be made of 25 per cent.

Mr. A. D. Barker said only just over 100 P.C.C.s had contributed to the Restoration Fund. The total was £104. There were not many who paid £1—some paid two or three years' subscriptions. He had had another donation from the Jenkyn family and that had been invested in Defence Bonds. He had also been entrusted with another sum of money for St. Peter's in the East.

Mr. Michael Hatchett wanted to know as to what extent Christian Stewardship was practised in the Diocese and would it have any effect on the Restoration Fund. At Rickmansworth the P.C.C. said they would meet the cost of repairs to their bells.

Miss Cross said she knew that Abingdon was not going to apply for a grant, because of Christian Stewardship.

Mr. Alan Pink said he thought the reports of the officers were more than ordinarily interesting and were of historical value. The report and accounts were then adopted.

The officers were then elected as follows and thanked for their services: Master, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg; Deputy Master, Mr. F. Sharpe; honorary treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; honorary secretary, Miss M. R. Cross; honorary librarian, Mr. H. L. Roper; report editor, Mr. P. Walker; honorary auditor, Ernest Francis and Sons, Reading. Subject to confirmation at the next meeting, Miss M. Pollard was elected as assistant honorary secretary. Notice was given as to the necessary alteration of rules to permit such an appointment. Elected to the General Committee were: Mrs. A. D. Barker, Miss D. Fletcher, Messrs. A. Diserens, E. Pearson, P. Walker and F. A. White.

250 NEW MEMBERS

The honorary secretary reported that 250 new members had been elected during the past year. Their election was confirmed on the proposition of the Deputy Master.

Mr. Hunt proposed, and Mr. D. Smith seconded, on the recommendation of the General Committee, that the subscription remain at 3s. 6d. This was agreed to.

The meeting was in a generous mood when applications for grants from the Restoration Fund were under review: in practically every case the committee's recommendation was increased, that of Aston Clinton from £20 to £25, Northleigh from £20 to £40 and Cropredy from £20 to £25.

The Master said they had received an invitation to Bletchley for the autumn meeting on October 7th. A cordial welcome was promised the Guild by Mr. Edwards and Mr. Sears. The meeting agreed to Bletchley.

Two proposed alterations to rules were submitted. A resident ringing member may become a life member by paying a life subscription of 25 times the current annual subscription, and any member, after paying a minimum of 30 annual subscriptions and reaching the age of 65 and still an active ringing member, may, as a mark of respect, be allowed to continue his membership without any further subscriptions, provided that this was approved by a branch meeting.

The meeting approved of an honorarium of £5 being paid to Mr. Sharpe to help towards his travelling expenses in connection with his inspection of belfries.

Mr. D. Wheeler submitted a request for a new Branch to be formed to be known as the Chiltern Branch as from January 1st, 1962. This was placed on the agenda for the autumn meeting.

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks.

THE LUNCHEON

There was a company of 171 present at the luncheon, at which the Master presided. Proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' Mr. F. Sharpe said he wanted to say something about the condition of their towers. He was a churchwarden of 29 or 30 years' standing and when they had a visitation and had the question 'Are your bells sound, properly hung and fit for use?' he answered 'Yes.' He went up once a month to tighten the nuts and bolts in the belfry and once a week to oil the bells. There were people who answered 'Yes' without making sure first. During the year he had visited over 30 towers and he found some terrible things, of belfries cluttered up with rubbish and solid brass bearings chewed up because of no oil. 'You pull a bell and a series of groans is the answer, suggesting a ghost. An examination shows that no oil has been placed on the pulley wheels for 25 years. A lot of inspection work would not be necessary if the maintenance work was properly done.'

Continuing Mr. Sharpe said they were keeping that day, their 80th birthday, and quite a lot had been achieved during that time. So far as Sunday service ringing went 80 years ago only 3 per cent of the towers in the Diocese were rung regularly. In recent years that had been increased to 70 per cent. They would never get 100 per cent, but they must aim to get as near to it as they could.

The Bishop of Dorchester replied.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was submitted by Mr. H. L. Roper, who gave a special welcome to the Bishops of Buckingham and Dorchester, and the Archdeacons of Buckingham and Reading. Among the ringers he welcomed were Mr. B. Kynaston, Mr. Lewis Cockey, Mr. Harry Miles and Miss Marion Lidgey, Mr. Dermot Roaf, Mr. Wilfrid Wilson, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. T. W. White.

A. HAPPY INSPIRATION

The reply was by Mr. White who, mentioned that it was the happy inspiration of an individual member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild that resulted in a National Ringing Day, to honour the enthronement of the new Archbishop of Canterbury. He proposed 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild' and congratulated it on making 250 new members during the past year and in ringing 138 peals.

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SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD'S FESTIVAL

THE 33rd annual festival of the Guild was held at Brecon on June 24th. The Lord Bishop (Dr. J. J. A. Thomas) presided at the business meeting. Others who were present were the Dean (Dr. Edwards Jones), who, together with the Vicar of Swansea (Canon H. C. Williams), read the lessons. Rev. W. C. C. Williams gave the address at the Cathedral. Immediately before the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by members of the Diocesan Guild.

St. Mary's (8) and St. David's (6) bells were available for ring from 2 p.m. and quite a few rang at St. David's before lunch. Both Districts were well represented.

BUSINESS MEETING

The president, the Lord Bishop in opening the meeting, thanked the Rev. W. C. C. Williams for his interesting sermon, and the organist who gave his services. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. J. Pitman and Mr. D. J. Williams, of Gorseinon.

Arising out of the minutes, it was asked whether the donor's name had been written in the Peal Records Book? Mr. G. I. Lewis replied that it had.

The honorary general secretary thanked all officers, in his report, for their co-operation during the year. There was still no immediate solution of the non-affiliation of Knighton, New Radnor and Llanfihangel Rhydythion towers to the Guild. The ringing competition held at Cefn Coed was again proof of a competitive spirit amongst the ringers.

Concluding, Mr. J. A. Hoare said there were still a number of towers where there was no ringing, which was very disquieting. To increase membership he suggested that all ringers in 4 bell towers should be asked to join the Guild.

The statement of accounts was presented by the treasurer, who said expenditure had exceeded receipts, because certain expenses of 1959/1960 were received too late for inclusion in 1961 accounts.

Mr. J. T. Williams, the Ringing Master, was very concerned by the small attendances at some of the Northern District's quarterly meetings, and ended his report by hoping that every member would, in future, support the new secretary by greater attendance.

A report of the Central Council meeting at Stoke-on-Trent was given by Mr. G. I. Lewis, who was thanked by the chairman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. D. Bennett was elected Ringing Master, after Mr. J. T. Williams refused to stand again, holding the opinion that the office should be held alternately by the Northern and Southern Districts. The honorary general secretary and the honorary treasurer were both re-elected. As Mr. Magnus Peterson, the present auditor, was leaving the district shortly Mr. Stan Edwards was elected in his place.

Mr. Lewis gave a short account of peals rung during the year, and put the Peal Records Book on view for those present.

The names of each of the first three bands in the ringing competition were announced, and the chairman handed a ringing certificate to each captain in turn.

OXFORD GUILD — Continued

The Master in reply spoke of the great pleasure it gave them to have with them Miss V. Robinson, the daughter of the first Master of the Guild. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £12 7s. 3d.

The votes of thanks were proposed by Miss Cross who in thanking the college authorities for the use of the dining hall said it had been the Guild's privilege over the 80 years to hold its annual luncheon in that hall. She also mentioned the services of Mr. H. Badger as organist, Mr. P. Walker for making the ringing arrangements and Mr. Barker for looking after the seating.

A large number of towers were open and visited by ringers.

TERRITORIAL RULE

Mr. T. M. Roderick moved the adoption of the following, in place of the existing Rule 9: 'The territory of the Guild shall be the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. Ringers at other towers within a radius of 15 miles of Swansea will qualify for annual membership during the period when they are members of their Diocesan Association. Ringers residing elsewhere will qualify for election to life membership by a majority of members then present, provided that the election is approved at the next Branch meeting of the Guild, and that the secretary has received a life membership fee of 5s.'

The seconder to this motion—Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Mr. Rodenick, explaining the reason for this new rule, said the territory of the Guild was not now defined. Also since the formation of the Guild most of the members of the Southern District resided outside the Diocese.

Rev. J. Richards, in opposing the motion, thought it was a bad thing for the Llandaff Branch. The motion was then carried by a show of hands.

The invitation of Mr. Stan Edwards to hold the 1962 ringing competition at Talgarth was accepted. The 1962 annual festival is to be held at Swansea, the date to be decided later.

As a fitting acknowledgment of Mr. Peterson's work in teaching a band of ringers, and his loyalty to ringing in general, Mr. Edwards moved that he be made a life member. This was seconded by Mr. Stokes, and carried unanimously. The best wishes of the Guild go with Mr. Peterson when he leaves. Ten new members were elected, and the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 15s. 6d.

The general secretary thanked the Dean for the use of the bells, and the arrangements at the Cathedral, and also the Lord Bishop for presiding.

Further ringing was then enjoyed at St. Mary's (8).

J. A. H.

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EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On June 11th, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: Irene Cross 1, Hilda Cross 2, I. Gentleman 3, A. R. Mann 4, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

COMPOSITIONS

5,000 Stedman Caters

By FRANK E. DARBY

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Rung at Beddington, Surrey, on December 5th, 1959.

5,024 Springvale Surprise Major

By J. R. MAYNE

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34625	1	—	2	—
42356	—	—	—	—
42563	—	—	—	1
23564	1	—	—	2
23645	—	—	—	1
56342	1	—	—	1
45362	1	—	2	—
63254	2	—	2	—
35642	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	1
44527	1	—	—	1
26543	1	—	2	—
64235	—	—	—	—
64352	—	—	—	1
23456	1	—	—	1

Rung at Willesden, June 15th, 1961.

5,088 Broadwater Surprise Major

By R. F. B. SPEED

23456	M	B	W	H
23564	2	—	2	—
62345	2	—	2	2
62453	2	—	2	—
56234	2	—	2	2
56342	2	—	2	—
42563	2	—	—	—
63425	—	X	2	—
25346	2	X	—	2
46253	X	X	2	—
65324	2	X	—	—
45236	—	—	2	—
34562	2	—	2	2
34625	2	—	—	—
23456	2	—	2	2

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On June 19th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6 and 8 covering): W. Aley (cond.) 1, T. Curson 2, J. Collins 3, D. Hayden 4, H. Bird 5, J. Aley 6, E. Rochester 7, Rev. P. Nicholson 8. Rung for the christening of the first son of the Rev. and Mrs. Nicholson.

SHALSTONE, BUCKS.—On June 10th, 1.260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. H. Yates 1, Gillian Smith 2, W. A. Yates 3, C. Stoppa 4, G. W. Holland (cond.) 5. For the wedding of Mr. D. White and Miss W. Harris.

STOKE PAGES, BUCKS.—On June 25th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples (from J. J. Parker's One-Part peal): W. Birmingham jun (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, D. Wight 4, Stilwell 5, W. G. Wilton 6, R. Hartley 7, C. Tovey (first on 8) 8. For Confirmation service.

THE CONTRIBUTION OF WATH-ON-DEARNE TO SIX-BELL RINGING THIS CENTURY

By HAROLD CHANT

WATH-ON-DEARNE bells were rehung and a quarter turned in 1902, and augmented from six to eight in 1935, and between these two events a fairly comprehensive record was kept of 'the extents and peals of Minor rung at All Saints', Wath-on-Deerne.' The pages of these records tell a remarkable story of a talented band of ringers maintaining a tradition of method ringing that must have extended for well over a century, for it was in 1816 that a band of ringers rang 21,120 changes in 21 different methods in the same tower.

Furthermore, a tiny board in the ringing chamber records that on December 25th, 1773: 'The following peals was rung at this church: Oxford Treble Bob, College Pleasure, College Treble, Crown Bob and 3 parts of London Scholars Pleasure. The changes that were rung was 3,060 in 1 hour and 42 minutes without a false stroke by the following persons: William Melard, William Denton, John Mawson, William Hilton, Jonathan Heeley, Thomas Hilton.'

ALL 720'S RECORDED

Apart from the two World Wars, when the entries are somewhat spasmodic, it appears that every 720 is entered together with the date it was rung, the ringers who took part and the person who conducted it. Among the early ringers were well known names such as Albert Nash, Walter Allwood, Josiah Panther and his son Arthur, Robert (Bob) J. Ricketts and lesser known ones, including J. Aaron, who rang only the treble, the Nicholls brothers and W. Lambert, who conducted the first two or three 720's.

A frequent visitor, so frequent in fact that one might be forgiven for thinking he was a local ringer if occasionally the information (Darfield) did not appear by his name, was William Woodcock. Sometimes William was described as 'Junior' or 'Young Bill,' a practice that had arisen in his younger days in order to distinguish him from two older William Woodcocks who also rang at Darfield.

Up to the outbreak of the First World War the repertoire consisted of about 25 methods and after the first two or three 720's all the conducting was done by Albert Nash, who also entered the extents, peals and date-touches in the record book.

It is interesting to note that Bob Ricketts, who rang in the first 720 on the rehung bells, continued ringing until after the bells were augmented. A minor, like many of his brother ringers, he had a light-coloured voice and was such a retiring individual that it comes almost as a surprise to realise on perusing the records that there is only a small percentage of 720's or peals in which his name does not appear. He was an excellent striker and method ringer. His eyesight, which was never good, deteriorated rapidly in later years until he finally became blind.

PRINCIPAL CONDUCTORS

During the First World War changes in personnel took place. Albert Nash, on account of a serious accident, disappeared from ringing for several years, his place as principal conductor (and scribe) being taken over by Arthur Panther, a position he maintained almost continuously until his death. William Bramham, whose name first appears in 1909, followed in the footsteps of John Aaron, in sticking exclusively to the treble. Charles Walsh from nearby Darfield became a regular member of the band as did Arthur Gill, who came from New Mill (via Ackworth). H. Chamberlain, G. Lord and J. Champion (who distinguished himself not only in ringing, but also by becoming a father of triplets) also became members. Willie Green, who still keeps the flag flying at Wath and who learnt to ring at Crofton, became a member of the company after a sojourn in Leeds during which, no doubt, he gave the ringers at Headingley the benefit of his Minor experience! Albert Nash rejoined the team in 1923 just

to ring a 720 in memory of Josiah Panther, who died on January 22nd after being a ringer for over 50 years. If we add that a William Ashworth joined the company in 1926 the scene is pretty well prepared.

IRREGULAR METHODS TO BREAK FRESH GROUND

The methods rung at Wath were drawn from many sources, many of them being, of course, traditional. No distinction was made between so-called regular and irregular methods, but very few in the period under consideration (Superlative being one) were rung that had 5ths place without the treble behind. Consequently, having exhausted their collection of Treble Bob Minor methods in 1927 and 1928 they named quite a few irregular methods in order to break fresh ground. They had little liking for Plain methods and Plain Bob was the only one mentioned, unless Original be included in this category. Sometimes, indeed, they even forgot to state the construction of the method so that occasionally a new name appears to which it is impossible to attach figures.

The system of classification at Wath was to take a 'backwork' (i.e., sections 3 and 4) and join it to as many 'frontworks' or 'leadends' as possible. Take, for example, College Exercise. Grouped under this heading are the methods London Scholars, Royston Delight, Gladstone Delight, College Bob IV, Queen Bess, Bocking, Vale Royal, South Kirkby and Newton. As can be seen from the above list the names do not always tally with those now used. Bocking, for instance, is now St. Albans. Neither should too much credence be placed on the appellations Delight Surprise, etc., that are found in many of these old methods as these are often labels of convenience used to differentiate between methods that would otherwise have the same name. For example, there are three Darfields (an Exercise, a Pleasure and a Surprise), two Nelsons, two Woodcocks, three Yorks, with similar appendages. In other cases the additions are merely fanciful descriptions added by the compiler.

HUNDREDS CLASSIFIED

It is evident from Albert Nash's note book that he must have had, at some time, access to various old publications, beginning with Stedman's Campanologia, from which he had obtained for instance College Bobs I, II, III, IV and V. There are also references by the sides of other methods to 'Clavis', 'Shipway' and 'Annable'. He prepared a table in 1928, now in Wath belfry, classifying hundreds of Minor methods and scrawled across the table are the words, 'many will reverse or double.' It is significant that on this table the traditional names are used: Marigolds, Foxgloves, Hyacinths and Fuchsias being preferred to the now more prosaic ones. In the note books of both A. Nash and A. Gill (who prepared many such note books) the system of reversing and doubling is used to describe many old methods, e.g., Cheapside is Reversed Whitley and Reversed Oxford. Arthur Gill sometimes supplies additional information such as 'Double London (Sheffield Bobs and Sheffield Bobs Reversed)'. Composed by Charles Severn, first rung at Anstone in 1912, Sheffield Surprise is an irregular method and was 'composed' by A. Nash in 1903.

Darfield is but a short distance from Wath and was at one time hardly less renowned for its ringers. William Woodcock was fond of arranging Minor methods and it is therefore not surprising that Wath ringers should have drawn on these methods. There are no dates in Woodcock's note book, but judging by the names of some of the methods, Earl of Kimberley, Gordon's Delight, Lord Hershell, etc., it was compiled round about the turn of the century. (The second 720 in the Wath record book is 'On the occasion of the Declaration of Peace between the Transvaal and England.') Some of Woodcock's methods have melodious names: 'Hawthorn', 'Sweet

Bells', 'Merry Bells', 'White Rose.' He was not very systematic in his arrangement of methods and 'Hawthorn' appears several pages later as Queen Victoria, under which name it was rung at Wath. Later this method was named Balmoral by the Central Council, a fact never recognised by the Wath company. Wath Delight appears in Woodcock's note book, although Arthur Gill credits Arthur Panther with first arranging the method which was first rung at Wath on Sunday, November 6th, 1921, and has the following footnote: 'First 720 of Wath Delight believed to have been rung. No. 11 on page 23 in C.C.'; proving at any rate that Wath ringers were aware of the existence of the Central Council!

Woodcock's Victory appears in the records for the first time at Wath on December 25th, 1926, although it may have been rung previously at Darfield. It was never so firm a favourite, however, as Woodcock's Delight, an irregular method, which was made the basis of a group like the College Exercise. I mentioned earlier. The 'backwork' is the same as Morning Star and the 'frontwork' Violet.

THE YEAR'S RECORD

From 1920 to 1926 the method scope was gradually broadened until by the end of the latter year 55 methods had been covered by the band. 1927 was the year of greatest achievement. It is stated in the minutes of the Barnsley and District Society that: '119 extents in 92 Treble Bob methods' were rung at Wath during the course of 12 months. Analysis, however, reveals that these were for Sunday service only. The full story including extents and peals throughout the year is as follows:

197 720's were rung in 186 methods.

142 methods not previously recorded were rung.

Five peals were rung, each in seven methods, two of which were Surprise peals.

The number of different methods (720's only being recorded) since 1902 was now 55 plus 142=197, which by a coincidence was equal to the number of 720's rung during the year. Three of the 720's each contained one visitor, the remainder being rung entirely by the local band. One of the visitors was C. D. Potter, the president of the Barnsley and District Society, after whose house one of the irregular methods (Luda) was named. The bulk of the conducting was done by Arthur Panther although A. Gill and A. Nash each conducted a few 720's.

After 1927 the number of new methods declined as did also the number of 720's rung. Here are the number of new methods for each of the following years that the tower contained only six bells:

1928, 69 new methods, 1929, 8, 1930, 1, 1931, 12, 1932, 1, after which no new methods were rung. Altogether from 1902 to 1935 there were 288 different methods rung in 720's.

The last 720 on the old bells was rung for Sunday evening service, February 10th, 1935, the method rung being Norfolk Surprise, with the following ringers: W. Bramham treble, W. Green 2, J. W. Champion 3, G. Lord 4, A. Panther 5, A. Gill tenor.

The conductor was, appropriately, A. Panther, who had borne the burden and heat of the day.

In conclusion, it may be remarked that the first peal on the augmented eight was a peal of Minor, on April 20th, 1936.

The conductor? A. Panther!

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On June 18th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): G. Wall 1, J. Vickery 2, M. Armstrong 3, W. Tyson 4, N. Errington (cond.) 5, R. Oliver, For Evensong.

EXETER.—At St. David's Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Hall 1, Kay Excell 2, R. J. Bowden 3, G. Skinner 4, F. D. Mack 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6.

STORIES ABOUT THE OUTINGS

ST. MARY'S, READING

A warm but cloudy day greeted the ringers from St. Mary's, Reading, as they set off for Kent on June 17th, with friends from St. Laurence's and Thatcham, backed by a strong contingent from Reading University.

Leatherhead was reached rather late, but those grand old gentlemen, George Marriner and Alf Winch, had not given us up for lost. George, unfortunately, couldn't stay for a ring, but Alf joined in a half course of Cambridge Royal in fine style, and was still chattering merrily with our foreman, Albert Diserens, when it was time to leave!

Our coach was taken off the beaten tracks to reach Penshurst, the old Kentish village being much admired. Its fine church possesses a good eight, rung from the ground floor, which, although they are difficult to hear, went well to Bristol and Yorkshire.

After lunch in Maidstone, Lenham was visited, where the octave, recently rehung by Taylors, was set going at a brisk pace.

We then returned to Maidstone to ring the ten at All Saints', arriving in the wake of the Beddington band to find the bells up. Our first efforts to ring caused even those local ringers close at hand to laugh. There was no box under the tenor rope, only under the ninth. Alas, we pulled off thinking the 32 cwt. tenor was the treble, and everyone collapsed with laughter! We redeemed ourselves with methods up to Yorkshire Royal.

Following tea at Wrotham, Reg Sills met us for an enjoyable hour on the magnificent eight here. Our all too short visit to the Garden of England came to an end with the bells of Sevenoaks, which provided everyone with their fill for the day.

R. K. R.

LOUGHBOROUGH

Loughborough Parish Church ringers' annual outing on June 24th was through Derbyshire and Cheshire and into Lancashire.

Ringing started at Fairfield, near Buxton, where as soon as possible the eight bells were raised. A delightful journey brought the coach to Mottram-in-Londendale, where the church stands on top of one of the North Cheshire hills. Due to its isolation many long heels have been rung here. Leaving Mottram, Hyde was soon reached and we were in the cotton belt. From here to Manchester the surroundings were vastly different, and the conglomeration of dingy bricks and mortar had a depressing effect. The party debussed at St. Peter's Square, Manchester, and lunch was taken according to individual tastes.

The afternoon's programme included ringing at Eccles and Worsley churches. Ringing friend were awaiting us at Eccles, and several took advantage of a visit to the original 'Eccles Cake Shoppe.' It so happened that at Worsley the Lancashire Association were holding a meeting, thus many old friends were met and mutual ringing indulged in.

Returning to Manchester for tea, the route was on the new motorway over the Manchester Ship Canal, and to see a Manchester liner passing down the Canal added to the interest.

Taking the A6 out of Manchester and on through Stockport and Hazel Grove, we were soon climbing the Cheshire hills to Disley and Whaley Bridge, where the A6 was discarded and the road for Tideswell taken. Tideswell Church, known as 'The Cathedral of the Peak,' is famed for its carving, all done by local craftsmen. Whilst the ringers concentrated on their ringing, the non-ringers took advantage of viewing the church. This visit to 'Tidza' coincided with the Festival of Well Dressing, an added attraction that was appreciated by all, especially those who never had seen this ancient Derbyshire custom.

On through Bakewell and the Matlocks the travellers saw another varied example of the Derbyshire landscape, and just before 10.30 p.m. the coach pulled up at Loughborough Parish Church, and so ended another enjoyable ringers' outing. J. P. F.

ST. MARY CRAY

For their half-day outing on June 24th St. Mary Cray band were joined by friends from Eltham. At Chelsfield (6) some good Plain Bob, Canterbury and Single Oxford were rung, but Hayes (6) was only reached after our navigators had lost their way a few times. Here ringing was not up to standard; tea was enjoyed at Hayes Common. The striking could have been better at West Wickham, but a good time was had by the company. The last tower was St. John's, Sidcup. Special thanks to Eddie, John and Mr. Brownrigg, who provided the transport, and also to the secretary, incumbents and people who met us. B. W. A.

APPLETON, BERKS

A large party of ringers, wives and sweet-hearts left Appleton on June 24th on the occasion of the annual outing, the first objective being a ring on the 12 bells at Christchurch Priory. This was followed by Stedman and Grandsire Caters at Wimborne Minster and a happy lunch of bread, cheese and beer.

At the very good eight at Warminster friends from Reading joined the party and remained with the Appleton folk until the end of the day. Ringing concluded with a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples on the very beautiful eight at Westbury. A couple of happy hours were spent at The Bell at Broad Hinton, and for the villagers the evening was enlivened with handbells—Grandsire Triples, tunes and lapping Grandsire Caters.

It was a day of beautiful weather, good bells, good company and a good tea at Westbury. The next big function will be on March 4th, but before then we shall endeavour to ring our ten bells for Sunday services and entertain visiting bands. C. H.

MAULDEN, BEDS

Maulden ringers chose Leicestershire for their annual outing on June 24th, and at 6.30 a.m. a start was made for Ashby Folville, which nestles among the hills of this quiet, restful and beautiful part of England. Here time had brought little change; there was plenty to interest those to whom the art of change-ringing has not made any appeal (as yet!), whilst the rest of the party enjoyed the pleasant ring of eight at St. Mary's Church.

A short run brought us to Sileby, whose imposing and well-kept church (with bells to match!) was admired by all. At Quorn the party showed their versatility by doing a little ringing, a little sightseeing and a great deal of thirst quenching, in preparation for lunch at Leicester. Fortified by an excellent meal, the easy-going eight at Anstey proved to be a great delight. Afterwards came the only 6-bell tower of the day—Great Glen—and a very pleasant six, too.

The next item, a sumptuous tea, was most acceptable. The day's ringing concluded at Kibworth Beauchamp and Rothwell, two splendid octaves. It was at the latter place the best ringing of the day was enjoyed. London and Bristol being struck with almost mechanical precision.

In our thanks, which include incumbents and local ringers, we should like specially to mention R. J. Sharp and Keith Fleming, who jointly organised this excursion among the gracious beauty of the English countryside. A. E. R.

SEAL CHART, KENT

St. Lawrence's ringers held their annual outing on May 27th. The district chosen being the Kent and Sussex border. Towers visited were Bodiam and Northiam. Owing to the death of the Rector of Beckley, ringing in this tower was cancelled. After lunch at Rye, ringing took place at Wittersham, Stone-in-Oxney and Kildown.

Thanks are due to the incumbents and local ringers who met us at each tower and helped to make the day's outing a success. G. T. A.

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Even the scheduled departure at 5.45 a.m. did not deter the enthusiasm of Worcester Cathedral ringers for their outing into Devon on June 24th.

The journey to Uffculme, the first tower, was not without difficulty, owing to the traffic congestion. The alternative route to Cullompton and Exeter was taken in the hope of getting relief, but this turned to consternation when the coach was brushing each side of the hedge of the lane. It was a mercy no other vehicle was met. Uffculme was reached half an hour late, but fortunately the programme allowed plenty of time—ringing ranging from rounds to Bristol.

Cullompton, and indeed all the remaining towers, was reached on time and the ten bells (19 cwt.) were soon ringing out to a variety of methods up to Cambridge Royal. Lunch was then taken at a hotel in the town.

The next tower was Heavitree, Exeter (8.25 cwt.), a fine early Taylor octave and the first touch was Stedman Triples, requested especially by the tower captain, for him to record on tape. It was with some pride that an excellent musical touch was brought round. Other ringing was arranged to suit all tastes from Grandsire to Cambridge and Bristol.

Then came Exeter Cathedral (12.72 cwt.) and probably everyone was a little nervous as to what standard of ringing might be achieved. The first task was to raise these great bells, a warm job at any time. The Ringing Master then called for a touch of Grandsire Cinques, which was brought round after some quite reasonable ringing. Rounds and Grandsire Caters followed and then three leads of Kent Royal were rung on the back ten, with Tom Lewis on the tenor. Ringing concluded with a touch of Stedman Triples on the middle eight, which was again recorded on Norman Mallett's tape recorder.

By the time Tiverton was reached everyone was ready for tea, before going on to the parish church with its lovely and famous octave (8.25 cwt.). The generally high standard of ringing was maintained and included Yorkshire and London.

Of the journey back to Worcester the customary stops were made and the traditional songs heard. Worcester was finally reached at 1.30 a.m. Grateful thanks for their help in the arrangements are due to incumbents. Mr. Norrish, Norman Mallett, Fred Wreford and Bill Ware, who did so much to make the outing so successful.

THURCASTON, LEICS

Five towers were visited by the Thurcaston Guild of Church Bell Ringers during their annual outing on July 1st. These were Lubenham, Hallaton, Medbourne, Alexton and Belton. The company numbered 38 and an excellent tea was had at 'The Horse and Trumpet' Inn, Medbourne. We thank Mr. Brindley for arranging the outing. D. M.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT

Although the ropes were only a week old, and one or two ringers remarked 'Like 'lasic,' some excellent striking was heard at the annual prize contest of the Halifax Association held at Penistone on June 24th. Six teams entered and the test piece was 600 changes, any method, and 120 changes practice.

Mr. T. W. Hilton was the judge and the order of ringing and faults were: Silkstone 76, Cawthorne 88, Meltham 42, Shelley 36, Warsop 96, Friezeand 28.

Friezeand, the winners, received the silver cup and each member of the team a set of cocktail glasses. Congratulating the winners, Mr. Hilton said there had been four minutes when he could not pick out a single fault; their test piece was as near perfect as he had ever heard.

The annual meeting followed and at this votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and churchwardens, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Champion for local arrangements, including a lovely tea, and to the judge and his son, who acted as marker.

The officers were re-elected and the balance sheet adopted. The auditor, Mr. Joseph Burgess, appealed to all members to pay their subscriptions promptly and to recruit as many new members as possible.

Further ringing followed the meeting.

FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS ON CONDUCTORS BY THE PROFESSOR

'CONDUCTORS,' said the Professor, 'have always fascinated me, whether they be conductors of bands, buses or bells. There is, you know, a great affinity between conductors of peals and symphonies; both, if good at their job, have put in a great deal of work before the actual performance, which in turn depends to a large extent in its finished execution (as I shall endeavour to show) upon the proficiency, experience and personality of the conductor.'

'What factors,' I inquired, 'contribute to the making of a good ringing conductor?'

'As you know,' replied Mr. Dodge, 'I have done a great deal of research into this subject, as a result of which I have divided these qualities into two groups: Technical Ability and Personal Ability. Each of these groups I have again sub-divided into five parts. Let me deal with Technical Ability first.'

Here the Professor produced a list which I give together with some comments and explanations that he made at the time.

(1) **Knowledge of Composition.** 'Most composers are good conductors of their own compositions, but this (like the navy's dog) does not necessarily follow. I think it will be evident to most people that a knowledge of composition is a useful asset in memorising a composition.'

(2) **Ability to transpose mentally.**

(3) **Good grasp of method ringing.** 'A conductor should have a high R (Rectification Ability) and a high E (Error Avoidance Ability). He should be able to conduct with equal ease from any bell in the ring making his calls as much by observing what the other bells are doing as by watching what the observation bell is doing. No ringer who relies on the "blue line" for ringing a method will ever become a good conductor in that method until he has become proficient enough to discard it.'

'In Minor ringing,' continued the Professor, 'it is possible, with practice, to "see" all the bells at once. The whole pattern of the lead is visualised and one just fits into the pattern. There is no "blue line" and a good conductor will spot and correct immediately any bell that deviates from that pattern. The distance between calls being comparatively small, the conductor, who knows what each bell should be doing at these points, is observing the pattern of the bells not only within the leads, but within the extents as the ringing progresses, sometimes working backwards to the last call but more often anticipating the next. This, of course, happens on other numbers and so well is it sometimes done that I have known conductors forget to make the call and then be surprised when it was not carried out! They have, in fact, not forgotten the call at all but have simply forgotten to audibly announce it.'

'And what about the other factors?' I asked, ignoring his split infinitive.

(4) **Good Striking and Bell Handling.**

(5) **Knowledge of Method Structure.**

Here is the list for Personal Ability:

(1) **Good Memory.**

(2) **Personality.** 'A conductor must inspire the team with confidence. His dictum must be "Do this" and he doeth it" without (a) causing offence to seasoned ringers or (b) injuring the feelings of the less advanced.'

(3) **Versatility.** 'His ringing should not be confined to any one group of methods or, indeed, to any one number of bells.'

(4) **Concentration.**

(5) **Integrity.**

In order to assess the grading of a conductor the Professor has advised a series of tests for each factor, some of which are practical, some theoretical in the form of a questionnaire, some a mixture of both and some which are based to a smaller or greater degree on past achievements or performances. He has scaled the marks so as to give 10 for each factor,

(100 in all. In order that the reader may have some idea of the type of tests that the Professor has prepared I append one or two questions taken at random. Lack of space forbids any but a brief selection although I hope at some future period to give the tests in full.

Question No. 3. **Integrity.**

You are calling a peal of Minor with a team which, apart from yourself, are all 'first pealers.' Just before the end you suddenly realise that 4-2 have changed places. Your knowledge of ringing informs you that they must have 'swapped' the lead before in the slight 'jumble'; furthermore that at the next lead-end by calling a 'Single' when they are together in 3-4 you can put them back into their correct places. No one else would know that this was an 'extra' call (the 720 is full of Bobs and Singles). What will you do? Call 'Stand' and inform five deeply disappointed people (6 including yourself) that the peal is lost 5 mins. from the end; ring through and say 'I'm sorry but the last 720 was false'; ring through and say nothing (the bells were across only a lead away!).

Question No. 6. **Method Structure.**

In the first lead of a regular Major method the 4th is the pivot bell at the half-lead. Which pairs of bells should be crossing at this juncture?

Question No. 9. **Transposition.**

The bells in Bob Major are coursing in the order 36245 with 7-8 at home. Two Bobs 'Middle' are called followed by two Bobs 'Home.' What is the coursing order now?

Memory.

For this test the candidate is asked to quote a given number of standard compositions in various methods (e.g., Pritchard's, Middleton's, Thurstans' Four-Part, Parker's Twelve-Part, etc.); study a not-too-easy brand new composition for a given length of time and then repeat it from memory, although conductors who have already called difficult compositions such as Holt's Original or Carter's Odd-bob automatically receive high marks in this section.

As 100 is the maximum possible marks, the Professor has prepared the following grading formula.

$$C = \frac{110 - M}{10}$$

where C=Grading of conductor

and M=Marks obtained in the tests thereby giving a grading from 1 to 11, a grade 1 occurring, according to the Professor, 'once or twice every century!'

'Does the conductor affect the chances of success, or otherwise, in peal ringing?' I asked, bearing in mind his previous exposition on peal successes and failures.

'I'm glad you mentioned that,' replied the Professor. 'The formula I gave in the last report you made was, of course, incomplete in itself as obviously a conductor, good or bad, must have a tremendous effect upon the outcome of the peal. It is possible now to give the amended and complete formula. Here it is:

$$S = 10 \left(\frac{10 - (P + C - 2)}{2} \right)$$

Where S=The percentage of peal successes.
P=Average Peal Potential of ringers taking part.

C=Conductor's grading.

'How does this work out with actual figures?' I demanded.

'Let us take one or two examples and examine them,' said Mr. Dodge. 'If it were possible to have a team with an average P equal 1 we should have 100 per cent successes with a conductor whose grading was also 1. As it is unlikely that this will ever happen it may perhaps be more interesting and enlightening to examine the effect a conductor has on the final results. A team with P=5 would, with a conductor C=5, score 60 per cent successes as can be seen by substitution

in the above formula, but with a conductor C=1 this would rise to 80 per cent successes and with C=9 fall to 40 per cent.'

'Aren't you afraid when these figures are promulgated of making more "enemies for life"? I asked (I'm afraid somewhat sarcastically).

'If I allowed my investigations to be influenced by the effect they might produce on certain ringers, they would be worse than useless,' declared the Professor with some asperity. 'Furthermore, I might add that these results have been deduced from, and may be applied to, actual ringers.'

'Of course,' he concluded, 'most people have two standards of execution, the real and the imaginary. If my investigations help at least some of them to realise this and to make some effort to narrow the gap between them they will have served useful purpose.'

And with this parting shot he retired to his cell.

H. CHANT.

30 Years Ago

'R.W.' July 10th, 1931.—

One hundred and eighty years ago last Tuesday, Holt's famous 'Original' peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the first time. Holt himself called it from manuscript at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, and it was rung by the Union Scholars.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' July 14th, 1911.—

The fine old ring of 12 bells at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, was once again, after many years, kept going on Coronation Day. A volunteer society of ringers has just been formed, and although it is impossible to ring owing to the bad condition of the frame (a defect, which on account of finance cannot be set right) the society settled down to about two hours of chiming, and a touch of about 2,000 changes was chimed. Again on Sunday, June 25th, on the occasion of the visit of the Mayor and Aldermen of the borough, the bells were merrily chimed. It certainly seems a great pity that sufficient money cannot be obtained to put into proper order such a valuable piece of church property as a ring of 12 bells. Shoreditch, we believe, was among the first of the London churches to have a ring of 12 bells.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

The Southern District meeting for June was held at Staindrop, Co. Durham, and visitors included ringers from Durham University, Newcastle and Ripon.

The octave at Staindrop is one of the pleasantest in the area, and there was enjoyable ringing throughout the afternoon and evening. Methods included Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, Kent, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and Duffield.

At the meeting, after tea, a silence was observed in memory of Mr. W. Oliver, a ringer for many years at Holy Trinity, Darlington, who had died since the previous meeting. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Shildon, if possible, and if not at Gainford.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Y. Parker 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, A. F. Ballam 4, H. Ivings 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6. For evening service.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. L. Bill 1, J. A. Tandy (first of Triples) 2, J. E. Lawley 3, J. R. Niblett 4, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 5, M. J. Fellows 6, A. D. Fellows 7, P. J. Brown 8. Rung by King Edward VI Grammar School, Stourbridge, Society, to commemorate the 409th anniversary of the granting of a charter to the school by King Edward VI on June 17th, 1552.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On June 21st, at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. C. S. Smith 1, T. R. Taylor 2, W. A. K. Gray 3, L. D. Duguid 4, J. N. Haile 5, S. Kathleen M. Knight 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, F. G. Edwards 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frederick W. Burnett, for many years captain of this tower, who died on June 16th.

OBITUARY

MR. F. W. BURNETT

As recently reported, Mr. Frederick W. Burnett, of Portsmouth, died on June 16th after returning to hospital when he suffered a relapse after an earlier operation. He had nearly reached his 60th birthday. He had to resign from the office of leader of the band at Portsmouth Cathedral when his health failed, after serving the tower well for nearly 40 years. Unfortunately he did not reach his 'century' of peals rung in the tower, having rung 39, but illness prevented him attaining this ambition.

While no complete record of his peals is available, it is understood that he had rung about 350 (most of which had been rung for the previous Winchester and present Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), but he had done a good deal of travelling in all directions along the south coast, in quest of peals and in attending Association meetings.

He was a member of a ringing family, his father, mother and sister being all members of the tower when it was Portsmouth Parish Church and afterwards when it served as a Cathedral church. He was always willing to attend practices and meetings in order to assist bands and especially in the towers around Portsmouth and West Sussex will his loss be felt.

The funeral service was held in the Cathedral on June 21st when muffled ringing to his memory took place by a representative band of ringers from towers, in which he had regularly rung. He will be greatly missed in the Portsmouth district.

AN APPRECIATION

The Portsmouth area has lost a leading personality by the death of Fred Burnett. He had not been able to ring much in the last few months, due to the effects of the major operation he underwent a year ago.

With the lifting of the ban on ringing in 1943 and new faces starting to appear in the towers (the writer's included), Fred arranged the first peals for any ringers who approached him, including many serving in H.M. Forces, who were stationed in the area. With his father ('F.A.') and Josiah D. Harris, he formed the nucleus of the band which rang many peals. His favourite bells were those of Portsmouth Cathedral.

Fred was a good conductor of the standard methods, with an occasional Surprise peal as well, but was not selfish with the calling, and would be the first to arrange peals for any aspiring conductor who asked him.

An organiser of the first water, his outings were looked forward to with pleasure, and they produced most pleasant memories.

Fred Burnett will live on in the writer's memory as the one who helped him more than anyone else in peal ringing and conducting, as will also be the pleasure derived from over 100 peals rung together. J. H. H.

MR. RAYMOND C. SEAGER

We regret to announce the sudden death on June 28th of Mr. Raymond C. Seager, of Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Mr. Seager, who was 71, was born in Devon and apart from a period spent in London had lived in Bristol for many years, where he was employed on the staff of 'The Bristol Evening Post'. He retired in 1960 and moved to Cheshire to live with his daughter.

For thirty-five years he was a respected member of the SS. Philip and Jacob's Guild of Ringers, Bristol, where he was Deputy Ringing Master as well as serving as a sidesman and a member of the P.C.C.

A full list of his peals is not available, but he took part in some interesting performances for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, including the first handbell peals of Royal and Maximus in Bristol. His greatest single feat was in ringing Redcliffe tenor to the first peal of Kent Maximus on the bells.

R. J. B.

MR. JAMES BLUFF

All Saints' bellringers, Stamford, Lincs, lost another of their members last week by the death of Mr. James Bluff, uncle of Mr. J. H. Bluff. He had been a ringer at All Saints' Church for over 50 years, but he only took part in 20 peals.

QUARTER PEALS

GORSEINON, GLAMORGAN.—On June 29th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles (with 2 leading): Jocelyn Thomas 2, H. Barter 3, P. Mainwarine 4, J. T. Williams (cond.) 5, G. Thomas 6, W. Dobbins 7, Elizabeth McMillan 8. Longest length for 2, 3, 4, 6. A 76th birthday compliment to ringer of seventh.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On July 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Salway 1, K. Clarke 2, A. Tapley 3, J. Arbury 4, E. E. Retter 5, C. J. Turner 6, C. C. Turner (cond.) 7, G. E. Retter 8.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Brock 1, J. W. Sampson 2, T. J. Brock 3, M. Utton 4, R. C. L. Brown 5, M. J. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Lee, Ringing Master at this tower for many years.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. W. Toon 1, W. Wall 2, K. Newby 3, J. E. Burles 4, J. Bagnall 5, W. T. Turner (first as cond.) 6. For the wedding of Miss Rosalind Moorhouse to Mr. Colin Tyson.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On July 2nd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Bristol, Rutland, London, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire): P. Chapman 1, Miss D. Lawless 2, A. Frost 3, J. Crampion 4, D. Hewitt 5, J. Armstrong 6, B. Downes (cond.) 7, B. Woodruffe 8. For Evensong.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Bob): B. Collins (cond.) 1, Mrs. Swift 2, H. Baldwin 3, G. Swift 4, S. Orchard 5, A. Peek (first quarter) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Coombes 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, June Legg 3, M. Worrell 4, R. Bulkam 5, A. G. Skinner 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile, on June 28th, 1,696 Grandsire Major: R. Day 1, Deborah Hopkins 2, D. Orledge 3, Barbara Marsh (first 'inside') 4, M. Bishop 5, B. Grainger 6, R. Baldwin 7, D. Friend (cond.) 8. By members of the Nottingham University Society.

MARGARETTING, ESSEX.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Norma Jeffery 2, Sylvia A. Hayward 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, F. J. Wood 5. Assisted by Donald A. Bedford hunting an imaginary treble with arm movements only. The four bells are believed to be the only complete pre-Reformation ring in Essex.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Grace Cork 1, R. Bray 2, Juliet Wooders 3, G. Coles 4, E. Cork 5, S. Skinner 6, G. Skinner (cond.) 7, G. Luxton 8. In memory of Preb. E. V. Cox.

OLD HILL, STAFFS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Shilcock 1, H. J. Shuck 2, Miss M. Tromans 3, J. E. Wightman 4, L. Clisset 5, M. D. Fellows 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, L. R. Hall 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Obadiah Pearson, a faithful member of Holy Trinity band for over 40 years, who died June 26th.

OLD RADNOR, RADs.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss I. Ellsmore 1, N. Instance 2, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 3, R. Hatcher 4, A. B. Ellsmore (cond.) 5, R. Preece 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

MR. A. TURNER

The ringers of St. James' Church, Sutton Hull, lost an old and respected friend on June 29th by the death of Mr. A. Turner, aged 78 years. For the past 12 years he had not been able to get into the tower.

Mr. Turner joined the band about 1900, when great efforts were being made to get away from call-changes into method ringing, and although he never became a peal ringer he was safe and sure, and regular in his service ringing, which he finally had to give up in 1950.

The funeral service was on July 3rd, interment being in the churchyard. The Vicar (Rev. W. Richardson) conducted the service. A quarter peal with the bells half-muffled was rung later that day. His son and his grandson follow in his steps as ringers but have moved away to Somerset. C. R. R.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. B. Williams 1, Valerie Lee 2, F. Dickinson 3, H. Hughes 4, D. Mann 5, R. W. Powell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

QUADRING, Lincs.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Stephenson 1, L. H. Taylor 2, P. H. Reynolds 3, N. B. Fovargue 4, G. R. Dawson 5, J. P. Morris (cond.) 6. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fovargue.

REDMARLEY, GLOS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Banks (first quarter) 1, W. E. Spiers 2, G. Green 3, M. V. Powell 4, R. G. Powell (cond.) 5, T. Gazeby 6.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.—On May 29th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: W. T. Beeson 1, B. E. Matthews 2, S. G. Ponting 3, E. R. Ropley 4, R. Wake 5, H. W. Woolven 6, G. Francis 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On June 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Hodges 1, E. Drawbridge 2, G. T. Acott 3, A. Wenban (cond.) 4, G. A. Godfrey 5, F. Acott 6. A 76th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Acott, wife of the tenor ringer and mother of the 3rd ringer.

STAINES, MIDDx.—At St. Peter's, on June 22nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Pamela Harris 1, M. Loveday 2, B. Bartlett (first 'inside') 3, M. Bartlett 4, R. Wiggins 5, E. Skipsey (cond.) 6. First in method for 2, 4, 5, 6. For the election of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On June 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. Ward 1, A. Ward 2, Ann George (first in the method) 3, C. Sangwin 4, H. Stacey 5, W. H. Trewin 6, S. Jenner (first in the method as cond.) 7, G. Halford 8. Rung after Evensong.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, E. YORKS.—On June 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. I. Porter (cond.) 1, H. Rodmell 2, H. F. Gibson 3, C. R. Robinson 4, J. G. Hobson 5, R. Ducker 6. A farewell to J. G. Hobson, who has taken up an appointment in East Africa. Also on July 3rd, 1,272, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss J. Potter 1, L. Rodmell 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, H. Rodmell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. A. Turner, a ringer for 50 years.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Hay (first on eight) 1, Elizabeth Rossiter (first 'inside') 2, Capt. A. R. Poyntz 3, D. McCollough 4, Heather Hood 5, Mary Russell 6, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 7, A. Mackenzie 8. For Festival Evensong, celebrating the silver jubilee of the Beacon School, which was addressed by the Bishop of Crediton.

TICKENHAM, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Jennifer Brake 1, T. G. Phillips 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, W. P. Blake 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. C. Maynard 1, C. A. Hughes 2, P. Chapman 3, D. Hewitt 4, E. Holman 5, C. Willmington 6, A. J. N. Boyack (cond.) 7, M. Hayes 8. Rung for the installation as a Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral of the Rev. K. Druitt, Vicar.

WAPLEY, GLOS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Doubles (in four methods): J. Ferris 1, T. Walters 2, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, H. T. Ferris 4, B. Shackleton 5. Rung for the christening of Sally Jane Stewart, granddaughter of Rev. W. H. Wynne, Rector.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. D. Evans (first quarter) 1, G. Kerley 2, D. Kerley 3, Christine Glastonbury (first quarter) 4, R. Lucas (cond.) 5, W. Harford 6.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. L. James 1, C. Dilnot 2, S. James 3, K. Triplow (cond.) 4, Miss H. Palmer 5, Rev. D. Cordell (first quarter) 6. First quarter of Plain Bob Doubles for the whole band. For Evensong, and as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Bright.

WOODHOUSE, LEICS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Minor (Little Bob and Plain Bob): M. Copson 1, Pamela C. Dobson 2, R. Clarke 3, M. W. Brown 4, B. Brant 5, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 6. First in two Minor methods by all the band. A farewell to Miss Pamela Dobson, ringer of the second, leaving on July 4th to spend 2½ years in Cyprus.

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BIRTH

BARTHOLOMEW.—On Tuesday, July 4th, 1961, at 14, Kelmiscott Close, Watford, Herts, to Mary Gwendy (née Carnochan) and Donald Roy, a precious gift from God, a daughter, Linda Ann. 8557

ENGAGEMENT

COLLINS-PETTIFORD.—Mr. and Mrs. W. Pettiford, of The Ferns, Lower Blunsdon, Swindon, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their elder daughter, Ann, to Terence, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Collins, 20, Percy Street, Swindon. 8543

DEATHS

BAILEY, Allen Frank.—On July 8th, 1961, at 20, Aberdeen Crescent, Stockport, and sometime of Leiston, Suffolk, for many years Ringing Master of St. George's Church, Stockport. 8568

SMART.—On July 8th, 1961, at Horsham, after a short illness, John (formerly of Huntingdon), aged 90. Interred at Huntingdon on July 11th. 8550

IN MEMORIAM

POOLE.—Harold J., passed away July 14th, 1955. Also Phyllis, March 20th, 1958. In love and gratitude we remember them. 8561

PROUT.—In loving memory of Harry Prout, died July 11th, 1960. 'And that's all.' Always remembered by his family at Warsop. 8548

PERSONAL

'THE steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.' (Psalms xxxvii, 23a.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

THE Financial Action Committee of the Derbyshire Association wish to thank all those who bought or sold the Association's prize draw tickets. The draw was a great success and resulted in a profit of £100, which has been divided between the Bell Repair Fund and the General Fund. 8558

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CANCELLATION

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The meeting which should have been held at Tunstall and Blaxhall on July 22nd has had to be cancelled. 8565

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Second quarterly meeting, Chelford (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 8421

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea on the Vicarage lawn if fine after service, followed by business meeting, to which all towers are asked to send at least one representative. Important matter to discuss.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec. 8504

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Spaldwick, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (Please bring your own food, cups of tea will be provided at the Vicarage).—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8528

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John's, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8519

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Yate (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea.—B. Cooper, Sec. 8542

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Haslemere (10), Saturday, July 15th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. after tea. 8566

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—North Mymms, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. No tea arrangements—café nearby. Special method: Double Oxford Bob Major.—M. A. Coburn. 8523

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Frindsbury, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to J. Harman, 56, Cooling Road, Frindsbury, Rochester. 8489

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting, Wateringbury, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea. All ringers welcome.—Pamela J. Osborne, Sec. 8490

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Askerswell, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerards Green, Beaminster. 8513

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted (8), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—George North, Sec. 8532

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Hambledon, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. at the New Inn. Names to Mr. C. H. Turner, Whitdale Farm, Hambledon. 8505

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Evening practice, Wednesday, July 19th. Stoke Albany (6). 7-9 p.m. All welcome.—M. A. C. 8552

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Wroughton, Thursday, July 20th, 7.30 p.m. All members and friends welcome.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, July 22nd, 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: July 25th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; August 7th, St. Lawrence's, Jewry, 6.30; August 8th, St. Michael's, Corahill, 6.30; August 15th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott. 8563

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Mark, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—David H. White. 8533

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Milborne Port (8), July 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names essential for tea.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8536

HOLY TRINITY, HULL

BELL NAMING CEREMONY
SATURDAY, JULY 22nd 1961

Service commencing in the Belfry at 4 p.m. Conducted by the Bishop of Hull.

Civic Party and Ringers to be in Belfry by 3.45 p.m. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—for service ringing—until 9 p.m.

Ringing Master—Mr. Paul Taylor. Teas available at Manor Cafe from 4.45 p.m.

Names to F. G. Reed, 127 Holmgarth Drive, Hull, by Thurs. 20th.

All Visitors Cordially Welcomed

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crews Branch.—Banbury, July 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 8553

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Streton on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 8567

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Manaton, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to D. J. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. Iislington bells 7.15 p.m. Visitors welcomed. 8514

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting Childswickham (6), July 22nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 18th. Practice method: Double Court.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 8560

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—Joint meeting at Thames Ditton on Saturday, July 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for teas by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 8534

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District calls all ringers to quarterly meeting, Leintwardine, July 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 20th.—T. A. Davies, Church Street, Clun, Craven Arms. 8537

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Bromley Common, July 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 19th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 8551

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Thurlaston (6), Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea for certain, please, by the Wednesday previous, to Mr. George Pickering, 17, Desford Road, Thurlaston, Leics. —M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 8554

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and **LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting, Swebston, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 8549

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Winkfield, Saturday, July 22nd. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 18th, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8532

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 22nd, at Kinbury (6). Bells from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting at 'Blue Ball', Names for tea to R. Radbourne, Greystones, Church Street, Kinbury, Newbury, by Wednesday, July 19th. 8545

NOTICES

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 and meeting at Stoke Doyle (5). Evening ringing at Wadenhoe (6). Names for tea and/or transport from Oundle, only if sent to Miss Clarke. 7. Bassett Place, Oundle, by Tuesday previous. 8570

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Whissendine, Saturday, July 22nd. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing. 8539

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Twywell (5), July 22nd. Usual arrangements. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Widen, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 8559

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellington Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ecton, Saturday, July 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to P. Baker, 4 Wellington Road, Ecton. 8546

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Lyneham (6), July 22nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham, Wilts. 8564

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Practice meeting at Heathfield on July 22nd. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please, to Mr. G. Dann, North Street, Punnett's Town, Heathfield.—F. Beene, Sec. 8538

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL'S SOCIETY.—Meeting at King's Langley, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, to A. Hickson, 28, Valley Walk, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, Herts. 8569

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Kingsclere on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Village Hall. Names, by Tuesday, July 18th, for tea to John Chesterman, 'Leacroft', Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 8547

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Tey, Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, July 26th, to Mr. J. Dyer, 2, Guildhall Cottages, The Chase, Great Tey, Colchester. 8562

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on July 29th, at Benington (near Stevenage). Ringing 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall, then business and evening ringing till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Miss B. Harris, 'Buckhurst', Benington, Stevenage, Herts. 8544

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Alford, Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, July 24th, to Mrs. I. J. Smith, Commercial Road, Alford, Lincs. 8556

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at North Lopham on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 26th, to Rev. C. E. Beevers, Lopham Rectory, Diss, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Philippo, Branch Sec. 8535

LATE NOTICE

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, July 22nd, Stanton-by-Dale. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea only.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 8572

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On July 2nd. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1. Miss A. Lowings 2. J. Carrott 3. Miss J. Peacock 4. J. Fowler 5. A. J. Salisbury 6. T. East 7. A. Gargrave 8. For Matins.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On July 2nd. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Paul (cond.) 1. Rosemary S. Hawkes 2. Jennifer M. Bunyan 3. A. J. Hickson 4. B. B. Hullah 5. R. G. Smith 6. D. Laud 7. R. D. Bell 8. For Evensong.

'DOWN OUR ALLEY'

On June 24th a representative sample of Bristol City ringers joined friends from Chew Deanery in an afternoon's ringing in North Somerset, followed by a challenge skittles match.

The Bristol men had already filled in the morning with a peal at Barrow Gurney, and the afternoon programme started when bands descended on Portbury, Clapton and Weston-in-Gordano to attempt quarter peals. Two were successful: at Portbury the band perspired through a quarter of Doubles, and at Clapton the band, with less physical effort, scored Kent. Trouble with rope ends precluded an attempt at Weston, but touches were rung as a curtain raiser for the church fête.

General ringing took place at Wraxall, but by this time thirsts, like the temperature, were rising rapidly and it was with much relief that a party of some 22 sat down to a first class ringers' tea in the Nailsea Parish Room, which had been prepared by Mary and Mrs. Powell.

Bands were then picked for evening quarters, one ringing Grandsire Triples at Backwell, another, under Len Derrick, ringing a highly creditable quarter of Doubles on the not too easy six at Tickenham, and the third at Nailsea adding a further failure to the growing list of attempts to score Cambridge for Mary Powell.

The ringing over, the scene of actions shifted to the 'Ring of Bells,' Nailsea, where two teams, 13 a side, were picked, and battle joined on the bowling alley. The grace associated with some of the party in the belfry was not always reflected in the skittle alley, for whilst good throwers were putting the ball accurately between the pins, scoring 0 in the process, some of the ladies, by employing the 'Trueman' 'bouncer' technique, dumbfounded the more experienced opposition players by their alarmingly high scores.

Local spirits dropped as the City ringers built up a good lead, due to some inspired scoring by F. Cecil Mogford (and others), but gradually the tide turned and, amid rising excitement, the two teams drew level. The home team won literally off their last ball by a most slender margin, the final figures being Chew Deanery 339, City Ringers 337. The rest of the evening was spent, as ringers will, with the usual chorus of songs, reminiscence and fixing future peal dates!

It remains only to thank those on both sides who contributed to a successful day, and to await with anticipation a further contest, where accurate striking, as in ringing, still wins the match.

J. B.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Eastern District

On June 10th the revived Eastern District had a highly successful meeting at Higham, Suffolk. It was well attended by both ladies and gentlemen, and methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge, with plenty of rounds and call changes for the learners.

After a wonderful tea the gentlemen departed to ring at Langham and Stratford St. Mary, and the ladies held their business meeting. The most important item was the election of officers: Vice-president, Mrs. C. W. Pipe; secretary, Miss A. E. J. Lester; committee, Miss E. Cansdale, Miss B. Matthews, Mrs. R. E. Lester, Miss P. Clarke. Eleven new members were elected.

Next meeting, September 16th, Cavendish. A. E. J. L.

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TIME OFF IN EAST SHROPSHIRE

On June 24th members of the Shropshire Association from Oswestry, Shrewsbury St. Chad, Hodnet, Shifnal, Edmond, High Offley and Albrighton went on a round trip to visit six towers in the east of the county.

At Tong, where ringing began shortly after two o'clock, the tenor rope broke just at the end of the rise. There is a long unsupported draught, the tower is a central one and the ringers stand in the chancel. While a knot was being tied, the Hodnet youths and some others went up to see the Great Bell of Tong, the two-ton bourdon only rung on special occasions. Ringing here was Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, and call changes, as it was at most other towers.

The next six was St. Mary Magdalene, Albrighton. The ringing conditions here are fairly standard. We were met by Mr. Binnersley, the local captain, and three ladies from the team, and the four of them led the convoy to the light five at Rytton, a church with no dedication where the ascent to the belfry is by vertical ladder. These bells are seldom rung. They are on ball bearings in a steel frame for six, and go excellently. It is a Gillett augmentation and rehanging job, and was done some time in the 1930's.

At Stockton, once the very steep and narrow staircase had been negotiated, and forgetting the atrocious rise, some quite fair ringing was done. We were pleased to hear that a new band of youngsters is being trained. A courting couple who thought they had found a quiet country lane made off on our arrival.

The five at Sutton Maddock are unringable as such. We found that there was a great deal of play in the wheels of the treble and second, and the treble was loose on its cracked headstock. The other three seemed to be all right, so we pulled them up; the frame itself did not vibrate unduly and two whole pulls of rounds were rung. There was a note missing on the third pull; lost clapper. Ten minutes later it was discovered neatly camouflaged in pigeon manure.

The last ringing of the day was on the beautiful eight at Madeley, where we were met by Mr. J. Stanier. A good touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, and the Ringing Master exercised his taste of Bob Minor with the tenors reversed. Thanks are due to all incumbents and to all members with cars, without whom the outing would not have been possible.

H. P.

ENTHRONEMENT QUARTER

PEALS—Continued

ABERGAUENNY, MON.—On June 27th. 1.260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Bartholomew, Grandsire) (7. 6. 8 covering): R. J. Ward 1. G. Ward (cond.) 2. T. Collings 3. G. Lewis 4. P. Saunders 5. G. Candy 6. N. Ward 7. M. Roberts 8. First quarter 1 and 3.

BRAY, BERKS.—On July 8th. 1.260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. H. Tocock 1. H. Smith 2. B. C. Castle 3. R. H. Begrie 4. E. E. Gosling 5. A. J. Glass 6. B. L. Taylor 7. P. H. Tocock (cond.) 8.

CHILVERS, COTON, WARWICKS.—On June 27th. 1.260 Stedman Triples: J. Draycott 1. J. E. Lloyd 2. G. A. Bell 3. Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4. R. Moore 5. L. Trevor 6. A. H. Beamish (cond.) 7. M. Trevor (aged 13) 8. First in method 5 and 8.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—At the Priory, on June 27th. 1.295 Grandsire Caters: R. Crampton 1. R. Broadest 2. H. Harrison 3. A. V. Davis 4. G. Scragg 5. M. Stone 6. R. Kiddle 7. A. J. Buswell 8. L. Stone (cond.) 9. F. Price 10.

NUNEATON, WARWICKS.—On June 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Richardson (first quarter) 1. Kay Greenway 2. W. R. Beebe 3. J. Richardson 4. H. Stead (cond.) 5. M. Newcombe 6.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On June 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Janice Lane-King (first quarter) 1. Elizabeth Wilcox 2. J. Vernon 3. J. H. Baileys 4. G. Vernon 5. G. P. Ball 6. M. Vernon (cond.) 7. N. L. Walker 8.

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