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BELLS THAT HAVE MADE HISTORY

By ERNEST MORRIS

LIBERTY BELL

PERHAPS the most noted bell in America is the 'Liberty Bell'—not because of its size, but for its being one of the best loved bells in the country. The Independence Bell was cast in London by Thomas Lester and reached Philadelphia in August, 1752. Within a month it was cracked, and then recast by Pass and Stow, of Philadelphia. This was not entirely satisfactory, so it was again recast. In 1753 it was placed in the belfry from which it was to ring in and ring out the shifting scenes in the mighty drama of a nation's freedom.

Since its first hanging in the State House in 1753, the bell has been removed four times. In 1777, to avoid capture by the British Army, it was taken via Trenton and Bethlehem to Allentown, then Pennsylvania, and kept there till Philadelphia was evacuated, whereupon it was brought home. In 1885 it was taken to New Orleans Exposition. In 1893 to the World's Fair at Chicago. In 1895 to the Exposition at Atlanta. On all these journeys the old bell was everywhere recognised as the embodiment of the spirit of the nation. The bell is 12 feet in circumference round the lip, 3 feet from lip to crown, 3 inches thick at the soundbow and weighs 2,080 lb. It is still suspended from its old yoke or headstock, and its inscription 'Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof. Lev. xxv, 10.' It was under this bell that the representatives of 13 colonies first 'proclaimed liberty,' and this bell, with its iron tongue, started the tidings throughout the world. It was subsequently cracked when sounding a fire alarm. Later it was suspended, under the direction of Mr. Clinton H. Meneely, by a chain of 13 links, from the ceiling of the hall of the State House in Philadelphia. It is now housed in the main corridor of the Independence Hall.

In the centennial year, 1876, a bell weighing 13,000 pounds, to represent the original 13 states, was made by the Meneely Bell Co. and set up in the tower of the State House above Independence Hall, just where the old bell was suspended. It bears the same inscription as the old bell, and is now in constant use sounding the hours of the day. The Meneely Bell Co. also cast another copy of the 'Liberty Bell,' weighing 2,000 pounds, for Mr. Henry Ford. This was placed in the tower of the Institute of Technology at Dearborn, Michigan.

The celebrated New England patriot, Paul Revere, made excellent bells and sent his son to England to learn the art of bell casting. Of the 200 or more bells he cast, many are still in use. But perhaps the most famous bell connected with him is the large town crier's bell from Bedford, Mass., with its wooden handle and very penetrating tone. Some years ago the bell connoisseur who previously owned this bell had the following inscription traced on its surface:—

> 'This bell was rung on the morning of the 19th day of April 1775, to arouse the people and farmers and tell them that Paul Revere had brought news that the British army was coming to destroy stores of ammunition at Concord, Mass. and to attack them at Lexington, and there they met the foe. Here commenced the Revolutionary War in the early morning hours.'

The late Dr. Arthur H. Nichols, writing on some American bells and their founders, says: 'Now it is certain that Revere was a practical ringer, having been a member of the Guild which had charge of the eight sweet-toned bells of Christ Church (Boston) cast in 1744 by Rudhall. Paul Revere was born in January, 1735, and died in 1818.

(To be continued.)

THE SECOND LICHFIELD DIOCESAN RINGING FESTIVAL

WOLVERHAMPTON and district was the venue for this year's festival, held on September 9th, the Stafford Archdeaconry Society acting as host. Members of the two visiting Associations, the North Staffs Association and the Shropshire Association were fortunate in having a glorious morning to travel into the area by their various conveyances.

The first tower of the day was Walsall, in its pleasant park-like surroundings above the town. Several of the younger generation sampled their first twelve bell ringing on this handy Taylor ring (26 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb. in D). Kent Treble Bob Maximus went well, but Stedman Cinques seemed reluctant to come round. Then a hectic drive through the town past innumerable traffic lights (some showing red) to Penn with its country village atmosphere. Ringing here was interspersed with weddings, but the light eight were rung to a variety of methods during the morning. Sedgley was the last tower before lunch—a mixed ring, some being products of Carr's (Smethwick) foundry. Although these bells have not been rehung since 1902, they went well to Double Norwich and Stedman Triples.

The main Birmingham-Wolverhampton road had to be crossed to reach Coseley, first to a local hostelry, where some had lunch and satisfied thirsts after a hard morning's ringing, and then to Christ Church, with its Taylor eight (11 2 5). The crowded belfry here was evidence that the festival was gaining momentum. Bradley's musical Taylor octave was put to good use before the journey back across Wolverhampton to Tettenhall. Many admired this fine modern church (rebuilt after a disastrous fire in 1950), particularly the wonderful feeling of spaciousness it gave. The 15 cwt. eight did justice to the rest of the building, judged by some, in fact to be the best of the day.

AT ST. PETER'S

The tower at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Wolverhampton, was the last open before tea. Ringers were now in great profusion, on the steps outside admiring the scenery, on the stairs hoping to get in, not to mention those in the ringing chamber. The ringing, however, did not do justice to this majestic twelve (33 0 21 in C), except perhaps the Stedman Cinques shortly before the service.

The short service for ringers was conducted by the Rev. G. A. C. Brown, who deputised for the Rector (Canon J. Brierly). After the service the company of over ninety sat down to tea in St. Peter's Church Hall. Mr. D. J. Tranter, the hard working organiser and secretary of the Staffordshire Association, welcomed the visitors to the festival. Mr. G. W. Biddulph (North Staffordshire chairman) proposed a vote of thanks to our hosts, which was seconded by Mr. H. Poyner, who also invited us to Shrewsbury next year. He told us that similar weather as the last two years would be ordered and that a welcome awaited us in Shropshire.

The formalities over in record time—four minutes flat—a return was made to the more serious business of ringing.

Willenhall was first, with its Gillett and Johnston ten, where Erin Caters and Cambridge Royal were among the methods brought round. It was good to meet veteran Mr. Chris Wallater once again, this time on his home ground. The only six of the day were provided at Bushbury and a very pleasant ring they proved to be. Stedman Doubles completed the cycle from Cinques down.

The day's ringing was concluded at Codsall—unfortunately too dark by now to be able to see the exterior of this restored church. Seven spliced went well on this musical eight—the only ground floor ring of the day.

All thanks are due to Mr. Tranter and the Staffordshire Association for their efforts in organising the excellent day's ringing, which we thoroughly enjoyed. We look forward with anticipation to completing the round with next year's visit to Shropshire.

J. G. B.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—39



Mr. FRANCIS C. MOGFORD,
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

In the city of Bristol, which has more rings of bells in its area than anywhere else in the country, the most popular ringer, a man liked by everyone with whom he comes in contact, is Mr. Francis Cecil Mogford. Nothing is too much trouble for him, and he is delighted to do anything to further the cause of ringing. For a number of years now, he has been steeple-keeper at St. Stephen's, Bristol, steeple-keeper and tower captain at Publow, North Somerset, and tower captain at Compton Dando, the next village.

Cecil, as he is so well known to all his many friends in the West Country, was born on July 19th, 1911, in the pretty Somerset village of Winscombe. His parents moved about a little during his early years, chiefly in the Bristol and Chew area, until finally settling down at Belluton, near Pensford, Somerset. After his schooldays, he spent some months on a farm, but was later apprenticed to cabinet making, with a well known Bristol firm, and remained there until joining H.M. Forces in 1940. His service with the Pioneer Corps took him to North Africa, and later to the European Zone, particularly in the Brussels area!

It was in 1928, when Cecil was taught to ring by the tower captain, Ted Watts, on the heavy ring of six at Publow. His first peal was Grandsire Doubles in July, 1931, and his first as conductor was also Grandsire Doubles in 1934. Both were rung at Publow. Up to date Cecil has rung 205 peals, and has conducted about 25-30 of them. They have been rung mainly in the humbler methods, but include Kent from Minor to Maximus, Cambridge Minor, and Minor in up to 10 methods. Like many West Country ringers, his favourite method is Stedman, and he has also rung Erin Triples and Cinques, and is looking forward to scoring Caters. Over 50 of his peals have been rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, of which about 25 have been on the tenor. However, he was very pleased to 'complete the circle' on the 10 bells at this tower by ringing the 9th last November. He has also rung the 50 cwt. tenor at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, to several peals of Caters and Cinques. Though not making a regular practice of it, Cecil can and sometimes does ring two bells. He can hunt one and two to Grandsire Doubles, which proves very useful if they meet short on a Sunday.

There are many stories about some of Cecil's escapades, in and out of the belfry. On one occasion when he was oiling the clapper of the tenor at Publow, with the bells up, he overbalanced, and fell head first inside the bell! Fortunately he was on the right side, and the bell stayed set, enabling Cecil to scramble to safety. He often tells the tale of how he might have saved the fine 10 bells at St. Nicholas', Bristol, from destruction during the war. He was a fire warden on duty there on the night it was blitzed. But one of the best of Cecil's stories is the incident when he was mistaken for a missing bridegroom, and nearly landed into the matrimonial home! Practically everywhere Cecil is seen, his faithful servant—his motor-bike—is with him. It has taken him many miles through the West Country, riding for peals, quarters, outings and services. Cecil is, of course, very proud of being a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and enjoys fixing the occasional peal for them, and attending the dinner.

In August, 1939, Cecil married Nellie Drake, who is Welsh, and they have two daughters, Margery, aged 21 and Susan, now 14. He is a keen member of the British Legion, and they are fortunate to have him on their Welfare Committee. If anyone needs help, he will never give in until something is done.

Cecil has no real hobby outside his love for church bellringing, and it would be true to say that no one in the Bristol and North Somerset area, can surpass him in his activities. His enthusiasm and desire to serve others knows no limits, and it is never too late to ask him for his help. This willingness to serve others, coupled with his genial personality and unfailing cheerfulness, has made him a delightful West Country character.

APACE.

BRITISH COLUMBIA RINGER VISITS BUCKFAST ABBEY

Westminster Abbey in Mission City, British Columbia, is the only other Benedictine Abbey in the world which has a ring of bells, apart from Buckfast Abbey in Devon, the ring being one of ten by Mears, with a tenor of about 23 cwt. One of three ringers who have been instructing the monks there is Mr. F. J. Westlake, formerly of Kingsbury, Somerset, who is at present home on leave.

On Wednesday, September 13th, accompanied by his brother, Mr. H. G. Westlake, he paid his first visit to Buckfast Abbey, and both fully appreciated the opportunity of being shown around, and afterwards taking part in the practice ringing with the Community ringers. The ringing ended with a well struck 504 of Plain Bob Triples, in which Mr. Westlake and his brother took part, the others being Mr. A. L. Bennett, Revs. A. O. Mowan, D. P. Angold, H. Macwilliams, A. de Guingand and W. P. Dowling, who acted as conductor.

A. L. B.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' September 22nd, 1911.—

Woking, known to most ringers as the place where 'The Ringing World' is produced, and to others as the town where the first crematorium in England was established, has not a great campanological repute, but although it lacks attractions as a spot where much tower-bell ringing can be obtained, the first peal of Stedman Caters has been rung in the parish. This was accomplished on handbells on Sunday. The attempt was first made beneath the apple trees in a beautiful old orchard, of which Mr. F. E. Dawe is the fortunate possessor, but the vagaries of the sound in the open air, together with the fact that the light of September days would not have held out, resulted in the peal eventually being rung indoors.

30 Years Ago

'R.W.' September 25th, 1931.—

Mr. Robert H. Brundle, who reached the age of 80 years on Friday, celebrated the event by ringing a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on Saturday. Mr. Brundle is the oldest ringer to ring a peal of Surprise Maximus.

Inverary tower and bells nearing completion.

PIPE'S PILGRIMS' TOUR

THE 1961 tour began in now familiar style, with a small party leaving Grundisburgh by coach at 6 a.m. on Sunday, August 6th. With further additions to the party at Ipswich and Colchester we had a good trip up to London, where we were very pleased to welcome Mr. Brian Cox, from Adelaide.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Barker, who joined us at Uxbridge, we were able to make an unscheduled stop at Beaconsfield, and ring on the eight for morning service, before continuing on our way to Oxford. Several others met us here, including Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schofield and their daughter, Gillian, from Bradford.

After lunch we had a busy afternoon, with ringing at six towers. First on the list were the two tens at Magdalen College and New College, where we rang half-courses of Cambridge Royal and touches of Grandsire Caters. Ringing on the heavy eight (28 cwt. in E flat) at Merton College did not come up to the usual standard, probably because ringing round the gallery here was a unique and even an unnerving experience for some.

The two light eights at All Saints' and St. Ebbe's were in marked contrast to Merton, and touches of Double Norwich, Kent, Little Bob, Cambridge and Stedman were all successful. Mr. Philip Walker, who had kindly arranged the ringing and shown us round Oxford all afternoon, welcomed us at his home tower, St. Giles', where he keeps the belfry in excellent condition. A short trip brought us to Woodstock, our headquarters for the week.



Photograph take outside Marlow Parish Church on August 12th of the band of four married couples who had just rung a touch of Spliced Major to celebrate the 39th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker. From left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Windsor, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. H. Schofield.

BURFORD BEST OF TOUR

Monday morning dawned bright and fair, and we were soon on the road to Burford. The beautiful eight (17½ cwt. in E) were considered by many to be the best of the tour, and we certainly took full advantage of them, a feature of the ringing being a well struck course of London. We had quite an audience at Fairford, where the ropes hang in the centre of the church, but ringing was of a high standard again, despite the very long draught.

In the afternoon came the highlight of tour, the lovely, easy going ten at Christ Church, Swindon. A course of Yorkshire Royal came to grief here; though Cambridge Royal and a touch of Grandsire Caters were more successful. We rang our first touch of spliced at Lambourn, the next tower, and did justice to a magnificent tea at the nearby inn afterwards. The two eights at Faringdon and Bampton completed the ringing for the day.

On Tuesday we were joined by some young ringers from Birmingham, and by Peter and Ruth Border, with baby Helen, for the day. The first eight at Deddington were much enjoyed, and these were followed by the 24 cwt. eight at Great Tew. Next were the very fine eight (20 cwt. in E) at Hook Norton, the best of the day.

A feature of our visit to Kingham was a ladies' touch, which even a mere male must admit was quite good! Others, in disgust, however, preferred to watch the nearby cricket match! A delightful ride through lovely countryside brought us to Bourton-on-the-Water. As on Monday, we rang a touch of spliced on the eight here, followed by a marvellous tea afterwards. After yet another good ring, at Watermoor, the day finished with a visit to the lovely village of Bibury, where the enthusiasts just couldn't resist getting permission to ring on the six here!

Ringing on Wednesday commenced at 8.45 a.m., owing to a 10 o'clock service at Adderbury. The fine toned eight (24 cwt. in D) were rather difficult to handle, due to the short draught. An hour's ride through some pleasant scenery brought us to Daventry, where we were greeted by Pat Chapman. The anti-clockwise eight provided some amusing misunderstandings in the first touch, but they were soon mastered, and good touches of London, Superlative and Stedman resulted. We were unable to ring at Southam, so Harry Windsor kindly invited us to ring on the bright little six at Harbury.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

At Warwick, we were honoured by a visit from Mr. Frank Perrens and Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, where an hour's ring on the excellent eight of St. Nicholas' was very much appreciated. At tea a special birthday cake was brought in for Mrs. Barker, and all the company joined in wishing her a happy birthday. Ringing on the ten at St. Mary's after tea was curtailed, but two half-courses of Cambridge Royal, touches of Grandsire Caters and rounds for beginners were completed in the allotted time.

Another long ride brought us to the unusual church at Banbury (a pleasant easy going ten). The last ring of the day was the majestic eight (27 cwt. in D) at Bloxham, where the bells went surprisingly well for their weight.

Yet another early start enabled us to commence ringing at 8.45 a.m. on the eight at Wantage, followed by the pleasant ten at Newbury. The enthusiasts were again quick to spot an opportunity, and obtained permission to ring on the six at Speen, after lunch. At Blewbury we were met by Mr. Wilfrid Wilson, who came on with us to Wallingford afterwards. Even a single in spliced failed to produce an explosion at Harwell, though we were caught by a heavy fall-out of rain when we came out.

THE WHITES ENTERTAIN

The famous tower at Appleton, with which the name of 'White' is traditionally associated, was found with some difficulty and a variety of methods was rung on the light ten. A very enjoyable hour was spent in the 'local' afterwards, where the White family entertained us with a first class display of tune ringing and change ringing by 'lapping' on handbells.

A short run on Friday brought us to Kirtlington, a very good eight of 15 cwt. Ambrosden came next, and then Buckingham, with its spacious belfry and rather old-fashioned ring of eight (27 cwt. in D).

In the afternoon a course of Rutland was rung at Wicken, with the eight at Winslow following. The last tower was officially Haddenham, where the bells are in need of attention, but we had a short ring at Woodstock on our return, by kind invitation of the local ringers.

Back to the hotel a social evening had been arranged, and there was a presentation of a garden chair and a ringer's car badge to Jim and Sylvia Pipe in appreciation for all the work and organisation which had gone into the tour. By general consent it was an unqualified success. The evening was rounded off with handbell ringing, and a film show of past tours, presented by Harry Windsor.

MARRIED COUPLES' 'SPLICED'

Several goodbyes were said on Saturday morning as we made treks for home, ringing at Wallington, Henley and Sonning on the way.

As it was Mr. and Mrs. Barker's wedding anniversary, it was fitting that they should ring a married couples' touch of spliced, which Arthur himself called at Marlow after lunch. The 26 cwt. eight at Bray were the last bells of the tour, and very majestic sounding too. After tea a small group went to Stoke Poges, where they rang a quarter peal of Stedman Triples for Mr. and Mrs. Barker, while the rest of the party were homeward bound, arriving in Grundisburgh at 10 p.m.

One's chief recollections are a very pleasant company, good bells, good food and a warm welcome everywhere. To all who met us and who helped make the tour a success, we should like to extend a very big 'thank you.' Next year we hope to tour Devon.

PILGRIM.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BODELWYDDAN BELLS

Dear Sir,—Contrary to the report of the University of London Society's tour 'abroad,' the bells of the 'Marble Church' had not been condemned as unsafe before the Society rang there, although they have been as a result of their visit.

Replying to my application to ring there later in the same week as the U.L.S., the Vicar wrote as follows:

'We have just recently carried out some repairs to the spire and the architect will not give the "all-clear" until he carries out a further inspection. I am afraid that this will not be before August 17th, as the architect lives in Cheltenham. So please accept my reason for not allowing any bellringing at the present time.'

How the Society obtained permission to ring is not clear, neither are the grounds for their theory that if the spire is unsafe it will do no harm to ring for half an hour.

Hoping to persuade the Vicar to give permission to ring, as apparently the Society had succeeded in doing, I called but found that an alarming report had been given by the secretary of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings and that the bells must on no account be rung for fear of damage to the spire.

It now transpires that the secretary of the S.P.A.B. was a member of the University party, which means that by way of thanking the Vicar for the privilege of ringing his bells, Ranald Clouston alarmed him as to their safety and effectively closed the tower to both visitors and 'locals' alike.

A report of this nature, in my opinion, casts a reflection upon the bell founders, who installed the bells in 1872 and who in more recent times rehung them on ball bearings.

About four years ago I encountered a similar case at Bradbourne, Derbyshire, where a certain London architect—I believe he also had some connection with the S.P.A.B.—had warned the Vicar that one day he would find his tower split from top to bottom as though it had been struck by a bomb.

His grounds for this lurid forecast were simply that the bells were hung direct on iron girders instead of the bearings resting on castings in accordance with modern practice, yet they must have been so hung for at least seventy years.

Fortunately the late Vicar did not seriously believe this and I had little difficulty in convincing him of the stupidity of it, and I have been pleased to read that this pleasant ring of six has been rung regularly since our visit.

All too often, however, the opinion of self-appointed and self-opiniated 'experts' results in rings being silenced or ringing curtailed. I can think of a number where worn bearings have been the pretext upon which ringing has been stopped altogether and far from resulting in the bells getting rehung it has meant that the ringers have drifted away, interest has been lost and the bells may lie idle indefinitely.

Recently I came across a case in Shropshire, whre a party of visiting ringers 'thought there was too much vibration' and the upshot is that only curtailed Sunday ringing is now allowed.

I suggest that visiting ringers are not qualified to judge how much vibration there should or should not be.

At the same time it would be interesting to know what makes bells safe to ring on a Sunday, but unsafe on week days. Similarly why was it safe to ring Bodelwyddan bells for half an hour only? What would have happened if the U.L.S. had rung for thirty-one minutes?—Yours, etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

TIME FADES MEMORY

Dear Sir,—In reference to your account of the S.F.E. Whitsun tour, the reference to the ingenious bellhanging at Feniton should have read Buckerell.

This work was carried out by Mears and Stainbank in 1949. The bells at Feniton, 2 miles away, are all on one level. I had the pleasure of meeting the S.F.E. at Buckerell and rang a touch with them, and also took some of the party up to the bell chamber. —Yours faithfully.

F. H. PARR.

Buckerell.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—Quite a number of visitors to Winchester Cathedral, who arrive after the commencement of ringing, have had a disappointing wait at the outer door, which we have to keep fastened. Sometimes they have been unlucky enough not to be able to get in until we come down at the end of the ring.

We would like to make it quite clear that it is not ringers, but the general public, whom we are obliged to keep at bay. Those who do not already know how to gain access should either be at the door at 7 on practice night, or 9.45 or 2.25 on Sunday, or let us know that they are coming so that we can arrange for somebody to let them it. In case of urgency a 'phone call to the undersigned would be appropriate up to about 15 minutes before the above times.—Yours sincerely,

W. O. HAYTHORNE.
Winchester Cathedral Ringers.
Honorary Secretary,

TWO RINGS OF BELLS AT SALTASH

Dear Sir.—How pleasing to read Points from Peals by Rev. K. W. H. Felstead after such a long break. I was particularly interested in one part of the article concerning the occasional slip up, and he writes: 'Thus I have recorded a previous peal at Saltash, Cornwall, on December 12th, 1927.'

That peal was one of Plain Bob Minor, conducted by the late C. R. Lilley, and I was one of the band. It was rung at the Church of SS. Nicholas and Faith.

The peal on June 21st, 1961, was rung on the bells of St. Stephen-by-Saltash, and those who took part were assured that it was the first on the bells, and this we believe to be correct.

Incidentally both peals are recorded for 'The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.' Apparently Saltash has two rings of bells.—Yours truly,

T. G. MYERS.

Plymouth.

COLCHESTER MEETS NOISE DIFFICULTY

Dear Sir.—I was very interested to read the letters in recent 'Ringing Worlds' from Messrs. F. Hicks and F. Hansford, on the problem of excessive noise outside from church towers as we have had recent experience of this modern problem here at St. Peter's, Colchester. Ever since the war we have suffered restrictions on practice night and peal ringing, due to the close proximity to the church of a Repertory Theatre where there are performances every evening except Sunday. Until recently our practice has had to cease at 8 p.m., and any ringing on a Saturday by 5 p.m.; this has made it difficult to keep our company up to strength.

After it was pointed out to the church authorities that service ringing at the tower was likely to decline, they agreed to have the louvre windows sound insulated, and this has been recenly completed. The material used was insulation board (Tentest), with a cavity left between filled with vermiculite; a portion in the middle of the louvres (about 7ft. 6ins.×4ft.) is hinged at the top and capable of being opened when required to hear the full effect of the bells on Sundays and other occasions. We are very pleased that this has made a considerable improvement outside the tower, so much so that our Vicar has had the approval of the theatre of the work done and a donation from them of £10 towards the cost.

Any visiting ringers are very welcome to join us on our practice nights, which, from now onwards, will be Thursdays, 7.30 to 9 p.m. —Yours sincerely,

HARRY J. MILLATT.

Colchester, Essex.

65s AT BACKSTROKE

Dear Sir,—I have, for some time, heard that 65s at backstroke are bad or are unmusical and again I read it in W. G. W.'s article on Treble Bob and again I cannot see why.

A listener outside the tower is not to know whether a row is back or hand and I'm sure many ringers, musical or otherwise, would not mind.

Can Mr. Wilson or anyone else tell me why 65s are frowned upon?—Yours faithfully,

GRAHAM C. GRANT.

Frome.

THE LATE MRS. A. KING

Dear Sir.—May I, through your columns, express the sorrow felt, not only by members of the Bedfordshire Association, but by the very much wider circle to whom she was known and loved, at the recent death of Mrs. A. King, of Luton.

Our sympathy with Mr. King is mingled with pride at the fortitude with which he has borne his great loss, after 68 years of happy married life.

Aged 90, she had not enjoyed good health over the last year or so, but bore her troubles with great spirit, as befits one who, in all those years, had been an inspiration to all who knew her—charming, friendly and sincere, an excellent example of British womanhood. She was laid to rest on September 4th. May she rest in peace.—Yours, etc.,

ALFRED E. RUSHTON.

Luton, Beds.

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The Ancients' Peal Tour of Northamptonshire

Two hundred and twenty-five years ago, Benjamin Annable, with a band of College Youths, went to St. Peter's, Northampton, and rang the first peal on the bells, and this year members of the Ancient Society from various parts of the country joined with members from Northamptonshire in a week's peal tour, commencing on Saturday, August 26th. Unfortunately St. Peter's, Northampton, bells were not available, but none of the party doubted Benjamin Annable's wisdom in choosing this delightful part of England for an excursion from the capital.

We were welcomed to the first tower, Tichmarsh (8, 17¼ cwt.), by Canon Luckock, who takes a keen interest in ringing, and we rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on these pleasant bells. After a visit to the local hostelry, we made our way to the Royal Hotel, Kettering, which was to be our headquarters for the week, and cautiously sampled the local brew, by name Phipps, not knowing either its strength or quality. However, we need have had no fears, for it proved to be both pleasant to drink and not unduly potent, and on the following morning, with no after effects to dispel our first impression of it, we pronounced it a fine brew.

At 9.30 a.m. we joined the service ringing at the Parish Church (10, 23 cwt.) and were given a warm welcome by Mr. Bob Turner. Grandsire Caters, a course of Superlative and more Grandsire Caters sounded out well on the morning air, and the bright sun which shone for us most of the week really imparted a holiday atmosphere everywhere. At 10.30 we went to a village just outside Kettering, by name Warkton (5, 8 cwt.), and again joined the local ringers in ringing for service, on this lovely ring of bells, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

LULLED BY THE MUSIC

An early lunch, and we were on our way to Daventry, where we were met by Mr. Patrick I. Chapman, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, who had made all the arrangements with regard to obtaining permission to ring throughout the week, and to whom we are extremely grateful. Cambridge Major was proceeding very smoothly on this 19 cwt. ring, and with half-an-hour to ring the music had lulled us into a pleasant sleepiness. The treble man perhaps dreamt most of all, for turning round in 2/3 he caught us all unawares, and within a change or two we had stopped.

We rang for Evensong, and before returning to Kettering were entertained to a splendid tea by Mrs. Chapman, and met young Dominic. The residents' lounge echoed that night to Stedman Caters on handbells, kindly lent to us by Pat Chapman, and we heard tape-recordings of St. Paul's Cathedral and were kept highly amused by anecdotes from Mr. J. Frank Smallwood until a late hour.

Monday morning found us at Irchester, where we were met by the Rev. A. M. Watson, and London Surprise Major seemed to be going all the way until a missed call dashed our hopes and prevented us enjoying any more of this good ring, whose tenor is 21 cwt.

Yorkshire Surprise Major at Oundle in the afternoon was rung, however, and this is believed to be only the second peal of Surprise on the bells, which are difficult to ring well.

Later in the evening some Stedman Cinques were rung on the handbells and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major also, but by midnight we were moving towards our rooms in view of the earlier start to be made the following day.

'9 a.m.' was the scheduled time of start at Kettering, and it was not much later that we began the peal of Stedman Caters, which proceeded uneventfully under the watchful eye of Mr. Frank Darby. In the afternoon, however, the warm weather was beginning to have its effect, and Bristol Major on the fine ring at Raunds (22 cwt.) became of poor quality, causing us to stand the bells before completing the peal.

Wednesday morning took us to Finedon (8, 21 cwt.), and we had received a warning that this might be one of the hardest towers in which to ring a peal as the bearings sometimes run dry. London Surprise Major was rung for over an hour, when two bells changed course; but a further touch of Stedman Triples practically removed our doubts that we might have been able to complete the peal, for by the end of the touch the tenor man was having difficulty, and we felt sure that two more hours of London would have been impossible. We met the Rector after the attempt and received a warm welcome from him.

PEAL BOARDS TELL A STORY

Irthlingborough (8, 10 cwt.) was the afternoon tower, and we were met by Mrs. Bigley. The peal boards here speak for themselves of the famous band which at the turn of the century was ringing peals of London Surprise Major, by no means common in those days, and we rang a peal of Rutland Major on these beautiful bells. Afterwards Mr. Arthur Bigley entertained us to tea, and we rang some Grandsire Caters on his lovely set of Shaw handbells with him, and we also heard a record of some tune ringing which he had made. He had celebrated his 60th birthday only two days earlier, having been a ringer at Irthlingborough for 40 years, and we should like to wish him many happy returns of the day.

Haselbech has a beautiful church in a lovely setting, and it was perhaps the greatest disappointment of the week that the peal attempt here on Thursday morning, for Spliced Surprise Major in six methods, came to grief when two bells changed course after two-thirds of the peal had been rung. Lunch in Market Harborough brightened our spirits however, and in the afternoon Mr. Frank C. Price called his first peal of Surprise Major as conductor, London being the method, at Welford (12 cwt.).

It was after the peal here that we were in for our greatest shock of the week. Stopping on our way back to Kettering in Husbands Bosworth at an inn, the landlord announced that he had *no beer*, no draught beer that is, and we had no alternative but to visit the next house of refreshment which we came to, in the same village. One of our number, after ordering his drink, asked the landlord what food he had and was told that there was no food in the house. He exclaimed: 'What a place!' and the landlord nearly gave him a black eye. It was only after hasty explanation of our previous experience that he calmed down.

On Friday morning we rang a peal of Pudsey Major at Higham Ferrers (8, 23 cwt.), where we were kindly met by Mr. Deighton. The bells here are very good and the peal was followed by lunch in the Green Dragon.

The afternoon attempt was at Burton Latimer, and a miscall brought to an end the Lincolnshire on this ring of eight (10 cwt.), which sound heavier, and an early start was made on the final evening's celebrations.

TUNING THE GLASSES

Just before closing time we were ushered into a small bar apparently reserved for residents bent on drinking through the night, and shortly before 12 somebody rashly suggested that changes on beer glasses was the proper thing to do. After a few rounds to try our handles for length and some subtle drinking to tune our glasses, we settled down to a sparkling course of Plain Bob Minor, the band sitting as follows: Wilfrid F. Moreton treble (a ½-pint glass), Alan J. Frost 2 (another ½-pint), Gordon Benfield 3 (an 8 in. diameter lampshade), Michael P. Moreton 4 (a ½-pint partly filled with water), Stewart F. Kimber 5 (a pint nearly empty), Frank E. Darby tenor (a pint half full). On completing the ringing, everybody inadvertently took a drink, and thus at one draught destroyed the tuning of this interesting six. However, Gordon Benfield, balanced precariously on a chair to reach the third, continued to toll the lampshade which had a beautiful tone; and none of us will forget the look of startled amazement on the night porter's face when he walked in to take our orders for the next round.

Saturday morning, and almost sadly we bade farewell to the hotel and to Kettering, and made our way to Desborough (8, 10½ cwt.), where the Vicar came up to welcome us. Spliced four was rung, and perhaps would have been completed but for a late call which sent one bell in the wrong direction, and 'Stand' was called.

In the afternoon, however, a good peal of Cambridge Major was rung at Rothwell, and these fine bells very aptly concluded a week in which all the bells were of a high quality; and we left Northamptonshire with a deep impression of the warm welcome which we received, of the beautiful churches, many of which have fine spires, of many well-cared-for belfries, and of pleasant English countryside.

PERSHORE RINGERS NEEDED SPANNERS AND OIL CANS

On September 5th a party of young ringers from the Pershore Deanery set out in search of some of Worcestershire's less well-known towers. The first port of call was All Saints' Church, Spetchley. Here hangs a pre-Reformation four (tenor 5½ cwt. in B). These rarely-rung bells go quite well and when we had put ropes on they were rung to rounds, Kent and Oxford Minimus, Stedman and, of course, Spetchley Court Bob. Ringing here is made more interesting as it is always accompanied by a steady trickle of dust and twigs from the ceiling.

Recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' has included the subject of place-names but no mention has been made of the next tower visited, White Ladies, Aston, a small village with a pleasant old church. The tower is weatherboarded and contains a ring of three in a 15th century frame, rehung last century by Barwell. The tenor is inscribed: '† Sancte Jacope Ora Pro Nobis,' with crowned heads as stops. She was cast in the 15th century and weighs about 7½ cwt. The notes of the bells are: Treble, G; 2nd, D sharp; tenor, C sharp. The ropes fall in a line among the pews at the west end! Much work was done in the tower before the bells could be raised, but rounds were scored with reasonable ease!

The last tower visited was St. Bartholomew's, Naunton Beauchamp. The three here have a tenor of 11 cwt. in G sharp. Much tightening of bolts and greasing of bearings was undertaken but unfortunately the frame was not stable enough for the bells to be raised, as an alarming amount of movement was noticed before the treble was half-way up. P. C.

CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST

Warsop again won the final of the Crawford Cup contest decided at Gamston on September 9th. Their faults totalled 28. Other finalists were Holme Pierrepont 69, Ordsall 85, Whatton-in-the-Vale 95. A most pleasing feature was having Mrs. C. M. Crawford, widow of the donor, to present the cup to Mr. H. T. Rooke, who, in thanking Mrs. Crawford, said that everybody had tried hard. The judges were Messrs. H. Chant and D. Smith, and the test piece 360 changes any method.

The presentation took place after a nice tea in the school, served to a company of nearly 60, with the Rev. W. D. Willatt (Rector) in the chair.

A minute's silence was observed before the meeting as a token of respect to three members who had died in the past two months—Mr. O. Street, Mr. S. Mason and Mr. D. McNeil and his wife, who were killed in a road accident.

The Rector was elected a vice-president, and Miss Thelma Staples, of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, a ringing member. The collection for the Bell Fund was £2 2s. 8d., and Clayworth was selected for the meeting on October 14th. Before ringing was resumed, the Rector, the judges and the ladies (for the nice tea) were all sincerely thanked.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

There was not a large attendance at the Biggleswade District meeting at Northill on September 9th, but the ringing, directed by Mr. L. Bywaters, ranged from Bob Minor to London and Wells Surprise. A service was conducted by the Rev. T. A. Frost, with Mr. M. Lockey at the organ. Tea followed in the Church Hall, prepared by a local ringer's wife.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth A. Buckley (first of Plain Bob) 1, E. D. Thomas 2, R. I. Gosling 3, S. K. Huson (first in method as cond.) 4, B. R. Manning 5, E. D. Gibson 6. To celebrate the birthdays of Maureen Hanstock, David Branson, Lesley Hydes and Elizabeth Hefferman.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, N. Whittell 2, A. E. J. Lester 3, P. Lester 4, R. E. Lester 5, E. Hotine (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Hotine, of Rickmansworth, Herts.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hodges 1, G. Clark 2, G. Case (cond.) 3, D. Pobjoy (first 'inside') 4, H. Worrall 5, K. Durrant (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong. Also in honour of the engagement of Peggy Clark (a local ringer) and Mr. R. Warwick, and for the 24th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Worrall.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Aidan's, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Tyson 1, H. Aitchison 2, M. Armstrong 3, R. B. Skelton 4, N. Errington 5, R. Oliver (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. C. King, who is leaving for Belmont, Co. Durham.

BRIGHTWELL, BERKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Castell 1, C. Adam (14, first of Minor) 2, Angela Ayres 3, G. McIlone 4, R. Partridge (14, cond., first quarter) 5, E. Garrard 6.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Brain 1, Kathleen M. Exell (first of Stedman) 2, D. C. Exell 3, P. J. Dye 4, L. Derrick 5, C. J. Richards 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, D. C. J. Padfield 8.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On September 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Pope (first away from cover) 1, Mrs. R. Pope 2, Mrs. A. F. Godley 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, R. J. Vardy 5, F. C. Davis 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Ven. J. C. Chute (formerly Archdeacon of Sherborne), whose ashes were this day interred in the family grave at Basingstoke. The Archdeacon died the previous Tuesday at Buckland Newton, where he had resided since his retirement.

BULWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. Naylor 1, R. Marriott 2, R. Reynolds 3, F. A. Ginns 4, R. A. Webster 5.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Rumbold (first quarter, 10) 1, W. J. Weller 2, Alice Ward 3, Hannah Penfold 4, A. Harman (cond.) 5, P. Ede 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 2nd, 720 Plain Bob Minor for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Arnold: Elizabeth Rumbold 1, W. J. Weller 2, Alice Ward 3, Hannah Penfold 4, R. Tullett 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (in six methods): K. Buckingham 1, A. Bird 2, N. Phillips 3, J. Brooks 4, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled, before a Requiem Mass, in memoriam Simon Dymoke-Marr.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Sept. 4th, at the Church of St. Leonard, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Ipswich, 576 Cambridge): N. Avis 1, W. J. Brunt 2, J. Avis 3, R. K. Whittell 4, F. S. Oliver 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. First of Surprise 1 and 3.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): M. Armstrong 1, J. G. Wall 2, J. Vickery 3, W. Tyson 4, N. Errington 5, R. Oliver (cond.) 6, R. B. Skelton (cover) 7. For the enthronement of Dr. Coggan as Archbishop of York.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. C. Read 1, I. Ann Abrahams 2, H. H. Abrahams 3, R. Haines 4, L. A. Page 5, J. E. Daniels 6, Rev. R. Keeley 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Katy Collard (first quarter) 1, J. W. Hagley (first quarter) 2, C. W. Denyer 3, Elizabeth Stevinson 4, R. J. C. Hagley 5, B. G. D. Vince (first quarter) 6, H. F. Jones 7, P. G. Stroud 8. Rung by the local band, with exception of ringer 3, for the installation of former Vicar (Rev. A. C. G. Oldham) as a Canon Residentiary of Guildford Cathedral.

QUARTER PEALS

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Gill 1, D. Cutler 2, B. Haigh 3, M. Franland 4, J. Reynolds 5, J. P. Cooper 6, W. Dixon 7, A. Wear (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 5. Rung by local company.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Day 1, Amy Coburn 2, R. Newson 3, L. G. Coburn 4, F. C. Jacklin 5, J. D. Painter (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and with the good wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Painter for their forthcoming journey to Nigeria.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,344 London Surprise Major: N. Mallett 1, A. V. Pearson (cond.) 2, Miss J. Beresford 3, E. R. Rapley 4, R. J. Sharp 5, G. E. Fearn 6, P. Meyhew 7, D. Beresford 8. Rung for Evensong.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss A. G. Harrison (first quarter) 1, E. A. Harrison 2, M. J. Kirk 3, B. T. Cook (first in three methods) 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Rung for the enthronement of the Archbishop of York. Also on Sept. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, April Day and Old): N. D. Kirk 1, M. J. Kirk 2, Miss T. Staples (first 'inside') 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. First in six methods by all. Rung in recognition of 14 years' service as G.S.M. of the Church Scout Group by C. V. Evans.

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Molly Walsh 1, Gillian Walsh 2, G. Milsom 3, P. Kirby 4, G. W. Land (cond.) 5, J. Ryman 6. For Evensong, and a birthday greeting to Rosemary Lee (ringer). Also on Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Molly Walsh 1, Gillian Walsh 2, H. N. Evans 3, A. J. King 4, G. W. Land 5, J. Ryman 6. To commemorate the 'golden wedding' of the churchwarden, Mr. R. Fawkes, and Mrs. Fawkes.

LEEDS, YORKS.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Mack (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Holt 2, C. B. Dove (cond.) 3, A. E. Stamp 4, R. H. Dove 5, C. G. Watkinson 6.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Stephens 1, B. Whitney 2, K. G. Spavins 3, G. Hawkins 4, A. J. Smith 5, R. Woodruff 6, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 7, P. Newing 8. Rung for the ordination to priesthood in St. Albans Cathedral this day of the Rev. Brian J. Gardiner.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Hazel Everett 1, N. Simon 2, Penelope J. Welch 3, Christine Glastonbury 4, N. A. James 5, W. Dare 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, A. Hartley 8, R. Howard 9, M. Bennett 10. First of Caters for 1, 2, 4 and 10.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', Strand, on September 17th, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. E. Bagworth 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, G. T. Peters 3, R. Davies 4, N. S. Bagworth 5, R. W. Hinde 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, A. E. Bagworth 8. Rung for Evensong on 'Battle of Britain' Sunday.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Miss I. Down 1, Mrs. A. F. Godley 2, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 3, D. M. C. Hill (first in six 'inside') 4, P. Cox (first in six) 5, G. Harvey (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Ron and Audrey Short, who celebrated their first wedding anniversary on the previous day.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Cheney 1, A. J. Smith 2, J. G. Newman 3, G. Hawkins 4, K. G. Spavins 5, R. Kendall 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. E. Rushton 9, H. R. C. Mann 10. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. H. E. Frankham as Vicar of Luton.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lilley 1, June Peel 2, A. Turnbull 3, J. Payne 4, P. Langton 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3. For morning prayer.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. D. Poole 1, W. Avery 2, Mrs. E. Mead 3, R. E. Dean 4, J. Young 5, R. Blackler 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, A. Boarder 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the third.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, April Day, Old Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire): S. G. Ponting 1, Jill M. Lane 2, E. G. L. Coward 3, G. L. Grover 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 5, W. Savill 6. Rung for the wedding of Robin Warren, a local ringer.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: Miss J. E. M. Hills 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, Miss E. Mason 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, H. G. Goddard 5, F. W. Blatch 6. First in the method by all the band and on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. F. Godwin, who was inducted as Rector this day.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 17th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Branston 1, F. Boyall 2, Miss R. Anderson 3, J. Woodman 4, G. Cowlin 5, M. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the birth of Andrew John, son of Joan and Michael Parker.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cheeseman 1, Terha Barnett 2, R. Sturmey 3, J. Rose 4, E. Amey (cond.) 5, T. Jeanes 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Archdeacon J. C. Chute, who, until he retired in 1957, had been the Rector at this church for nearly 20 years.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maryl R. Crossthwaite 1, Margaret Crossthwaite 2, W. K. Martin 3, Betty Faunch 4, C. Crossthwaite 5, K. Durow (first as cond. of Triples) 6, S. Anderton 7, T. Moss 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Blackburn.

STAINES, MIDDX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jean Preston 1, Linda Skipsey 2, M. Loveday 3, R. Shepherd (cond.) 4, B. Bartlett 5, M. Bartlett 6, R. Wiggins 7, T. Christie (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

TAMERTON FOLLIOT, DEVON.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Marks 1, J. Drew 2, Miss Y. Porter 3, A. J. Collings 4, D. R. Bould (cond.) 5, W. Marks 6. Rung for Jack Drew, on holiday in Plymouth.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On July 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Poole 1, Kathleen M. Exell 2, Jacqueline A. Purnell 3, C. J. Richards 4, P. Bridle 5, P. J. Dye 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, D. C. Exell 8.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX.—On July 30th, at the Church of All Hallows, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Neal Smith (first of Triples) 1, D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 2, Elizabeth Hill Brown 3, Gillian Neal Smith 4, Anne Muir 5, A. J. Muir 6, M. D. Hill Brown 7, D. Hill Brown 8. Arranged for the ringer of the seventh, who was home on holiday from Canada.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maureen White 1, Mary White 2, D. White 3, K. Waller 4, S. Holloway 5, R. J. Jones (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 4 and 5. Rung for morning service.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss I. Gocher 1, Miss D. Mullins 2, J. Nelson 3, G. Rix 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, I. Challen 6. Rung at a farewell to Rev. M. Daniel and his family who are leaving the parish, with the best wishes of the band for his future ministry. First quarter for 1 and 2.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Sparkes 1, A. Turner 2, F. Casley 3, C. Bellew 4, W. G. Hartnell 5, W. Nurcombe 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, W. Baker 8. Rung half-muffled in respectful memory of Alfred Stone, a loyal member, and Charles Greedy, of Newport, a native of Wiveliscombe.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): A. J. Smith 1, B. Whitney 2, O. J. J. Rogers 3, M. J. Stephens 4, R. Churchill 5, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 6.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Exeter Branch

On September 9th the quarterly meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Tedburn St. Mary. About 25 members and visitors attended, and the six bells were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

During the service the Vicar paid tribute to the work of the late president, Preb. E. V. Cox. Tea and the business meeting followed at the Vicarage, after which a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was rung. Whitestone was later visited by some members for a short ring on the bells. N. M.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting was held at Bradford Abbas on September 9th. Twenty ringers were present from seven towers of the Branch, including visitors from other towers. In spite of a tendency to 'jump' on the part of some of the ropes, methods were rung up to London Surprise, not excluding rounds for beginners. The bells go very nicely and sounded well over this lovely corner of Dorset.

At the service the Branch was welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. L. J. Chesterman. At the business meeting after tea mention was made of the Blandford ringing festival on October 28th and the annual meeting of the Branch at Mere on December 2nd. R. N. L.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. D. Barker 1, W. D. Ward 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, G. Riglar (first 'inside') 4, R. Dean 5, W. Birmingham 6, D. P. Hilling 7, D. G. Rowlands 8. For St. Giles' Day.



WEST MIDLAND PEAL WEEK.—Some of the participants in the West Midland Peal Week (see page 615), during which 13 peals were scored. The band photographed prior to the peal at Rocester. Left to right (front row): F. Hector Bennett, Richard J. Warrilow, Geoffrey Davies; (middle row): Brian J. Wylde, Robert J. Warrilow, Frederick E. Wilshaw; (back row): David W. Brunning, Charles A. S. Webb.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

An attempt for 13,216 Yorkshire Surprise Major at Allendale, Northumberland, on September 16th was brought round at 9,088 changes, when the bearings of the 6th and tenor started to rung dry. However, this beats the existing long length record for the Durham and Newcastle Association, set up by the same band on the same bells in April this year, by 352 changes.

H.R.H. Prince Philip is to open Bow Bells on December 20th.

The ring of six at Hever, near Edenbridge, was reopened last Saturday. There was a barbecue afterwards.

The time taken in the peal of Bob Doubles, rung at Horton on August 5th (see page 617), was 2 hours 40 minutes. The conductor sends his apologies.

St. George Cathedral, Cape Town, is to have a ring of ten bells with a tenor of 25 cwt., similar to the ring supplied to Salisbury Cathedral, Rhodesia. The contract has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Hereford Cathedral band are losing Mr. Arthur W. Davis, for many years a member of the company and a prominent officer of the Diocesan Guild. His impending departure formed the basis for an informative article in 'The Hereford Evening News' about ringing at the Cathedral and members of the band.

Miss Margaret A. Ladd, our esteemed correspondent for the Tonbridge District, regrets that an error occurred in her report of the meeting at Brenchley (see page 639). The name of the ringer for whom a quarter peal was fixed and rung at Brenchley was Mr. F. Acott and not Mr. A. Wenban. Apologies to all concerned.

Staines, Middlesex, has now five members of the Skipsey family in its band—Edgar, Jean, John, Linda and Freddy. The band rejoice in the birth of a daughter to secretary Jean, and look forward to the day when there will be a 'Skipsey Minor band.' Because of the birth, Edgar was unable to conduct the quarter on September 17th.

In sending his apologies to those members of Cambridge University Guild who went to Evesham for a peal on September 9th for his failure to arrive, Mr. W. T. Cook adds: 'Unfortunately I missed the train at Paddington through underestimating the capacity of London Transport for keeping its passengers waiting.'

The clock face of Buckland-in-the-Moor, near Ashburton, Devon, has, instead of numerals, the words 'My dear mother.'

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Soberton on September 16th enabled E. Winifred Keys and W. T. Beeson to ring their 50th peal together.

The good wishes of not only those who rang in the quarter peal at Harpenden but also from their many ringing friends will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. Desmond Painter, who are going to Nigeria.

The Chaddocks, of Rotherham, and the Schofields, of Bradford, rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Conisborough. Each provided a father, mother, son and daughter.

The 200th anniversary of the casting and hanging of Upham, Hants, bells was marked by a special service on September 17th. In place of a sermon the Rector (the Rev. A. Catley) obtained permission from the Bishop for an address to be given by the District chairman (Mr. L. W. Stead) on bells and bellringing. Mr. Stead's address was much appreciated, as well as the ringing, by visitors from Southampton, Bitterne Park, Eling and North Stoneham.

Readers will have noted that peals have been relegated to the second half of the journal. This is an idea of 'The Ringing World' Committee in their search for something new. Whether it will be permanent depends on readers' reactions. One member doubted if ordinary articles were of sufficient merit to oust peals from their customary position. Influencing the committee were the favourable comments of the rearrangement of contents in the Jubilee issue.

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PEAL TOUR OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

ARRANGED BY M. P. MORETON

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

TICHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

FRANK E. DARBY	*Treble*	STEWART F. KIMBER	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	6
MICHAEL W. COLEMAN	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

OUNDLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MASSEY	5
GORDON BENFIELD	2	DAVID J. MARSHALL	6
STEWART F. KIMBER	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
On Tues., Aug. 29, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt.

MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Treble*	GORDON BENFIELD	6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	7
FRANK E. DARBY	3	STEWART F. KIMBER	8
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
ALAN J. FROST	5	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 30, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

BARRY J. DAVIS	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MASSEY	5
MICHAEL P. MORETON	2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	6
DAVID J. MARSHALL	3	FRANK E. DARBY	7
GEOFFREY E. WATSON	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

WELFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Treble*	FRANK E. DARBY	5
*DAVID J. MARSHALL	2	GORDON BENFIELD	6
STEWART F. KIMBER	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
MICHAEL P. MORETON	4	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
On Fri., Sept. 1, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22¾ cwt.

GORDON BENFIELD	*Treble*	STEWART F. KIMBER	5
FRANK E. DARBY	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	6
ALAN J. FROST	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
BRIAN DOWNES	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
Rung as a 77th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, a trustee of the Society, and also as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Langdon, whose birthday falls on September 2nd.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

BRIAN DOWNES	*Treble*	MICHAEL P. MORETON	5
FRANK E. DARBY	2	STEWART F. KIMBER	6
GORDON BENFIELD	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	*RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.
* 300th peal.

YOUNG ESSEX RINGERS' CORNWALL TOUR

ALL PEALS FOR THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAWGAN-IN-MENEAGE, CORNWALL.
On Mon., Sept. 4, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAWGAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of College Exercise, Cambridge, Kent, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A.

MARGARET E. PANTON	*Treble*	IAN R. PANTON	4
ANNE EDWARDS	2	JAMES L. TOWLER	5
JAMES B. MORLEY	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

TINTAGEL, CORNWALL.
On Tues., Sept. 5, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATERIANA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 14 methods, viz.: (1) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate; (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (3) Cambridge; (4) Double Oxford; (5) St. Clement's and Childwall; (6) Kent; (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

MARGARET E. PANTON	*Treble*	IAN R. PANTON	4
ANNE EDWARDS	2	ANDREW S. HUDSON	5
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.
First peal in 14 methods by all the 'inside' ringers except the conductor.

LANSALLOS, CORNWALL.
On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILDIERNA,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Treble*	ANDREW S. HUDSON	5
*MARGARET E. PANTON	2	JAMES B. MORLEY	6
ANNE EDWARDS	3	†JAMES L. TOWLER	7
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER	4	IAN R. PANTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN R. PANTON.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal. First of Major as conductor.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEDYANA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 28 methods: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley; (3) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel; (4) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate; (5) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood; (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

IAN R. PANTON	*Treble*	JAMES B. MORLEY	4
ANDREW S. HUDSON	2	JAMES L. TOWLER	5
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.
Most methods by all the band except the conductor.
Rung for the sixth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. J. R. Jose to the parish.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

HOWARD FREEBORN (Clare)	*Treble*	CHRIS. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	7
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	2	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s)	8
*HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.)	3	ROBIN HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	9
DESMOND PAINTER (Fitz.)	4	HENRY FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	10
PETER LANGTON (Trinity)	5	FRANK HAYNES (St. Cath.'s)	11
RICHARD SPEED (Caius)	6	*ALAN GRIFFIN (Trinity)	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK HAYNES.
* First peal on 12 bells.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 48 cwt.

J. KEITH WARD	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH	2	BRIAN DOWNES	8
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	3	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	9
JOHN D. ROCK	4	FRANK E. DARBY	10
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	11
CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	6	MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Tenor*

Arranged by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
The conductor's 100th peal of Surprise Maximus on tower bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 17, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 BRIGSTOW SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

F. JOHN NELSON	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	7
NEIL BENNETT	2	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	8
BASIL JONES	3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD	9
DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	4	DEREK OGDEN	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	ROBERT B. SMITH	11
EDWARD JENKINS	6	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
First peal in the method. Rung with a fourth's place bob.

BRIGSTOW SURPRISE MAXIMUS.
Group M.
x, 7T, 56, 14 7T, x, 56, 7T, 36, 7T, x, 7T, 58, 16, x,
16, 70, 16, 78, x, 169T, 78, 16, x (1) H.L.

TEN BELL PEALS

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 26½ cwt.

*CHRISTINE TOWNEND	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
*DEREK J. MARSHALL	2	JOHN H. FIELDEN	7
*IVOR JENKINS	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	8
EDWARD JENKINS	4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	9
F. JOHN NELSON	5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 12, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

*DAVID RHODES (13)	*Treble*	†S. BARRY SCHOFIELD (13)	6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	2	*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	7
RITA M. JOWETT	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	9
*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	5	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal, and first attempt. † 25th peal. First of Surprise on the bells by a local band.
Rung by the Sunday service band to mark the enthronement of Dr. Donald Coggan (formerly Bishop of Bradford) as the 88th Archbishop of York.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN WORTH	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
EILEEN M. FEARN	2	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
BRIAN HARRIS	3	BRIAN WOODRUFFE	8
CAROL FERNLEY	4	BASIL JONES	9
*A. PETER WHITEHEAD	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* 100th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	5
MRS. N. CHADDOCK	2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	6
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	3	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	7
SUSAN CHADDOCK	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
Rung by two families.

RANMORE, SURREY.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

J. R. H. FREEBORN (Clare)	*Treble*	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s)	5
H. MUIRHEAD (Newnham)	2	M. D. S. HOOD (Tr. Hall)	6
J. PILKINGTON (Fitz.)	3	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)	7
R. LEIGH (St. Cath.'s)	4	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

KIRTLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 5, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

EVELYN SAYER	*Treble*	ERNEST G. JONES	5
HARRY HATFIELD	2	FREDERICK SHARPE	6
WALTER F. JUDGE	3	CYRIL H. KINCH	7
ARTHUR D. SAYER	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR J. SMITH.
Rung as a farewell peal to the ringers of treble and 4, on leaving the Bicester and District Branch for B.A.O.R.

TYNEMOUTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 6, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH, NORTH SHIELDS,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 46 lb. in E flat.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Treble*	STANLEY HEWITT	5
CHARLES N. LEA	2	ALAN R. PATTERSON	6
*ERIC S. WHITE	3	FREDERICK ROSS	7
JACK SCOTT	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Arranged by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

HOWARD OGLESBY	*Treble*	EDGAR G. SWIFT	5
*JENNIFER SCEENY	2	‡REGINALD A. BLEWITT	6
*GEOFFREY RIGLAR	3	RICHARD E. DEAN	7
†NEIL BELSON	4	GEORGE COUSSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD E. DEAN.
* First peal in the method. † First of Triples in the method. ‡ First peal. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. David A. Godfrey and Miss Diane M. Limmer (daughter of the local Ringing Master), the ceremony having taken place at Hitcham earlier in the day.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

J. EDWARD CAWSER	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	2	EDWARD W. COLLEY	6
BERYL E. CAWSER	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
DAVID C. OATES	4	MARTIN C. FAULKES	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

ALAN F. THIRST	*Treble*	WILLIAM HOLLAND	5
*DENNIS HOLLAND	2	†RICHARD A. SHEKELTON	6
*BARRY HOLLAND	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
RICHARD FARNSWORTH	4	BASIL JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* 50th peal together. † First of Treble Bob Major.

FOBBING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods: 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative; 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell.
Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in F sharp.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-Part (C.C.C. No. 13). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Treble*	*JOHN C. SLATER	5
RONALD CHAFER	2	*JOHN J. STANIER	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	DAVID BEACHAM	7
MARTYN HAWKES	4	R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Judith Mary Birch, daughter of the Rector.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

DONALD F. MURFET	*Treble*	*GEORGE E. THODAY	5
AVRIL IVIN	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	6
PETER BORDER	3	MANSFIELD GINN	7
FRANK W. RIVETT	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to mark the marriage of Gillian M. Border (sister of the conductor) with David E. Ostler, which took place earlier in the day at this church.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Sept. 11, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

PETER BORDER	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
*MURIEL REAY	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	†JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
ANTHONY AGER	4	*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* 500th peal together. † First of Stedman Triples.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 11, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*ANNE P. SMITH	*Treble*	‡EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	5
EILEEN M. FEARN	2	†PETER DALE	6
†CHRISTINE MACNAIR	3	JOHN ROBINSON	7
CAROL FERNLEY	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method 'inside.'
‡ First in the method.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 13, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

EILEEN M. FEARN	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
CAROL FERNLEY	2	BASIL JONES	6
*JOHN ROBINSON	3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD	7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal of Major in the method 'inside.'

BARNSLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Wed., Sept. 13, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
From Snowdon's T.B. Tenor 14 cwt.

*IRVINE CROSSLAND	*Treble*	PETER CARBATT	5
HERMAN RUSBY	2	ERIC STAINROD	6
DAVID LOCKWOOD	3	NOEL F. MOXON	7
*PATRICIA LOCKWOOD	4	TREVOR TARBATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR TARBATT.
* First peal on eight bells. First as conductor on eight bells.
Rung for the enthronement of the Archbishop of York; also for the Patronal Festival.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 13, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LUTTERWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

ROSEMARY FLEMING	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	ROBIN A. HODGSON	6
DAVID J. TAYLOR	3	PETER D. BEEDIE	7
B. CLARE WEBSTER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.
Rung to celebrate the enthronement this day of Dr. Coggan as Archbishop of York.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5216 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

RAYMOND W. SELBY	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	5
MICHAEL G. SELBY	2	*ALAN GRIFFIN	6
PAUL CATTERMOLE	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	7
ANN M. COX	4	GERALD C. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* First peal of Lincolnshire.

ALLENDALE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, *in* 5 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 9088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ALAN R. PATTERSON	*Treble*	ROLAND PARK	5
CHARLES N. LEA	2	W. NORMAN PARK	6
GEORGE S. DEAS	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
ROBIN G. TURNER	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
The conductor's 300th peal. This is the longest length rung for the Association.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

J. EDWARD CAWSER	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
*BERYL E. CAWSER	2	MARTIN C. FAULKES	6
RUSSELL S. MORRIS	3	*EDWARD W. COLLEY	7
R. KINGSLEY MASON	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*PETER A. SLIGHT	*Treble*	*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON	5
*PATRICIA M. SIMPSON	2	H. LESLIE PASK	6
JOHN FREEMAN	3	GEOFFREY PAUL	7
*WALTER TOMLINSON	4	DENIS A. FRITH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method.

MEOPHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

JOHN O. WELLER	*Treble*	*JOHN W. COLEMAN	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	JOHN W. SMITH	6
CYRIL S. JARRATT	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal in the method.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

OXFORD
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 240 April Day, 1,440 Grandsire, 1,920 Plain Bob, 240 Reverse Canterbury and 1,200 Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Elizabeth A. Miller	*Treble*	Noel D. Deam	4
Catherine M. Chapman	2	Peter J. Heritage	5
Roy H. Jones	3	Alec Gammon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Noel D. Deam.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise; (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Reverse Canterbury and St. Nicholas'; (4) Plain Bob and Single Oxford; (5) Double Bob. Fulbeck and Plain Bob; (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (7) Double Bob, Fulbeck, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall and Double Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

Frederick R. Scott	*Treble*	J. Keith Ward	4
W. David Ward	2	Frank C. Price	5
William Birmingham	3	Frank T. Blagrove	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

Rung to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for the completion of the restoration of the tower and bells.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., Sept. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods: Three 720's Cambridge Surprise, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

George Pickering	*Treble*	Martin C. Faulkes	4
Jill Pickering	2	Michael E. Brown	5
Jennifer Stratford	3	Michael Vernon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Edwin Arthur Hall (82), who was 60 years a ringer, 50 years verger and 21 years churchwarden at this church. Died September 1st.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being an extent each of Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 14 lb. in B flat.

*Clive G. Johnstone	*Treble*	†John P. McDermott	4
Jill M. Lane	2	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Douglas A. R. May	3	Anthony V. Queen	*Tenor*

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.

* First peal of Minor. † First in six methods.

Rung as a compliment to Anthony Queen on the anniversary of his 21st birthday.

OCKHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 17 methods, being an extent of Reverse Grandsire, three of Stedman, two each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Southrepps and St. Martin's, three of St. Simon's, an extent and Morris' 240 of Grandsire, two extents each of St. Albans and Eynsham, three each of Dedworth, Plain Bob, Old Bob and Kennington, and four of April Day. Tenor 7 cwt.

*Anthony V. Queen	*Treble*	Stanley G. Ponting	3
Jill M. Lane	2	Edward G. L. Coward	4
Douglas A. R. May	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.

* 25th tower for a peal. First in 17 methods by all.

BROUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Mon., Sept. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite	*Treble*	*Joseph F. Shaw	4
Margaret Crossthwaite	2	John Jolleys	5
Cyril Crossthwaite	3	Kenneth Durow	*Tenor*

Conducted by Maryl R. Crossthwaite.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the return of the Vicar and his recovery from serious illness.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD
On Mon., Sept. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

Robert E. Lester	*Treble*	Winston S. Girling	4
Maurice J. Rose	2	Hubert A. Mitson	5
Neville F. Whittle	3	John E. Ivings	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert E. Lester.

Rung in memory of Garnham A. Blaxcell, whose last peal was on these bells.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Marjorie Legg	*Treble*	F. Ben Comer	4
Harold Hooper	2	Sydney G. Smith	5
Cecil Mogford	3	John Baker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Marjorie Legg.

Rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.

BLAYDON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Durham, York, London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 27 lb. in B.

*Wendy Phillips	*Treble*	George S. Deas	4
†John E. Anderson	2	†Frederick Ross	5
J. Alan Ainsworth	3	‡Eric N. Harrison	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal of Minor. † First in seven Surprise Minor methods. ‡ 200th peal.

Rung for the enthronement of the Most Rev. F. Donald Coggan as Archbishop of York.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Roy Foster	*Treble*	Michael Thomson	4
*John Ryder	2	Christopher Jones	5
A. Doreen Edwards	3	Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* 50th peal.

Rung in honour of the entthronement of the Most Rev. Frederick Donald Coggan as 88th Archbishop of York.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

John F. M. Maybrey	*Treble*	John Martin	4
Roy Collins	2	Dennis G. Blows	5
Elisabeth Loveland	3	E. John Wells	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. John Wells.

The ringer of the second has 'circled the tower.'

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. R. E. Theobald.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being extents (1 and 2) Southrepps, (3 to 7) Reverse Canterbury, (8 to 20) Plain Bob, (21 and 22) Rev. Canterbury; (23 to 29) Southrepps, (30 to 42) Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Roy H. Jones	*Treble*	Noel D. Deam	4
Elizabeth Miller	2	Peter J. Heritage	5
Catherine M. Chapman	3	Alec Gammon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Noel D. Deam.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Marilyn M. Barton	*Treble*	Dr. D. J. Neal Smith	4
Alan G. Spreadbury	2	Marcus P. Barton	5
Derek E. Sibson	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

First peal in seven Minor methods.

Rung to mark the wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Neal Smith.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three extents each of Stedman, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington and April Day.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

MRS. E. C. CHANDLER	*Treble*	COLIN A. LEWIS	4
JOHN HOPE	2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	5
ROBERT HATCHER	3	DANZEY WATKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.
First peal in 14 Doubles methods and/or variations by all.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge, (2 and 3) Oxford T.B., (4 and 5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*PAUL ATKINSON	*Treble*	*†KENNETH J. DARVILL	4
*ALLISON MACFARLANE	2	ROBERT E. HARDY	5
*CHRISTINE M. RIMMER	3	GERALD PENNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.
* First peal in five methods. † First of Minor.
A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 15, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court and St. Clement's Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

RAYMOND F. TAYLOR	*Treble*	HUBERT A. MITSON	4
RAYMOND PECK	2	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
JACK PILGRIM	3	*WINSTON S. GIRLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.
* First peal in seven methods.

WELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 15, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID T. MAULTBY	*Treble*	CLAIRE DILLAMORE	4
*PAUL CODDINGTON	2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	5
JOHN M. BURTON	3	PETER A. SHARP	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.
* First peal.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

*ELIZABETH A. NEGUS	*Treble*	*†JOHN R. PERRETT	4
*ANTHONY S. BISHOP	2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	5
WILFRID G. WILSON	3	*CHRISTOPHER F. MEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.
* First peal in seven methods. † First of Minor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HATFIELD HEATH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 29 methods: (1) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (2) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight; (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (4) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (5) Beverley, Surfleet and Durham Surprise; (6) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (7) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall.
Tenor 4½ cwt., approx.

EDWARD W. ROAST	*Treble*	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	4
PETER J. EVES	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
The most methods rung on the bells.
Rung for the birth of a son (Derek Geoffrey) to Betty and John Crawley.

OBITUARY

MR. H. BARLOW

The Lancashire Association has lost one of their oldest members by the death of Mr. Herbert Barlow, of Oldham, which occurred September 15th whilst on holiday at Morecambe.

He was in his 84th year and an active ringer until quite recently, when an accident and difficulty in climbing steps prevented him taking part in the ringing, but his interest remained to the last. A keen striker who would let anyone know who wasn't, he had rung 85 peals for the Association, including 10,000 Kent Treble Bob Major at Moorside, 1922, where he started to ring about 1897. In 1923 he joined the St. Mark's, Glodwick, band, having moved to the district in his business.

On his retirement he became the captain at Oldham Parish for some time until he had to give up. He was also a honorary life member of the Lancashire Association. Herbert was also a keen and reliable tune ringer and for many years a member of Moorside handbell team. He was the G.O.M. of the Rochdale Branch and was loved and respected by a large circle of friends who will sadly miss his cheerful presence at their meetings, social events and coach trips on annual outings, etc.

He is survived by two sons, his wife having predeceased him by many years.

The interment was at St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, Oldham, on September 21st and among the many ringers present was Mr. S. L. Parry, representing the Lancashire Association. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by his fellow ringers—I. Kay, Vernon Sykes, Edward Jenkins and John Walmsley. Floral tributes included those from Moorside ringers, Moorside handbell ringers and Oldham ringers, and the Lancashire Association. In the evening a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled on the bells he loved at Moorside, a fitting tribute to a grand ringer and a gentleman. May he rest in peace.

I. K.

MR. MARK WHITMORE

A keen worker, both in church and parish, Mr. Mark Whitmore, of Griston, Norfolk, died on September 2nd, aged 77 years. Nearly 40 years ago he came to Griston from near Bromsgrove, Worcs, and for practically all that time was churchwarden.

He was almost unknown in the world of ringing, but in his own parish he had done a great deal to keep our art alive in that he taught a considerable number of ringers, especially in his earlier years, and almost to the time of his death he cared for the bells of the church he loved and served. Ringing owes a great deal to him and people like him who, almost unnoticed, keep things going in remote country villages.

The funeral, attended by local ringers, took place at Griston on September 5th. At the memorial service on September 10th the Vicar, Canon H. E. King, took his text from the parable of the talents: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' He said that Mark Whitmore was indeed a superb example of a faithful and reliable servant; he had never let anyone down and he could always be relied upon in church and parish. His advice was sought by many.

Prior to the memorial service a well struck quarter peal was rung to his memory.

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THE LADIES' GUILD

Eastern District

About 30 members and friends were present at the Eastern District meeting held at Cavendish on September 16th. Methods rung included Plain Bob, Double Court, Treble Bob and Cambridge.

At the business meeting it was decided to take a collection at all future services for the bell or rope fund of the church visited for the meeting. There was a demand for badges among members, who were also in favour of a District theatre visit after Christmas.

The next meeting will be at Long Stratton and Dickleburgh on December 9th. (Norfolk ladies, book this date—the Eastern District includes you!) Votes of thanks were extended to Canon Barnard, for the use of the bells and for conducting the service and to Mr. E. Hotine for playing the organ.

A. E. J. L.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Chertsey District met at Egham on September 9th, but probably owing to the very short period for ringing before the service, only 23 turned up to the tea and meeting. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. C. Strong.

At the business meeting Mr. J. King reported that the coach booked for the summer festival had been filled, and a number of ringers would also be travelling separately.

Several requests to run another District dinner had been received, but it was felt that the high cost prevented a number of people coming. After some discussion it was agreed to try to run a social evening, with a buffet supper.

Two new members from Egham were elected and six junior members from Chobham. Further ringing after tea, which attracted about 40 ringers, was notable for the fact that not one touch of Grandsire was rung!

R. C.

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BIRTH

MILLWARD.—To Jean (nee Eyre) and Nigel, on September 16th, 1961, a daughter (Susan Anne), 292, Warstones Road, Penn, Wolverhampton. 8927

ENGAGEMENT

THE engagement is announced (and a marriage will shortly take place) between Ivor Davis, of 'Restormel,' 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset, and Doris Witt, of 'Little Scarsdale,' 18, Brownsea View Avenue, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset. 8935

DEATHS

BARLOW.—On September 15th, 1961, whilst on holiday at Morecambe, Herbert Barlow, of Oldham, Lancs, in his 84th year. Interred at Moorside, September 21st. R.I.P. 8949

SANDERSON.—Eric George, of 3, Eastholm, Letchworth, Herts, who passed peacefully away on Saturday, September 23rd, 1961. Beloved father of Jean and and associate member of the Hertford County Association. 8942

WERRETT.—In memory of Horace E. Werrett, of 219, Glebe Road, Letchworth, Herts, Ringing Master of St. Nicholas', Norton, who passed to higher service on Thursday, September 21st, 1961.—From his many ringing friends in the Northern District. 8940

PERSONAL

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GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—St. Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon. The five bells have been removed from the tower for adjustment and will be increased to six and not available for ringing until about the middle of October. Further notice in due course.—G. A. Bourne, 23, Vincent Road, Stoke D'Abernon. 8844

RINGING IN SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE.—You can now ring J. Martin Thorley, 45, Rotten Row, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Lincs, on Spalding 2711, and Edwin T. Chapman, 33, Balmoral Avenue, Spalding, on Spalding 2229. 8947

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Baslow, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. Brightmore, 5, Derwent View, Baslow.—G.R. 8909

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Sunderland, Saturday, Sept. 30th. St. Andrew's, 11.15 to 12.30, and 1.30 to 3 o'clock; St. Ignatius', 2.30 to 3.30; Parish Church, 3.30 to 5 o'clock; St. Michael's, 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Tea at Bishop Wearmouth 5.15, followed by business and service at 7 o'clock. Ringing after service. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bell, 22, Brinkburn Street, Sunderland. 8919

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Autumn quarterly meeting, Coalpit Heath (6), Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 8905

GUILDFORD GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL.—September 30th, 1961.—Bells available: Bagshot (8) 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.; Yorktown (8) 10.30 to 12 noon; Hawley (8) 11 to 12.30 p.m.; Farnborough (6) 11.30 to 1 p.m.; Pirbright (6) 2 to 3 p.m.; Worplesdon (8) 2 to 3.30 p.m. Ash (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Seale (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Aldershot (8) 3 to 4.30 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.; Farnham (8) 6 to 7.30 p.m.; Crondall (6) 6.30 to 8 p.m.; Bentley (6) 6.30 to 8 p.m.; Frensham (6) 7 to 8.30 p.m.; Grayshott (8) 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service, Aldershot, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot. 8858

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Putney on September 30th. Ringing 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., then service. Tea in Vestry Hall, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Mew, 219, Felsham Road, Putney, S.W.15. 8869

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Turvey, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me, please.—Miss K. A. Rivett, 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham, Bedford. 8897

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Annual meeting at Grantham, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Ringing: Bottesford (8) 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., Harlaxton (6) 2.30 to 4.30, Grantham (10) 2.30 to 5.15 p.m. Business meeting at Police Headquarters, Grantham, at 3 p.m. Dinner at the George Hotel, Grantham, 6.30 for 7 p.m., followed by social evening (licensed). Price 18s. 6d. Last minute decisions to attend ring George Hotel (Grantham 190).—All welcome. 8951

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Woodstock (8), Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Other towers available. Tea reservations to David Smith, Lye Cottage, High Cogges, Witney. 8881

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, October 2nd, at 7 p.m. 8928

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 7th, at Bathwick. Usual arrangements, but bells are not available after tea. Towers open will be announced at the meeting. Names for tea please to Mr. R. Stubbs, 3, Powlett Road, Bathwick.—Alan Lee, Sec. 8925

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Hartford, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to R. W. Worrall, 1, Vale Road, Hartford, Northwich. 8892

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Salford Priors, 3 p.m., Saturday, October 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Important business meeting follows (1962 Cathedral Festival proposals). **Your support please.** Names for tea to Michael C. Homans (captain), 29, School Road, Salford Priors, near Evesham, Worcs. 8957

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Staveley (8), Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Committee 4. Tea 5 p.m.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 8900

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Important meeting at Dudley on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting to discuss the future of the Guild. Names to R. A. Peakman, 'Les Cloches,' 10, Court Crescent, Kingswinford. 8961

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford, Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 8943

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silverton (8), October 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by October 4th to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath, The Avenue, Tiverton. 8921

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and Six Bell Contest, Longwood, October 7th. Bring own tea; cups of tea provided. Ringing to cease by 7.30 p.m. — Arthur Farrand, Secretary. 8873

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Ippolyts, Saturday, Oct. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8887

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names, together with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 4th, to me. Nominations for District officers same date. Full details on tower notices. Copy to non-District members on receipt of S.A.E.—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 8912

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting, Tonbridge, Saturday, October 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8920

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual general meeting, Ashford, Saturday, October 7th. Bells: Great Chart (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m., Willesborough (6) 2.30 to 4, Ashford 3.45. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 8934

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, October 7th, at Healey. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea. Methods for special practice: Beverley, Surfleet and Norwich (all in Ringers' Diary).—Hudson, Sec. 8959

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting at Lancaster St. Peter's on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 8954

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting on October 7th at Blackburn, Holy Trinity (3 to 5 p.m.) and St. Michael's (from 6.30 p.m.). Cups of tea in Holy Trinity School at 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—John Pilkington. 8930

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Hindley, October 7th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those sending their names to Mr. H. S. Cooper, 70, Atherton Road, Hindley, near Wigan, by October 4th.—L. Kenrick, Sec. 8964

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Swineshead, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. For tea, please notify by Monday, Oct. 2nd, Mr. J. Morris, Dial House, Swineshead, Lincs. 8903

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Yelvertoft, Saturday, October 7th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 8960

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ringstead, October 7th. Names for teas by Tuesday previous please.—L. Witten, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 8963

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn general meeting of the Guild will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Business meeting in the Wilton Hall, Bletchley, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service in Bletchley Parish Church 5.30 p.m. Applications for tea tickets, together with remittance of 3s., should be sent to Mr. H. C. Edwards, 42, The Green, Stony Stratford, Bucks, before Wednesday, Oct. 4th. Tickets can be collected from Mr. Edwards at the business meeting. Ringing arrangements as on agenda.—Marie R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8915

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Melksham, Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 8880

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY — Meeting at Penistone, Saturday, October 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea please, to Mr. A. Champion, 28, Lees Avenue, Penistone.—J. Seager, Sec. 8944

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Goose Fair meeting, Saturday, Oct. 7th. All Saints' bells (8) from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Peter's (10), 6 p.m. onwards.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SUSSEX ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Combined meeting at Reigate, Surrey, October 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Bells after till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by October 5th at 40, Woodside Way, Redhill.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 8952

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Section. — Meeting, Bronllys (6), October 7th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available after meeting. Names for tea by October 4th, to Mr. M. R. Thomas, 7, Wheat Street, Brecon.—M. R. Thomas, Hon. Sec. 8932

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Walkington, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names, please, by Thursday, Oct. 5th, to Miss J. Gray, 7, Northgate, Walkington, near Beverley, East Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8888

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Practice meeting at Castleacre on Wednesday evening, October 11th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. Please make an effort to attend.—C. Tovell, Hon. Branch Sec. 8953

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Evening practice, Thursday, October 12th, 7.30 p.m., Portishead. Members and Friends welcome. 8955

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Rayleigh, October 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. J. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. 8945

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Wivenhoe, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, October 11th, please, to Mr. E. Sparling, Winton, Rectory Road, Wivenhoe, Colchester. 8938

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Western District.—Gt. Gaddesden (6), Oct. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, October 12th, to R. Sheppard, 57A, Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead. 8958

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Ashby Folville on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea please by Wednesday, October 13th, to Miss Betty Smith, 'The Hollies,' Barsby, near Leicester. 8937

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, October 14th, 3 p.m. St. John's, Deptford, 4.30 p.m. Tea and business in Church Hall, 6.30 to 8 St. Mary's, Lewisham. Names for tea please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth (ISL 3921). 8936

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Lyng on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Collis, Cooks Stores, Lyng, Norwich, NOR 63 X, by the 11th.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8889

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District.—Quarterly meeting, Wroxton, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business. Ringing at Hanwell (5) 7 p.m. Names for tea by October 9th to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington. 8939

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Newbury, Saturday, October 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. P. Reed, 74, Queens Road, Newbury. Ringing after meeting at Shaw and Newbury. 8962

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Norton, Saturday, October 14th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. H. Haynes, Whilton, near Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 8941

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Yardley, October 14th. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Notify for tea please by October 11th, G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025. 8931

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—General meeting at West Stow (6), Saturday, October 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea please by Saturday, October 7th, to Mr. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 8948

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—A joint meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, October 14th. St. Martin's bells (10) 3.15 p.m. Service at St. Martin's 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Evening ringing at Christ Church (8). Names for tea to Mr. Frank Oakshott, 'Downsview,' Lewins Road, Epsom, by Thursday previous. —W. Parrott and M. Andrews, Hon. Secs. 8859

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Ringers coming up to Oxford University this term are invited to attend the business meeting at 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17th, in the Old Bursary, New College.—A. J. Thomson, Wadham College. 8923

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—General meeting, Saturday, October 21st, at St. Olave's Parish Hall, Mark Lane, E.C.3, 5.30 p.m. Ringing: Holloway, St. Mary Magdalen (8) 11 a.m.-12 noon. (Nearest tube Highbury and Islington.) Afternoon ringing as in circular. Weekly practices 6.30 p.m. at St. Olave's, Hart Street, commence on October 3rd. Freshers of all standards very welcome (Tower Hill underground).—Secretary, Gay Williams, College Hall, Malet Street, W.C.1. 8956

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner at Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Saturday, November 4th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Entertainment will include recital by Great Glen handbell ringers. Tickets 15s., cash with order and s.a.e., from undersigned. Latest date for receipt of order Tuesday, October 31st. Ringing arrangements later.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 8950

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MARRIAGE

MR. A. STREETER—MISS F. HANKEY

Two very popular local ringers, Mr. Alan Streeter, District Master and local tower captain, and Miss Freda Hankey, were married at St. John the Evangelist, Redhill, on September 23rd, the Vicar (the Rev. S. G. Dyer) officiating.

The local band rang the bride in with touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples. After the service the Association officers, under the direction of the Master (Mr. F. Darby), rang the newly-weds out with some delightful Stedman Triples.

At the time for Freda and Alan to leave for their honeymoon, members again gathered at St. John's and rang a quarter peal of Bob Major in their honour. Unfortunately there was insufficient time to attempt a peal.

The Surrey Association members and particularly the local band wish them both a long and happy married life.

LADIES' GUILD

Kent District's Joint Meeting

Ringing at Chilham on September 9th was enjoyed not only by the Ladies' Guild and the Canterbury District but also by many tourists, who had attempted the climb to the belfry, although visibly fatigued by the first few steps!

The service was taken by the Rev. Peter Robbins, Vicar of Lower Halstow and a ringer, who gave an excellent sermon. This was followed by a large tea provided by local people.

The Canterbury District had a short meeting and then the men left the ladies to theirs, which was attended by 20. Mrs. W. H. Dobbie was congratulated on her first handbell peal, and the meeting elected two new members. Mrs. Mitchell reported briefly on the annual general meeting at Bedford in July, then all returned to the belfry, where eight members of the Guild rang a course of Cambridge.

Next meeting Rochester, October 21st.

J. F. B.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

Whatton-in-the-Vale was chosen as the place for the September meeting, and approximately 40 ringers took part in the ringing on this pleasant six at some time during the afternoon and evening. A variety of Surprise and Treble Bob methods was rung, with plenty of rounds and simpler methods for the less experienced. Tea was served in the Griffin Arms, followed by a very short business meeting, presided over by Mr. J. W. Raithby, in the absence of the District chairman. The next meeting, to be held in November, is to be a joint one at Newark, with the Central Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

B. N. R.

QUARTER PEALS

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sept. 17th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, J. W. Perkins 2, W. H. Riddle (from Manchester, first on ten) 3, T. G. Myers (cond.) 4, F. E. Day 5, A. J. Collings 6, D. F. Wheeler 7, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 8. H. F. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong, and Battle of Britain Sunday.

SADDLEWORTH, W. YORKS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Butterworth 1, M. D. Fishwick 2, G. Fothergill 3, J. P. Partington 4, G. Rumney 5, J. Robinson (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar the Rev. R. E. Rodgers.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: Pamela M. Jervis 1, D. P. Hilling 2, Linda J. Kew 3, H. J. Eldred 4, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 5, W. D. Ward 6, F. R. Scott 7, D. K. Walters 8, W. Birmingham 9, J. K. Ward 10. Rung for the visit of W. Wilson and H. Eldred (Ealing), and as a farewell to David Ward, leaving to study at Loughborough Teachers' Training College.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Christine Smith 1, F. J. Cook 2, June Sinfield 3, R. J. Scott 4, R. Stripp 5, J. Claughton 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, W. F. Sinfield 8.

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