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IN OTTAWA'S PEACE TOWER

By J. MICHAEL SIMPSON

IN 1916 the Canadian Parliament Buildings in Ottawa were more or less completely destroyed by fire. Rebuilding was commenced immediately. The main difference between the old and new buildings was that the clock tower was increased in size to 291 feet and was to be known thereafter as the 'Peace Tower.' It commemorates the 66,651 Canadians who paid the Supreme Sacrifice during the great war of 1914-18 and contains a Memorial Chamber to that effect.

It also contains a magnificent carillon of 4½ octaves, installed by authority of the Federal Parliament to commemorate the peace of 1918 and to keep in remembrance the service and sacrifice of Canada during the Great War. This carillon was officially opened on Dominion Day, July 1st, 1927.

Almost exactly 35 years later my wife and I were privileged to be shown this grand 'ring of 53, tenor 10 tons in E' by the Dominion Carillonneur himself, Mr. Robert Donnell. Our thanks are due to Mr. Paul Taylor, without whose introduction we should have had great difficulty in meeting this famed carillonneur. We arrived at the Parliament Buildings on July 12th at about 8 p.m., an hour before a performance was due to begin, and we were shown into Mr. Donnell's office half way up the tower, just under the bells. From this room a most glorious view is obtained in all directions, up and down the Ottawa Valley, over the very beautiful city of Ottawa or across the river to the French-speaking city of Hull, in Quebec, and the Gatineau Hills beyond.

Here we sat and talked about bells in general and carillons in particular. It was very refreshing to hear about the enthusiasm of the general public in Canada for the bells. Very different to many places in England. Carillon recitals are held practically every Thursday and Sunday evening throughout the year, from 9 till 10 p.m. in the summer and earlier in the winter. On a fine summer's evening it is usual to see several thousand people gathered on Parliament Hill to listen to the bells. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police control all the traffic on the hill, and nobody is allowed to start their car engine or turn on a radio when the recital is in progress.

Soon it was time for our host to leave us to prepare for his performance, and he invited us to remain in the office to listen to the first half of the programme and to join him in the keyboard chamber to watch for the last part of the concert. When he had left us we were able to look around his office, and seeing the pictures of bells and bell towers

on the wall, the familiar books, including 'Bells of All Nations,' by the late Ernest Morris, in the bookcase, made us realise that we were back with a bellringer for the first time since leaving England last March.

As soon as the clock had struck nine and the chimes had been disconnected, the show began; the first work performed was 'Fantasia for Carillon,' by G. Nees, and this was followed by 'La Golondrina.' As we sat there listening and admiring the view, we very soon forgot that we were listening to bells at all, and we had the sensation that we were really listening to a piano or an organ. Next followed a suite from Phaeton in four movements, and then 'Hymn to the Sun' from Le Coq d'Or, by Rimsky Korsakoff. It seemed no time at all before the lift-man arrived and we were taken up to the carillon itself. Once there, we were able to sit just behind the keyboard and see what was going on. What a strenuous job it is playing carillon! Far more difficult and complex than either of us had imagined. The concert continued with some Welsh folk melodies, and Allegro for Carillon and the Barcarolle from 'The Tales of Hoffman,' and finally at 10 p.m. concluded with 'O Canada' and 'God Save the Queen' played on the 'back eight.'

Having had a quick look at the bells themselves, cast by Gillett and Johnston of Croydon in 1926, it was time for us to say farewell to Bob Donnell and to depart after what had proved a very enjoyable and instructive evening. I am afraid that neither of us had very much interest in carillons before, being true English-type bellringers, but now we know of two 'Limies' who will be joining thousands of Canadians on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, on Thursday and Sunday evenings as often as they possibly can.

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THE LADIES' GUILD AT DARLINGTON

Mrs. E. A. Barnett New President

ALTHOUGH the actual venue for the Annual General Meeting is suggested by the Districts concerned, the area visited is determined by a rota system which ensures that each District's members can attend at least once every three years without too long a journey. This year it was the turn of one of the most northerly Districts, and in spite of the distance, the South of England was well represented. Five towers were open during the day, and were eagerly visited by those adding new names to their lists.

Incidentally, if anyone wants to know how to spend a ringing week-end without touching a bell rope, he or she should ask the Treasurer of the Ladies' Guild. Even York Minster eluded her (how were we to know that 'ringing until the usual time' meant 10.30 on Sunday morning in the North, when it always means 11 a.m. in the South?).

The Guild's service took place at St. Cuthbert's Church, conducted by Canon P. N. Wansey, who welcomed the members to Darlington.

Mrs. R. Cooke and members of the North-Eastern District had catered so lavishly for tea that in spite of the numbers present there was still plenty of food to provide parcels of sandwiches and cakes for those who had a long journey home after the meeting.

THANKS

Before the men left the hall, the President, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, passed a hearty vote of thanks to all those who had helped with the arrangements for the meeting, mentioning especially Mrs. N. Lea, the Secretary of the North-Eastern District, and Mrs. Cooke, who had made all the local arrangements. She also thanked Canon Wansey for taking the service and for his presence at tea, Mr. Miller (the organist), and Mr. D. Bayles, the Secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

Mrs. Staniforth took the chair at the business meeting which followed tea. Apologies for absence were received from Miss S. Collins and Miss K. Rivett (Beds and Northants), Miss Y. Porter and Miss M. Shepherd (Devon), Miss and Mrs. Lester and Miss H. Snowden (Eastern), Miss M. Andrews and Miss J. Barnett (Kent), Mrs. A. Richardson (Lincolnshire), Miss Foulk, Mrs. Jacques and Miss Rhodes (Midland), Mrs. H. L. Horn (North-Western), Mrs. C. Harbott (Southern), Mrs. J. King (South Wales), Mrs. and Miss Percy (Sussex), Mrs. H. Kingcott and Mrs. R. Smith (Western) and Miss L. Hughes and Mrs. Beamish (West Midland).

Two new members were elected, Mrs. M. Kinchin, of Aylestone, Leicester, and Mrs. K. Darvell, of St. Albans.

Before vacating the chair, Mrs. Staniforth thanked the officers of the Guild for their help during her term of office, and regretted that she had not been able to visit all the Districts. Not only did they cover a very wide area, but it had been impossible to find enough free Saturdays! As Mrs. Staniforth had held office as President for the maximum period of three consecutive years she was not eligible for re-election.

More than one nomination had been received, and members were asked to vote by ballot rather than by show of hands. After the votes had been counted, it was announced that Mrs. O. Barnett had been elected President, and she took the chair for the remainder of the meeting. The Secre-



MRS. E. A. BARNETT,
Jubilee President of the Ladies' Guild.

tary (Miss D. Colgate), Treasurer (Miss J. Beresford) and Auditor (Mrs. Slade) were re-elected, and were thanked for their services during the past year.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Although the Guild will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its founding later this year, some of those who did so much for lady ringers in the early days are still giving service to-day. One of these is Mrs. A. Richardson, the well-known Secretary of the Lincolnshire District, who has represented the Guild on the Central Council for the past thirty years. This year unfortunately, she was not well and had to miss the annual meeting, and, although she had been nominated, she asked that her name should not be included in the list of Central Council representatives. She was thanked for her work by Mrs. K. Lock, and when Mrs. Barnett suggested that the Guild might honour Mrs. Richardson by making her an Honorary Life Member the idea was received with enthusiasm.

Two other members of the Guild were honoured at this meeting for the service they have rendered, Mrs. Knight, of Yatton, Somerset, who became a member in 1916, and Miss Nora Williams, of Bath. Both have done much for the Western District, and were made Honorary Life Members.

The Treasurer's report was well received—after all, she could report an excess of income over expenditure of £24 8s. 4½d. Does any other Guild or Association count its halfpennies so carefully? The accounts for 1962 should also show a good balance if the Treasurer takes up the offers of halfpennies from members who prefer round figures.

When the sub-committee started making arrangements for the 50th Anniversary Dinner it was felt that a maximum of 80 might be aiming rather high in view of rising costs, but eight days after the notice first appeared in 'The Ringing World' demand already exceeded supply, and after some discussion it was agreed that Mrs. Barnett should be asked to investigate the possibility of further accommodation.

IPSWICH NEXT ANNUAL

Two places had been suggested for the Annual General Meeting in 1963, Great Yarmouth and Ipswich. In view of the fact that the Central Council will be visiting Great Yarmouth, it was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting at Ipswich, on July 6th, if possible.

Mrs. Staniforth and Mrs. Lock reported on their visit to Buckfast for the formation of the Devon District, which had got off to a very good start, and the Eastern District was congratulated on a successful first year.

In 'The Ringing World' dated September 29th, 1911, a number of arguments were put for and against lady ringers, including (1) They will do men out of their hobby, and (2) They will be given all the privileges, while the gentlemen ringers will have to 'take a back seat,' and look on. The first has proved to be without foundation—and the second? May we take this opportunity of thanking the gentlemen who always come along and support our meetings and who do, at times, 'take a back seat' so that we can have a ladies' touch. Of course, they could have had an ulterior motive at St. Cuthbert's, but we did eventually master the tenor sufficiently to ring the service touch.

Now, after a successful year in 1961, we look forward to celebrating our 50th anniversary in October.

D. C.

AN APPEAL FROM AFRICA

One of the founder members of the Roving Ringers, the Rev. Alan Butler, formerly of Bournemouth, is Rector of Kuruman, Cape Province, in the Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman. With an African priest he is in charge of 17 congregations.

In a letter to the Editor he said he was convinced that he must pull down the shabby shacks used for services in past years and replace them with decent places which can be kept clean and attractive.

'The people make bricks themselves and do all the labouring for nothing; Father Mokoonyane and I move to the site for a while and help with bricklaying. I do the painting anyway, and the roof is of corrugated iron. A building can be restored for £40. In a number of places we have to go in for new buildings as whole townships are being moved under the Group Areas Act.'

In making an appeal for help Mr. Butler says rightly the S.P.G. grants go for the spectacular needs in the great locations and big mining camps; the people out in the bundu have to do for themselves. . . . My own stipend is largely absorbed in the expense of driving 1,200 miles every month, so unless we get some help the Church is just going to be left behind, hamstrung and ineffectual.'

The address of the Rev. Alan Butler is: The Rectory, Kuruman, Cape Province, South Africa. We feel certain his friends and other ringers will not let him down.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Marlborough Branch

The monthly meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held at Shalbourne on July 21st, and proved to be most successful.

Over 20 ringers attended the Guild service, and many more arrived during the evening.

The meeting was honoured by the presence of Mr. W. B. Kynaston, of Rodbourne Cheney, who is a prominent member of the Railwaymen's Guild. The many young people present was a pointer to the reviving interest in the Exercise.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and the Guild Office was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. L. D. Blathwayt), with Mrs. Tucker at the organ for the singing of the hymns.

Afterwards a really substantial high tea was provided in the Schoolroom, the whole company being the guests of the churchwardens (Miss Mason and Mr. Walters). On behalf of the members the chairman (Mr. G. Newman) thanked them for their kindness, and also the Vicar and organist. In appreciation of the hospitality shown a collection was taken and given to church funds. A selection was given on handbells by Mr. Palmer and his team from Aldbourne, and a touch of Grandsire was rung by Mr. Kynaston, Mr. Palmer and a visitor from Somerset.

Tower ringing was then resumed under Mr. Palmer's direction and continued until 8 p.m.

W. A. E.

KNUSTON HALL WEEK-END COURSE

KNUSTON HALL, Irchester, Northamptonshire, which is the adult Education Centre of the Northampton County Council, was the scene of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild's second week-end course, held on July 6th, 7th and 8th. The Hall is a large and beautiful house in an attractive setting, which is at the same time very conveniently situated in the centre of the county and diocese.

There was an attendance of about 40 students, of whom only two were not resident in the Hall for the whole week-end. Every available room was filled, and the improvement on last year's attendance about 70 per cent. was due mainly to a large contingent from Derbyshire, with some from Middlesex, Birmingham and Bedford. Except for two people who had never before had close contact with bells and ringers, the group consisted mainly of young ringers of a fairly wide range of competence and experience.

The four lecturers, all of whom were present for the whole course, and experts in their subjects, were Philip Gray, Stephen Ivins, Wilfrid Moreton and Paul Taylor. The arrangements were made by the Education Committee of the Central Council in the person of Wilfrid Moreton, working closely with the Warden of Knuston, Miss Edna Smith. The course assembled on Friday evening, a meal being served about 7.30, by which time nearly everyone had arrived. After supper, the first talk was given by Paul Taylor, who described and demonstrated the evolution of the bell-founder's art. This was the only formal item for Friday evening, but a great deal of talk and handbell ringing went on after.

Saturday breakfast was at 8.30, and was followed by two simultaneous talks, one by Wilfrid Moreton on 'Method Construction', and one on 'Composition and Proof' by Stephen Ivins. As was perhaps to be expected, the larger group felt that composition was somewhat beyond them, and opted for the less formidable sounding title, though Mr. Ivins, in dealing with his subject from the beginning, succeeded in helping his group considerably. The second morning session was devoted to a non-technical subject, though some would say that it can be equally difficult in some respects—'The Function and Organisation of the Local Tower.' This was expounded by Philip Gray, whose wide experience enabled him to give many valuable tips to a group which one hopes contained some future tower captains.

PRACTICAL CONDUCTING

An excellent lunch preceded Stephen Ivins' second talk, this time on 'Conducting.' This subject was covered in detail from first principles to tips on such methods as Cambridge Royal. The effect of calls on the coursing order was followed through simple touches of Bob Major with a view to putting the conducting of one of them into practice at the next session after tea. For this session the course again divided; those who wanted to try their hand at conducting went to Higham Ferrers with Stephen Ivins, where they had every possible assistance in learning to check the position of the bells, a commentary being given for part of the time. The rest of the students

went to Rushden with Wilfrid Moreton who, whilst seeing that everyone 'had a ring,' endeavoured to see that as far as possible it was progressive ringing. He had already spent an hour or so at tied practice with one student who was new to bells, and also demonstrated to the Dutch girls who were working at Knuston.

Dinner back at the Hall was followed by the last talk of the day, when we were again privileged to listen to Paul Taylor, who illustrated a further discourse on bells by the use of an interesting selection of slides. The trouble with having late evening lectures is that one has to stay up much later than usual to get everything in (including the pub and handbells), and some were awake until almost 3 a.m. Nevertheless, some at least were up in time on Sunday morning to be at St. Mary's, Wellingborough, or Higham Ferrers for Holy Communion at 8 o'clock! It was to be a day of work at Knuston, but first, after breakfast, a short service was conducted by the warden, preceded of course by a service touch on the handbells.

Handbells were much in evidence for the next hour, which was taken up by a talk on handbell ringing by Wilfrid Moreton, who was able to show that this branch of the art is not quite so difficult to learn as some had imagined. Numerous pairs of bells were distributed to enable the beginners to follow through Plain Bob in each position, and after a change over, those who had already done some elementary work were taken through a course of Double Court, making use of the Place-making system.

IMPROVING GUILDS

Philip Gray's talk on 'The Diocesan Guild,' which followed, gave a great deal of food for thought. He traced the history of the ringing associations from the birth of the art to the contemporary scene, pointing out the failings of the Guilds in their present form and suggesting various means whereby an improvement might be brought about. A useful discussion ensued, and one hopes that eventually this seed will bear fruit.

The first period after lunch has been set apart for further instruction in any of the subjects already covered or any other subject to be asked for. In the event, Paul Taylor answered questions put from the floor on the reasons and possible remedy for odd-struck bells. Philip Gray spoke on 'Striking' and Stephen Ivins took a small group who wanted further 'gen' on composition.

The last period took the form of a general discussion on the course and the offering of thanks to the warden and lecturers, with particular thanks to Wilfrid Moreton for the work of organisation. The beautiful weather which had lasted the week-end enabled tea to be taken in the garden before everyone dispersed.

The impression that remains is that here was a fairly large group of keen, young ringers, bent on enjoying themselves and prepared to work to learn. Here, too, was a centre beyond criticism for comfort and facility, with food and accommodation comparable to that found in an expensive hotel.

P. I. C.

REDEDICATION

ST. PETROC'S, BODMIN

The bells of St. Petroc's, Bodmin, which have been recast and rehung at a cost of about £3,000, were rehallowed by the Bishop of Truro (the Rt. Rev. J. M. Key) on July 21st.

Fifty or more ringers from the Bodmin Deanery and also from East Cornwall were present. The special order of service was heralded by boy choristers ringing handbells as they led the choir from the robing room in the tower into the church.

A passage on the symbolism of the bells, taken from 'Thoughts in Solitude,' by Thomas Merton, was read part by two solo voices, part by two sections of the choir, and the final part by the whole choir speaking in unison.

The choir sang the Bell Carol, arranged by Sir Stewart Wilson. Afterwards the churchwardens and ringers led the Bishop from his seat to the entrance to the tower, where he rehallowed the bells and blessed both them and the ringers. A bell was chimed in token of the rehallowing.

In an address the Bishop said the bells were not to be rung so much for the enjoyment or exercise of the ringers, but to speak Christ, the Christian Faith, the Christian Church and the Christian Way of Life.

After the service Bodmin ringers rang first, and then ringing was organised so as not to clash with the band playing at a fete 100 yards away.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Meeting at Widcombe-in-the-Moor

A well-attended quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Widcombe-in-the-Moor on July 29th. Visitors included those as far distant as Nottingham and Sweden. The fine ring of six bells was well utilised throughout the afternoon, under the supervision of Mr. W. Simmonds (Ringing Master), the ringing including touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. A short service was later held in church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. W. E. Brown).

After tea in the Parish Hall, the usual business meeting followed, with Mrs. D. E. Hood in the chair. The secretary produced correspondence which he had received since the last meeting. One honorary member, the Vicar of Chudleigh, was elected, and also one performing member, Mr. John Good, of St. James', Teignmouth. Certificates were presented to Misses Brenda Doddridge and Phyllis Kelland, also Messrs. R. Durnford and L. J. Burton.

Next meeting (subject to permission), Buckfast Abbey on September 22nd. Another joint meeting with the South Devon Association at Dartmouth on October 27th is suggested. Further ringing took place at Buckland-in-the-Moor.

A. L. B.

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Letters to the Editor

HOW MEAN CAN WE GET?

Dear Sir,—From time to time evidence appears in your correspondence columns of muddled thinking and even, occasionally, inability to think.

The present example concerns the price of 'The Ringing World' which, incidentally, is a fraction less than that of four cigarettes per week.

For this small sum a hard-working Editor gives the Exercise an excellent journal, providing something for all, while sight should not be lost of the work of the Editorial Committee.

Now, annual subscriptions to Associations and Guilds are purely nominal as we all know, or should know, to cover essential and unavoidable expenses such as postages, etc. All the administrative work of these bodies is done by honorary officers. They do it, presumably, for the love of it, are often visibly out of pocket and always invisibly so. Furthermore, there is no entrance fee to be paid before one may join, while the implements of our art, the bells themselves, are invariably provided by gifts from the members and friends of the churches in whose towers they hang, and from public subscription.

How different is the picture when we come to consider other fields of recreational activity.

Subscriptions to pigeon-flying clubs, angling, rambling, cycling, motor-cycling, tennis and chess clubs, musical societies and the like, to mention but a few, are considerably higher and in almost every case an entrance fee is required, while the implements of the said recreation have to be provided by the participants themselves. Premises also in most cases have to be provided from the subscriptions, entrance fees, etc., while ours are there, at no cost to ourselves.

These various bodies have their own journals even as we have, and these journals probably have much larger circulations and carry far more lucrative advertising than does ours, and yet, in spite of these manifest advantages which they enjoy, their prices are not a great deal different from that of 'The Ringing World.' Two popular racing-pigeon journals each cost sixpence per week, and two others, possibly a little more esoteric, one shilling and sixpence each. Two on angling are sixpence and one shilling respectively, one on cycling is ninepence, rambling clubs have one at sixpence, while the motor-cycling fraternity is catered for by three, each at sixpence. These must all be sufficiently supported or they would not be able to carry on, and it is highly improbable that their editorial bodies have to go cap in hand with a 'Gratefully Acknowledged' list week by week.

It may be said that I am wrong to bracket our art with other pursuits, some of which I have referred to above, and if it can be demonstrated satisfactorily I shall be willing to agree, but I do not think so. The bells are there primarily for use in the service of Almighty God. Ringing for services, the weekly practices necessary, plus Association and Guild meetings satisfy this requirement. Almost any other ringing is surely a privilege although many may tend to lose sight of the fact, and over sixty per cent. of our journal must of necessity be devoted to the secular side of our art, whether we care to recognise it or not.

The obvious conclusion is that ringing is one of the least costly of recreations to its devotees. Surely therefore, with almost everything else for free, we should not feel the cost of approximately four cigarettes per week too much to pay for our journal, one of the major cohesive forces of our art, and yet we have examples aplenty of one copy circulating among several ringers, and ringers openly admitting that they

buy the paper from newsagents because they begrudge the postage, while any suggestion from an Association or Guild that a slight increase in subscriptions may become necessary is practically guaranteed to raise a storm of protest.

HOW MEAN CAN WE GET?—Yours faithfully, BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

Stourbridge.
Worcs.

CROFSOSWALLT IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

With reference to the peal rung at Oswestry on July 14th, published on page 498 of 'The Ringing World' of July 27th, the correct spelling is as shown above and not as printed.

My colleagues who live in the border town of Oswestry informed me that this was the Welsh for Oswestry, and gave me careful instructions regarding the correct spelling. I am under the impression that I supplied you with the correct details, but if this was not the case I apologise.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS

Chester.

CLOISTER?

Dear Sir,—While experimenting with methods particularly suitable for handbell ringing I discovered the following:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

2 1 4 3 6 5 7

2 4 1 6 3 7 5

4 2 1 3 6 5 7

4 1 2 6 3 7 5

1 4 2 3 6 5 7

1 2 4 6 3 7 5

2 1 6 4 7 3 5

2 6 1 7 4 5 3

6 2 1 4 7 3 5

6 1 2 7 4 5 3

1 6 2 4 7 3 5

1 2 6 7 4 5 3

2 1 7 6 5 4 3

etc.

It will be seen that it is Stedman with all quick sixes, starting at a six-end. The six-ends are the lead-ends of a plain course of Grand-sire and 1 and 2 plain hunt on the front 3. It seems to me that this method would splice successfully with Erin, and thus the splitting of the tenors in Stedman Caters and Cinques for half of each course could be avoided, as they could all be called in the same way, either quick or slow. Splicing the two methods would break up the monotony of the front work using only one of them. To avoid the usual confusion of nomenclature for new methods I suggest that this method should be called Cloister, if it has not been discovered already.—Yours faithfully,

HADLEY HUNTER.

The College,
Winchester.

MUSICAL QUARTERS FROM THE ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—During the past few weeks there has been some correspondence in connection with a musical quarter peal from Holt's Original, and in the issue for July 6th Jean Buswell gives figures of a 1,259.

If your correspondents can refer to the issue of 'The Ringing World' for August 15th, 1930, and subsequent issues, they will find a number of quarters from this famous composition, among them the 1,259, which is false.—Yours sincerely,

DONALD G. CLIFT

Cardiff.

720 SPICED PLAIN MINOR IN 12 METHODS

Dear Sir,—Enclosed is the extent requested by M. B. J. Woodruffe.

Having spent many hours trying to work out the arrangement of some of the Minor and Doubles extents used in recent years, I would like to see all new or rarely-rung extents published.—Yours faithfully,

Swindon.

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

2 3 4 5 6	Rodbourne
6 4 5 2 3	College
— 3 5 6 4 2	College
2 6 4 3 5	Buxton
4 2 5 6 3	St. Clement's
5 4 3 2 6	College
6 3 2 5 4	College
— 4 2 6 3 5	College
— 5 6 4 2 3	St. Clement's
4 5 3 6 2	St. Clement's

3 4 2 5 6	College
6 2 5 3 4	College
— 4 5 6 2 3	College
3 6 2 4 5	St. Clement's
2 3 5 6 4	St. Clement's
5 2 4 3 6	College
6 4 3 5 2	College
— 2 3 6 4 5	College
— 5 6 2 3 4	St. Clement's
2 5 4 6 3	Buxton

4 2 3 5 6	Wavertree
6 3 5 4 2	College
— 2 5 6 3 4	College
4 6 3 2 5	Childwall
3 4 5 6 2	St. Clement's
5 3 2 4 6	College
6 2 4 5 3	College
— 3 4 6 2 5	College
— 5 6 3 4 2	St. Clement's
3 5 2 6 4	St. Clement's

S 2 4 3 5 6	
2 4 3 5 6	London Bob
6 3 5 2 4	London Bob
— 4 5 6 3 2	London Bob
2 6 3 4 5	Double Oxford
3 2 5 6 4	Double Oxford
5 3 4 2 6	London Bob
6 4 2 5 3	London Bob
— 3 2 6 4 5	London Bob
— 5 6 3 2 4	Double Oxford
3 5 4 6 2	Thelwall

4 3 2 5 6	Westlecott
6 2 5 4 3	London Bob
— 3 5 6 2 4	London Bob
4 6 2 3 5	Pinehurst
2 4 5 6 3	Double Oxford
5 2 3 4 6	London Bob
6 3 4 5 2	London Bob
— 2 4 6 3 5	London Bob
— 5 6 2 4 3	Double Oxford
2 5 3 6 4	Double Oxford

3 2 4 5 6	Lytham
6 4 5 3 2	London Bob
— 2 5 6 4 3	London Bob
3 6 4 2 5	Thelwall
4 3 5 6 2	Double Oxford
5 4 2 3 6	London Bob
6 2 3 5 4	London Bob
— 4 3 6 2 5	London Bob
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LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On July 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Gillian M. Webb 1, Marlene E. Jones 2, Lucy Allen 3, B. J. Townsend 4, J. B. Webb 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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OBITUARY

THE VERY REV. M. M. GIBBS

With deep regret we report the death of the Very Rev. M. M. Gibbs, Dean of Chester, which occurred on July 27th, at the age of 61 years.

While not a ringer, the Dean took a keen interest in the Chester Diocesan Guild and the ringing at the Cathedral. He was a vice-president of the Guild and president of the Chester Branch of the Guild.

He came to Chester in 1954 after spending 28 years in South Africa, the last six as Dean of St. George's Cathedral.

The ringers in Chester will remember his presiding over the annual Branch meetings and for entertaining the Cathedral ringers to refreshments before the ringing on New Year's Eve. After the New Year's Eve ringing he always conducted prayers for the ringers in the Cathedral, who went away with a feeling of uplift and honour that the first service in the Cathedral in the New Year had been held for them.

He will be greatly missed in the life of the city and by the ringers in Chester. We should like to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Gibbs and her family. J. W. G

DR. WILFRED MARCUS ASKWITH

By the death of the Bishop of Gloucester on July 16th, the Diocese of Gloucester and the Gloucester and Bristol Association have suffered a great loss. In a very quiet way, often unknown to all except those close to him, he did much to help ringing and ringers. He had looked forward to attending the last annual meeting, but was prevented by sickness.

Dr. Askwith came to Gloucester from Blackburn eight years ago, after twelve years of overwork, hoping to find that demands would be lighter. He was, however, busier than ever, throwing himself wholeheartedly into the life of his diocese.

There was half-muffled ringing at the Cathedral before and after the funeral service, at which the Association was represented by a number of vice-presidents and the general secretary. The sympathy of all members is extended to Mrs. Askwith in her loss.

MISS MARGARET SNOWDON
AN APPRECIATION

With the passing of Miss Margaret Snowdon the world will, indeed, be a poorer place. She was a rare character and her life was devoted to the service of others.

It has been an honour and my privilege to have known such a fine and courageous woman, and I have always admired her absolute integrity and honesty.

For my part, I have lost a very dear and wonderful friend, and she has left with me a fragrant memory which I shall retain always. May she rest in peace.

WINIFRED TURNER.

Bushey, Herts.

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Alton and Petersfield District

About 35 members and visitors attended the quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District, held at East Meon on July 14th.

Ringling began at 2.30 p.m. on the fine ring of eight, and ranged from rounds and call-changes to Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major. During the afternoon a cordial welcome was extended to the newly-elected Master of the Guild, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, who paid a courtesy visit. The Vicar (the Rev. S. Lawry) conducted the Guild service, at which John Clark, the local captain, played the organ.

A very substantial tea was tackled at the Institute, provided by girls from the local junior school. The Rev. J. Long, District chairman, presided at the short business meeting, at which four new members were elected—two from East Meon. A welcome was extended to Mr. 'Bob' Fisher, a local ringer aged 96, who took part in several touches during the day. Mr. Fisher replied, saying that he had spent many years both in the choir and ringing the bells, and had been glad to be able to do so. Those whose efforts had made the meeting a success were warmly thanked by the company.

Ringling continued during the evening, much useful spade-work being done for the large number of young ringers present.

MR. PERCY WILLIAMS

All the officers and members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association were sorry to read of the passing of Mr. Percy Williams, who was a devoted member for over 50 years.

He joined the Association as a member of St. Nicholas' tower in 1904, and rang his first peal in 1905, this being Stedman Caters. For some time he was secretary of the old Bristol Branch, and in 1929 was elected honorary treasurer of the Association, an office he held until 1952. Recognition of his services came with his election as a vice-president in 1948, and on retiring from the office of honorary treasurer, his election as an honorary life member.

Before the last war he was very interested in the work of the (now defunct) Bristol United Ringing Guilds, and was well known to ringers in the West of England. On retirement Mr. Williams moved to Walton Bay, near Clivedon, and was frequently seen in the Portishead tower. For some time he continued his interest in ringing matters in Bristol, and his example of service to our Association should encourage many younger people.

A. B.

THE REV. G. H. JAMES

A warm friend of ringers and an honorary member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Rev. Geoffrey Hamlyn James, Rector of Hitcham, died on July 15th, aged 71.

Immediately after the funeral on July 19th a quarter peal of 1,260 Plain Bob Minor was rung half-muffled on the bells of the Parish Church by M. Sceeny 1, Miss J. Sceeny 2, Miss M. F. Carr 3, G. W. Limmer 4, G. J. Berry 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6.

In the evening a half-muffled peal of Minor in seven methods (including Hitcham Delight) was lost in the 5th extent.

PORTISHEAD AND WRAXALL
OUTING, 1962

Our outing, considered the best there has been. Took place on the birthday of our dear Queen. So from the towers the flags were a-streaming And our ringing was given a special meaning.

Our first call was Mark, down on the moor, What a lovely old church it is to be sure. A nice touch of Stedman, called by lady from Mark, Gave the day's ringing an excellent start.

Dunster's a village for its beauty well noted, Second best in all England 'twas recently voted. The church is magnificent; bells are good too. Thanks, Mr. Tudball, we enjoyed being with you!

The Rector of Exford was at his church gate, 'Twas a pleasure indeed his acquaintance to make; For he is Master of the 'Bath and Wells,' A very keen ringer and proud of his bells. (If it's not true, may we be forgiven— 'Tis said he tried bells before taking the living!)

A nice handy six, bells couldn't be finer, So we took the chance of ringing some Minor. Best use of our time here, was what we strived, Just as well, too—next-band had arrived!

On to South Molton we then made haste, A little ringing in Devon to taste. The eight bells here are some of the best— Our ringing was not, it must be confessed.

We stopped at Crediton to have some 'grub,' Laid on for us at Conservative Club. 'Twas like Mansion House, sat down there [feeding Twixt Winston Churchill and Anthony Eden!

Then on to Tiverton—in this old town Bells share with Blundell's widespread renown. To ringers (or listeners) these bells are the [peak, They cannot be bettered, wherever you seek.

And so for home we made our way At the end of a most enjoyable day. For weather, scenery, bells—there's no doubting This was the ringers' perfect outing. A. J. G.

5,160 Spliced Surprise Royal

(In 11 methods)

By DEREK OGDEN

23456 M W H

52436	—	ANNAYL
26435	—	2 PCRCGRDDL
32465	—	2 LRRWLWWLYACA
65243	—	2 GGPYDBWB
42356	—	2 BBNYCPY

Twice repeated.

A = Albanian	—	N = Lincolnshire
B = Redcliffe		P = Pudsey
C = Cambridge		R = Rutland
D = Lindsey		W = Wembley
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As rung at Worsley on July 14th, 1962.

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University of Bristol Society's Summer Tour

DEVON, the county of hills and bells, was the area selected for this year's summer tour by the resident society on June 23rd. The main party left Bristol by train for Torquay, but three brave souls (or were they skint?) cycled there. Eventually, the whole party, with their mounts, twelve bicycles and a tandem, assembled at St. Saviour's, Torquay, shortly after 2.30 p.m. The ringing here smacked of hangovers from the night before, but improved a little on the pleasant eight at Upton. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Major were followed by a very good lower. At Churston Ferrers we were given a brisk introduction to Devon-style call changes by one of the local ringers. That night we stayed at Maypool Youth Hostel, which was, unfortunately, so far from a public house that only two good men could be found to make the journey. During the evening we discovered that one hosteller had chosen a most unconventional place to go to sleep, and he stayed there until 3 a.m.!

Sunday was the day of the puncture. Cupid V. was not seen all morning, and after various interesting theories had been put forward, he finally turned up complaining of flat tyre trouble. The Master-elect also spent most of the afternoon sticking rubber patches on to inner tubes. Ringing was at the two six-bell towers in Dartmouth, both well worth visiting; at St. Clement's we found that the local band were learning Plain Bob from books without an instructor, and so, after ringing a good touch of St. Clement's College Bob, we were able to provide a band for them to practise with. This was all they needed, and some very good results were achieved.

Frivolities at lunch time were curtailed when a pint of cider was upended over the chief nuisances, and ringing continued at St. Petrox, a fine old church lying next to Dartmouth Castle. Although we acquitted ourselves quite well here, the subsequent climb up from Kingswear over the top to Brixham must have been too much for us, as our ringing on the fine eight was decidedly below standard. After Evensong, the strength of the local cider was investigated and fairly soon discovered.

DEAD BIRDS IN ROPE GUIDES

The picturesque village of Dittisham, just across the Greenway Ferry from Maypool, was our first stop on Monday morning, and good use was made of the six bells there. Coventry Delight being among the methods rung. Then followed an ascent of 400 feet inside a mile on the way to Cornworthy, and an examination of the map showed that several more steep climbs were in store that day. The organiser claimed that she did not know that the 'little brown bits' on the map were hills, and mutiny ensued. Suggestions varied from missing out most of the towers to missing out all of them, but eventually we split into two parties, one having a difficult time ringing on the five at Rattery and the six at Harberton, where a dead bird was lodged in one of the rope-guides, and the other going to the rough six at Halwell, where the bells had not been rung since last Harvest Festival and another dead bird was found. However, the day's sorrows were soon drowned in the 'Colt Inn' at Dartington.

An early start was made next morning, and a brisk ride took us to Dean Prior, yet another 12 cwt. six, but better than most.

The eight at Buckfastleigh we found difficult at first, but we eventually settled down and rang two reasonable touches of Stedman. Throughout the week we were fascinated by the enthusiastic way in which each local band displayed all the certificates they had won in ringing festivals, and the band at Broadhempston, our next tower, had quite a reputation and several 'firsts' to their credit.

After ringing there for a time, we began to realise why: it takes a good band to handle these bells well. Ringing that day was concluded at Staverton, a 21 cwt. six. Like most of the bells we had visited, these also had very long rope-ends and low sallies, and this made the tenor particularly difficult to handle: kneeling to ring it was one solution adopted.

We got off to a good start the following morning on the pleasant ring of six at Dartington, where the first attempt of the tour at London Surprise was successful. The rest of the day's bells were a mixed bag. Ringing on the minor five at Littlehempston was indifferent as well as unmusical, but on the beautifully behaved eight at Berry Pomeroy some of the best ringing of the tour was achieved. 'Where is he that counted the towers?' asked the prophet Isaiah (xxxiii. 18); we had five of them in our party, and they left to ring a quarter peal on the five bells at Collaton St. Mary. The rest of us had a lazy afternoon in Totnes, an incredibly difficult town to get into, before ringing on the fine Gillett eight there in the evening. By a lucky chance we had discovered a set of handbells in the cottage opposite the Youth Hostel at Lownard, and by permission of the owners they were put to good use. Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung, and were struck surprisingly well.

ON DARTMOOR

The Master and his successor were quite good at arriving on time, when they were to take charge at a particular tower, but less keen when it was the other's job; and this was demonstrated on Thursday morning. Hard riding to the eights at Ippleen. Highweek and Boverly Tracey made for tired ringing in our standard repertoire of Triples methods; a broken rope at the last tower, where a long draught had been a handicap, put an early stop to our efforts, and with low spirits and heavy bicycles we started the ascent of a limb of Dartmoor. Crampons might have been more use than wheels, but we eventually made the top, and Christow was reached after a glorious ride down the other side. The ringer who met us there claimed that they were the best six in Devon, but we weren't sure; they were very good, but the treble appeared to have a mind of its own. Well-struck courses of Double Bob and Fulbeck were brought round, and striking was generally of a high standard. After an evening watching TV in the local pub, there was a mad sprint to Dunsford Hostel to gain the precious possession of a top bunk, but we need not have bothered: we were the sole occupants, and there were enough top bunks for everyone. Hot water and electricity were unknown here, and each dormitory was granted one candle for lighting!

The last full day of the tour, Friday, turned out to be one of the best. The weather was still fine, and some of the best bells of the week were on the programme. After ringing at Dunsford, not the sort of six that one remembers as exceptional, we made our way into Exeter via Ide. On the easy-going six there was a touch of eight

Spliced Minor methods rung. In Exeter itself we rang first at St. Mark's, a good light eight, where St. Clement's Triples was added to the list of methods rung. Call changes were our cautious start at St. Michael's. Heavitree, but they proved to be very rewarding; and a long touch of Grandsire produced quite encouraging results.

THE LAST NIGHT

After the magnificence of Heavitree, our next tower was bound to be an anti-climax, but we were not to be disappointed. The new bells at Clyst St. George, cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1953, constitute the perfect light ring of six, and we took the opportunity to ring several touches of Surprise, including London. Being the last night, it was speech night in the pub after supper, and although several jugs of cider did not make the speakers any more coherent, last year's committee were given a good send-off. After a brief ring at Topsham next morning, where our 'last fling,' an attempted touch of ten Spliced Minor, was a miserable failure, the party split up; eight of us then cycled slowly back to Bristol, taking four days over the journey and losing two peals, and gaining seven quarter peals on the way. It was a joy to return to the much more impressive architecture of the Somerset towers, and we remember especially the magnificent sixes at West Huntspill, where Brian Wyld joined us for the afternoon and Axbridge.

Most of the ringing during the week had been in the basic standard methods, and was none the worse for that. At first the sun and the sight of bare knees must have been too much, as the striking was poor; but we were pleased to note that the standard of ringing improved greatly as the week went on (the reverse of what usually happens on our summer tours), and on the last two days and in the subsequent quarter peals was really quite good.

We are very grateful to all incumbents for permission to ring their bells, to all the tower captains and ringers who met us and rang with us, and to our Secretary for arranging such an excellent tour.

A. R. K.

QUARTERS OF THE TOUR

AXBRIDGE, SOMERSET.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Judith M. Atkinson 1, Jane B. Tuffin 2, C. M. Foster 3, I. C. Maycock 4, A. R. Kench (cond.) 5, D. M. Sawyer 6.

BADGWORTH, SOMERSET.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): D. M. Sawyer 1, Janet Phillips 2, J. W. Scarrott 3, C. M. Foster 4, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 5.

BERRROW, SOMERSET.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Phillips 1, Jane B. Tuffin 2, Judith M. Atkinson 3, A. R. Kench 4, B. J. Wyld (cond.) 5, J. W. Scarrott 6.

COLLATON ST. MARY, DEVON.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): T. Samuelson 1, C. M. Foster 2, E. G. Mould 3, D. M. Sawyer 4, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 5.

WEST HUNTSPILL, SOMERSET.—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judith M. Atkinson 1, C. M. Foster 2, D. M. Sawyer 3, I. O. Maycock 4, A. R. Kench (cond.) 5, B. J. Wyld 6.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob): C. M. Foster 1, Janet Phillips 2, Jane B. Tuffin 3, J. W. Scarrott 4, I. C. Maycock 5, D. M. Sawyer (cond.) 6.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Mixed Kent and Oxford T.B., 540 Double Oxford and St. Clement's College Bob): J. W. Scarrott 1, Judith M. Atkinson 2, C. M. Foster 3, D. M. Sawyer 4, A. R. Kench 5, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 6.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On July 2nd, 1,260 St. Clement's College Bob Minor: Janet Phillips 1, Jane B. Tuffin 2, Judith M. Atkinson 3, J. W. Scarrott 4, I. C. Maycock 5, A. R. Kench (cond.) 6.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

Of the 1962 programme, three meetings and three evening practices have now been held. Attendances at meetings has been between 40 and 50, and at practices approximately 20.

The first meeting of the season was fittingly held at Puttenham, the tower having recently transferred from the Guildford to the Farnham District. The service was conducted by the Rector of Seale, the Rev. E. A. Gardiner, who gave a sermon on aspects of the use of bells. A 'nice touch' at the tea tables was the use of bell-shaped labels for the many varieties of sandwiches. At the business meeting the Guild Master, Mr. D. A. R. May, raised the question of the appeal for Melbourne Cathedral bells. It was agreed that the District would contribute, the amount to be decided in conjunction with the other Districts of the Guild.

The other meetings were at Ash and Pirbright, and at all three ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise methods. The same was true of the practices at Worplesdon, Farnborough and Seale. In fact, at the first-named the attendance, though small, was of such a calibre that Surprise ringing was almost the order of the day.

THE DISTRICT OUTING

The annual District outing this year was to Brighton, and was once again blessed with good weather, although the standard we have become accustomed to was not reached. Despite a little confusion over picking-up points, all 50 ringers and friends (aged from 10 months upwards) were duly accommodated on the coach and minibus, and we reached our first stop, Warnham, on time. The ringing here concluded with a course of Cambridge Surprise Major, which eventually proved to be the highlight of the day.

Traffic congestion in Horsham was very marked, and we progressed in a series of fits and starts. It was a great relief when we left the main stream of traffic and proceeded to

Cowfold, which we reached approximately half an hour behind schedule, to find one of the ringers still patiently waiting for us. Here the light bells and longish draught were a little troublesome to the real novices.

The afternoon in Brighton was free for all to do as they wished, and after the strictures from our drivers on the difficulties of coaches in picking-up their passengers along the promenade, everyone was at the meeting point in good time for the return journey.

Our first call on the way was at Lower Beeding, which we reached in time to hear the very fine chime on the nine bells. The peal boards here bore testimony to the ringing of long lengths of Kent Treble Bob Major. Our last tower was Rudgewick, with its anti-clockwise six. This created no difficulty as there is a similar ring in the Farnham district. There had been a wedding at the church earlier in the day, and it was really beautifully decorated.

The 'local' was conveniently close at hand; this eliminating the necessity for a further stop. Thus ended a very pleasant day, in which acquaintances with new bells (and dare I add, belles) was struck. Our thanks are due to the incumbents and to those ringers who so kindly met us at each church. W. W. W.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On July 22nd, at St. Mark's Church, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Cox (first quarter) 1. T. R. Collins (cond.) 2. R. Sweet (first 'inside') 3. A. T. Collins 4. M. J. Stanley 5. W. R. Pearce 6. For Evensong.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. W. Burgess (first quarter) 1. Miss H. A. Swallow (first in method) 2. R. A. Large (first 'inside') 3. C. W. Hancock 4. J. Carpenter (first in method) 5. Mrs. S. M. Dobbie 6. E. A. Barnett 7. W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 8. For Skinner's Day.

TREDINGTON, GLOS.—On July 20th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: I. Goulter 1. Wendy Bird 2. A. Paton 3. P. Newing (cond.) 4. A compliment to Olive Chivers, on gaining her certificate in education.

TAUNTON SCHOOL COMMEMORATION

On July 25th, Taunton School departed from the practice of previous years and held its annual commemoration service at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Taunton. To mark the occasion the bells were rung by members of the School Ringers' Society. Rounds were rung on the front eight and a middle six were rung to plain courses of Grandsire Doubles. These bells, with their long draught, are difficult for beginners, and our thanks go to Mr. W. H. Tarr for his help and tolerance in recent weeks.

The Society was formed about 18 months ago as a result of a talk given by a member of the staff, Mr. N. J. Maggs, to the School Scientific Society. Since then, with assistance from Mr. A. H. Reed and members of the local band, the school has practised at Staplegrave Parish Church.

Whilst the range of methods possible in such a Society is likely to remain small, the interest created has already begun to benefit parishes and universities far from Taunton. In the town itself the sight of nearly a thousand people congregating to the ringing of bells caused more than one bystander to wonder who was the important visitor.

STOURBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY

Five towers in the Vale of Evesham were visited by the Stourbridge Grammar School Society for their second annual outing on July 10th. The highlight was the Evesham bell tower, where the Society was met by Geoff. and Gerald Hemming. With assistance, rounds were rung on the magnificent Taylor 12, and also Grandsire Caters and a touch of Lincolnshire Surprise Major on the back eight.

After lunch at Evesham, London and Cambridge Minor and also Plain Bob were rung at Middle Littleton, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge Major and Plain Bob Major on the light eight at Bretforton. Tea was taken in Mickleton, and ringing on the recently-restored octave followed. The last tower was the restored eight at Feckenham. M. D. F.

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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

Gosfield, Essex, have launched an appeal for £1,750 to provide a new bell frame, have three bells restored and retuned and three new bells cast to provide the village with a ring of six. One of the present bells is dated 1420 (by Thomas Potter, Norwich), and the others 1637 (by Miles Graye) and 1704 (by Henry Pleasant).

A Droitwich ringer's excuse for not learning her Bob Doubles: 'The dog ate the skeleton course!'

Most people arrange their tours because of the attractiveness of the bells. We have received a report from a Midland tower in which the organiser states he chose the nine most unusual names in Herefordshire!

Miss Jean Barnett trapped her fingers in a window when the sash broke and has a badly-bruised hand. Her friends hope that she will be able to ring in her 'farewell' quarter being arranged at Crayford before she leaves for her new appointment at Exeter on August 12th.

A regular tyro peal was rung at Peasemore, Berks, on July 27th. For four of the band it was their first peal and for the other two their first on six bells. Behind the achievement there must have been some first-class spade-work, and the acknowledgment to Ian Munro might possibly be a clue.

At the Gloucester and Bristol ringing course on September 7th to 9th, Mr. A. York-Bramble will speak on 'Teaching of bell handling and control' and also on 'Method structure in change production.' Mr. B. D. Price's subjects will be 'Elementary applications of row relations' (elementary) and 'General principles of composition' (advanced course). Details are advertised in this issue.

A correspondent informs us that the four bells at Naburn, near York, could be rung again if new ropes were provided and one or two fittings to the stays or sliders carried out. Wadworth, near Doncaster, has a ring of four, according to the Sheffield Diocesan Year Book, but an inspection revealed only three old ropes, the second bell being ropeless.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, Cathedral bells were dedicated last November. Mr. C. Stevenson informs us that a band has been built up with a nucleus of three experienced ringers. Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples have been rung in the tower, and Bob Major and Grandsire Caters 'in hand.' People visiting or emigrating to the Federation will be welcomed at practices on Wednesday evenings.

Mr. Robin G. Leale's peal tour started on August 4th. During the week peal attempts in seven Scottish towers and three in England were arranged.

As the result of a Ringers' Sunday and a corporate Communion for ringers, Weston Favell, Northampton, have secured ten recruits (seven girls, three boys).

An innovation at the annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association on October 13th will be dancing to suit all tastes, in addition to the usual entertainment.

The conductor of the peal of Grandsire Triples at Worsley on July 2nd (see page 497) informs us that the name of the second ringer was J. Michael Lomax and not as submitted.

When the South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild held a meeting at Llangatock on July 14th, the Lord Lieutenant of Brecon, Sir William Parker, acted as organist.

A fete held in the gardens of Oakley House, Oakley, near Eye, Suffolk, yielded a profit of £107. It enabled the outstanding debt on the restored bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Oakley, to be cleared.

Hoxne, Suffolk, Over-60 Club recently had an enjoyable outing, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Last. When the Mayor of Beccles welcomed the club at tea, the club's handbell ringers rang in honour of the visit.

A Ringers' Sunday was observed at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on July 28th, with special references to ringing at the 10 a.m. Family Communion and Evensong. At the morning service the tower secretary, Mr. S. G. Ponting, read the Epistle.

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NEIL I. ALLNATT 5	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 11
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 7
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	*CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. 8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 3	*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 9
JOHN D. ROCK 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 10
BRIAN DOWNES 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 11
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Londinium. First in the method in London.

TEN BELL PEALS

CUDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

REV. PETER N. BOND .. Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 6
STANLEY JENNER 2	*ANDREW J. CORBY .. 7
JOHN R. COOPER 3	DENNIS BERESFORD .. 8
IAN H. ORAM 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 9
JOHN S. BARNES 5	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal on ten bells.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

J. EDWARD CAWSE .. Treble	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 6
*BERYL E. CAWSE 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES 7
*ALFRED BALLARD 3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 8
*GRAHAM T. BALL 4	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 5	JOHN McDONALD Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal of London Royal.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 6
*ALEC W. FRY 2	*MARTIN L. HOWE .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE 3	†ANDREW M. MACVE .. 8
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 9
*MONTY W. GILBERT .. 5	TREVOR A. CROSS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 20).

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Royal. First on ten as conductor.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the second.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 28, 1962, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. Treble	NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 6
EDWIN R. GOATE 2	*WINSTON S. GIRLING .. 7
GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. 3	A. WILLIAM BIRD 8
*THOMAS BROCK 4	RALPH W. BICKERS .. 9
*V. JANE COOPER 5	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the installation of the ring of ten bells in this tower in July, 1762.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 28, 1962, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 6
*JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. 2	†ANTHONY R. CARTER .. 7
*CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. 3	*WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT .. 8
†JOHN H. NAPPER 4	ARTHUR SAYERS 9
REGINALD W. REX 5	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

ARTHUR G. MASON .. Treble	A. RONALD LING 5
E. JANE LANGTON 2	PETER BERESFORD 6
MIKAELA ERIC 3	DEREK E. SIBSON 7
RUTH M. FOREMAN 4	DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
*CHRISTINE MCNAIR .. 2	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 6
IVOR JENKINS 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
*GILES B. THOMPSON .. 4	BASIL JONES Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

* First peal of London Surprise.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. H. Williams, who was inducted as Vicar at St. Peter's on July 12th.

ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., July 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-Part.	Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.
WILLIAM CLOVER .. Treble	HENRY TOOKE 5
LEONARD J. MINNS 2	WILLIAM J. FLATT 6
JAMES W. PAUL 3	HARRY B. FULLER 7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT 4	PETER M. ADCOCK Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 16, 1962, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

RODNEY M. FRENCH .. Treble	ROBERT L. PIRON 5
JEAN M. PAILING 2	JAMES H. PAILING 6
GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 7
FRANK W. RIVETT 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung in honour of the forthcoming marriage (July 21st) between Mr. Arthur Gibbs and Miss Mary Morris.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Tues., July 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 KERRY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. Treble	N. DAVID ROBINSON .. 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	DEREK E. SIBSON .. 6
DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
ROBIN G. LEALE .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

Rung for the wedding anniversary of the Rector (Rev. R. Parsons) and Mrs. Parsons.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	GILES B. THOMPSON .. 5
JOHN ROBINSON .. 2	PETER T. DALE .. 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH .. 7
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
MONTY W. GILBERT .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 6
MARTIN L. HOWE .. 3	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F. sharp.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Treble	*MONTY W. GILBERT .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 6
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
TREVOR A. CROSS .. 4	MARTIN L. HOWE .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal in the method.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ROGER B. SANDERS .. Treble	ALAN G. PAYNE .. 5
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. 2	DENNIS WOODS .. 6
ROGER D. BAILEY .. 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. 7
KEITH R. DAVEY .. 4	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

A farewell to the conductor and his family, who are returning to their native land.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

BETTY J. DAYSH .. Treble	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 5
CAROLYN VIBERT .. 2	TOM CHAPMAN .. 6
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 4	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

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

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*LINDA SKIPSEY .. Treble	MICHAEL BARTLETT .. 5
*MALCOLM LOVEDAY .. 2	*BRENDON BARTLETT .. 6
RONALD I. SHEPHERD .. 3	EDGAR T. SKIPSEY .. 7
†ROBERT WIGGINS .. 4	JOHN SKIPSEY .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR T. SKIPSEY.

* First peal. † First on eight bells. First as conductor.
Believed to be the first peal by an all St. Peter's Sunday service band.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5120 BRADFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. Treble G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
JOHN HILL .. 2 J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3 JOHN R. MAYNE .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4 JACK S. DEAR .. Tenor
Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH.
A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

BRIAN BLADON .. Treble	GORDON W. LAND .. 5
SHIRLEY M. DREW .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 6
PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 7
ERIC SUTTON .. 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

First peal in the method by all the band (except the ringer of treble), on the bells and for the Association.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*FRANK BEECH, JUN. .. Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 5
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 6
JOHN F. OULTRAM .. 3	DAVID W. FRIEND .. 7
*IAN FRIEND .. 4	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.

* First peal of Surprise.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Robert J. Warrilow and Cynthia Bibby, who were married earlier this day in this church.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D.

JEAN M. PAILING .. Treble	ROBERT R. CHURCHILL .. 5
STEPHEN IVIN .. 2	FRANK W. RIVETT .. 6
JAMES G. NEWMAN .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung to celebrate the christening of Lord Howland, son of the Marquess of Tavistock.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 1,536 of Yorkshire, 2,208 of Cambridge and 1,344 of Superlative; with 132 changes of method.

JOHN W. McCLENAHAN .. Treble	JOHN G. GIBSON .. 5
HILARY MUIRHEAD .. 2	GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 6
*COLIN JOHNSON .. 3	GEOFFREY PRATT .. 7
*DONALD F. MURFET .. 4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HILARY MUIRHEAD.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 25, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

SHIRLEY M. DREW .. Treble	ERNEST TREAGUS .. 5
VIVIEN ROWE .. 2	DAVID S. M. JONES .. 6
CAROLYN VIBERT .. 3	MORGAN MARSHALL .. 7
ALAN H. STURGESS .. 4	TOM CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. P. H. Duke-Baker.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*PHILIP STEVENS .. Treble	ERIC H. KNAPP .. 5
GEORGE FRANCIS .. 2	HENRY C. WEAVER .. 6
EDGAR R. RIPLEY .. 3	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 7
FREDERICK J. ROBERTS .. 4	LEONARD STILWELL .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. WINIFRED KEYS.
* First peal on eight bells. First on eight as conductor.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 WOODBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

JACK S. DEAR Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	JOHN HILL 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.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*SUSAN E. HIGGINS .. Treble	ROBERT W. COLE 4
WALTER H. RAXTER .. 2	HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 5
†MARTIN POWELL 3	†BRIAN WARNER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* First peal. † First in more than one method.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*HAZEL ARROWSMITH .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 4
GEOFFREY H. PULLIN .. 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5
JOHN H. FIELDEN 3	†PETER S. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

* First peal. † 25th peal.

A 21st birthday compliment to P. S. Bennett.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall, Thelwall, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*PETER PEARCE Treble	BRIAN W. HALL 4
FREDERICK W. SODEN .. 2	D. KAY ADKINS 5
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT .. 3	THOMAS W. TIMMS Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal in seven methods.

HOLT, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb.

*DAVID L. NIBBS Treble	PHILLIP S. GAISFORD .. 4
RICHARD O. HUMPHRIES .. 2	FREDERICK W. BOX 5
MICHAEL G. WILMOT .. 3	ROBERT J. PURNELL Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT J. PURNELL.

* First peal. First in the method by all the band.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 18, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
 AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, CASTLEHILL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, Kingston Treble Bob, Sandal Treble Bob and Capel Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4, 5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

PETER WATSON Treble	JOHN ROBINSON 4
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 2	TREVOR TAYLOR 5
BASIL JONES 3	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

LANGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Single Oxford Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. Treble	FELIX H. ERITH 4
†SYLVIA M. PEARMAIN .. 2	*FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
PHILIP G. ERITH 3	ADRIAN G. SEMKEN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* 50th peal together. † First 'inside.'

NORTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being 54 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford T.B., Carisbrooke, Donattar, Wath and Pontefract Delight, (2) Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate and Taxal Delight, (3) Braintree, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood and Humber Delight, (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne and Primrose Surprise, (5) Surfleet, Hexham, Beverley, Berwick, York and Durham Surprise, (6) College, Wavertree, Rodbourne, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, London Bob, Lytham, Westlecott, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (7) Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob and Plain Bob, with 156 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt.

GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4
PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
SHIRLEY M. DREW 3	BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The greatest number of Minor methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THRUMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 27 extents Grandsire and 15 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

RUTH BLACKSHAW .. Treble	SYDNEY ADAMS 3
MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 2	*JOHN EBORALL 4
GRAHAM FISHER Tenor	

Conducted by SYDNEY ADAMS.

* First peal.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five extents each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, and 32 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MARGARET A. YOUNGMAN Treble	HILARY MUIRHEAD 3
PETER WOOLLVEN 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 4
GEOFFREY A. LUCAS Tenor	

Conducted by HILARY MUIRHEAD.

* First peal.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, with no 6-5's at backstroke.

CHRIS. F. WOOLDRIDGE .. Treble	PETER L. BILL 4
JEREMY A. TANDY 2	*C. ROGER TANDY 5
F. JOHN VALLENDER 3	†PAUL CATTERMOLE Tenor

Conducted by PETER L. BILL.

* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal.

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SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, York, Durham, Beverley, Ipswich, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt., approx.

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

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* 50th peal together.
 Rung on the light six.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., July 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Double Court, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

RODERICK W. PIPE Treble	DAVID H. BUXTON 4
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT 2	ERNEST G. PEARCE 5
ALICE E. J. LESTER 3	LESLIE N. MELTON Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Surfleet Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Childwall, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES H. MUSSON Treble	ALAN G. PAYNE 4
ROGER D. BAILEY 2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 5
KEITH R. DAVEY 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

RICHARD A. COBLEY Treble	BRIAN C. LAW 4
DAVID F. MOORE 2	MAURICE R. A. KIRK 5
N. RODERICK ELLWAY 3	MICHAEL W. BROWN Tenor

Jointly Conducted by DAVID F. MOORE and MICHAEL W. BROWN.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Wale, of Blaby; also as a tenth wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce D. Shilton, of Whetstone.

PEASEMORE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

*H. MARY WILLIAMS Treble	†IAN MUNRO 4
†MARY E. MARSHALL 2	†DAVID L. WILCOX 5
†ANTHONY J. CARR 3	*ROGER B. PIKE Tenor

Conducted by ROGER B. PIKE.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal. First as conductor. First in more than one method by all the band.

Rung as a farewell and sign of gratitude to the ringer of the fourth for his help to the band in the past year.

BARROWDEN, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising ten 120's each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, six 120's each of April Day, Old Doubles and Grandsire, and two 240's (one Morris' and one Pitman's) of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

GEORGE F. ROOME Treble	GRAHAM C. PAUL 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	RICHARD A. WEBSTER 4
PERCY AMOS 3	 Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

Rung within the octave of the festivals of St. James and St. Anne; also as a welcome to the Rev. Douglass Hopkins, M.A., Vicar of the neighbouring parish of Ketton, formerly of Weston Favell, Northants.

HEVER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Childwall, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

JOHN S. WALKER Treble	EDWARD J. JENNER 4
ANN GEORGE 2	DORIS E. COLGATE 5
GEORGE FRY 3	STANLEY JENNER Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

First peal in eight Minor methods by all except the ringer of fifth.

HANDBELL PEALS

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (The Humphrey Perkins Grammar School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., July 13, 1962, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
 AT 46, GREENGATE LANE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

RUPERT A. CLARKE 1—2	DAVID F. MOORE 3—4
*MICHAEL W. BROWN 5—6	

Rung unconduted.

* First peal 'in hand,' and of Plain Bob Doubles.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
 AT 20, EDWARD AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

MARGARET CHAPMAN 1—2	DAVID J. FORDER 5—6
MAURICE J. BUTLER 3—4	TOM CHAPMAN 7—8

Composed and Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (The Winchester College Society.)
On Tues., July 24, 1962, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
 IN ST. MARY'S COLLEGE MEADS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

*CHRISTOPHER M. TUCKETT 1—2	HADLEY HUNTER 3—4
NICHOLAS R. TUMBER 5—6	

Conducted by HADLEY HUNTER.

* First peal. First as conductor. First for the Society by men in the school only.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. T. E. B. Howarth, Second Master, who is leaving to become High Master of St. Paul's School, London.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (The Winchester College Society.)
On Wed., July 25, 1962, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
 AT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

CHRISTOPHER M. TUCKETT 1—2	HADLEY HUNTER 3—4
NICHOLAS R. TUMBER 5—6	

Conducted by NICHOLAS R. TUMBER.

First peal as conductor.
 Rung as a farewell to Hadley Hunter, who is leaving for Trinity College, Cambridge.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
 AT 18, CHESTEN ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

JOHN F. BRYANT 1—2	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT 5—6
J. HENRY FIELDEN 3—4	*ANNE E. REYNOLDS 7—8

Composed and Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

* First peal

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.
THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.
On Wed., July 25, 1962, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
 AT 121, LILLINGTON STREET, PIMLICO.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (three callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

RODNEY A. YEATES 1—2	MICHAEL P. MORETON 3—4
*CLIVE SIMPSON 5—6	

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

* First attempt for a handbell peal. First on handbells by the Society.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: H. Clatworthy 1, Desmond Kerley 2, F. Thyer 3, G. Kerley 4, P. Jones 5, Geoffrey Kerley 6, David Kerley (cond.) 7, J. Turner 8. Rung as a compliment to the conductor and Miss M. French (a ringer at St. Peter's, Pentre), on their engagement.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. H. Rogers 1, P. Foster 2, J. R. Lambert 3, G. Linnell 4, G. A. Atkinson (cond.) 5, Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. J. Norton, for many years a ringer at this church. Interred this day.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Delia F. Leslie 1, Mary Bougourd (first quarter) 2, C. Philpotts 3, F. G. Barron 4, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 5, T. Farnden 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rector, the Rev. Harold E. Hazell, D.S.O.

BENTLEY, COMMON, ESSEX.—On July 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grand-sire): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler (first in three methods as cond.) 2, V. J. C. Dale 3, R. J. Brown 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Matins.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on July 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Dinah Blow (first of Bob Major) 1, F. C. Hobson (first of Bob Major) 2, G. W. Pybus 3, J. I. Booth 4, J. G. Campbell 5, A. G. Osborne 6, C. C. Brown 7, R. D. Gibson (first of Bob Major as cond.) 8.

BODICOTE, OXON.—On July 20th, 1,320 Doubles (seven methods): B. J. Davies 1, M. W. Sayers 2, A. K. Fortin 3, M. W. Coleman 4, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 5.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: E. C. Sharplin 1, Anne Willard 2, J. H. Stich 3, E. W. Furbank 4, A. Pryke 5, P. G. Banks 6, T. T. Jones (cond.) 7, H. Flanders 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Chelmsford.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on July 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Audrey M. Evans 1, Angela Grainger 2, B. J. Stone 3, F. Rowsell 4, G. Horrite 5, B. G. North 6, W. A. Riddington (cond.) 7, A. W. Bond 8. First of Major 3, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on July 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. Ryder 1, R. G. Hooper 2, H. Tayson (first of Surprise Major) 3, B. Shackleton (cond.) 4, Shirley M. Drew 5, C. J. Richards 6, G. Drew 7, E. J. Hitchins 8.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On July 19th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: P. Newing 1, J. Tyler 2, Mrs. M. A. Wratten 3, Miss W. Bird 4, P. Clarkson 5, W. A. Farmer 6, A. Paton 7, L. Edwards 8, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 9, I. Goulter 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. W. M. Askwith, Bishop of Gloucester, who died on July 15th.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Ball 1, G. Lanfear 2, J. Shaw (first 'inside') 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Eames 5. A 14th birthday compliment to treble ringer.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.—On July 12th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): B. G. Williams 1, J. S. Coombes 2, R. J. Ballam (first as cond.) 3, A. Fisher 4, J. S. B. Powell 5, W. Lovell 6. First in five methods by all.

CORSOMBE, DORSET.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: G. Farley (first quarter) 1, R. G. Farley 2, E. C. Atyeo 3, A. S. Atyeo 4, H. Bonfield (first as cond.) 5, S. Gardiner 6.

CUTLEIGH, DEVON.—On July 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grand-sire): A. Hodge 1, D. Salter 2, F. Sage 3, W. Sparkes 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, C. Joyce 6.

DALWOOD, DEVON.—On July 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Hodge 1, J. Arbury 2, W. Webb 3, C. J. Turner 4, D. Salter 5, C. C. Turner (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Pimm (first quarter) 1, G. Grant 2, G. Tinson 3, H. Thomas 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, F. Hughes 6. For Evensong on the Eve of St. Peter's, and as a farewell to F. Hughes.

DYMOCK, GLOS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (five methods): Joy Smith 1, L. Smith 2, M. V. Powell 3, E. D. Wilson 4, R. G. Powell (cond.) 5, R. Chew 6. Rung as a compliment to Canon D. Gethyn-Jones, on the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Also on July 25th, 1,260 St. Dunstan and Grand-sire Doubles: Joy Smith 1, W. E. Spiers 2, L. Smith 3, E. D. Wilson 4, R. Chew (cond.) 5, T. Gaze 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Dr. Askwith, Bishop of Gloucester.

EATON BRAY, BEDS.—On July 18th, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: J. Clapp 1, H. B. Whitney 2, I. Pett 3, G. Croughton 4, M. Stephens (cond.) 5, A. E. Rushon 6.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Stella M. Cayless (first quarter) 1, Barbara M. Watson (first 'inside') 2, A. Eilbeck 3, C. F. Gates 4, H. Wilson (cond.) 5, B. Street 6. Rung for Evensong, also a farewell compliment to the treble ringer who is leaving the district.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on July 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jill Oakshott (first of Major) 1, Rosemary Blyth (first of method 'inside') 2, Adrienne Gibson 3, Sylvia Marsh 4, W. Parrott 5, G. F. Oakshott 6, D. J. Herschell 7, N. D. J. Webb (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to the parents of the conductor, Comdr. and Mrs. J. A. G. Webb, on their 26th wedding anniversary.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): N. Stroud (first quarter) 1, Nicolai Stroud 2, J. W. Hagley 3, D. Debenham 4, Elizabeth Stevinson 5, K. Rivers 6, H. Jones 7, P. G. Stroud 8. Rung for the baptism of Matthew Charles Brown.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On July 22nd, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: A. J. Clarke 1, L. N. Melton 2, C. R. Lovett 3, D. H. Buxton 4, Brenda E. Downing 5, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 6, Sylvia R. E. Pipe 7, E. G. Pearce 8, R. F. Downing 9, C. W. Pipe 10. For morning service.

HALEWOOD, LANCs.—On July 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Evans 1, G. Craine 2, D. V. Jenner 3, T. Edwards (cond.) 4, K. Hesketh 5, T. Fitzgerald 6, T. Hesketh 7, F. Currie 8. For Evensong.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss B. Large 1, W. White 2, H. L. Bishop 3, L. F. Cox 4, J. H. Napper 5, G. W. Bishop 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, E. G. Sawyer 8.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On July 16th, on handbells, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. N. Parkin 1—2, Miss A. Reynolds (first on handbells) 3—4, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 5—6.

HALE, SOMERSET.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. E. Ford 1, E. J. Ford 2, L. T. Hancock 3, H. Sealy 4, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 5, H. J. Taylor 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On July 20th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Felgate 1, Gillian Brown 2, E. Furbank 3, U. Wildney 4, W. Felgate 5, F. Lufkin (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge Surprise Minor for 1, 2 and 5. Rung for the 140th anniversary of the church.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Outley 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, R. Newman 3, Mrs. J. M. Hampton (first of Stedman) 4, W. D. Grainger 5, J. A. Hales 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, A. J. Hampton 8.

HONITON, DEVON.—1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss J. Real (first quarter of Triples) 1, K. Clarke 2, B. F. Coles 3, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 4, W. Webb 5, D. Salter 6, C. Webb 7, M. Squires 8. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. G. C. Woodley, who recently retired as chairman, East Devon Branch of the Devon Guild.

HONITON, DEVON.—On July 21st, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grand-sire): B. Priestley 1, J. Martin 2, J. King 3, H. Colcombe 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, W. Webb 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Geneveth Mooring 1, Pauline Drury 2, Joan Smith 3, H. Colcombe 4, C. Webb 5, J. Martin (cond.) 6. For afternoon service.

HOTHFIELD, KENT.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Brenda Hitchmough (first quarter) 1, Violet Relf 2, Jennifer Young 3, J. Richards 4, C. T. Hillis 5, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 6.

KEMERTON, GLOS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grand-sire): E. T. Newbury 1, A. Pulley 2, J. Attwood 3, F. Wood (cond.) 4, D. Devereux 5, F. R. Perks 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Bishop of Gloucester, Dr. W. M. Askwith, also in memoriam Eric Morris, a former bellringer and chorister at this church.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): N. D. Kirk 1, M. J. Kirk 2, Thelma E. Staples 3, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. Rung for the Feast of St. Swithun.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On July 16th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Sheila Dallas (first in three methods) 1, J. S. Coombes 2, B. G. Williams (first in three methods 'inside') 3, R. J. Ballam 4, J. S. B. Powell (first as cond.) 5, W. Lovell 6. Rung for the induction of the Rector of Leigh with Stoke St. Michael (the Rev. F. Tiller).

MATLOCK, DERBYS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. F. Statham (first quarter) 1, R. J. Stretton 2, A. F. Hall 3, S. K. A. Huson (cond.) 4, A. Laughton (first quarter) 5. Rung on the back five.

MERROW, SURREY.—On June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): K. A. R. Glue 1, Jill M. May 2, Carolyn White 3, D. J. Tibbs 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 5, A. Pamela Warren 6. Rung as a compliment to Angela Martin and Peter Smart, who were married the previous Saturday.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mary Powell 1, Jennifer Brake 2, Mrs. M. Powell 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, H. Hardwidge 5, Olwen Quint 6.

NORTHILL, BEDS.—On July 7th, 1,680 Treble Bob Minor (720 Kent, 960 Oxford): K. Barnes 1, A. H. Smith 2, A. Simpson 3, R. J. Fuller 4, F. W. Rivett 5, M. Major (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—On July 22nd, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,280 Braunstone Surprise Major: P. J. Heritage 1, C. Coles 2, F. W. Soden 3, C. F. M. Collett 4, C. C. Clarke 5, B. W. Hall 6, D. K. Adkins 7, A. R. Pink (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On July 29th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: Miss M. A. Shepherd 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, H. W. Milford 3, T. G. Myers (cond.) 4, F. A. Penn (Wiltshire) 5, D. F. Wheeler 6, F. E. Day 7, G. Benfield (Yorkshire) 8, D. R. Bould 9, C. Sangwin (Cornwall) 10. For Evensong, at which the Lord Bishop of Plymouth preached his last sermon in St. Andrew's before retiring.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. J. Woodruffe 1, B. H. Coatsworth 2, L. W. Allen 3, M. J. Uphill 4, A. E. Clayton 5, D. C. Brooke (first of Triples 'inside') 6, C. F. Mew (cond.) 7, B. J. Bull 8. First of Bob Triples 2 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Bevis Rhys, 10-year-old son of the organist of this church.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—On July 1st, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Ilkenson Variation): W. Ambler 1, F. Poppewell 2, C. Ellison 3, R. Mann 4, H. Wild 5, St. Longbottom (first in method) 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, S. Longbottom 8. For Evensong, and with all good wishes for a long and happy retirement to the treble ringer.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Howard Meek 1, Joy Smith 2, L. Smith 3, M. V. Powell 4, R. G. Powell (cond.) 5, J. Harper 6, Harold Meek 7, K. Tyler 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Dr. Askwith, Bishop of Gloucester.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Ann Carden 1, H. V. Frost 2, R. W. Darvill 3, K. J. Darvill 4, Shirley Slade 5, S. P. Darvill 6, G. Dodds 7, C. E. Slade 8, T. J. Lock 9, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 1, 5 and 8. Rung for the induction of Rev. Andrew Bradley.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grand-sire and Plain Bob): Miss A. Robinson (first quarter) 1, G. H. Foster 2, B. B. Hullah (cond., Plain Bob) 3, A. T. Hawkins 4, R. E. Hardy (cond., Grand-sire) 5, D. G. Newman 6.

SEAVINGTON, SOMERSET.—On July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss R. Julius (first of Stedman) 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, Miss I. E. Down 3, H. P. Sparks 4, D. M. C. Hill (first as cond.) 5, D. Gare 6.

STOKE LACY, HEREFORDS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob, Grand-sire): E. Andrews 1, L. Walters 2, J. Lane 3, P. G. Morgan (cond.) 4, C. Biggs 5, G. Gwynne 6. First in four methods for all except the conductor.

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES AUSTRALIA.—On July 22nd, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1,260 Double Court Minor: John C. Sheehy 1, Ralph L. Clark 2, Lawrence R. A. Curran 3, John H. Fryer 4, William D. Watson 5, Thomas W. Goodyer (cond.) 6.

WINCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on July 22nd, 1,584 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1, P. N. Tubbs (cond.) 2, M. J. Best 3, Miss A. M. Cox 4, L. F. Cobb 5, C. R. Kippin 6, F. L. Harris 7, J. Hartless 8, D. Forder 9, T. Chapman 10, R. R. Savory 11, R. N. Marlow 12. First of Surprise Maximus for all except ringer of 11.

WINCHESTER.—At St. Mary's College, on July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. M. Tuckett 1—2, J. M. H. Hunter (cond.) 3—4, R. A. Friedlander (first quarter) 5—6. Also on July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. M. Tuckett (first as cond.) 1—2, J. M. H. Hunter 3—4, C. W. Daws (first quarter) 5—6. Rung by members of the Winchester College Society.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. York 1, L. Derrick 2, M. Ball 3, S. G. Smith 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, F. C. Mogford 6.

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EDENHAM, Lincs.—Saturday evening practice for August will be on August 28th. During the afternoon the Gentlemen of Spalding will meet the Players of Grantham at cricket on the village square. England selectors welcomed. 638

ST. MARY'S, OVER.—Please note the secretary is now Mr. P. Leggett, High Street, Over, Cambridge. 675

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BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.—Dedication of new treble at Barton St. David by Bishop of Bath and Wells, Saturday, Aug. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. W. Prescott, Copse Cottage, Barton St. David, Somerset. 623

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting joint with the Chesterfield District at Ashover, Saturday, August 11th, 3 p.m. For teas, please, advise Mr. F. Miller, 'Carlton House,' Moor Road, Ashover, near Chesterfield.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Mr. A. B. Cooper, Dis. Secs. 651

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Cuckfield (8) on August 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Secretary (Margaret A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent). Names for annual outing on September 8th should be sent to Mr. S. Jenner, 6, Graybury Lane, Marsh Green, Edenbridge. 644

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday evening, August 11th, at Soham. Bells (10) 6 until 9 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 674

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redburn, August 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbury. 650

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, August 11th, at Harrow-on-the-Hill. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting. Further ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Gage, 70, Bourne View, Greenford.—E. H. Kilby. 637

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Colston Bassett, August 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to G. Payne, Colston Bassett.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 630

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Angmering (6) on Saturday, August 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Bells available during evening. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, please. 647

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Wragby, August 11th. Bells (6) available 3-9 p.m. Also Helmsworth (8) 2-4.30. Crofton (6) 6.30-9 p.m. Cups of tea only and business meeting at Wragby 5 p.m.—J. J. L. Gilbert, J. W. Buxton, Hon. Secs. 656

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting, Tickenham (6), Saturday, Aug. 18th, 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 696

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Burstwick, Saturday, August 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (5 p.m.) will be provided by Miss J. Gray, 7, Northgate, Walkington, Beverley, to whom names should be sent by previous Wednesday. 677

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Marbury, Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Aug. 15th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 695

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Joint Branch meeting at Crosthwaite, Keswick, on August 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify before August 16th.—J. W. Brownrigg, 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick, Cumberland. Special welcome to ringers on holiday in the Lake District. 684

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—A meeting will be held at Duxford on Saturday, August 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 686

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton, Saturday, August 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 678

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, August 18th, 6 to 9 p.m. 682

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Saturday, Aug. 18th, evening practice meeting, Sandridge (6), 6 to 8 p.m. Special method, Walkworth Surprise.—M. A. Coburn. 691

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District joint with Syston District.—A meeting on Saturday, August 18th, at Woodhouse Eaves, Old Woodhouse, 3 p.m. onwards. Tea at Woodhouse Eaves School 5 p.m. Thurcaston also available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. F. Chambers, 24, Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves. 685

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL.—Open Day, August 18th. Ringing 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4 to 6 p.m. Also St. Nicholas.—J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. 673

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Leiston (8) on Saturday, August 18th. Bells from 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 15th, to Miss M. Branch, Fern Bank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 653

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Burstow, August 18th, at 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Padbury, 'Bell Hatch,' Broadbridge Lane, Burstow, before August 15th.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 636

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South-east Division.—Practice meeting, St. Peter's, Brighton (10) (not Henfield), Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 15th, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 692

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Tuesday, Aug. 21st, 8.15 p.m. Please note amended practice rota: Aug. 14th, Southwark Cathedral; Aug. 21st, St. Paul's Cathedral; Aug. 28th, St. Lawrence Jewry; Sept. 4th, St. Michael's, Cornhill.—John Chilcott. 688

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Margate, Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, Church House, at 1/- per head. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. J. Ladds, 130, Byron Avenue, Margate, not later than August 21st.—T. C. P. 697

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dersingham, Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 22nd, to Mr. A. Nurse, 7, Centre Vale, Dersingham, King's Lynn. 693

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—First monthly practice meeting to be held at Cannock, Saturday, August 25th. Bells (8) available 6.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. M. Smith, Hon. Sec. 596

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S. W. District.—Meeting at Glemsford, Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. W. Bloomfield, 10, Tye Green, Glemsford, Sudbury, Suffolk, by Aug. 22nd, please. 680

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Sproughton, Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing at Bramford (6) 7.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 23rd, to J. B. Morley, 14, Upton Close, Ipswich. 698

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Whimple, Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells 5 p.m. Service 7 p.m. No tea.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 689

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Annual meeting, Manchester, Saturday, September 22nd. Assemble Police H.Q., South Street (Albert Square), Manchester. 2.11 a.m. Ringing: St. John's, Miles Platting, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, 11.30 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sacred Trinity, Salford, 2-4; Cathedral, 4-6; Town Hall, 2-6 p.m. Business meeting, Town Hall, 3 p.m. Dinner, Waldorf Hotel, Cooper Street, Manchester 2, 6 p.m. Tickets, 16s. 6d. each, from A. Pearce (Sec.), 197, Wythenshawe Road, Manchester 23. Last date for tickets September 12th. Remittances with application, please. 679

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TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On July 15th, 1,260 Doubles in four methods (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Diana Chapman (first in four methods) 1. Patricia A. Burt (first in four methods 'inside') 2. Jacqueline A. Reason 3. A. F. Lee (cond.) 4. T. J. Milsom 5. P. R. Young 6. J. W. Isaacs 7. M. T. Hobbs 8. Rung as 21st birthday compliments to Myra Wilkins and Tony Gibbs, both of Warmley.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Elizabeth A. Webb 1. Jean Palmer 2. I. G. Smith 3. Myra I. Wilkins 4. A. F. Lee (cond.) 5. H. Taysom 6. For Confirmation service.

SOME OF THE OUTINGS

PUTNEY

The popularity of the week-end outing held last year led to a similar two-day tour in Derbyshire on June 30th and July 1st.

The parties of Putney ringers and friends set out on Friday, June 29th for Derbyshire, six by car and eleven by minibus, arriving within half an hour of each other at the hotel base in Derby itself.

Setting off early on Saturday morning the first call was at Duffield, where we were joined by friends from Nottingham. The ten were struck to Bob Royal, Kent Royal, Stedman Caters and touches of Stedman Triples and, of course, Duffield Major. Belper was next and here Plain Bob, Stedman, Cambridge and Double Norwich were successfully rung.

Some steep inclines were encountered on taking the back road into Matlock to ring at St. Giles' Church, where Yorkshire was added to the methods already rung. It was a pleasant drive, across the dales, to Ashbourne, where a welcome dinner was awaiting us. The long draught and springy ropes at the parish church, however, did not aid the ringing, but some fair Cambridge and St. Clement's were rung on this fine eight.

Going on to Sudbury, the roughest ring of the week-end, and for once most were satisfied with one ring. A short run brought us to Hoar Cross, where, for a while, there was great despondency as the tower was locked. The Vicar was eventually found, and the magnificent six were rung to Oxford, Cambridge and London.

Burton was our next stop and, after having eaten again, we ascended to the ringing chamber of St. Paul's Church, where Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Royal, Kent Royal and Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major were well struck.

A last ring at Derby St. Peter's finished off our day with more Yorkshire, Cambridge and Stedman before our evening meal at the hotel.

On Sunday morning the more energetic attended early Communion at the Cathedral and, as a result, added another tower. Having had an early breakfast and hearing ringing nearby, four of the early risers rushed out and 'grabbed' St. Andrew's tower.

Eventually, all were ready and we set off for Nottingham, where we rang at St. Mary's Church for Matins. The beautiful ten went well for Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and was thought by many to be the best ring of the week-end.

A well served lunch at the 'George,' Oakham, was followed by ringing at Uppingham, where the eight sounded out to the standard methods again. At Market Harborough, Major was the order of the day, with Plain Bob, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Double Norwich and only Stedman broke the sequence of turning-in. The last ring of the day was at Kettering, where the ten went well to Stedman Caters and Kent Royal rung for Evensong.

We should like to thank all incumbents and local ringers for the good time we had

C. F. M.

MAULDEN, BEDS

A very satisfactory feature of the Maulden ringers annual outing on June 23rd to South East Essex, was the high standard of ringing thus providing a truly memorable day.

An early start enabled us to reach the beautiful Church of St. Mary, Ardleigh, a little in advance of schedule, and the presence in the party of Mr. J. Edwards, who is familiar with this part of the country, resulted in the schedule being maintained all day.

Ardleigh's fine ring of eight were kept busy for 45 minutes, after which a short run brought us to Gt. Bromley, whose lovely church impressed everyone, as did the magnificent ring of six bells. Next came St. Michael's, Thorpe-le-Soken, where, after ringing, lunch was taken.

Ample refreshed, we enjoyed further ringing on the fine octaves at Kirby-le-Soken, Gt. Holland and Gt. Bentley. After tea, ringing took place at Thorington and St. Peter's, Colchester, a very fine eight.

The thanks of all are accorded to the incumbents of churches where we rang, to the local ringers who gave us such a hearty welcome, and to our organiser, Ron Sharp, for his excellent arrangements.

A. E. R.

ST. MARGARET'S, RAINHAM, KENT

It was a bright and beautiful day on July 7th for the annual outing of St. Margaret's, Rainham, ringers, when they were joined by local friends from Frindsbury, Sittingbourne, Stockbury, Tunstall and Queenborough, and honoured by the presence of the Rochester Branch honorary secretary, Mr. T. Barton.

A well arranged coach tour was carried out, passing through attractive scenery and picturesque towns and villages in Kent and Sussex; stops being made for ringing in five towers.

The first call was made at that legendary tower of St. Mildred's, Tenterden, standing 422 feet above sea level. Miss Relf kindly welcomed the party, and merry touches were soon pealing out over the streets, where William Caxton (of printing fame) no doubt walked 500 years ago. The eight bells are reputed to be the best ring in Kent, Surrey and Sussex, with a tenor of good tone and weighing 30 cwt.

Before resuming the journey into Sussex a pause for refreshment was made and then the party proceeded to Hastings for a call at All Saints', where Mr. S. F. Buckland made the ringers welcome. The church, situated on the hillside, is approached by steps and terraces, but was well worth the climb to this very spacious tower, with its eight bells (tenor 12½ cwt.). Ringing in standards methods took place and Kent T.B. Major was particularly well struck.

After lunch the journey was continued through some low-lying country of the Pevensey Levels until Willington was reached. The Church of St. Mary in this village has a pleasing ring of six (tenor 10 cwt.) and is a favourite venue for ringing visitors from Eastbourne. Mr. R. W. R. Percy and family greeted the party and touches of Doubles and Minor were soon giving cheery sound for the visitors to the local fete.

The next church was St. Leonard's, Seaford, with archaeological evidence of its existence in the 12th century. The bells (of later date) are eight in number, with a tenor of 13½ cwt., and went very well in some well struck touches of Stedman. Mr. Wood, the local tower keeper, who greeted the party on arrival, is to be congratulated on the condition of the tower, staircase and bells.

A break for tea at Berwick, and then the last tower, St. Denys', Rotherfield, with its well-tuned octave (tenor 23½ cwt.). The ringing chamber is at ground floor level, with a lofty draught for the ropes, but provided with intermediate guide rings. Local residents were heard to comment on how well the sound of the bells impressed them. They certainly were of a very pleasing tone.

In the absence of Mr. Morris the welcoming honours were done by the captain, who had seen that the bells were raised for the benefit of the visitors.

The return journey was made very cheerful with community singing. 'Uncle Tom' Denis providing a song book and instrumental assistance, and the honorary secretary was in good voice. Thanks are due to all those who contributed to the success of the outing.

S. H.

A DEVON OUTING

A number of members of the Devon Guild held an enjoyable half-day outing in the Newton Abbot area on July 21st, when towers visited were Littlehempston, East Ogwell, Denbury and Ipplepen. The ringing at the last named tower was very much enjoyed, and the methods rung throughout the afternoon were Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, and Plain Bob Minor.

LATE NEWS

The attempt to ring the extent of Plain Bob Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry on August 4th had to be shortened to 19,928 changes: which was accomplished in 9 hours 13 minutes. The band consisted of Brian J. Woodruffe 1, John M. Jelley 2, Neil Bennett 3, Patrick I. Chapman 4, Bernard F. L. Groves 5, H. Peter Whitehead 6, Derek Ogden 7, Robert B. Smith (cond.) 8.

NEWS FROM AMERICA

'MUSIC MINISTRY'

This is published monthly by The Graded Press, 201, Eighth Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee, and the July issue features the use of handbells in church music.

Some of the information already given in her book, 'The Art of Handbell Ringing,' by Nancy Poore Tufts, is reprinted. This is a practical, elementary article, and very lucidly written. Federal Lee Whittlesey writes on 'Organizing your handbell choir.' Among the expected facts on the selection and preparation of bells, music and ringers, is the interesting statement: 'It is estimated that there are about 400 sets of handbells in use in this country [U.S.A.] by community, church or college organisations.'

There are quite a few photographs: in all of them the ringers are robed (similarly to singers in this country), and in the texts the ringers are referred to as choir members rather than as ringers. The 15 pieces of music reviewed are divided into two categories—for choirs and handbells, and music for handbells alone. Eight of the nine items in the first group are for Christmastide.

A music folio is inserted. This includes an anthem for unison treble voices and 17 handbells: 'Hear the bells of Christmas,' written by Mr. F. L. Whittlesey, and two carol arrangements, 'Away in a manger,' to the Lutheran tune arranged by Saxe Adams and Susan York, which requires an assortment of 12 handbells, and 'He is born the child divine' (Il est né le divin Enfant) for 16 bells.

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'OVERTONES,' MAY, 1962

There will be an electronic carillon of over 500 bell tones at the Seattle World Fair. It is the largest of its kind in the world and will be heard over the fair grounds and a good part of Seattle. Members of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers will be playing it, and on every Saturday evening there will be a handbell teaching and demonstration period in the Christian Pavilion.

Dorothy Youngman is featured in this issue: her biography and two of her arrangements of hymn tunes (Easter Hymn and Madrid) are given.

There are announcements of ringing festivals and various news items, including one about the Groton half-peal. 'The New York Times' reporter wrote that bellringing fans say that ringing a half-peal gives the performers something of the satisfaction of running a mile in less than four minutes while simultaneously playing through a Bach fugue without a slip. . . Mrs. Tufts has recorded another T.V. programme about bells, which will be shown to 100,000 school-children in four States. . .

Dorothy Hartshorn will be visiting England in the summer. . . The vibrations set up by the bells being rung at a festival held in the First Methodist Church in Tulsa peeled the acoustical insulation from the church ceiling. Fortunately a new ceiling had been planned, and the pastor was even grateful to the ringers for helping to remove the old one! J. S.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Meeting at Bromley

A meeting of the Kent Branch and Central District was held at Bromley on June 30th. Ringing in the afternoon being at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, and after tea at the Parish Church. About 20 ladies attended the short joint meeting held after service and tea, when Mrs. Mitchell welcomed the Central District. Mrs. Lock replied on their behalf and extended an invitation to the Kent Branch to visit the Central on the same Saturday next year, which was unanimously accepted.

A well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by eight ladies who felt they qualified to be called veterans as they were all ringing before the war! They were: Mrs. Sanders 1, Mrs. Davis 2, Mrs. Mitchell 3, Miss Prockson 4, Mrs. Collins 5, Mrs. Bagworth 6, Mrs. Lock (conductor) 7, Mrs. Fardon 8.

The thanks of all were extended to the incumbents and towerkeepers of both churches, and the organist, and to Miss Maria Kirby and her helpers for arranging such an excellent tea.

J. F. B.

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SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. Mildred (first of Grandsire) 1, B. G. Warwick 2, D. W. Stenson 3, M. G. Wood 4, K. H. Mildred (first as cond.) 5, N. R. May 6. For Evensong. Also on July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. B. Stevens (first quarter) 1, Carol I. V. Corton 2, D. W. Stenson 3, K. H. Mildred 4, B. M. Smith (cond.) 5, M. G. Wood 6. For Sunday School Festival service. Also on July 1st, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob): D. W. Stenson 1, Carol I. V. Corton 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, K. H. Mildred 4, M. G. Wood 5, B. M. Smith 6. First of Surprise for 1 and 2. For Evensong. Also on July 8th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob): N. R. May (first of Treble Bob) 1, Carol I. V. Corton (first of Kent 'inside') 2, B. G. Warwick 3, K. H. Mildred 4, M. G. Wood 5, B. M. Smith (cond.) 6. For Civic service. Also on July 8th, 1,260 St. Clement's College Bob Minor: Carol I. Norman 1, Carol I. V. Corton 2, B. G. Warwick 3, K. H. Mildred 4, M. G. Wood 5, B. M. Smith (cond.) 6. First in the method by all except 3 and 6. For Evensong.

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