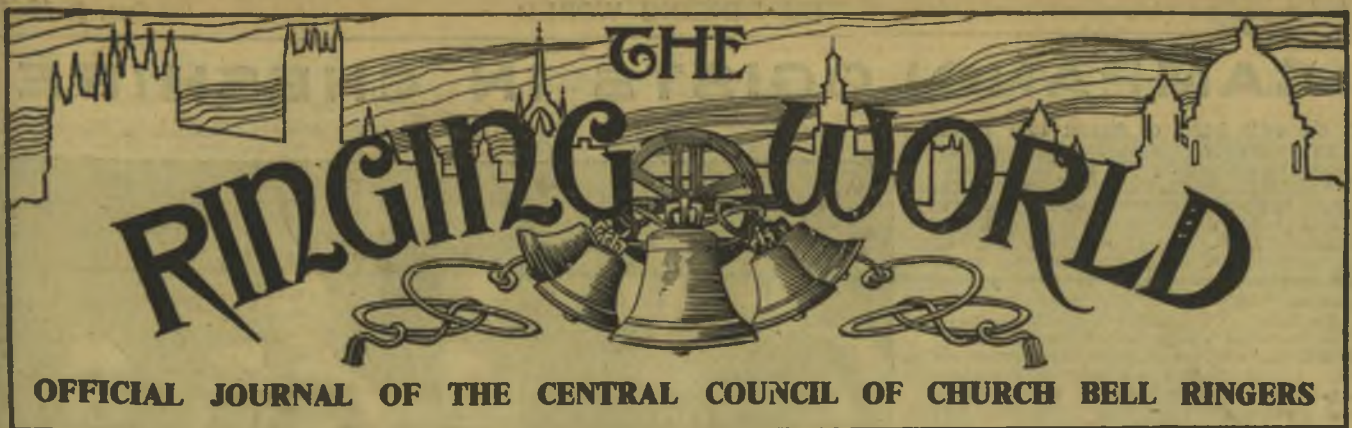




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THE IDLE THOUGHTS OF A NOT-SO-IDLE RINGER

By HUGH FALKNER, Jamaica

THREE years' ringing in three months! How is it done? The answer is simple. I was out of the country for three years, but home on long leave for three months. And during that time I had to make up for lost time!

Coming back from no ringing to as much as I could get gave me experiences which routine doesn't give. And I would like to pass them on by way of these observations. Whilst much may be obvious to many, it is often worth stating the obvious from time to time.

I am still astonished at the friendliness of the reception given to ringers when visiting strange towers. This is, indeed, a most wonderful feature of the ringing fraternity, and long may it be so. If for no other reason at all, I would recommend youngsters (and older ones) to stick to their ringing (despite all its frustrations!) for, where there is a ringing tower, there they will find friends wherever they go.

The assumed honesty of the visiting ringer also surprises me. The patter is usually: 'Are you a ringer?'. The answer is 'Yes.' 'What do you ring?' 'Very well then, catch hold somewhere.' And off we go. I don't imagine the home band often gets let down, but it's a risk to them. It is also a challenge to the visitor not to exaggerate his ability! How do they even know that the visitor can handle a bell properly? Only once, in a cathedral tower, was I asked to pull off a bell whilst someone stood by me. A wise precaution, eh?

One thing I have realised in visiting a strange church is that whereas one can always find an obvious notice board and read all about the services and the various meetings, including that of the Mothers' Union, only once have I found a notice that told me when ringing took place, either on Sunday or practice night week-day. This really is hard on a visitor—to know there will be a welcome for him when he finds them, but not to be told when he can find them! And one point more. It is not always easy to know 'where' to find them even if one knows when! Entrances to towers can be in the most unexpected places, and churches can be a long way round to keep walking. I walked around one church three times, and hesitated at a door which led downwards into a labyrinth of underground passages, lest I was wrong, and subsequently was to find myself locked in for the night. But it was the door! In another tower, although its shape from the outside gave a clue where the stairway was, this was a blind. Access was in an entirely different place through a door remote from the tower and up an entirely different stairway! How easy it would all be to know both when and where. What about it, tower captains?

Living with things, one gets used to them and takes them for granted. But having been away, and now seeing things afresh, I wonder why many of them came into being. I am apparently not the only one to query 5,000 changes for a peal, as someone recently queried in 'The Ringing World' whether a quarter peal should be 1,250 or 1,260. I can see neither rhyme nor reason in 5,000. It's a nice round number. But it might as well have been 5,001 or 4,999 for all that these numbers have to do with permutations. Why not make sense of it and choose 5,040?

And that leads me on to something else. When a peal is on six or less bells, surely something should be done to prevent a repetition of any one extent. I know that it is often that 'the extents were all called differently.' My inclination is that it should be compulsorily so.

Another issue on peals. There is something wrong (or am I wrong?) about crediting a treble ringer with a method by name, e.g., Cambridge Surprise. A treble ringer can only really be credited with treble methods; for example, hunting as in Grandsire, or doing treble-bob as in Surprise. It is virtually the same to a treble ringer whether the peal is Bristol or London, or Plain Bob or Grandsire. This issue is only one stage removed from admitting that ringing the tenor behind is ringing the method! There are clearly three stages here—the ringing of the tenor behind, the ringing of the treble, and ringing 'inside'—and each should be credited separately.

Finally, on peals, and at the risk of being accused of being a heretic, the only 'peal' of any practical mathematical consequence is the 5,040 on seven bells; otherwise, quarter peals are much more sensible than peals. I think this is as true as true can be for the layman, as well as for a number of ringers. I recall that within the last ten years this matter was discussed at some length in 'The Ringing World.' Should more notice have been taken of it?

I guess I have been so provocative that someone will say that it's a good job I've gone off again for the next three years! Notwithstanding, I would like to add a word or two about 'the old pals' club.' Make no mistake about it, they are a fine lot. Last Whitsun was the first time I have attended a Central Council meeting, and I hope it will not be the last. I didn't actually attend the 'meeting,' and of course I am not a representative. But I did attend at Cardiff, and take part in the ringing at the many and varied towers made available. Some might think it impudence for a rabbit to mix with the giants, or that the giants wouldn't want the rabbit. Not a bit of either! The fellowship of bell-ringers was as much at Cardiff as can be found anywhere else. And a good time was had by all. Believe me, the best ringers are as human as the middling and the worst—maybe more so!

CAMPANOLOGISTS IN CHESHIRE

IN the early hours of August 18th a little grey van set out from Bridgwater, Somerset, on the long journey to Cheshire; after picking up Pat Bird at Bristol, and Barbara Stephens at Stourbridge, it sped on to Prestbury, the first tower of the tour of Cheshire. The weather was fine, and we were soon into changes after the customary 'grab' by the non-pealers. A good peal of Yorkshire was achieved on these peculiarly mellow bells. We enjoyed a quick ice-cream in the beautiful village before we set off for Macclesfield, where the party was completed by the arrival of Bob and Cynthia Warrilow. Hunger and other needs having been satisfied, Benny grabbed the tenor rope at St. Michael's ('I don't understand this method') and a peal of Grandsire Cinques was ably conducted by Pat.

The first day was completed as we wended our ways to Frodsham, where our hosts for the week were Mr. and Mrs. Bibby. The tent had been pitched the previous night by Dave and Dick and they had done such a good job that we had tried to sleep for five or six hours before we found the house-bricks, which had been cunningly planted in the straw under the groundsheet. Fortunately, the tent was about 400 yards from the farmhouse, and this enabled Mr. and Mrs. Bibby to sleep blissfully whilst we tossed and turned, curling round bricks and trying not to notice the snoring.

LIVERPOOL VISITED

Sunday dawned bright, and dreadfully early we set out for Daresbury, where the local band kindly allowed us to ring for morning service. The afternoon was commenced by trying to find Renfrew Street, Liverpool, which, apparently, does not exist; we settled on Renshaw Street as a suitable alternative and ate the first of the traditional Chinese meals.

At Liverpool Cathedral we were met by Mr. Ridyard; the magnificence of the building and the enormity of the bells made this very memorable. It is unfortunate that the bells are virtually indistinguishable after the first row of rounds. We rang for evening service at St. Nicholas', a most enjoyable twelve, where our Erin Cinques was particularly good. Four stalwarts then hurried back to Frodsham to attempt a handbell peal; the last two courses were witnessed by everyone through the windows of the shed and the final rounds were heralded by a tremendous banging and cheering, which will be very difficult to forget.

BLACK MONDAY

St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Handbridge, was the first tower on Monday, and very soon Lincolnshire was streaming from the louvres: the striking was sufficiently good to allow Geoff to write down the course-ends outside the tower, and a timing of the individual courses confirmed the regularity of the striking. After two hours the listeners noticed that it was opening time, and sallied forth, confident that the peal was virtually rung. The ringing stopped in the seventeenth course. After the usual inquest the listeners were surprised to discover to their discomfort that the bells are by no means easy to ring, and that some of them go rather badly.

Lunch was taken at Chester, and then a dash to Over; when Benny had found the tower we were able to start for Bristol on the fine bells which sounded to 21,600 Bristol in 1950. We had no excuse for losing the peal here, but nevertheless we did, after nine courses of Stephen Ivin's Double Bob composition which had appeared in the previous Friday's 'R.W.'. It must have been the gremlins' best day for years, and that night the two conductors of the day were banished to the barn, where they had a blissful night's sleep.

DEADLINE AT OXTON

The Monday gremlins were still evident at Frodsham on Tuesday, where London was stopped and Lincolnshire substituted. The composition attempted at Handbridge was rung and struck well. A hasty buffet lunch was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Bibby and



Pictured after the peal of Yorkshire Royal at Christ Church, Macclesfield: Back row: Geoffrey Davies, Charles A. S. Webb. Second row: Robert J. Warrilow, David W. Friend, Richard J. Warrilow, Patrick J. Bird. Front row: Cynthia Warrilow, F. Hector Bennett, Cecil T. Clarke, Barbara Stephens, Brian J. Wyld, Royston Blackler.

then to Oxtun, with its fine tower and bells, where a very good peal of Double Norwich was rung; we were told here that we must be finished by 6.05 p.m.—we had three minutes to spare! An early bull in the ensuing dart match made us feel that the gremlins were 'finished' but they were not done yet.

A VARIATION OF JOHNSON'S?

Pulford, our first tower on Wednesday, has trebles which cannot be heard inside the tower and some odd-struck bells. All was well as we came up to the fourth part-end of Johnson's Variation of Middleton's peal of Cambridge Major; a fracas brought up the wrong course end and the peal was lost. Everyone on the tour now knows the part-end of Johnson's Variation!

Lunch in Chester refreshed us for the afternoon peal of Stedman Triples at Christleton: the striking was excellent, and for some it was not only their first Stedman Triples, but also their best peal. Pat conducted like a veteran. We were pleased to get this peal on beautiful bells, which are famous for the earlier peals of Stedman.

DINNER DAY

Thursday was dinner day. In the morning we rang three-laminated Surprise Major at Tarporley, the method having been changed at the last minute from Grandsire. A good peal resulted, and afterwards John and Beryl Baldwin joined us for some spiced. Back at Frodsham we played inter-university darts at the Golden Lion and put on our best clothes, and then went to Eccleston, where the bells, in the writer's experience, are second only to Tiverton for tone and 'go'. We rang Bristol and London here, and enjoyed every minute of our visit. At Malpas, the best spliced of the week was rung on a fine eight with rather springy ropes and this gave us a wonderful appetite for the social evening and dinner at the Bars Hotel, Chester. A sumptuous meal, beautifully served, was followed by handbell ringing in many methods up to Cinques. We were pleased to have our hosts from Frodsham in the company on this memorable occasion.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY?

We started on Friday at Bromborough, where Charles made a good job of turning in the 24 cwt. tenor to a peal of Plain Bob Major, conducted by John, whose car wheels had been knocked out of alignment in an accident on the previous day. The listeners later played miniature golf at Arrowe Park, but were in time to hear the end of the

peal. Our next tower, Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, was further away than we had anticipated and we were late in starting. The long draught and the hum from these very musical bells make it advisable to ring slowly; the majesty of these tiny bells at 27 changes per minute must be heard to be believed, and an entranced local ringer stayed through the whole of the peal. We were, of course, late at the third tower, where Cynthia had been waiting for an hour, and our last attempt for three-in-a-day had therefore to be scrubbed without a bob having been called in the Bristol we had chosen to ring. Despite our tiredness, we still played estimation whilst together in the tent before we literally 'hit the hay'.

THE LAST DAY

The last day came very soon. Benny, Geoff and Charles, who were leaving ahead of the rest of the party, packed their belongings and travelled to Witton, where we had decided to have another go at Johnson's Variation. We were more than bewildered when the seventh rope broke after only three minutes' ringing, no bobs having been called. We were too disappointed to arrange an impromptu visit to a local tower, so we dined, shopped and generally passed the time until we were due to ring at Christ Church, Macclesfield, where we were met by Mr. John Worth. Yorkshire Royal here was a fitting end to an enjoyable week; I think we shall all remember ringing together in Cheshire.

Our thanks are due to Brian for his pains-taking organisation, and all ringers and incumbents who made us welcome. With next year's tour virtually fixed, all we have to do is say, 'Here's to the next time!' G. D.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Bingham District

The Vicar (the Rev. A. P. Hayward) joined in the ringing when the Bingham District held its meeting at Willoughby-on-the-Wolds. It was very much a learners' afternoon, and the help of the Ringing Master instructor was much appreciated.

The service was conducted by the Vicar and tea served at Wysall Rectory. Three new members were elected—the Rev. A. P. Hayward, Mr. J. Bollard and Mr. E. Hookham (Langar). Ringing continued until 8.30, the attendance being 45, with visitors from four counties.

Next meeting: October 13th, Granby; November meeting, Lowdham with Gonalston.

R. B

OBITUARY

MR. W. H. B. WILKINS

A ringer of outstanding merit, Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, passed peacefully away on September 9th, at the ripe age of 91.

Born at Chatham in 1870, he spent the early part of his life in Sittingbourne, where he is doubtless still remembered as an outstanding conductor on six bells, and no mean performer on the higher numbers.

He came to Oxford in 1916, and soon became captain of St. Ebbe's tower, a post which he held till the end of his life. The older ringers of Oxford still remember the skill with which he would sort out a tangle in some Surprise method. He rang many thousands of Minor 720s, and conducted most of them.

He rang in every tower in Kent, scoring 186 peals there, and a further 112 after he came to Oxford, his last peal being in November, 1958.

'W. H. B.', as he was affectionately named, was a shining example of loyalty as a churchman and as a ringer. He was a sidesman at St. Aldate's for 46 years. He was proud to be a vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and he seldom missed a Sunday service. He was equally loyal to the Oxford Society, setting a noble example to younger men.

His was a friendly, unassuming nature; he was usually to be found in his greenhouse or his beloved garden, and visitors were always welcome.

The funeral on September 13th was very well attended, and a peal at St. Ebbe's was rung half-muffled later in the day.

The sympathy of many ringers goes out to his daughter and three sons. W. L.

MR. F. H. HOPGOOD

Mr. Frank Herbert Hopgood died after a long illness, on September 23rd, at his son's home at Teddington. He was 76.

Born at Lee in 1886, he became a chorister at St. Margaret's Church in 1896, under the choirmaster, Mr. G. Leske. When his voice finally broke he learnt to handle a bell, and rang at St. Margaret's and various towers in the vicinity until the war.

During the war he was gassed badly in France, and on returning home was unable, through bad health, to continue ringing until 1923. Although not a peal ringer he rang regularly for Sunday services, and was only too pleased to help, even with Churchyard Bob, as he called it.

He was also very fond of good singing, and was solo baritone at All Saints' Church, Wandsworth, for 15 years. His last singing days were spent in the choir at St. Mark's Church, Teddington, where he laid on Thursday night previous to cremation at Feltham on Friday. He leaves two sons and a daughter.

L. F. H.

MR. WILLIAM MARTIN

With the death of Mr. William Martin, of Higham-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, at the age of 78, a life of faithful service to the Church of St. Peter has ended. Besides being a ringer for over 50 years and tower Master the latter part, he had also served the church as churchwarden. He rang only a few peals but was always present for Sunday service ringing, until he had to give up about two years ago owing to ill health.

The funeral took place in the churchyard on September 20th; the bells were rung half-muffled in the evening by the local ringers, most of whom he had taught to ring.

H. HILL

Rededication of Cottered, Herts, Bells



IT has been 18 years since the bells at Cottered Parish Church, near Buntingford, Hertfordshire, have been rung, as they have not been safe and have only been chimed, until last January when work was started on the restoration of the ring of five, by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

The bells have recently been retuned, and were rehung at the beginning of last month. September 22nd was a joyous occasion as the Bishop of Bedford (the Rt. Rev. Basil T. Guy) came to dedicate the bells. The Rector, the Rev. G. S. R. Dale, who conducted the service, handed the bell ropes to Mr. E. G. Buck, secretary of the Northern District of the

Hertford County Association of Change Ringers, and while the Bishop and visiting clergy returned to their places the bells were rung by Messrs. A. R. Agg (general secretary of the Hertford County Association), E. G. Buck, L. B. Scoot, A. C. Harris and T. Hatchett, members of the Hertford County Association.

After the service several touches were rung by visiting ringers from near and far. The bells were cast between 1650 and 1841 and weigh from 54 cwt. to 11 cwt. Founders: Miles Graye (two bells), Lester & Pack of London, J. Briant, Hertford, and Thomas Mears. [Photo: N. G. Chuck.]

MR. PERCY WILSON

The South Oxon Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild has lost a valued member by the death of Mr. Percy Wilson, of Wanborough, who was organist and ringer for many of his 82 years.

He was one of the first members of the Branch, and although he did not ring many peals he was always willing to assist at any local ringing occasion. He could always be relied upon to play the organ in his inimitable manner at meetings. For many years he was headmaster of Wanborough School, and previous to that he taught at Trinity School, Henley-on-Thames.

At his funeral service on September 14th his fellow-ringers rang Wanborough bells half-muffled. J. E. G.

MRS. JOAN BULL

The news of the death on September 26th, 1962, of Mrs. Joan Bull, Morton, Gainsborough, at the early age of 37 years, came as a great shock to her many friends, not least her fellow ringers of All Saints'. Her cheerful disposition will long be remembered. One of her last requests to her doctor was how soon could she be ringing again.

God rest her soul.

C. H. B.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sept. 18th, 1.260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Worth (cond.) 1, J. Mortledge 2, G. Carles 3, M. M. Mothershead 4, G. Owen 5, D. Wright (first quarter) 6, E. Pimlott 7, J. Taylor 8, V. J. Norbury 9, H. C. Lanyon 10.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District

An enjoyable meeting was held by the North and East District at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Barnet, on Saturday, September 8th, where the bells of this 24 cwt. ring were put to good use by some 30 members and friends during the afternoon and evening. The Rev. C. W. Earle, Rector, conducted the service, Mr. David Patrick accompanying at the organ.

A short business meeting followed an excellent tea in the Church House, prepared by Mrs. Paternoster and her lady helpers. The meeting stood in silence in memory of Mr. A. R. Glascock, of Southgate, who had passed away earlier in that week at the age of 82. Mrs. P. Tomlinson, in a few appropriate words, paid a tribute to this stalwart of the Association, and recalled that he had been a member for some 60 years and had been a valued and respected member of the Southgate band all his life.

The ratification of the provisional election as non-resident life members prior to a peal at All Hallows', Tottenham, of Michael J. Halliwell, of Rayleigh, and Dennis A. Hewitt, of Leyton, was made. Mr. Trevor Hawkins (St. Albans) and Mr. Frederick Ellis (Wheatthampstead) were elected as non-resident life members, whilst Mr. Robert J. Moore, of Stanmore, was elected as a ringing member.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks by the chairman to the Rector, the organist, the ladies who helped with the tea, and to Mr. C. W. Ward for having everything in readiness. E. H. K.

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Letters to the Editor

'IN DOMINO' FOUNDRY SHIELD

Dear Sir,—In the light of Mr. Ranald Clouston's letter, summing up the case of Culverden versus Dawe (or Downham versus the rest) in the 'In Domino' foundry shield conflict, it is with great regret that I have to bring to his notice the loss of one of the bells he mentions. This bell, the treble of the ring of three at Graveney, was one of the two remaining Culverden bells in Kent. Stahlschmidt notes in 1887 that the bells and frame were in singularly bad order, but it was not until 1925 that the bells were all recast and rehung in a new 6-bell frame by the Whitechapel Foundry at the expense of George Henry and Alice Smith, of Graveney.

However, the founders, with their usual laudable regard for antiquity, reproduced the old inscriptions on the new bells in exact facsimile, from which we learn that the inscription on Culverden's bells was—

'SANCTE I U P'

The inscription is interspersed with a cross, coins, the 'In Domino' shield, and a curious impression after the (crowned) 'P' which resembled on a rubbing a three-pronged fork; it might have been a crude 'W' or an inverted 'M'. This inscription appears to have confounded the worthy Stahlschmidt.

The other Culverden bell that Mr. Clouston mentions, the third at Boughton Aluph, was mercilessly sold with its four companions as scrap to raise money for a very paradoxical cause—the rebuilding and strengthening of the now bell-less tower!

Whilst writing, I would like to confirm Mr. Kingsley Mason's belief as to the weight of Tenterden tenor. Warners recast the bell in 1884, at which time its weight was given as 30-1-24 in D flat. When taken down last year, Warners' suspected 'inflated' weight was verified when the bell was found to turn the scales at about 29½ cwt. Now, after retuning and refitting, she weighs 27-3-22 in C.

With reference to my previous letter about Alfred Bowell's bells, may I thank correspondents who have brought to my notice the following rehangers of his: Cliffe-at-Hoo, East Sutton, Upchurch, Swanscombe, Deptford (St. John) and Chatham.—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

Ashford, Kent.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Clouston says he cannot fully support my statement that Culverden bells are very rare, and then gives a list of 29 which, he thinks, are still to be found in a dozen counties in this country. If this list is up to date it should reveal the fact that the two Surrey towers (Chobham and Wimbeldon) are the only octaves which contain a Culverden bell.

During 1903-14 researchers found that their 'bell hunting' revealed information which differed from the county series and inaccuracies were noted, also fresh information tabulated, but it was generally agreed that bells with more than 300 years of life are now rare, i.e. not often met with, so I still subscribe to the concerted opinion reached nearly 50 years ago.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

DOUBLES METHODS WANTED

Dear Sir,—Can any Doubles ringer please enlighten me on the following methods/variations: Dedworth, Wychbold, Norfolk, Broadwas, Wollaston, Oldswinford, Northrepps and London?—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL W. BROWN.

Swithland, Leics.

ONE-METHOD PEALS OF MINOR

Dear Sir,—From time to time sneers are levelled at those who choose to ring peals of Minor in single methods, such as that by Mr. D. A. Bayles on page 628. No doubt the band which performed 5,280 Little Bob Minor were trying to establish a test case, but this is not so with 5,040s of 'regular' methods which will produce an extent.

Prejudice against a single method peal dates from the early days of Minor ringing, and much water has passed under the bridge since then and much fresh air has blown through the courts of change-ringing. I, for one, do not care to see old 'better-than-thou' opinions revived, particularly by those who do most of their peals on higher numbers, when they are unreasonable and ought to have died long ago.

As an example of changing opinions, old writers despised London Surprise Major because of its 'back-handers,' but this is just what gives the method a bit more spice and interest than Cambridge. Archaic allegations that you cannot ring a 'peal' of Minor at all, because each change appears seven times, are also occasionally heard, but who worries about such a contention in our day of tolerance and enlightenment? Times change, and prejudices with them.

Objection I have faced when trying to arrange a 'first in the method' of Minor have not been on the grounds that it would be retrograde compared with ringing the 'Steady Seven,' but that the bother of learning a new method would have to be undertaken. Some of the methods are quite tricky and sustain interest throughout more effectively than the 'Steady Seven,' or a peal of Cambridge Major, for example. The Plain methods require a lot of concentration on the conductor's part, and it is a much bigger achievement for him to memorise and call seven unfamiliar extents or the equivalent in 2,160s, than to call the mere Standard Calling for the 'Steady Seven.'

From my own experience of quite a number of peals of Minor, I would place the types of peal in this order from the point of view of the ringer's interest:—

- (1) A multi-method peal.
- (2) A peal in a new single method.
- (3) The 'Steady Seven.'
- (4) A peal in a familiar single method, or two or three.

The last-named is usually undertaken to assist beginners.

For the conductor, in my opinion, it is a bigger achievement to call seven different extents of Bob Minor than to ring the standard calling of the 'Steady Seven.'—Yours faithfully,

DEREK P. JONES.

P.S.—By 'Steady Seven' I infer an extent each of Cambridge, Kent, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, and one of these four: Double Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Court; an arrangement very frequently rung.—D. P. J.

TRY ANOTHER SOURCE

Dear Sir,—Thank you, Mr. Wratten, for your nice looking 'pill' ('R.W.' September 21st). . . .

Anything further, Mr. Wratten wants to know 'to satisfy his curiosity,' I suggest he waits until the next report of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild is published. Knowing Mr. Wratten's rather peevish views upon Doubles I have nothing further to add.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

NATIONAL STRIKING COMPETITION

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. Huson is wrong in saying that there is a general lack of interest in a national striking competition, as striking contests are increasing in number and popularity.

If these local competitors are looked upon as heats for a country-wide final, surely it can only add to the interest.

Wirksworth have not accepted invitations to enter a team in the local Derby District competition. Perhaps Mr. Huson could help in this direction.—Yours sincerely,

Littleover, Derbys.

G. A. HALLS.

Dear Sir,—A national striking contest, in my opinion, would be a fine thing and not particularly difficult to organise. Any such contest is useful, because it creates a special interest in striking.

In the Derby area the standard of method ringing has been good, but the standard of striking not too good. We have now held two striking contests which have been very enthusiastically supported. These have had two effects:—

(1) The widening of the friendly spirit which has been gradually built up in the area since the Derbyshire Association was formed. In other words, the contest is another successful social gathering with publicity value.

(2) An increased consciousness of the importance of good striking, and as a result some improvement can be noticed.

Peal ringing, of course, is an excellent way of developing good striking, but there is not a large proportion of ringers who, for various reasons, participate. Striking contests help to meet this deficit.—Yours faithfully,

Derby. DENIS R. CARLISLE

SINGLE CHANGE MINOR METHOD

Dear Sir,—In view of what has been said recently by Mr. Chant on the subject of Single Change Minor methods, I feel that his points should not remain unanswered.

He suggests that these methods should be classed as irregular, and presumes that they will die a natural death. This seems to me highly unlikely, as they have already been rung considerably more than Mr. Chant's favoured Little and Alliance methods, which are far better suited to the needs of 'method grabbers,' and in which I can see very little virtue.

As to why the Central Council has seen fit to include these methods in the Collection and to exclude those with Single changes I would not presume to hazard a guess! What possible good is there in a method which cannot even produce the extent? We have recently seen a performance of Little Bob Minor; I suppose the next thing will be a 'peal' of 21 extents of Bastow Little Court!

I consider that if peals containing these Alliance methods are to be recognised as records, then any peal containing Single Change methods surpassing any such record should certainly be recognised as a record peal.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. HUDSON.

Great Baddow, Essex.

WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL

Dear Sir,—I note with interest a peal rung at Sowerby, conducted by Mr. Fred Hodgson, to the memory of William Sottanstill, who was the author of the 'Elements of Campanalogia,' published 1866. However, I have yet to hear a kind word said about this man, although the book is a most intricate work and the author must have been a scholar.

Unfortunately he published some peals which were later proved to be false: it would be interesting to hear how he erred.

Perhaps some Yorkshire ringer would write an article on the life and work of William Sottanstill, with his successes and his failings.—Yours faithfully, N. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne.

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FOR the first time all the members of the party travelled by car. This is a new policy to encourage older members to join us. On Sunday, August 26th, fifteen of us met at St. Giles', Lincoln, to help ring for evening service, which we attended. To celebrate the commencement of our week's tour Lincolnshire was rung, along with Bristol, Plain Bob and Stedman. The Lincolnshire Report (L.R.) very thoughtfully includes a key to the state of the bells of nearly all the towers. While agreeing with most descriptions there were a few exceptions and St. Giles' was one of them. 'Excellent,' seems to be a generous assessment. After the service the party booked in at 'The Reindeer,' Lincoln, which was our headquarters for the rest of the tour. This hotel proved ideal.

Our first tower on Monday was the fine, easy going six of Saxilby. After a selection of Minor methods we moved on to the eight at Gainsborough. They are certainly a very good ring, but some bells are odd struck. To accommodate all our members two courses of Gainsborough Surprise were rung. Also in keeping with the tower a course of Gainsborough Little Bob was rung.

After a picnic lunch we visited the six at Haxey, where the grand tenor weighs 19 cwt. The tendency here was to ring too fast for the leisurely-paced bells. In the church there is an interesting tapestry, depicting the important events in the history of the village.

On our way to Epworth two car drivers, filled with enthusiasm, took the wrong turning and made the journey to the church up a very rough lane. After bringing round Cambridge, Erin and three leads of Bristol, we pressed on to the ground floor ring of six at Owston Ferry. From there we moved on to the not so easy ring at Willingham, where we were told that visiting bands rarely ring them well!

Tuesday was a day of sixes, when no method was rung twice. We began at Nettleham, where a delightful stream runs by the church. Grandsire with Extremes was called for. Two false starts showed that the explanation of an Extreme had not been clear to all the band. During the third attempt two members intentionally and surreptitiously swapped over, but this did not escape the eagle eye of the conductor, who called it round in masterly fashion. Although the L.R. rates this ring as fair, I would consider it good, and our next tower at Welton fair. The excellent ring at Dunholme has also been underestimated. There, as at Wragby, the ring could be much improved with attention.

HOSPITALITY

In the interval between these towers Jane Cook's parents gave us a marvellous lunch at their house. They coped with our large numbers and large appetites in a wonderful manner. After Wragby our next stop was Horncastle, with its fine bells, and from there on to Bardney, where the bells are noisy, but go quite well if rung slowly. After tea in Lincoln, we joined in the local practice at St. Peter's, where we felt obliged to have a couple of courses of Lincoln Surprise Minor. Also a ladies' band, 10 in number, rang a commendable course of Cambridge.

Our first fine day was Wednesday, which was very fortunate as only three towers had

been arranged. After a ring on the excellent six at Alford, John Ketteringham tempted us by suggesting another tower at Willoughby. After a quick ring there we pressed on to our main objective—Mablethorpe and the sea! A very pleasant and, for the most part, leisurely afternoon was spent on the beach. Reluctantly, we left the beach to ring on Mablethorpe's six bells and from there on to Louth.

Having struggled up nearly 200 steps it seemed an awful waste of energy to have to climb down into the ringing chamber. After a moment's rest we raised the bells in peal and commenced the ringing with Stedman Triples. This was rather ragged and the band took some while to find a good beat. A few of the bells, particularly the second, are difficult to strike. The later ringing of Cambridge and Double Norwich showed considerable improvement. After a lower in peal and a look from the balcony of the tower we made our way back to Lincoln.

Waddington was our first tower on Thursday; a good ring of bells spoilt by a 'tinny' treble. At Harmston the ladies' band was again called into action, this time Grandsire Triples, with the hip-swinging Mary Bird doing her stuff on the tenor. After ringing four Spliced Surprise and Erin Triples we moved on to Fulbeck, where we were met by George Scott. He rang in the peal when Fulbeck was named. After lunch at the local, combined with a game of darts and skittles, we headed for Grantham.

FISHY

Passengers in our car became increasingly aware of a peculiar smell and a temporary stop had to be made. The cause was a kipper which had mysteriously found its way under the bonnet and was quietly frying there. At Grantham, Tony Kench joined us. A half course of Yorkshire Royal, as well as Bob Royal, Grandsire and Erin Caters, was rung. The untidy striking did not do justice to the glorious ten. Our stay seemed all too short and soon we were hurrying on to Barkston, and then to Caythorpe. At this eight, after a touch of Spliced Plain and Little Bob, the ladies became more adventurous and rang Stedman Triples—the Tenor Queen still swaying behind! A ring at Navenby completed the day.

On Friday, Judy Atkinson, Tudor Edwards and Derek Sawyer joined us for the week-end. An early start was called for to reach Boston by ten. After struggling up the highest tower in the country into the ringing chamber we had a glance through the trap-door to the dizzy depths below. This quick route down did not appeal to us. Methods rung on this very good ten were Cambridge and Kent T.B. Royal and Grandsire and Stedman Caters. It may have been the tiring climb, but more likely it was the wide circle that ruffled the rhythm of our striking.

We managed quite well on the tricky bells at Kirton, where we rang our first course of Superlative. At Sutterton the bells are excellent. To reach the belfry, situated in the central tower, one has to go up through a side turret and across part of the roof. Cambridge, Bristol and Double Norwich were rung, but the quality was below standard. Next on our list was Surfleet, with its leaning

tower housing the highest ring of twelve. Although the front bells were not as difficult to handle as we had expected it would still require a very good band to ring them well. Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Little Bob Maximus were rung in a (certainly not Bristol) fashion. On the very good eight at Bicker the first course of London was rung and our last tower of the day was Swineshead. In the evening a dinner had been arranged at the Grand Hotel, and there we thoroughly enjoyed our five courses.

Saturday's towers, though satisfactory, were not of the same quality as previous days. Having visited Washington and Branston we found ourselves in time to ring for a wedding at Metheringham. We concluded our stay with a touch of six Spliced Surprise. Then, after refreshment, we moved on to Timberland and Martin before heading back to Lincoln, to be in plenty of time for the peal at the Cathedral. We were very short of time judging by the Grandsire Cinques scored on the splendid twelve.

AT SOUTHWELL

Nine o'clock ringing at Newark meant an early start on the Sunday. A good straight road and a disregard of Mr. Marples' 50 m.p.h. (by some) helped to bring us there on time. We rang a few touches of Caters on the clear sounding ten for service, before the long convoy of cars headed for Southwell Minster. Mr. Raithby, who had met us at Newark and had kindly made arrangements for this tower, accompanied us. An early arrival gave us chance to walk amongst the bells. This new anti-clockwise twelve are hung in a sturdy wooden frame. For quickness we decided to raise the twelve in peal. The young lady on the second, finding her bell a little low, decided that a few strong pulls were needed. Finding that she had set her bell she walked away, sat down and condescendingly joined in the rounds when the rest of the band had reached balance point. Having rung Grandsire and Stedman Cinques our time was soon up and our tour at an end.

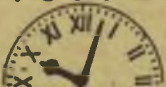
Our many thanks go to Patrick Bird, for his efforts and efficient organisation. We also thank those who so kindly welcomed us and gave us permission to ring. R. B.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' September 27th, 1912.—

'The Minutes of the Council'—Our comments last week upon the publication of the official minutes of the Central Council nearly four months after the meeting have drawn from the president, Sir Arthur Heywood, a reply, to which we readily give publicity. He points out some of the advantages accruing from the publication of this summary of the proceedings, advantages which, so far as the members of the Council may be concerned, we do not deny. The point of view which we took up, however, was that of the general body of ringers who have already been provided with an ample report of the business transacted, and from that standpoint we are still of opinion that the publication of the minutes is a work of superfluity. We doubt very much whether the members of the Exercise have any desire to read over again that which they have previously had the opportunity of studying in detail, and it was in this light that we considered the question last week.

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Universities Association in Shropshire

THE Universities Association 'Week,' this year largely in Shropshire, began in deference to current fashion by visiting a four-bell tower, namely Baschurch, with its 15 cwt. tenor. This was on the afternoon of Friday, August 3rd, where after further ringing at Royton-XI-Towns and Great Ness we arrived at Adcote School, where we were extremely well fed and generally looked after during all our stay.

On Sunday, various members made their way to nearby towers to assist or institute Sunday service ringing—this more or less according to a plan pinned on the cupboard in the common room. The main body started Monday at Shifnal, where we were right royally received by the local clergy with suitable refreshment on the Rectory lawn, where the Rector was living in a caravan, because the Parsonage House was undergoing repairs.

At Tong, where we did not toll the great bell because it is used only for special occasions specified on a notice in the church porch (which we have every confidence was not put there for our very special benefit), we were rejoined by the remainder of our gathering who had been seeking D.N.C.B. Major, but who were defeated by a broken rope. The traditional style sandwich luncheon was taken at convenient licensed premises after which we admired the mediæval wall painting in Claverley Church before ringing.

THE FLAGS OUT

The very fine 'ten' at Coalbrookdale were our next call. All the flags were out at Much Wenlock, where there is very pleasant restored 'eight.' It was perhaps a bit depressing to learn later that the flags were not out for us; still, no more depressing than for the Much Wenlock people, whose local fete was severely curtailed by heavy rain that afternoon. In the evening handbell men scored 5,056 Plain Bob Major at Adcote.

On Tuesday morning it was observed that one of the Adcote School large sandwich boxes was missing. First ringing this day took place at Wellington, which for some at least almost prevented their ringing at the second tower, Newport, due largely to poor navigation, even worse signposting, one way streets and local housing estates. Before ringing at Edgmond, we ate; and one family in our company were ejected from the 'local' due to the warped understanding of the licensee of the licensing laws. Cheswardine we found to be a pleasant and rewarding eight, and later we rang at Market Drayton and Stoke-on-Tern. That night many attended the St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, practice.

After the Corporate Communion on Wednesday (which was well attended) it was observed at breakfast time that there was one too many of the Adcote School sandwich boxes. A band went to Condover to attempt spliced, but this dissolved lamentably whilst the rest of our people were at The Clive. So it was that most of our company were together again at Wem, where, for a penance, the peal band rang 60 Stedman Triples with 6 and 7 continually 6-7. At Prees we dabbled in Spiced Plain Minor with good effect and at Whitchurch we fed before we rang.

Hodnet, where Bishop Heber lies buried, was quite delightful. This tower is octagonal and has a trap door entrance to a ringing chamber without natural light. The usual excursions to tea shops were thwarted by the absence of these latter and the thirsty had to be content with iced lollies. The last tower of the day was High Erroll, with good bells and a jelly-like rope guide.

On Thursday morning it was observed at breakfast time that one of the Adcote School sandwich boxes was missing. A seven method peal of Minor was soundly accomplished at Cound, whilst all except this band were at Church Stretton and Ludlow. One of the peal band cars was successfully aimed at Stanton Lacy, but the other did not rejoin the main body until Wistanstow, due to an enforced study of the modern methods of laying drains in roads.

STOKESAY CASTLE

It had been announced that tea was obtainable at Stokesay Castle—to the consternation, so it seemed, of its custodian who didn't immediately realise that bellringers in addition to being thirsty fellows were able to pay the admission fee and appreciate the historic pile. However, heavy rain did not prevent us from slaking our thirst, visiting the castle and ringing at the Church of St. John Baptist alongside. Bicton, quite near home, was the last tower this day.

In the evening we held our business meeting under the chairmanship of the president. Our business meetings contain much the same items as other people's, but the manner of our disposing of the agenda has to be experienced to be appreciated. The minutes, I'm sure, will contain our approval of the annual dinner taking place at Oxford (Exeter College) on Saturday, January 5th, 1963, and the arrangements are well under way for the 1963 Week in Hampshire from July 26th till August 3rd, but we did exercise some thought on the problems of where our headquarters should be. Looking forward, Lancashire was most favoured for 1964.

On Friday morning it was observed at breakfast time that there was a sandwich box for sale. Oswestry was the first call this day—a fine eight competently handled. Hereafter things went wrong one way or another for the rest of the day.

EISTEDDFOD HANGOVER

The day's eating place had been announced as the 'Red George' bar at Llangollen; or was it the 'Blue Percy' or the 'Yellow Lizard'? Anyway, the Bell Founder was spotted waving out of what appeared to be a local bathroom window which in the event turned out to be the 'Royal Oak.' Now Llangollen is noted for its music, etc., and though we had thought that this year's Eisteddfod had been completed we did experience what, I suppose, must have been a hangover therefrom in the form of three gentlemen dressed in tight trousers, black shirts and silver necklaces equipped also with ale and a guitar. Our clergymen enjoyed these and their 'country style' renderings, though one is thought to have expressed surprise that anyone should force innocent bystanders to listen to the row they were making.—An interesting comment from a bellringer, we thought.

The food arrangements successfully established, ten others were catering at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, where a peal of Grandsire was scored. Concurrently the rest of us were viewed suspiciously from behind lace curtains by some of the citizens of Ruabon, but we did enjoy ringing with local people. The fine old style octave at Gresford come next and we noted sadly the peal board commemorating the terrible pit disaster. We did not do justice to these splendid bells but again, as at Stokesay or even Ironbridge, we had a chance to see a structure much reproduced in architecture books.

Saturday—and time to go, but not before we had expressed our thanks to the Adcote people for their kindnesses. It was observed too at breakfast time that all the Adcote School sandwich boxes were now under lock and key. Those going home that way called at the two Bridgnorth towers, but there the 1962 Week finished, except to record our deep thanks to all the organisers, incumbents, wardens, etc., who so kindly made the Week so enjoyable. H.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Minor were among methods rung at a quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch held at Shute, near Axminster, on September 22nd and attended by about 40 members.

Mr. J. Sage, chairman, presided for the first time, and thanked members for electing him. Mr. G. Woodley, vice-president, also attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Pedley, of Shute, and the ladies of Shute organised the tea.

Next quarterly meeting, Luppitt, January 12th, 1963.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

The newly-elected president, following the late Ernest Morris, is Mr. Harry Miles, M.A. The College of Campanology has elected two more members to its Fellowship—A. J. Pitman, for his services to ringing in the field of composition; and Albert York-Bramble, for his services to ringing in its didactic field.

In the recent ringing course at Bristol, under the auspices of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, seven of the lectures were given by two senior officers of the College.

As a result of inquiries, about further publications by the College, over £100 has been offered by members, as donations or interest-free loans to help finance the issue of more parts of the Ringers' Manual of Reference.

The retiring founder-principal, Mr. A. York-Bramble, has been persuaded to accept nomination again, and is elected as principal for the ensuing triennial period.

As the result of communications between the Duke of Edinburgh's Award organisation and the College, the latter is now informed throughout that the award syllabus on campanology the word 'should' is to replace the word 'must.' By this it is hoped to dispel any possible confusion with the principles Sir John Hunt has made in paragraph 4 of Explanatory Notes, relating to the Award Scheme.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

At the autumn quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch, held at Lyme Regis on September 22nd, the members decided to donate £2 2s. to the Ernest Morris Memorial Window Fund. Canon C. C. Cox hoped that either bells or a ringer at his rope would be incorporated in the design.

The Rev. J. S. Arthur, who presided with Mrs. Pannell acting as secretary, gave notice that he would not be offering himself for re-election as Branch chairman as he was retiring at the end of October and travelling to Brisbane, Australia, to visit his daughter and son-in-law. As there were no bells at Brisbane, he was taking a set of handbells, to start 'the thin edge of the wedge,' in the hope of furthering the art in that city.

Canon Cox said that Mr. Arthur had been a lively chairman and they were sorry he was leaving. They trusted that he would carry his interest in ringing for the rest of his life.

Two new members were elected—the Misses B. and J. Atkey, of Beaminster, and the Rev. David Bailey, Vicar of Bothenhampton, who had returned to the diocese from Winchester, was re-elected.

The chairman, in the vote of thanks, thanked the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. A. Charles) for taking the service and his address; Mr. Elsworth, the organist, and the Lyme Regis ringers and wives for the teas. Ringing previous to the service was Grandsire and Stedman, and afterwards in various other methods.

Next meeting (annual): November 24th, at Beaminster. E. P.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Western District

Although this was the first Ladies' Guild meeting to be held near Gloucester, it was disappointing that no ladies were there to greet us at St. James', Quedgeley, on September 8th; but the gentlemen seemed to make up for this, being genuinely interested in the Guild, and offering to be 'scouts' by distributing programmes to likely members.

The service was conducted by the Rev. P. Dack, and the organist was Mr. Green, a local ringer; both were thanked by Mrs. Kingcott for their services. A warm welcome was extended to the visitors from Kent and St. Albans.

Three new members were elected from the Bridgwater area, and another quarter peal reported, Cambridge Minor being rung for the 50th anniversary of the Guild after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

Further meetings; practices: Chipping Sodbury, October 16th; St. Werburgh's, November 12th; Quarterly meeting, Ditchat, December 8th. H. K.

ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH

Leaving Rotherham at 8 a.m., the Parish Church ringers were in their first tower, Leicester Cathedral, by 10 a.m. on September 15th, the occasion being their annual outing. Standard methods on ten and 12 bells were rung, including a half course of Cambridge Royal.

There was a disappointment at Coventry. After lunch at the Wine Lodge Hotel, all had hopes of seeing the inside of the Cathedral. This was not possible, but the views of the outside were impressive. Ringing followed on the new ten at Tamworth (Plain Bob to Bristol) and a good tea at the Monica Café.

At Lichfield Cathedral ringing included Stedman Caters and Yorkshire Surprise, but the standard was lower than normal. Ringers were fortunate to hear choral Evensong from the Triforium of the Cathedral.

Thanks are due to Mr. Garner-Hayward and incumbents and ringers of the three towers visited.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK

Five beautiful churches in Essex were visited by Rougham and District ringers during their outing on September 22nd, which started at mid-day. First came the anti-clockwise eight at Foxearth, followed by the good-toned six at Belchamp St. Paul, and the pleasant six in a very quiet belfry at Great Yeldham.

At tea at Castle Hedingham, the Rev. G. E. Jarrold spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be with the ringers that day. The bells at Castle Hedingham (6) are also rung anti-clockwise. The bells at the concluding tower, Halstead, were greatly enjoyed.

Methods rung during the day were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, Ipswich, London and Norwich, also Stedman. The conductors were Messrs. R. Rose, M. Rose, J. Paul and H. Fuller.

The party returned to Bury St. Edmunds, and at 10 p.m. dispersed after thanking Mr. L. Wright for arranging this pleasant tour.

OUTINGS**TEWKESBURY BRANCH**

September 15th dawned rather damply, and the ringers waiting, somewhat sleepily, for the coach in Tewkesbury and the outlying villages wondered whether it was to be a wet day for the annual outing. They need not have worried, however, for as the coach, with its load of 40 Branch members and their friends, travelled southwards through Bath the sky cleared, and we arrived at Shepton Mallet in bright sunshine.

Here was the first of the five beautiful churches that we were to visit during the day, with a painted barrel roof, decorated with angels, and in the tower a fine ring of eight bells, which were soon going to rounds and methods. The next stop was at Evercreech—its tall graceful tower visible from afar. Another 'angel' roof, and a famous ring of ten, delightful to ring and to listen to.

A pleasant ride (though longer than intended) brought us to Sherborne, the chief objective of the expedition, where we tried our strength on the heaviest eight in the world. After an excellent lunch at 'The Three Wishes' there was time for more ringing for those who felt strong enough, whilst the rest explored the Abbey Church, with its beautiful fan tracery, and wandered round the town. Altogether we found Sherborne a most attractive place. The fourth tower was Yeovil, another ten and almost as heavy as Sherborne, where we managed a nice touch of Stedman Caters, among other things. Tea followed at 'The Cottage Cafe,' and then the final tower, Crewkerne, with eight bells which were well up to the high standard set by the earlier towers.

In all it was a most enjoyable day, and our thanks are due to the incumbents, the local ringers who met us, and to the Ringing Master, Mr. E. W. Penn, for making the arrangements.

N. N. A. P.

WESTON FAVELL

A coach party of 35 participated in the outing of Weston Favell ringers into Rutland on September 22nd. The first tower was Caldecott, with a ring of 5 (1696), which was rehung a few years ago. The old monastery at Lyddington proved an attraction, as did the unique Communion rails of 1635, where communicants kneel all round the altar. The five bells are in a sad state and need rehanging in a new frame.

At Uppingham the Weston Favell learners had their first pull on eight bells, while the seniors rang Triples and Major. Everyone was impressed by the superb tone of the six at Langham, and at Ketton a welcome tea had been provided by the Rev. D. Hopkins (a former rector of Weston Favell) and Mrs. Hopkins.

The last church visited was Barrowden, where Compline was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Norman Smith). Ringing on this lovely-toned five before making for home concluded the outing.

P. A.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX

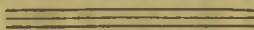
The first outing of the newly re-formed band at St. Mary's, Westham, was held on a beautiful sunny afternoon in mid-September. After picking up friends from neighbouring towers, we made our way through leafy roads to the charming village of Newick. The ropes in the belfry were of local origin, requiring almost two hands to encircle. Consequently, some of the party were in difficulty in managing this light six. Daneshill bells were easier to the less experienced, and several touches of Doubles and Minor were rung.

Cuckfield, where Mr. J. Jeffreys met us, provided for our tyros their first experience of Triples. After a substantial tea at the White Harte, there was more Triples at Burgess Hill with Mrs. Stella Knight. Peter Romney joined us in a touch of Cambridge Minor at Keymer, our last tower. During the stop for refreshments our handbells provided entertainment for another party of travellers.

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The Vicar of Adlington, Lancs, the Rev. Alfred Hodgson, joined in the peal of Major on September 23 on the eve of the launching of the Christian Stewardship Campaign. As he is also Rural Dean, he does not get much time to practise his ringing, but he, nevertheless, rang very well in this his second peal.

Congratulations to Mrs. Strong, of the Nailsea band, on ringing a quarter peal again after losing the use of her right hand.

The peal of Spliced Royal in four methods rung at Worsley, Lancs, on September 23rd was the greatest number of Royal methods yet rung to an 'all the work' peal. The conductor was Mr. Derek Ogden.

An afternoon on the beach at Mablethorpe was spent by Bristol University Society during their Lincolnshire tour. Here the game 'Burying Barbara Stephens alive' brought amusement to onlookers as well as to the party.

The teenage band who rang the peal of Bob Royal at Isleworth wonder if they are the youngest band to ring a 10-bell peal, having an average age of 17 years 7 months. Could someone please enlighten them?

Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, of Oxford, whose death at the age of 91 we record this week, was a local reader of 'The Ringing World' and of 'The Bell News' before that. He always read 'The Ringing World' before the daily papers.

The band at St. Mary's, Westham, Sussex, was re-formed last July after a long period, during which ringing was very spasmodic. They hope soon to have a method ringing band; the last time one functioned at Westham was over 30 years ago.

The first lady to ring a peal, Mrs. R. A. Sullivan (Miss Alice White), of Galt, Ontario, Canada, writes Mr. W. Shepherd, was 82 on October 6th. She is still a reader of 'The Ringing World' although partly blind, but is remarkably cheerful.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Tom Lock's party had a most enjoyable although a sometimes wet tour in Herefordshire and Shropshire. Fourteen peals were scored and five lost, which included a handbell attempt at Shrewsbury, by invitation of Mr. Harry Poyner. One peal was rung on a coach.

Another quarter for the jubilee of the Ladies' Guild has been rung by six members at Farmborough, Somerset.

The last day for applications for tickets for the Worcestershire and Districts Association annual dinner is October 9th.

Bristol University Society merit special mention for their peal of Grandsire Cinques at Lincoln Cathedral, rung during their tour of Lincolnshire.

For many years a member of the band of St. Paul's Cathedral, Mr. Robert W. Green, died recently at Brighton, aged 78.

Visitors to Glasgow Cathedral should note that Sunday service ringing is 5.45 p.m. and the weekly practice Thursdays, 7.30 p.m. There have been recent disappointments.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal of Stedman Triples at Halewood (see page 650) was Alexander J. Martin, and not Alexander J. Birkett as submitted.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Chester-le-Street on September 22nd by the Sunday service band contained three first pealers—Ian Wintrip is a nephew of Miss Bertie, and Peter D. Walker the son of Mr. S. C. Walker.

Fourteen new members were proposed at the annual meeting of National Guild of Police Ringers held at Manchester on September 22nd. The next annual meeting and dinner will be held at Birmingham on September 28th, 1963.

A record attendance of 216 was present at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held at Newlands Corner Hotel last Saturday. The Bishop of Guildford (Dr. G. E. Reindorp) in view of the Eye episode addressed the ringers as 'slinkers' to the delight of the assembly. A report will appear in our next issue.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr.

PATRICK J. BIRD Treble	BRIAN J. WYLDE 7
BARBARA STEPHENS 2	*CECIL T. CLARKE 8
CYNTHIA WARRILOW 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES 9
ROBERT J. WARRILOW 4	RICHARD J. WARRILOW 10
ROYSTON BLACKLER 5	DAVID W. FRIEND 11
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 6	F. HECTOR BENNETT Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER.

* First peal on 12 bells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.**THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.**

On Sun., Aug. 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT 'ABBOTTS ACRE' TOWNFIELD LANE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

CYNTHIA WARRILOW 1-2	GEOFFREY DAVIES 5-6
(Manchester)	(Birmingham)
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 3-4	ROBERT J. WARRILOW 7-8
(Birmingham)	(Manchester)

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.
First peal of Major 'in hand' by all the band.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

CYNTHIA WARRILOW Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 5
ROBERT J. WARRILOW 2	DAVID W. FRIEND 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES 7
BRIAN J. WYLDE 4	RICHARD J. WARRILOW Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

OXTON, WIRRAL, CHESHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 21, 1962, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEOFFREY DAVIES Treble	ROYSTON BLACKLER 5
CYNTHIA WARRILOW 2	ROBERT J. WARRILOW 6
BARBARA STEPHENS 3	PATRICK J. BIRD 7
*CECIL T. CLARKE 4	DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.

* First peal in the method.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

On Wed., Aug. 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 variation of Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

*ROYSTON BLACKLER Treble	†GEOFFREY DAVIES 5
F. HECTOR BENNETT 2	PATRICK J. BIRD 6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW 3	DAVID W. FRIEND 7
†CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	CECIL T. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

* 50th peal. † First of Stedman Triples.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.**THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.**

On Thurs., Aug. 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, being 1,760 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,600 of Lincolshire; with 84 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

BARBARA STEPHENS (Bris.) Treble	*PATRICK J. BIRD (Bris.) .. 5
DAVID W. FRIEND (Not.) 2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB (Bir.) 6
ROBERT J. WARRILOW (Man.) 3	*GEOFFREY DAVIES (Bir.) .. 7
*ROYSTON BLACKLER (Bris.) 4	BRIAN J. WYLDE (Bris.) .. Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

BROMBOROUGH, WIRRAL, CHESHIRE.

On Fri., Aug. 25, 1962, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

CYNTHIA WARRILOW Treble	PATRICK J. BIRD 5
BERYL W. BALDWIN 2	CECIL T. CLARKE 6
JOHN C. BALDWIN 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW 7
ROYSTON BLACKLER 4	CHARLES A. S. WEBB Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by JOHN C. BALDWIN.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL, LIVERPOOL.

On Fri., Aug. 25, 1962, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

*BRIAN J. WYLDE Treble	DAVID W. FRIEND 5
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 2	ROYSTON BLACKLER 6
BARBARA STEPHENS 3	ROBERT J. WARRILOW 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT 4	GEOFFREY DAVIES Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH.

Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.

* 100th peal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1962, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr.

ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. Treble	†GEOFFREY DAVIES 6
CYNTHIA WARRILOW 2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 7
*BARBARA STEPHENS 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW 8
†FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	DAVID W. FRIEND 9
F. HECTOR BENNETT 5	BRIAN J. WYLDE Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † 150th peal.

TWELVE BELL PEALS**LINCOLN.****THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.**

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1962, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER IN THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

JANE K. A. COOK Treble	ROYSTON BLACKLER 7
PATRICK J. BIRD 2	†DAVID HEIGHTON 8
ANGELA GRAINGER 3	ANTONY K. KENCH 9
BARBARA STEPHENS 4	BRIAN J. WYLDE 10
*ARTHUR R. WRIGHT 5	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 11
*JUDITH M. ATKINSON 6	JOHN C. BALDWIN Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER.

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

* First peal on 12 bells. † 150th peal.

LIVERPOOL.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

*PETER T. DALE Treble	*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN 7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2	JOHN ROBINSON 8
F. JOHN NELSON 3	WALTER ALLMAN 9
*JOHN P. PARTINGTON 4	NEIL BENNETT 10
JOHN H. FIELDEN 5	EDWARD JENKINS 11
BRIAN J. WYLDE 6	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD Tenor

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS**OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(Rochdale Branch.)

On Sun., Sept. 16, 1962, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in D flat.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Treble	*DAVID V. HODGSON 6
JOHN P. PARTINGTON 2	IVAN KAY 7
*JEFFREY KERSHAW 3	DEREK BUTTERWORTH 8
HAROLD HAMER 4	EDWARD JENKINS 9
*GEOFFREY CHEETHAM 5	JOHN H. FIELDEN Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung as a farewell to the Ven. Edgar Stephenson, Archdeacon of Rochdale and former Vicar of this church, due to retire on September 25th.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	W. GEORGE PAGE 6
ERNEST STITCH 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD 7
*WILLIAM DAVIES 3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS 8
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES 9
†MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 5	GEORGE DEAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 25th peal of Stedman Caters. † First on ten bells.
The annual peal for the Guild.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*HILARY N. KIPPIN Treble	†JENNIFER M. BUNYAN .. 6
†PETER N. FELTON 2	BRIAN B. HULLAH 7
†PATRICIA ROGERS 3	*CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS .. 8
†ANN MUIR 4	*ROBERT E. HARDY 9
†LAURENCE C. WAY 5	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First on ten.
All the band are teenagers, average age 17 years 7 months.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb.

HARRY PURCHASE Treble	ARTHUR R. TUDBALL 6
GEORGE SPARKES 2	WILLIAM J. NURCOMBE .. 7
FRED CASLEY 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 8
LESLIE H. ARSCOTT 4	HENRY W. LLOYD 9
RAYMOND F. ARSCOTT .. 5	WILLIAM MIDDLETON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HOLFIELD.
Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

First peal on ten bells by all except the conductor. First of Grand-sire Caters by members of the Dunster Deanery since 1906 or 7, when 5,022 and 5,058, conducted by Henry Moore, of Minehead, were rung.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Treble	BRIAN DOWNES 6
FRANK C. PRICE 2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS 8
ANDREW N. STUBBS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 9
ALAN J. FROST 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Jill Barron and John Rock, married here immediately prior to the peal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In four methods, comprising 1,520 London (No. 3), 1,360 Yorkshire, 1,320 Cambridge and 800 Redcliffe; with 51 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.	
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE Treble	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 6
DEREK OGDEN 2	JOHN ROBINSON 7
JOHN H. FIELDEN 3	NEIL BENNETT 8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 9
F. JOHN NELSON 5	DENIS MOTTERTHEAD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

This is the greatest number of Royal methods yet rung to an 'all the work' peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1962, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

JUNE M. LAMBERT Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
*MICHAEL R. T. LAMBERT .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal in the method.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1962, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

PETER T. DALE Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 5
LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 7
WILLIAM G. WILSON 4	DENIS MOTTERTHEAD Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

Rung to mark the marriage of Norman Smith and Sheila Smith, which took place this day at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	*VERNON GREEN 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 7
H. GEORGE HART 4	*ANTHONY R. MANN Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

KEITH H. GOULD Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 2	ROGER G. HAZELL 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 3	WALTER LEE 7
*JOHN YOUNG 4	DAVID A. CORNWALL Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.

* First peal of Major in the method.
Rung to celebrate the marriage of Peter G. Harris (captain of this tower) to Vera Turner.

BODMIN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROC,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 800 Bristol, and 480 each of Superlative, Yorkshire and Rutland; with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 17 cwt.	
J. RICHARD HOUGH Treble	ANDREW S. HUDSON 5
PETER S. BENNETT 2	LAWRENCE SMITH 6
B. CLARE WEBSTER 3	HILARY MUIRHEAD 7
CLAIRE DILLAMORE 4	MARTYN L. J. JORDAN Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HILARY MUIRHEAD.
First peal of 6-Spliced Surprise Major by all the band except the ringer of the third. First peal on the recently-restored ring.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

J. RICHARD CHAUNDY .. Treble	CHARLES COLES 5
JOHN G. PUSEY 2	A. JAMES ADAMS 6
ALAN R. PINK 3	BRIAN R. WHITE 7
EDGAR J. SMITH 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN R. WHITE.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam William H. B. Wilkins, a vice-president of the Guild.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 COLNBROOK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method. The conductor has now rung peals in 200 different Surprise Major methods.

COLNBROOK SURPRISE MAJOR
38—58.6—12—38.14—14.3.16—16.3.

2nds place L.E. 13527486. 4ths place bobs. Tipler's A3/9.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALAN E. HARTLEY .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5
HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
SHIRLEY BURTON .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
*ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	ERNEST J. LADD .. 6
MARGARET A. LADD .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
*FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* 150th peal together. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Jane Sarkar, grand-daughter of the second ringer.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Devizes Branch.)

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.).	Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in G.
DAVID NIBBS .. Treble	FREDERICK W. BOX .. 5
RICHARD HUMPHRIES .. 2	ROBERT J. DREWETT .. 6
PHILLIP S. GAISFORD .. 3	ROBERT J. PURNELL .. 7
MICHAEL G. WILMOT .. 4	RICHARD LOVELOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT J. PURNELL.

First peal of Triples by all the band.

Rung to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Salisbury Guild (September 14th).

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ambrose.

A PEAL OF 5056 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	PETER BRIDLE .. 5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. 2	*ANTONY R. KENCH .. 6
MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. 3	D. JOHN HUNT .. 7
*JACQUELINE A. REASON .. 4	DON C. EXELL .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Surprise. First in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

NEIL V. AVIS .. Treble	ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 6
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 3	ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 7
PHILIP G. ERITH .. 4	*JAMES L. TOWLER .. Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* 50th peal for the Association.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. Treble	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 2	ALLAN WEAR .. 6
BARRY SULLIVAN .. 3	WILLIAM DIXON .. 7
*PETER A. KIRKBY .. 4	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. E. H. Simpson, 56 years a member of the Yorkshire Association.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints, BOYNE HILL.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb. in E.

W. DAVID WARD .. Treble	JOHN E. CAMP .. 5
DAVID P. HILLING .. 2	J. KEITH WARD .. 6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

CYRIL S. JARRETT .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	MARTIN L. HOWE .. 6
TREVOR A. CROSS .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHT.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Patricia J. Sutherland and Roger G. Feather, which took place prior to the peal. Tenor 12½ cwt.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew.

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

*GEORGE P. HAMMOND .. Treble	GRAHAM T. BALL .. 5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 6
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF 5056 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
TONY BENNETT .. Treble	BRIAN BLADON .. 5
VICTOR GRIFFIN .. 2	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 6
SHIRLEY M. DREW .. 3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 7
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

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

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. Treble	ANN M. COX .. 5
FRANK L. HARRIS .. 2	*RAYMOND HAINES .. 6
*BERYL N. REED .. 3	COLIN W. REED .. 7
*DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 4	*PHILIP N. TUBBS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

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

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 5
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 2	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 6
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 3	ANTHONY AGER .. 7
DAVID J. PURNELL .. 4	JOHN McDONALD .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER.

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5083 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 6
*MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
†ALLEN TWYMAN .. 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First in the method.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 31, 1962, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHERPPS PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.
 HUGH THOMAS... .. Treble N. RODERICK ELLWAY... .. 4
 *RICHARD A. COBLEY... .. 2 MICHAEL W. BROWN... .. 5
 BRIAN C. LAW... .. 3 DAVID F. MOORE... .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN C. LAW.

* First peal of Doubles 'inside.' First as conductor. First in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (four callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.
 MICHAEL W. BROWN... .. Treble †HUGH THOMAS... .. 4
 BRIAN C. LAW... .. 2 DAVID F. MOORE... .. 5
 *N. RODERICK ELLWAY... .. 3 †ANTHONY K. MCILWRICK Tenor

Conducted by N. RODERICK ELLWAY.

* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles. † First 'inside' and of Plain Bob. ‡ First peal attempt. First as conductor.

ST. ERME, TRURO, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HERMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent, one of Kent and Oxford, two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.
 GRAHAM D. CARTER... .. Treble REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL... .. 4
 V. MARY MATTHEWS... .. 2 CYRIL A. WRATTEN... .. 5
 ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD... .. 3 ALAN CARVETH... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in G sharp.
 *CHRISTOPHER J. BOULTBEE Treble JOHN L. QUEEN... .. 4
 †PHILIP W. GAY... .. 2 ANTHONY V. QUEEN... .. 5
 †ROGER J. GAY... .. 3 BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE... .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal. † First of Cambridge Surprise Minor.
 Rung as a compliment to Roger J. Gay and Sondra J. Hunt on their engagement.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent of Stamford Surprise, two Oxford T.B., one each Norwich Surprise and Kent T.B., two Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.
 JUDY EXON... .. Treble JOHN TICKLE... .. 4
 VALERIE LACEY... .. 2 RON CARTER... .. 5
 ELIA COWLEY... .. 3 TOM HARRIS... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

HOLT, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in G.
 *JAYNE A. HARDING... .. Treble RICHARD O. HUMPHRIES... .. 4
 *JONATHAN H. NIBBS... .. 2 DAVID J. STILLMAN... .. 5
 †DAVID L. NIBBS... .. 3 *KINGSLEY C. JONES... .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD O. HUMPHRIES.

* First peal † First in three methods. First as conductor.
 Average age of band 14 years.
 Rung to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.

On Fri., Sept. 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (4) Childwall Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, (5) Thelwall Bob and Double Oxford Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob; with 80 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. in A.
 DENNIS LATHAM... .. Treble M. KEITH SWINGWOOD... .. 4
 GEOFFREY DAVIES... .. 2 K. PETER JONES... .. 5
 MICHAEL WILSHAW... .. 3 CHARLES A. S. WEBB... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

First peal in 12 methods on tower bells in the county, for the Society, and by all the band.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (five callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A.
 MRS. F. G. FORRESTER... .. Treble ERNEST PIMLOTT... .. 4
 F. GEORGE FORRESTER... .. 2 BRIAN SCHOFIELD... .. 5
 PETER WM. HORN... .. 3 *RICHARD FORRESTER... .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN SCHOFIELD.

* First peal. First as conductor.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Bourne, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.
 COLIN JOHNSON... .. Treble GEOFFREY PEARSON... .. 4
 ALAN BARBER... .. 2 GEOFFREY PRATT... .. 5
 DONALD F. MURFET... .. 3 GEO. E. THODAY... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Derek E. Sibson and Miss E. Jane Langton upon their recent marriage at Worthing; also to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

KIRK DEIGHTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.
 STUART J. CORSON... .. Treble JOHN A. SYKES... .. 4
 *CHRISTOPHER HOLMES... .. 2 C. BARRIE DOVE... .. 5
 †JOHN WEAVER... .. 3 ANTHONY E. STAMP... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

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

LYNSTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.
 TIMOTHY D. WICKENS... .. Treble †JUDITH M. BROAD... .. 3
 *DAVID L. CAWLEY... .. 2 FRANK CARTER... .. 4
 CYRIL W. J. BEECHING... .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL W. J. BEECHING.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First of Doubles by the band.
 First as conductor.
 This is the tenth anniversary of the rehanging of Lynsted bells.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 14 methods: (1) Stedman, (2) Grandsire, (3) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (4) All Saints, (5) St. Simon's, (6) St. Martin's, (7) St. Peter's, (8) St. Paul's, (9) St. Nicholas, (10) Winchendon Place, (11) Plain Bob, (12) Kennington, (13) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (14) Southrepps Pleasure. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in G.
 GRAHAM C. PAUL... .. Treble ROGER W. SMITH... .. 3
 ALAN A. PAUL... .. 2 MICHAEL R. HARVEY... .. 4
 DAVID M. TRUEMAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.

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

WELLOW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Bath Branch.)

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JULIAN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one 240 (Morris'). Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.
 GEORGE J. HAWKINS... .. Treble JOHN W. OWEN... .. 4
 *DAVID A. BURT... .. 2 ALAN F. LEE... .. 5
 LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR... .. 3 *RONALD M. FRENCH... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First of Grandsire Doubles as conductor, and 50th peal as conductor.
 Rung at the request of the Patron, Major Le G. G. W. Horton-Fawkes, on the occasion of the wedding of his son.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.
 MARGARET CHAPPELL... .. Treble JOHN GEE... .. 4
 BRIAN SCHOFIELD... .. 2 EDMUND SHUTTEWORTH... .. 5
 S. MICHAEL J. YOUNG... .. 3 PETER T. DALE... .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER T. DALE.

LONG LENGTH

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Sept. 8th, 2,400 April Day Bob Minor: J. H. Wale 1, D. F. Moore 2, M. W. Brown (cond.) 3, Judy A. M. Cox 4, B. C. Law 5, G. W. Mason 6. To celebrate the wedding of Judy Kent and Roger Baldwin, who were married earlier this day at Humberstone.

ADDINGHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. O. Sheard (first quarter) 1, K. Goldthorpe (cond.) 2, Miss C. G. Hurford (first quarter) 3, A. I. Johnson 4, J. R. Thomas 5, E. Johnson 6.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral on Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Goulter 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, F. N. Smeaton 3, C. H. Bagot 4, Enid Roberts (cond.) 5, W. B. Plicher 6, W. L. Robinson (first quarter in Australia) 7, D. J. Bleyby 8. For Synod Evensong.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Barnes 1, A. Keen 2, F. Read 3, A. Palmer (cond.) 4, G. Newman 5, W. Turpie 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For a united service held at the Lottage Methodist Church, culminating Carnival Week.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Proctor 1, Rachel Stacey 2, Rosalind Hicks 3, A. K. Fortin 4, M. G. Swift (cond.) 5, P. E. Penrose 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. T. H. South.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Quicke (cond.) 1, H. Purchase 2, S. Smith 3, S. Bristow 4, C. Wensley 5, W. Graham 6. For Evensong.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. W. J. Harding 1, N. G. N. Kne 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, E. E. Norris 4, F. S. Slatford (first in method as cond.) 5, R. Holly 6. First of Stedman Doubles 2, 3, 4. To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Angela Truelove 1, Eileen J. Osborne 2, L. Goodall (cond.) 3, G. N. Goodall 4, A. Wilson 5, R. Farnsworth 6, A. Thirst 7, I. M. Holland 8. For the visit of the Bishop of Derby.

EAST MEON, HANTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Waller 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, I. Weatherley 4, C. Johnstone 5, K. Tipper 6, J. Clark 7, R. Stone 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Deryck van den Braak, aged 6, whose brother, Nicolaas, is a member of this tower.

EDMONTON, MIDDY.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Terry Langdon (aged 13, first quarter) 1, D. Bowen 2, R. K. Russ 3, H. Howson 4, C. C. Clarke 5, E. Beauchamp (cond.) 6, T. Hawkins 7, D. Langdon 8. For Evensong.

ERCHFORD, WILTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Heath (first quarter) 1, W. Cook 2, G. Heath (cond.) 3, J. Cannings 4, W. Alexander 5, W. Cannings 6. Rung for 80th anniversary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Treble ringer first local lady to ring a quarter.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: D. Gordon (first in method) 1, Miss J. Morley 2, R. J. Palmer 3, R. Heffer 4, A. Barber (first of Minor as cond.) 5, J. E. Goodwin 6. First of Minor 1 and 4. A farewell to Richard Heffer, who has gone to the Norfolk School of Agriculture, Easton, Norfolk.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. R. White 1, H. W. Dunden 2, H. L. Bishop 3, C. Corderoy 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, G. W. Bishop 7, W. Corderoy 8. Rung on the diamond wedding of Henry and Helen Fisher, of East Hagbourne. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. P. Gordon 1, H. L. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, G. W. Bishop 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, J. H. Napper (cond.) 7, L. Fox 8.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy Wright 1, F. Bowden 2, A. V. Queen (cond.) 3, J. L. Queen 4, Mrs. F. Bowden 5, Margaret Toms 6, H. Gauntlett 7, R. Burford 8. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Smith 1, A. Smith 2, P. Woollven 3, F. Nichols 4, C. L. Bell 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Rodmell 1, J. G. Hobson 2, C. R. Robinson 3, K. Kirk 4, J. A. Singleton 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled by members of the Beverley and District Society as a mark of respect to their late vice-president and founder member, Mr. A. E. Sellers.

QUARTER PEALS

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Mrs. D. Day 1, A. E. Hinman 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, J. L. Day 4, R. H. Cook 5. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Andrew Burton and Miss Heather Smith.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Wilson (first of Treble Bob) 1, I. N. Goldthorpe 2, F. C. Hobson 3, J. R. Perrett 4, I. G. Campbell 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to welcome the arrival of a niece to the conductor.

KIRBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,320 Little Asar Bob Doubles: Maureen P. Green 1, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 2, Thelma E. Staples 3, E. A. Harrison 4, T. A. Harrison 5. First in the method by all. For the jubilee celebration of the 1st Kirby-in-Ashfield Scouts.

LINCOLN.—On Sept. 9th, at the Cathedral, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Joyce M. Gurnhill 1, Margaret A. Parker 2, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 3, M. Parkinson 4, H. L. Pask 5, P. A. Short 6, L. Wilders 7, W. Tomlinson 8, H. Lowman 9, G. R. Parker 10, J. Walden 11, J. Edwards 12. First on 12 for 1 and 12. For Sung Eucharist, inaugurating the mission to Lincolnshire.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shan E. Williams 1, N. W. H. Simon 2, J. Plumb (first quarter) 3, A. Smith 4, D. S. Bishop (cond.) 5, D. N. Evans (first quarter) 6. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Penelope Welch 1, T. Yeomans 2, D. S. Bishop 3, A. Hartley 4, D. Llewellyn 5, R. Havard 6, D. G. Clift (cond.) 7, N. W. H. Simon 8.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Sept. 16th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Oglesby 1, Miss J. Sceney 2, Mrs. C. U. Bowen 3, R. K. Russ 4, D. C. Bowen 5, C. C. Clarke 6, N. R. Waite 7, S. C. Walters 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, A. R. Mann 10. First of Caters 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8. For Evensong on Battle of Britain Sunday.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Sept. 23rd, at St. Mary the Virgin, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. L. E. Brown 1, J. A. W. Fuller 2, A. G. Keen 3, A. D. Smith (first 'inside' 4), A. W. Johnson (cond.) 5, M. P. Cooper (first quarter) 6. To mark the ordination this day at Salisbury Cathedral of the Rev. F. Armand Smith (curate of St. Mary's with SS. Peter and Paul, Marlborough).

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Hitchens 1, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 2, W. C. West 3, Dr. H. Heaton 4, N. G. Kne 5, L. E. Hitchens 6, F. S. Slatford 7, L. M. Noad 8. Also on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. C. West 1, W. C. West 2, Dr. H. Heaton 3, Mrs. R. Eyles 4, L. E. Hitchens 5, G. Eyles 6, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 7, S. R. Cockell 8. For Evensong, and in connection with the 80th anniversary of the Guild.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob): R. Cannon 1, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 2, A. C. Best 3, S. Turner (cond.) 4, A. W. Robinson 5, P. Huggett 6. To celebrate the silver wedding this day of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Turner, parents of the conductor.

MERTHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. H. Cook 1, E. Russell 2, Mrs. R. Morris 3, A. Cheasley 4, W. J. Avenall (cond.) 5, T. Blowne 6. Rung for Evensong, half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Birt, widow of Mr. D. K. C. Birt (Ringing Master, Surrey Association).

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Powell 1, R. Boulthée 2, R. Short 3, B. Goodliffe 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung as a compliment for the wedding of F. Sampson and Coral Peries. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob): Mrs. D. Strong 1, L. Derrick 2, O. Quint (first in three methods) 3, J. Brake 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NORWICH.—At St. George's, Colegate, on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. W. Bartlett 1, Miss B. M. Payne 2, Miss M. P. Stammers 3, J. Cox 4, D. Cubitt 5, R. Duesbury (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Plain Bob): Mrs. M. M. Godley (first of Minor as cond.) 1, A. E. Woods 2, B. Ridout 3, F. Hilliar 4, R. Ridout 5, A. Ridout 6. Rung by members of the North Dorset Branch in honour of the 80th anniversary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

PAULSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,296 Beverley Surprise Minor: J. Linnell 1, Margaret A. Wilson 2, D. Burbridge 3, C. E. Truman 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5, W. A. Yates 6. First of Beverley 2 and 5.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sept. 23rd, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,257 Stedman Caters: H. W. Milford 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, J. Sanson 3, H. F. Myers 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, F. E. Day 7, A. W. Myers 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong.

PRIVETT, HANTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Maureen White 1, K. Sansom 2, Mary White 3, K. Waller 4, D. White 5, B. Walton 6, D. Hughes 7, R. Corke (cond.) 8.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Grandsire, Plain Bob): C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, B. H. Coatsworth 2, M. J. Uphill 3, A. R. Millidge 4, B. J. Bull 5, D. C. Brookes 6. For Evensong.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Burling 1, F. Pickering 2, A. King (first of Minor) 3, M. King 4, G. Pilkington 5, H. Mortemore (cond.) 6. Rung with the band's best wishes for the speedy recovery of the Bishop of Sheffield (Rt. Rev. Francis Taylor).

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 2nd, 1,280 Glasgow Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, Mrs. P. Diserens 2, A. Diserens 3, R. F. Diserens 4, F. W. Lewis 5, J. N. Diserens 6, C. E. Lewington 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Rutland): A. Diserens 1, Mrs. N. J. Diserens 2, Mrs. R. F. Diserens 3, R. K. Russ 4, J. N. Diserens 5, F. W. Lewis 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Cyril E. Lewington and Gillian E. Brown.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: J. Clark 1, E. C. Barton 2, S. V. Rayfield 3, G. Kenward 4, W. S. Palin 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6. For the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Barton, parents of ringer of second.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (eleven different methods): A. B. Stevens (first in more than 2 methods) 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, Carol I. V. Corton 3, D. W. Stenson 4, B. M. Smith 5, Carol L. Norman 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. B. Stevens 1, Carol I. V. Corton 2, D. W. Stenson 3, M. G. Wood 4, B. M. Smith (cond.) 5, Carol L. Norman 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. R. Mildred (first on eight) 1, N. R. May 2, B. G. Warwick 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, D. W. Stenson 5, M. G. Wood 6, K. H. Wildred (first as cond. on eight) 7, Carol L. Norman 8. For Evensong.

SPONDON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. D. Gibson 1, B. R. Manning 2, R. I. Gosling 3, S. K. A. Huson 4, E. D. Thomas (cond.) 5, J. J. Lander (first quarter) 6. A wedding compliment to Maureen Stone and John Thomas.

STRATTON CORNWALL.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Jean Buswell 1, B. M. Buswell 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, T. Talbot 4, H. Stacey 5, B. Perkins 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, J. W. Sangwin 8. Rung for the 36th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. B. Perkins. Also on Sept. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Sangwin 1, H. Trewin 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, Mrs. J. Buswell 4, Peggy Elliott 5, C. Sangwin 6, H. Stacey 7, F. E. Collins (cond.) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. B. M. Buswell.

TUTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Stripp 1, June Sinfield 2, Christine Smith (first in method 'inside' 3), R. J. Stripp 4, J. Cloughton 5, A. G. Stripp 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, W. Gladman 8. Rung for evening service. Also for wedding of Margaret Mackenochle, a Dunstable ringer, which took place the previous day.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Kitchen (first in method) 1, G. Drew 2, S. Wright (first 'inside' 3), E. Haynes 4, J. Gray 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. Rung as a Birthday compliment to ring of third.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Bull 1, N. G. Kne 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, P. Roynon 4, V. Bull 5, E. E. Norris (first as cond.) 6, B. D. Price 7, T. E. Mallard 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving, also a compliment to ringer of third on his arrival at Warminster, and for 80th anniversary S.D.G.R.

WARFORD, HANTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen White 1, K. Sansom 2, Mary White 3, B. Walton 4, R. Corke (cond.) 5, T. White 6.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Cynthia Shackell 1, Sheila Shackell 2, E. R. Rapley (cond.) 3, A. Cook 4, F. R. Verrall 5, C. R. Longhurst 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Laura Hornung, widow of the patron of the living.

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KNIGHTS.—On Thursday, September 27th, 1962, at the Kingsbury Maternity Hospital, to Mary and Donald E. R. Knights, a son—Richard. 1048

ENGAGEMENT

TOWNSEND-JONES.—The engagement is announced between Bernard, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Townsend, Armitage, Staffs, and Marlene, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Jones, Bloxwich, Staffs. 1032

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN BASS, of Wollaston, Stourbridge, who died October 6th, 1958. 1072

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BALDWIN.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baldwin is now Flat 7, 80, Talbot Road, Old Trafford, Manchester 16. 1030

The new address of Mr. R. F. Fry (Gloucester Branch Secretary, Gloucester and Bristol Association) is now 84, Ashford Road, Swindon, Wilts. 1044

On and after October 10th, 1962, the address of Walter F. Judge will be 25, Crown Road, Kidlington, Oxfordshire. 1045

The address of Mr. E. Stitch after October 6th will be 14, Rockfields, Nottage, Porthcawl, Glam. 1051

WALKER, Oxford.—The address of Philip Walker is now 152, Headley Way, Headington, Oxford. Correspondence for the Oxford Society, matters relating to the Oxford Diocesan Guild Annual Report, and the following Oxford towers, Carfax, Christ Church, Magdalen, Merton, New College, St. Giles' Church and St. Mary Virgin Church, should be sent to this new address. 1063

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

ASH, SURREY.—There will be no practice held on Wednesday, October 10th. 1022

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—New members of the University are invited to contact the secretary, A. S. Hudson, 18, Tabors Avenue, Chelmsford. All will be welcome at the first practice of term, Wednesday, Oct. 10th, St. Andrew's Church. 939

HINCKLEY ST. MARY'S.—Practice night will be on Wednesdays, starting October 3rd. Ringing 7.45-9.15 p.m. Visitors especially welcome. 1038

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—New members of the University are welcome to ringing at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 14th, and to the Society's meeting in the Old Bursary, New College, at 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16th.—J. Camp, Jesus, Hon. Sec. 1033

ST. MARTIN'S EPSOM.—No practice on Monday, October 8th. Others Mondays, 7.45 p.m., as normal. 1058

CANCELLATION

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The meeting planned for Saturday, Oct. 6th, has been cancelled.—J. Seager, Sec. 977

MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Bentley, Saturday, October 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea, please, to me.—John H. Gould (Dis. Sec.). Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley, Colchester. 970

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Prittlewell, October 6th. Business meeting 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Service 6. Bells (10) from 6.30 p.m. Rayleigh bells (8) available 3.15-4.15 p.m. Names for tea to B. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea. 1071

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—S.W. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Tamerton Foliot, Plymouth, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 982

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Yorktown (8), on Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bath, 1, Lyndhurst, Woodlands Road, Camberley.—D. P. Elsmore. 1072

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual District meeting, Tonbridge, Saturday, October 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 959

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual general meeting, Ashford Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford.—C. T. H. 991

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Emmanuel, Southport, on Saturday, October 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea provided. All visitors welcome.—F. Pearson, Sec. 1069

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Joint meeting with the Surrey Association (Southern District), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Ringing arrangements: Ruser (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; Crawley (8), 4.30. Tea 5, followed by shortened Evensong and ringing until 8.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to G. Jennings, 5, Malt-house Road, Southgate, Crawley.—E. L. Hairs and G. West, Hon. Secs. 996

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Leigh-on-Mendip, Saturday, October 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. E. Trim, 'Prescot', Leigh-on-Mendip, near Bath.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 1043

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting Stotfold, Saturday, October 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Single Court and London Scholars.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 1015

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Newcastle on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing: Benwell, 1.30 to 2.30 p.m.; Fenham, 2 to 3.30; Jesmond, 2.30 to 3.30; Cathedral and Gateshead, 7 to 9. Business meeting 3.45, and service 5.15, both at Cathedral. Tea 6 p.m. at Bainbridges (price 6s.); names essential by previous day to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 1015

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Edenbridge on October 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by October 12th to Margaret A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 1052

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Joint meeting with the CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD and Cambridge District on Saturday, October 13th, at Long Stanton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 1059

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, October 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1061

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, Saturday, Oct. 13th, 1962, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 15s. 6d. Limit date for application Oct. 9th. S.A.E., please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 995

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, October 13th, South Marston (6). Names for tea by Wednesday to Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 1053

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Cranham, October 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea by October 10th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 1047

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North Devon Branch.—Practice meeting on Saturday, October 13th, at Westleigh (6). Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. J. Shephard-Walwyn. 1027

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Weybridge, Saturday, October 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to T. Luxford, 3, Bridge Road, Weybridge. 1054

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 13th, Cheshunt, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—T. J. Southam. 1067

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, October 13th, Great Gaddesden (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Sheppard, 57A, Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead. 1066

KENT ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, October 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names together with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, October 10th, to me. Nominations for District officers same date. Full details on tower notices. Copy to non-district members on receipt of s.a.e.—T. C. Philimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 1023

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting, Maidstone All Saints', Saturday, October 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Mannerling, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 1042

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 13th, Bowden, near Altrincham, Cheshire. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 10th to Mr. M. Freeman, Dudley House, Firs Road, Bowdon, Altrincham, Cheshire. Gentlemen friends welcome.—Mrs. H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 994

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—J. P. Partridge. 1041

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Preston St. Mark's, Saturday, October 13th. Bring own food. Bus P.1 from town centre and railway station.—L. Walmsley. 1037

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social, Saturday, Oct. 13th, at the Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (16s. 6d.) must be obtained from undersigned by Tuesday, Oct. 9th, at the latest. CASH WITH ORDER. Ringing arrangements: St. John-the-Divine's (10), 2.30 to 4; All Saints' (8), 4 to 5.30 p.m.—B. G. Warwick (Hon. Gen. Sec.), 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 1009

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, October 13th, St. Andrew's, Holborn. 3-4.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 6.30-8 p.m.—M. Powell. 1070

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 13th, at Stanmore. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting. Bells available to 8 p.m.—E. H. Kilby. 993

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Dereham, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by the 10th to Mr. P. Pease, Gai Logis, Yaxham Road, Dereham.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 1018

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wardington, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business. Further ringing at Cropredy (6), 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by Oct. 9th to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington, Oxford. 1006

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting at Newbury, Saturday, October 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, October 9th, to W. Hunt, 5, Cheriton Close, Newbury, Berks. Ringing after meeting at Newbury and Shaw. 1049

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD—Quarterly meeting, Knowle, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Guildhall, 5 p.m. Notify for tea by Oct. 9th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham. 28. Phone, SPR 1025. 1001

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Preston, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 10th, to Mr. G. H. Perry, 65, Preston Road, Preston, Weymouth, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 1004

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—Bingham District.—Meeting at Granby, October 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Rev. Marson, The Vicarage, Granby. Bells down 7.30 p.m.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1031

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—North Notts District.—Meeting at North Wheatley, Saturday, October 13th. Names for tea by 9th to Mr. J. P. Wright, 'Eastfields', North Wheatley, Retford.—H. Denman. 1065

SUFFOLK GUILD—North West District.—Annual general meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Please do consider tea caterers by sending names for tea to Mr. J. Paul, 27, Brandon Road, Elveden, near Thetford, by Wednesday, Oct. 10th.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 989

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Pulborough (8), Saturday, Oct. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, by previous Wednesday. 1003

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY—General meeting, October 13th. Bells: St. Andrew's, Holborn. 2.15 to 3.15 p.m.; St. Olave's. 3.45 to 4.45. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting. Corporate Communion, October 14th. 1034

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD—Striking competition at St. Michael's, Southampton, October 13th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by October 10th to Mr. M. Thomas, 31, Highfield Crescent, Southampton. All welcome. 1050

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION—The 25th annual dinner will be held at the Co operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, on Saturday, October 13th, 1962, at 5.45 p.m. prompt. Professional entertainment and dancing after the dinner until 11 p.m. Tickets, 13s. 6d. each, now available from Branch Secretaries and General Secretary. Ringing at Cathedral (12) 3.15 to 4.45 and All Saints' (10) and St. Swithin's (6) both 4 to 5.15 p.m.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., Goodiers Lane, Twynning, Tewkesbury, Glos. 961

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Snowdon Dinner, York, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Tickets 15s. Application with names to Miss M. E. Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York, before Oct. 10th. Ringing: Escrick (8), 11 to 1; Tadcaster (8), 1.30 to 3; Acomb (6), 1.30 to 3.30; Minster (12), 2.30 to 3.55 and 4.45 to 5.45; Institute of Architectural Study (6), 5 to 6.15. Evensong in the Minster, 4 p.m. 1014

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 20th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea afterwards. Numbers for tea, please, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 5, Burges, Coventry. 1062

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION (South Forest Branch) and **LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION** (Monmouth Branch).—Joint meeting, Lydney, Oct. 20th, not 13th as previously announced. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Oct. 17th to Winspear, Brook House, Blakeney. 1000

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Sittingbourne on Saturday, October 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to G. Kenward, Glovers Cottage, Bell Road, Sittingbourne. 1064

LADIES' GUILD (Central District), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (S. and W. District).—Hillingdon, October 20th. St. John's (10), 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea in St. John's Hall. Social evening, St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. Names for tea appreciated by F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks (Iver 1039).—S. Bullick, D. Hague, F. T. Blagrove, Hon. Secs. 1028

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Quarterly general meeting in Melton Mowbray District, Saturday, October 20th. Ringing arrangements: Ashby Folville (8) 2-3 p.m., Asfordby (6) 3-4, Melton Mowbray (10) 3-4.25, Pickwell (4) 7-8, Somerby (6) 7-9, Burrough (4) 7.30-8.30. Service Melton Mowbray 4.30. Tea (followed by meeting) 5 p.m. in Colles Hall (opposite church). Names for tea by Wednesday, October 17th, are essential to Mrs. M. Stimson, Westfields, Somerby, Melton Mowbray, Leics. No name no tea.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 924

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Waltham, October 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. J. Willows, 81, Grimby Road, Waltham, by Wednesday previous.—C. A. H. 1039

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Redenhall, Saturday, October 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. W. Flatt, 11, Mendham Lane, Harleston, Norfolk, by Wednesday, October 17th.—C. F. W. Phillipppo, Hon. Sec. 1035

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DANCE AND DINNER

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Saffron Walden. Phone 2074. 984

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Shenstone, on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (new Taylor Minor five) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Odd-fellows Hall 5.15 p.m. Seating limited so names, please, to Miss A. Birch, 55, Birmingham Road, Shenstone, near Lichfield, Staffs, before October 17th.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 1040

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Branch dinner and dance will be held on December 8th, 1962, at the Crown Hotel, Maidenhead. Tickets £1 1s. Visitors welcome.—Miss Hague, Hon. Sec. 1029

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ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: C. H. Stephens 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, A. H. Eplett 4, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 5, L. Moss 6.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 cover): A. Bridges (first quarter) 1, J. Carrott 2, Pauline Fennell 3, Nellie Bridges 4, Mary Taylor (first as cond.) 5, P. Stockwell (first quarter) 6, S. G. Hutchings 7, E. Fowles 8. For Evensong.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Alban (first quarter) 1, Miss I. N. E. Chilton (cond.) 2, Miss Wilson 3, Miss M. C. Petts 4, D. J. Goodman 5. For dedication festival.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Minior (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): W. C. Shute (cond.) 1, R. Sturmeay 2, F. Hilliar 3, C. Crewe 4, A. E. Woods 5, E. Chant 6. Rung for the 80th anniversary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

TWIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. J. Garrad 1, J. Thorn (first of Bob Doubles) 2, Mrs. B. Banks 3, H. Shire 4, W. T. Holmes (cond.) 5, F. Bailey 6. For Harvest Festival evening service.

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QUARTER PEALS

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. Moore 1, H. Moore 2, J. Spurgeon (first quarter) 3, P. Le Count 4, P. Laurence 5, R. Lindsell 6, A. Syder 7, R. Suckling (cond.) 8. After Evensong.

CONISBROUGH, Nr. ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: D. Nichols 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, Susan Chaddock 3, S. Armeson 4, N. Donovan 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, R. Beaumont 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First by 1, 4 and 5. Rung by members of Rotherham Parish Church band.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Margery Pearson 1, J. Vickery 2, W. Tyson (cond.) 3, R. B. Skelton 4, M. Armstrong 5, N. Errington 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Major: Margery Pearson 1, J. Hayns (Ashted, Surrey) 2, J. G. Wall 3, M. Armstrong 4, W. Tyson 5, R. B. Skelton 6, R. Oliver 7, N. Errington (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Scott 1, J. G. Wall 2, J. Vickery 3, R. B. Skelton 4, M. Armstrong 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. M. Netherton (Church Army Evangelist at this church) and Miss H. Weinstock, at Siggleshorpe, Yorkshire, on September 15th.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Dodds (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. Ivings 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Ivings 4, G. Miller 5, J. Paul 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Gibson 1, D. Young 2, Miss D. Seal 3, Mrs. P. Gibson 4, Miss K. North 5, J. Blackwood 6, A. L. Pearson 7, E. R. Gotham (cond.) 8. For Sung Eucharist on Battle of Britain Sunday.

SILCHESTER, HANTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: C. Butler (14) 1, D. G. Papworth 2, P. Watts (15) 3, P. C. Myers (15) 4, G. D. Weston (16, cond.) 5. First quarter in method by all the band. For Evensong.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,440 Carlisle Surprise Minor: Rita Stratford 1, L. Watkins 2, Christine Stratford 3, J. Watkins 4, B. Burrows 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung before Wake Sunday Evensong.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss A. E. Thompson 1, N. Chamberlain 2, Mrs. M. Godwin 3, P. J. Heritage (first quarter as cond.) 4, W. C. Godwin 5, J. L. Taylor 6. For the ordination of the Rev. Francis Coles, curate of St. Peter's, Wolvercote, earlier this day at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

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