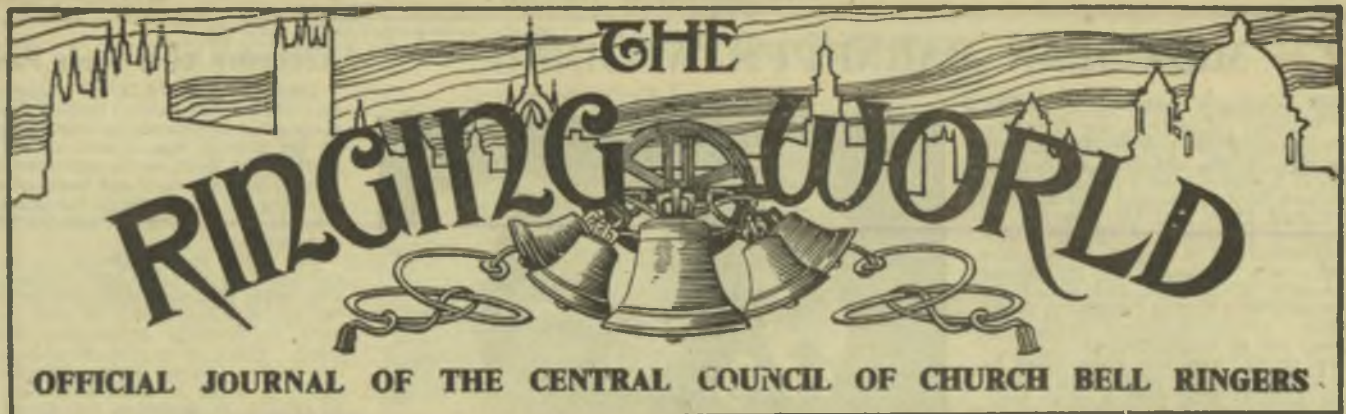




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BETJEMAN — A POET OF ECCLESIOLOGY

By PETER CAME

JOHN Betjeman's love of churches, their architecture and furnishings, is well known from his many articles, poems, broadcasts and from the book he edited: 'Collins' Guide to the English Churches.' He is in fact one of the few interesting and sophisticated writers on the subject and seems to discover aspects about any church that both please and amuse him; things that the average person would overlook.

Again, Betjeman's familiarity and deep affection for English ecclesiology is only too apparent from his 'Collected Poems.' The reading of these gives one the impression that he has much more than just an interest in matters ecclesiological; he is fanatical about them. Anything from musty hassocks to a great piece of architecture like Westminster Abbey gains his attention. This interest is of paramount importance to his life and his enthusiasm for things ecclesiastical has perhaps come down from Gray, of 'The Elegy in a Country Churchyard,' who seems to be Betjeman's true poetic ancestor.

In 'Before the Anæsthetic' or 'Real Fright' are found many ecclesiological terms as well as other terms that are obviously analogous with those in campanology, together with the author's apparent fear of death. In this poem many terrifying thoughts are conveyed to him through the noise of the bells. The bells at first call softly and gently and finally become hard:

Now hard and new as pitch pine stalls,
Now full with hope from ages past,
Now dull with death and hell at last.
Swing up! and give me hope of life,
Swing down! and plunge the surgeon's knife.
I, breathing for a moment, see
Death wing himself away from me
And think, as on this bed I lie,
Is it extinction when I die?

After his doubting during the fright, the bells ask him whether he has known the Lord. He replies:

St. Giles's bells they hear me call
I never knew the Lord at all.
Oh not in me your Saviour dwells
Your ancient, rich St. Giles's bells
Illuminating missals—spires—
Wide screens and decorated quires—
All these I loved, and on my knees
I thanked myself for knowing these.

Once again this poem shows only too clearly Betjeman's love for churches. They delight him and however pathetic or depressed he feels he knows that there is something to live for: 'I thanked the Lord for knowing these.'

Betjeman has studied Victorian architecture with great diligence:

On villa'd hill and on Sir Gilbert's spire
So new, so high, so pure, so broached, so tall.

The author can appreciate that the spire of '... Christ Church, Swindon,' has qualities as a piece of architecture: it is tall and broached and is as pure a Gothic as Sir Gilbert Scott could make it.

Betjeman's pursuit of things Victorian, if he is being serious, is well brought out in the poem 'Hymn,' referring to 'The Church's Restoration in eighteen eighty three,' of which he sings the praises:

Worthy persecution
Oh dust! O hue divine!
O cheerful substitution,
Thou varnished pitch pine!
Church furnishing! Church furnishing!
Sing art and crafty praise!

It seems that Betjeman finds something aesthetically beautiful in Victorian architecture which other people perhaps fail to appreciate. He has a very deep feeling for it, which may be either religious or sentimental, as conveyed to us in 'St. Saviour's, Aberdeen Park, Highbury, London, N.':

Great red church of my parents cruciform crossing
they knew—

Over these same encaustics they and their parents trod
Bound through a red-brick transept for a once familiar
pew

Where the organ set them singing and the sermon let
them nod

And up this coloured brickwork the same long
shadows grew.

As these in the stencilled chancel where I feel in the
presence of God.

Lord Birkenhead in his introduction to 'Collected Poems,' quoting John Sparrow, has described Betjeman as 'a landscape poet' (though he does not completely ignore his ecclesiastical interests). This description does not do justice to Betjeman's true interest. There are few of his poems in which one does not find mention of the 'broached spire,' the 'Victorian tower,' the tombstone or even the noise of bells. He is obviously so aware of churches, their architecture and furnishings, that he rarely fails to leave them out of any of his writings. Even in 'The Licorice Fields at Pontefract' he has to include:

From various black Victorian towers
The Sunday evening bells
Came pealing over dales and hills:

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MISS JEAN BARNETT'S WEDDING

THE wedding took place at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, July 18th, of Miss Jean F. Barnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, of Crayford, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, and Mr. James A. D. Woolford, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woolford, of Acomb, Yorks. The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon P. C. Collins), and during the ceremony Miss Gillian Sunmall, a young member of the Crayford band, sang 'Jesu, joy of man's desiring.'

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a princess line white satin brocade dress with a short bouffant veil and carried a crescent of dark red roses. The bridesmaids were the Misses Pat Wayman (Surfleet), Ann Fellows (Kings Norton and Exeter), Judith Corby (Sevenoaks), Amanda Woolley (Bushey Heath) and Jennifer Freeman (Lincoln), who all wore green taffeta brocade dresses and carried white prayer books. The best man was Mr. Colin Reeves, a fellow member with the bridegroom of the York Minster band.

A reception, attended by some 90 guests, including a number of well-known ringers, was held at the Royal Victoria and Bull Hotel, Dartford.

Before and after the service the bells were rung by Messrs. H. E. Audsley, W. E. Bond, P. A. Corby (Jean's godfather), F. J. Cullum, J. Freeman, T. J. Lock and C. W. Woolley, all of whom have known Jean 'since she was so-high,' and Mr. V. Bottomley, a friend of Jim's.

Both bride and bridegroom have recently been living in Exeter, where they rang at Heavitree and at the Cathedral, also taking part in a number of peals in the area.

During the evening a peal of Cambridge Major was rung at St. John-the-Baptist's, Eriih, and Cumberlands assembled at Lincoln rang a peal of Bristol Surprise Major. An earlier attempt at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, was unfortunately unsuccessful, as was one for a quarter peal at Withyham. Other ringing included quarters on the following Monday at St. Clement Danes by some of the 'first Sunday' band, of which Jean was for several years a member, and at Sidcup by six of the Crayford band.

After a honeymoon spent touring Jean and Jim will be living at Tattershall, Lincoln, when Jim takes up a teaching appointment at nearby Coningsby.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A successful quarterly meeting of the Northern District was held at Knebworth on July 4th. Ringing in methods to suit all began soon after 3 o'clock, until the Rev. P. Maddox, from Codicote, conducted the service. There had been difficulties in arranging tea, for which apologies were made, so some enjoyed a picnic meal.

Mr. W. Critchley was chairman for the business meeting, at which Mr. R. Trebilcock (Baldock) and Miss R. Spicer (Knebworth) were elected members, and Mr. B. Cousins (Saffron Walden) a non-resident life member. The District was invited to hold its next quarterly meeting at Codicote on October 3rd; the August meeting will not be held, but we hope to visit Graveley for the evening meeting in September. There was some discussion on the topics of ringing courses and district boundaries. Members were asked for their views on the contents of the annual report. The members stood in silence in memory of the late L. Fidler, who had one time been Northern District secretary and also president of the Association.

Ringing continued until 8.30 with many visitors. J.S.

Mr. E. P. Inskio, of Bromham, Beds, writes that he is very pleased with the new plan for peals. He has taken 'The Ringing World' since No. 1 and has not missed a copy.



MR. J. A. D. WOOLFORD—MISS J. F. BARNETT.

WEDDING OF MISS JANET S. BAILEY

The ringers of St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames, rang their bells on July 18th in honour of Miss Janet Sylvia Bailey (a member of the band) who was married there that day to Mr. William Charles (Joe) Hopper, of Putney. The Vicar, Rev. David Savill, officiated at the fully choral service. In the beautifully decorated church each pew had been bedecked with flowers and the base of the tower with 'trees' of carnations by the Altar Flower Guild, assisted by a friend of the bride skilled in the art of floral display.

A full length dress of nylon organza with bouffant veil was worn by the bride, whose bouquet was of green orchids with stephanotis. She was given away by her uncle and attended by her sister and the bridegroom's niece.

Janet was one of a group of Sunbury learner-ringers taught change-ringing by Tony Price, of Feltham, about 15 years ago. Her progress was rapid and in a short space of time she had entered the peal-ringing field with a high standard. Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, and Cinques came easily to her. She was also a member of the Roving Ringers and toured with them. A soprano singer, she has taken the leading parts in oratorios with several local choral societies and with the Parish Church choir which she joined when a schoolgirl. The bridegroom, who is an engineer with the B.P. Research Centre at Sunbury, does not ring but is a frequent visitor to the belfry and well-known to the ringers.

The reception was at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, and the honeymoon in Corsica. D.B.

Grantley Hall Course

The next Grantley Hall Ringing course will be held from September 25th to September 27th with Messrs. Frederick Sharpe, Nolan Golden and Norman Chaddock as lecturers. A talk on the Washington visit illustrated by coloured slides and recordings of the bells will be given by Mr. Chaddock.

Further details later. Applications to The Warden, Grantley Hall, near Ripon, Yorkshire.

Centenary of a Leeds Parish

The peal recorded in our columns at St. Mary's, Hunslet, Parish Church (Leeds) to commemorate the centenary of the church was a send off to the Anniversary Week which commenced on July 12th. Records of the installation of this ring of eight bells in the parochial Church Council minutes are practically non-existent.

The report in the minutes on the recast bells in 1939 by John Taylor and Co. state that they were cast by John Warner and Sons, 1863. A peal record book, in beautiful copperplate writing exists, which gives the first peal in this tower. Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 1871. In all 16 peals were rung up to 1922. J. W. Snowden, founder of the Yorkshire Association, conducted three peals in 1876 and 1878; as far as I can ascertain only 4 have been rung since. Amongst the past incumbents who attended this anniversary was the Rt. Rev. E. M. Gresford Jones, now Bishop of St. Albans, who was the vicar from 1939 and through the last war years.

This church with spire is in a district in the suburbs of the city of Leeds: the district is older than the city itself, and is set amidst engineering works and industry where such firms as Hunslet Engine Co. and Towlers Tractors produce diesel engines and tractors for many countries of the world today.

One wonders about the future of this church and parish as the population is fast disappearing under the steam roller of Leeds Corporation slum clearance programme? But one closely connected cannot help but have affection for this church which, despite an occasional

broken window and its blackened stonework, stands gaunt and defiant, its bells ringing out God's message far and wide. A.C.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK W. ROGERS

An Appreciation

Mr. E. A. Barnett writes:—

I was glad to read the tribute paid by Mr. George Pullinger to Fred Rogers at the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. It seemed wrong that the passing of such a ringer should have gone almost unnoticed.

I first met Mr. Rogers in the early 1930's. For several years he and his great friend, Alf Greenwood, spent a week or so peal ringing in this area, and Crayford, which in those days was something of a Mecca for peal ringers, frequently figured in the list. My grandfather, who was no mean judge, once described Fred to me as 'a perfect striker', a distinction he accorded, in my hearing at least, to one other ringer only, Mr. Reuben Sanders. I also recall visits around that time to St. Mary's, Portsea, during family holidays in the area, and being smuggled afterwards into 'The Salvation', having fortunately the height, if not the years, to carry it off.

Among Fred's numerous ringing distinctions was that he rang more than fifty peals at St. Peter's, Brighton, although living many miles away. One memorable tour in which he took part was in South Wales in 1932 along with a number of the finest ringers of the day—Keith Hart and Oliver Sippetts, Charles W. Roberts and Wilfred Williams among them. It is rather sad that of the eleven whose photograph appeared in 'The Ringing World' afterwards, five are dead and only Don Clift and Wilfred Williams are now active ringers. Fred served the cause of ringing in many ways and his passing is a great loss.

MISS CHRISTINE GOLDEN

The ashes of the late Miss Christine Golden were interred in the quiet setting of the church of St. Mary, Northrepps, the birthplace of her father, Mr. F. N. Golden.

Canon A. G. G. Thurlow officiated, and after the interment 720 Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled by Mrs. G. Sayer 1, Mr. G. Sayer 2, Chris Sayer 3, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow 4, Mr. F. N. Golden (cond.) 5, Mr. C. Bird 6.

WRATTEN'S WRINGERS, 1964

SATURDAY, July 4th, dawned bright as ringers from Swindon, Bristol, Southampton and East Anelia made their way to Colwall, in Herefordshire, for the start of the second annual peal tour of 'Wratten's Wringers'. The first peal attempt of the week was delayed to enable a number of the ropes to be replaced and, more importantly, to allow the tenor man to satisfy himself that England were going to lose the third Test. These preliminaries over, the band settled down to ring a good peal of Stratford Surprise, the first in the method for all. By eight o'clock the week's headquarters, the Great Western Hotel, Cheltenham, had been reached, and three more members of the party collected.

An early start was made on Sunday by those staying at the Wratten establishment, who rang at Charlton Kings (8. 17 cwt.), before joining the local band and the rest of the party for ringing at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, with Cambridge Royal, Stedman Cinques and Little Bob Maximus. Sufficient time remained before lunch for the Bristol contingent to beat The Rest 9-8 at football.

When we arrived at Hanbury (8. 12 cwt.) for the afternoon peal there was no sign of Brian Bladon, the last 'full-timer' of the party, and Chris Kippin was persuaded to take his place. The conductor having learnt a new composition of Aldenham, a good peal was duly rung. Outside Brian was waiting for us, having repaired the mechanical trouble to his car, and shortly afterwards the non-pealers returned from ringing on the ten at Kings Norton.

NO 'MONDAY MORNING FEELING

There was no sign of the 'Monday morning feeling' about the attempt for Cambridge Minor at Ripple, Worcs. (6. 13 cwt.), but unfortunately a broken rope put paid to it after 1½ hours' ringing. Meanwhile the rest of the party were more fortunate with a first-class long length (5,216) of Lincolnshire at Malvern Link (16½ cwt.). Claines (10. 14 cwt.) was the afternoon tower, and here two-spliced Surprise Royal was rushed round in 24 hours—rather too fast for these easy-going bells, and it was suspected that the cricketer tenor-man was impatient to know the outcome of the Test match.

One car-load managed to 'grab' Strensham (6. 11 cwt.) on their way back to Cheltenham afterwards. Once back at headquarters, it soon became apparent that Cheltenham's famous Promenade had been taken over by teenagers (quite legally, as part of Cheltenham's Music Festival), and after tea various members of the party joined the throng. The sight of six of them standing in a circle on a zebra-crossing and solemnly going through the motions of ringing a touch of Minor on tower-bells caused considerable interest, and it is expected that the Twist may soon be replaced by another 'dance' that may seem rather familiar to those who know something of ringing!

Tuesday morning's programme called for Minor at Great Barrington (8 cwt.) and Superlative at Kingham (8. 12 cwt.), but again the Minor didn't go, this time because of a shift. Once more the eight-bell peal was luckier. After the fast peal here, Pudsey was rung in what seemed a very stately pace at Kirtlington (8. 16½ cwt.) in the afternoon while the non-ringers disappeared to the cinema in Oxford.

With haze hanging round the Malvern Hills the next morning eight made their way to Ross-on-Wye (8. 25 cwt.) for a peal of Yorkshire. Some of the bells have a tendency to drop here, and a fair amount of hard work was called for. After two hours a couple of men appeared in the belfry and, to the conductor's consternation, made their way towards the bells. Fortunately they had only

come to wind the clock, and the peal was concluded without further incident. Meanwhile six more had gone to Aston Ingham (6. 5½ cwt.) for what turned out to be the only successful attempt for Minor during the week. A good knowledge of Minor splicing enabled thirteen methods to be rung, rather to the surprise of the Bristol member of the band, who was sure he knew no more than seven or eight methods altogether!

The afternoon attempt was on the fine eight at Usk, Monmouthshire (14½ cwt.), but unfortunately 7-Spliced was lost through a shift after 2½ hours with only one more part to go. Spirits were soon revived on returning to Cheltenham, where the non-drivers showed that there was 'nothing to it,' albeit only in dodgery (surely a misnomer!) at the fair-ground.

CAMBRIDGE AS AN ALARM CLOCK

Thursday morning started for Chris Kippin with Cambridge 'in hand' over his bed, as effective as any alarm clock. Later, Bisley (8. 17 cwt.) proved a surprising handful, and at the end of the peal of Rutland the refreshments provided at the Rectory were extremely welcome. After well over two hours' ringing at Tetbury (8. 17 cwt.) the conductor set up an attempt for Whitminster, when it became clear that something was wrong. The 'something' turned out to be the composition, which would have been one of the most musical yet rung, having the sixth 16 courses in 6ths!

Two ringers were found to be missing upon descending from the tower. They returned in the early hours of Friday morning from, of all places, Birmingham, where they'd scored a 'bonus' peal of Royal at the Cathedral.

Two good peals were rung in the Vale of Evesham on Friday—four-spliced at Bretforton (8. 9 cwt.) in the morning, and Whitminster at Hinton-on-the-Green (8. 10 cwt.) in the afternoon, making up for the previous day's failure. The non-ringers took to golf for the afternoon, with varying degrees of success. In the evening the usual celebration was held at an unsuspecting inn, the highlight being Chris Kippin struggling to master an antiquated accordion. By the end of the evening he had become quite adept and we were able to fulfil musical requests from the public bar to everyone's satisfaction.

Alas, the end was now in sight and the pace telling. On Saturday morning a tenors-parted composition of Cambridge Major was lost at Iedbury (8. 22 cwt.) after an hour because of a shift, and in the afternoon Minor in the method at Tirley (6. 12 cwt.) didn't last beyond the first extent. Fortunately the afternoon's eight-bell band managed to ring a peal of Ashted at Watermoor, Cirencester (8. 19½ cwt.), so we could still hold up our heads.

Our appreciation and thanks are due to Cyril and Margery for the excellent arrangements and accommodation during the week, and also to all the incumbents and ringers who made the week possible and us all so welcome. It only remains to say: 'Roll on next year!'

G.E.T.

MERSHAM CHURCH BELLS

The bells, 5 by Joseph Hatch c. 1630 and 3 by Mears 1880-2 are in urgent need of repair, a new frame and fittings are required, and if possible a new ringing floor, and new floor under bells. This is not all: the south wall of the tower needs extensive repairs.

Mersham is a small parish and although a good sum has been raised, there is still a lot more to get.

Will anyone who has rung these or may like to when the job is finished care to send a donation to the Rev. C. F. Pollard, Mersham Rectory, Ashford, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

About twenty visitors were present for the service and tea at Cheriton on July 18th. Unfortunately the meeting coincided with the Hythe and Lympne outings, and these towers sent their apologies, as did Mr. B. Marks of Brabourne.

The service was conducted by the Rector, (the Rev. C. Munt), Mr. W. Chandler, choir-master and hon. secretary of the Cheriton ringers, was at the organ, and the choir was in attendance. The Rector, who is himself a change-ringer, gave an interesting address. Tea was afterwards enjoyed at the Church School, served by the ladies of the Cheriton ringers.

At the business meeting it was reported that work was to start on rehanging the bells at Pluckley about the middle of August. Ringing at Brabourne has finally had to stop until a major restoration can be undertaken. A new frame is needed, which, it is hoped, will make provision for eight bells. This thinly populated parish has already raised £4,000 for the restoration of the church, and is now faced with this further heavy expense of £2,000. Brabourne has eight enthusiastic learners, recruited by Mr. Marks (who is also organising the Bells Appeal Fund). In the meantime they are continuing to practise at Stowting. They rang every Sunday until the ban was imposed. The historic bells of Mersham will probably be taken to the foundry at the end of the year. The report on the tower at Ashford has been received, but it is not yet clear whether or not the ring will be augmented to ten.

Eight new members, three adults and five juniors, were elected to the Association. Mr. Alan Berry, the Ringing Master, voiced the thanks of the visitors to the Rector, to the organist and the choir, and to Mr. A. Eastmoad, captain of Cheriton ringers, and his helpers for making all the arrangements.

Some useful practice continued for about an hour on the light eight. The old tower, splendidly situated, and with its Saxon window and doorway, has been much improved by its new ringing floor. Ringing continued until about 9 o'clock at St. Nicholas', Newington, where the ringers were joined by visitors from Chelsfield, Greenwich and South Wales.

C.T.H.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual general meeting of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at Clifford, Herefordshire, on Whit-Monday, and during the day ringing took place at towers in the Clifford District.

Over 120 members and visitors were present at the service in St. Mary's Church which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Hayes). Tea was served in the Church Hall, and was followed by the annual meeting.

Mr. H. G. Thomas, of Bridgnorth, was elected Master to succeed Mr. A. T. Wingate, whose term of office had expired. All other officers were re-elected. In recognition of services rendered to the Guild, and in appreciation of the services that he still performs, particularly in regard to week-end courses of instruction, Mr. W. F. Moreton was made a vice-president.

Proposals made by the Rules Revision Committee were adopted and it was decided that the revised rules should operate from January 1st, 1965. A striking competition was inaugurated.

The 1965 annual general meeting will be held at Clun.

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A LAYMAN ON A BELLRINGERS' OUTING

'If you are not doing anything on June 27th, care to come on the ringers' outing?' My son casually put the question across the table one morning some months ago. 'And do you think you could do a piece for "The Ringing World"?' you know, the layman's point of view? I thought for a moment what I would have in common with the number of lusty (vigorous and healthy connotation) young lads and lasses who make up the band at St. Mary's of Beddington. Ale! It has been my experience that wherever there is a church so there would be a pub. I have often wondered which was there first, a church or a pub. While the ringers sampled the bells, I could sample the local brews — an arrangement which should bring pleasure to all concerned.

Although not being a ringer I am not entirely ignorant of the profession. I know that Grand-sire is pronounced to sound like Grantser, that a touch is not an attempt to borrow half-a-crown, that a spliced double is not a mixture of spirits, that a canon, besides being a Church dignitary, is also a part of a bell and that if one wishes to upset a ringer call him a campanologist.

And so on June 27th, 35 ringers and non-ringers set out for the Thames Valley. It was such a day which old and middle-aged talk about nostalgically when discussing their youth. Warm, clear-skied, peaceful, apart from the hundreds of maniacs hurtling along the roads at breakneck speed. Past Kempton Park, of unhappy memory (never did any good there), we left the main roads and twisted and turned through the lovely quiet lanes of Berkshire, lanes green and hedges high, through gaps in which one could see the rolling, wooded hills stretching towards the horizon. Past the White Hart at Sonning, the sight of which made me lick my lips—this coach-riding was thirsty work —to Shiplake, the square tower peeping over the tree-tops, which at that time were wreathed with mist.

The coach stopped outside the Ploewden Arms (not yet open). Alighting, we crossed the quiet country road, along a tree-tunnelled lane, where diminutive, triangular flags were being draped in preparation for the afternoon's fete, past a board which informed us that Tennyson was married at the church and that the church was at least 12th century, to a spot where time appeared to have stood still for at least a couple of hundred years. My brochure informed me that the tower has 8 bells (9 cwt. tenor), but for me the joy of the church was a really beautiful memorial in the form of a clock set on the west wall of the building, facing the pulpit.

Coming out of the church I happened to glance over the hedge and thought for the moment the standing figure was of a lady wearing one of the new topless dresses. Being both short-sighted and embarrassed I nudged my companion, who reassured me it was a piece of classical statuary in a garden. I immediately repaired to the Ploewden Arms for a little something to assist my recovery from what had been quite a shock. Sitting outside the bar on a wooden bench, my back against the wall, a pint of good ale, drawn from the wood, in my fist, the sun blazing down and the sweet sound of the bells one felt that the England of our ancestors had not entirely vanished in the fumes of diesel, petrol and burning rubber and the cacophony of juke boxes and portable wireless sets.

And so to Dorchester. Topping a hill, across the green flat fields one saw again a square, stone tower topped by a gaily waving crossed flag of St. George. Sweeping round the bend in the road at the entrance to Dorchester, passing on the right the ancient-looking Fleur de

Lys, a coaching inn, and stopping outside another charming white-faced hostelry, the White Hart, we alighted and walked back over the pavement of rounded stones—in modern thin shoes, most uncomfortable to traverse. Through a most imposing entrance to the church, with the museum on the left, one enters the grand old Abbey, as it once was. For me at least it was all rather spoilt because of the bustle of preparing the church for a concert. I was invited to see the ringing room, and large and important it was. Continuing up the narrow, twisting, steep stone stairs (with visions of becoming jammed and spending the rest of my life stuck on the stairs) I rather recklessly entered the bell chamber. I now know just how the poor unfortunate in Dorothy Sayers' 'The Nine Tailors' must have suffered. There they were—a nest of bells, brazen throated and iron tongued—the large (16 cwt.) bossman in the middle, surrounded by his ever-decreasing satellites, turning over and over, roaring and bellowing their message over the surrounding countryside. To assist my eardrums to recover, I adjourned to the hotel across the road to imbibe in the quiet of the bar beer from a pewter pot. Whether it was the bells or the warmth of the day the ale tasted superb.

After the excellent lunch, on 20 miles to Bampton (8 bells, with a 25 cwt. tenor). With its extraordinarily high needle-like spire, the church set on a rising mound appeared not only a fortress against evil but against marauding bands of raiders of long ago. The stone-walled houses with their slate roofs flanking the wide roads seemed to have stood there for ever. Where the inhabitants were I do not know, but the place appeared to be deserted, even the roads were so empty that I could stand in the middle of the main road and take photographs without having to make frantic leaps sideways to avoid traffic—there just wasn't any. If anyone is seeking employment, not particularly highly paid but obviously leisurely. Bampton is seeking a clerk to the council—£60 p.a., plus a further £20 for looking after the Graves Register.

On a further 15 miles to ancient Abingdon. Another tall spired church set beside the river (10 bells this time, with a 20 cwt. tenor). To describe adequately the treasures of Abingdon Church would take up much more space than I am likely to be allotted—the old chained Bible, a rare Breeches Bible (I know of another at Rye), the velvet covered pews for the Mayor and other civic dignitaries. A pause beside the river—to see a large carp flirting with the bait of an outraged angler and the excitement when he thought he had a 'good 'un' only to find he had hooked into a large sunken tree... Tea in the High Street and on another 20 miles to Reading (8 bells and a 25½ cwt. tenor). The church being locked I was forced to make a tour of some of the local inns, and I can only hope that the church was more impressive than Reading's pubs. The paper seller outside the church was not. I fear, either a ringer or a lover of bells. After having difficulty in hearing which paper I required and giving me the correct change from a sixpence he grunted something about 'bloody row every Saturday night,' and looked as if I were responsible.

And so along the darkening roads, with one further stop to permit the thirsty ringers to remove some of the dust of Reading Church from their throats, we made our way back to Beddington, tired but happy and satisfied ringers, and at least one not tired but very happy, satisfied non-ringer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Gentleman Ringer

Dear Sir,—Mr. Wratten's article recalls several names which were well-known to the Shepherd family of Exeter in the early years of the Devon Guild, and Mr. G. H. Phillott was no stranger to the county. At 39 he was a member of the Central Council (1891) and the names of Troyte, Ellacombe, Field, Hounslow and Rev. F. E. Robinson were also associated with change ringing in Devon.

Regarding Ellacombe's chiming apparatus I prefer to remember him best for his wonderful work as a West Country historian.

Canon Cattle is a new name to me, but it is news that he was largely responsible for Worcester Cathedral having a ring of 12, and also procuring a 62 cwt. tenor for St. Paul's Cathedral. Taylors cast a peal of 13 for Worcester in 1876 and the ring was designed by Lord Grimthorpe, who had a wide influence for big bells, including St. Paul's Cathedral in 1878. The tenor is inscribed 'Presented by The Corporation of the City of London'; in fact all the 12 were presentations or gifts.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

'Our Ringing World'

Dear Sir.—Yours and mine; now at its peak; a lovely set-up; something for everybody from cover to cover; and no complaints lately.

Then the postal upset, but still our journal arrived, thanks to the thought of the Editor and staff.

Thank you for the thought not to let us down, and here is a little practical appreciation from

OAD BAT-ER.

Note.—Canon C. Carew Cox has also sent us a donation and has expressed the hope that others might be induced to help. Extra postage has now reached £60.—Ed.

Jarrom Surprise Minor

Dear Sir, — Re peal of Jarrom Surprise Minor (page 503 of 'The Ringing World', July 24th, 1964).

I would be very grateful if the seven extents of the above method could be published, please.—Yours sincerely, A. BISHOP.

London, S.W.

Peals withdrawn

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the following peals conducted by myself, the composition of which is false, and offer my sincere apologies to all who took part.

The peal is 5,008 Plain Bob Major, attributed to the late Mr. G. Hughes, of Wednesbury, and this was rung at: Broseley (Hereford Guild), June 24th, 1961; Eardisland (Staffs. Society), November 26th, 1962; and Brewood (Staffs. Society), October 5th, 1963.

The figures were given to me with the inscription: 'This is an excellent peal and contains some good music, I have called it several times.' I regret to say I have done the same.—Yours faithfully,

BARNABAS C. KEY.

Gnosall, Stafford.

The thanks of all who went on the outing for the interesting route and other arrangements he made are due to the organiser and Master of the tower, Stewart Kimber

F. W.

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HANDBELL ARCH AT RAVING RINGERS' WEDDING

On July 4th (Independence Day) Mr. Anthony L. Mann and Miss Heather Oakley were married at St. John's Church, Aldenham, Herts. In the morning a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at Bushey by fellow members of the Society of Raving Ringers.

The bride wore a full-length dress of white brocade and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

After the ceremony, while the couple were being photographed beneath an archway of handbells, a cascade of rose petals descended on them from the tower.

The reception was held in the Memorial Hall, Letchmore Heath. The couple afterwards left for Northern Ireland, where Tony has been posted by the Air Ministry Police.

In the evening the Ravers joined three members of the local band in a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Aldenham. H. O.



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HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On July 19th. 1,320 Doubles (five methods): D. Barker 1, J. Dowse 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, J. Heaps 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evenson.

HANDBELL RECITAL AT CATHEDRAL

The Launton Handbell Ringers gave a recital to the Friends of Hereford Cathedral on July 4th in the nave of the Cathedral. The music included items by classical and modern composers, mediæval, foreign and traditional English carols.

Seventy-six handbells were used in the recital. They form part of the collection of 207 bells which Mr. F. Sharpe has acquired in an effort to include examples of the work of all known English bellfounders from the time of Charles II until the present day. All the bells have been tuned and fitted with leatherwork by him and are in first-class order. Examples of the work of seven founders are required to complete the collection.

The ringers were first entertained to lunch by the Dean of Hereford (the Very Rev. R. P. Price) and afterwards attended Festal Evenson. Mr. Frederick Sharpe then gave a lecture and the company of over 500 were present at tea in the Bishop's palace gardens. The recital followed.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Collingham on June 20th.

The business meeting was held in the church. This probably accounted for the subdued behaviour of those present and the speed at which the business was conducted. Before the election of officers took place it was learned with regret that Mr. T. W. Strangeway wished to resign from the General Committee. The vice-president, Mr. W. Barton, spoke warmly of the many years' active and faithful service he had given to the Association.

COWBRIDGE SCHOOL RINGERS AT WHITECHAPEL

(Condensed from report in the school's weekly magazine, 'The Lion,' dated July 11th.)

On July 7th Mr. I. Davies took ten of the school's bellringers on a trip to London to visit the famous bell foundry of Mears and Stainbank at Whitechapel. At 8.30 we all piled into Mr. D.'s van and commenced our journey to Cardiff, where we arrived at the station safely.

On the journey in the train the back six of our 12 handbells appeared and a course of Plain Bob Minor ensued. While standing in the corridor Mr. D. heard two ladies' remarks about our ringing. One said: 'Doesn't that sound lovely!' while the other said: 'Coo! Get away from this lot!' and proceeded to do so. During a course of Cambridge 'Evs' let out a cry of 'Hi! I'm trying to get a snap at lead!' to which remark Gareth Jones replied: 'You haven't got a chance.' Which was the truth.

After a satisfying lunch we made our way to Whitechapel. At 2.15 we entered the foundry and a very enjoyable tour followed. We saw most of the aspects of bell founding except the bell being actually cast. We went to the handbell shop and saw the way Mears finish their handbells. 'Ken' then played 'Hyfrydol,' an old Welsh tune, on the back six of 16 bells for Cape Town Cathedral, to the delight and amazement of our guide.

We returned to the station after visiting St. Paul's, and caught the 7 p.m. train to Cardiff. After fish and chips at Canton we crept into school at about 11.15 thus ending an enjoyable day. C.R.

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OUTINGS LUTON, BEDS

The annual outing of the Luton Parish Church ringers took place on July 4th, when they visited Lichfield, Walsall, Wolverhampton and Redditch.

After a stop for coffee en route, Lichfield Cathedral was reached in good time, and the fine ring of ten much enjoyed, as were the architectural features of this venerable pile.

An excellent lunch was followed by the short run to Walsall where an enjoyable hour was spent on the easy-going twelve at St. Matthew's. The noble Parish Church of St. Peter, Wolverhampton, has a fine ring of twelve, and a very pleasant hour was spent here.—What a pity that, through lack of ringers, these bells are seldom heard! One hopes that soon those residents of Wolverhampton who possess ringing potential will wander into the belfry!

Approaching Redditch the scenery became very attractive, though the roads became narrower and narrower, retarding our progress, but allowing more time to admire the view! After a pull on the light eight at St. Stephen's, full justice was done to a most adequate tea, and the homeward journey, through Stratford-on-Avon and Banbury was quite delightful, on this pleasant summer evening.

It was a great privilege, and one that was much appreciated, to ring at all these interesting places, and the grateful thanks of all are accorded to the Dean of Lichfield and the incumbents of Walsall, Wolverhampton and Redditch, and to the local ringers who were so kind. May I say, 'So nice to meet you!' from all of us.

A. E. R.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Barnsley and District Society made a 7 a.m. start for their annual outing on July 25th so as to reach St. Andrew's, Kildwick by 9.30. A memory of this eight-bell tower is the gravestone in the churchyard representing an organ. At Skipton we had the privilege of ringing for a wedding, and some of it was very delightful. Julia will remember Skipton, not only for the lunch at the Midland Hotel, but where she lost the sole of her shoe! Providentially, one of the ladies had brought along two pairs and all was well.

A hymn tune was being rung by a ringer as we climbed the steps of St. Andrew's Church, Gargrave (8). Our third St. Andrew's tower of the day was Aysgarth (6), where we had good ringing and visited the falls. High tea was waiting for us at the Blue Lion, Witton, and afterwards we found the six bells at St. John's Church a little tricky. Opportunity was taken by some of the party to see Jervaulx Abbey.

Happy memories remain of this well-organised outing by Mr. Christopher Moxon, and of the skilful driving of Mr. Eric Stainrod. Incumbents and those who met us are thanked.

J. W. B.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX

Leaving Eastbourne on the traditional second Saturday in July, St. Mary's ringers, with some friends and neighbours, set out for a quick tour of Kent. The coach was soon weaving along the smugglers' roads to Lydd, and on this excellent octave the best performances of the day took place—Double Norwich and Grandsire Triples. From Lydd we counted the Martello towers to Folkestone, where a heavier eight with newish ropes demanded more attention, and we added Kent and Stedman to our repertoire.

After lunch at Ramsgate, the unorthodox entrance to St. Laurence's tower caused some comment. Cambridge and Grandsire Caters came round, but Little and Plain Bob Spliced failed before moving on to Faversham. Here St. Clement's Major and Bob Major were included.

The final tower was Marden, where the tiring band rang more Grandsire, Plain Bob and Double Norwich. On the way home we fought paper battles, stole Jane's shoes, named a new method for three bells Spong Sorrow—and decided NOT to submit it for publication. The day's achievements also included Paul's first and second touches of Bob Major, and Harold's discovery that a certain bell was very deep set, due to the slider being in the next pit.

H.R.

A COLLECTION OF DOUBLES METHODS

Compiled by GEOFFREY K. DODD and ROY H. JONES

(Continued from page 515)

PART D

This section contains methods, named and unnamed which may be incorrect in some way, e.g.:

The 'composition' may have another name. A Bob or a Single may be incorrect for the method which has a certain name.

A Bob or Single is missing.

As it is written, may be false, e.g.: St. Teilo and Winforton*. Any information regarding these would be gratefully received.

We have insufficient information to do more than list them.

It is hoped to add to this collection variations of St. Osmund, St. Vedast, St. Alpage, Shipway's, Westminster, Blackburn, Union, New Bob, etc., in due course.

*St. Teilo—Plain Bob—Plain Bob—Grandsire became St. Agnes on investigation. As it stands, is false. Winforton—Rev. Canterbury—Plain Bob—Grandsire became Inkpen on investigation.

Method	Plain Course	Bob	Single	Notes
St. Petrox	St. Simon	Old Hudibras	London Ex.	S-B-S-P.
Cambridge	St. Simon	Ready Money	Thurly Bob	
St. Wilfrid	St. Simon	Rev. Canterbury	Grandsire S.	S-B-S-P.
St. Catherine	St. Simon	Plain Bob	Old Doubles S.	
St. Katharine	St. Simon	Rev. Canterbury	All Saints P.L.	
Unnamed	St. Simon	Plain Bob	Grandsire Ex.	
St. Dionysius	St. Simon	Rev. Canterbury	Old Doubles S.	
Marsworth	St. Simon	Plain Bob	Grandsire S.	
Claydon	St. Simon	Plain Bob	All Saints P.L.	
Unnamed	St. Simon	Rev. Canterbury	Grandsire Ex.	
Westminster	St. Martin	Old Hudibras	London Ex.	S-B-S-P.
Oldham	St. Martin	Ready Money	Thurly Bob	S-B-S-P.
St. Oswald	St. Martin	Rev. Canterbury	Grandsire	
Unnamed	St. Martin	Plain Bob	Grandsire Ex.	
St. Margaret	St. Martin	Rev. Canterbury	All Saints P.L.	
Unnamed	St. Martin	Plain Bob	Old Doubles S.	
Unnamed	St. Martin	Rev. Canterbury	Old Doubles S.	
(Dove ?)				
Kingswinford	St. Martin	Plain Bob	All Saints P.L.	
Mallory	St. Martin	Plain Bob	Grandsire S.	
Unnamed	St. Martin	Rev. Canterbury	Grandsire Ex.	
Unnamed	St. Nicholas	Old Hudibras	London Ex.	
Unnamed	St. Nicholas	Ready Money	Thurly Bob	
Lonsdale	St. Nicholas	Rev. Canterbury	Grandsire S.	
Baldon (?)	St. Nicholas	Plain Bob	Old Doubles S.	
Hinton	St. Nicholas	Rev. Canterbury	All Saints P.L.	
Durnford	St. Nicholas	Plain Bob	Grandsire Ex.	
Coombe	St. Nicholas	Rev. Canterbury	Old Doubles S.	
Unnamed	St. Nicholas	Plain Bob	All Saints P.L.	
Unnamed	St. Nicholas	Plain Bob	Grandsire S.	
Unnamed	St. Nicholas	Rev. Canterbury	Grandsire Ex.	
Winchendon	Winchendon	Old Hudibras	London Ex.	
Unnamed	Winchendon	Ready Money	Thurly Bob	
Unnamed	Winchendon	Rev. Canterbury	Grandsire S.	
Unnamed	Winchendon	Plain Bob	Old Doubles S.	
Unnamed	Winchendon	Rev. Canterbury	All Saints P.L.	
Unnamed	Winchendon	Plain Bob	Grandsire Ex.	
St. Cuthbert	Winchendon	Rev. Canterbury	Old Doubles S.	
St. Editha	Winchendon	Plain Bob	Grandsire S.	
St. Egwin	Winchendon	Plain Bob	All Saints P.L.	
Unnamed	Winchendon	Rev. Canterbury	Grandsire Ex.	
Freeland	Antelope	Grandsire	Grandsire	
Wheatley	New Antelope	Grandsire	Grandsire	
Unnamed	Plain Bob	Old Hudibras	London Ex.	S-B-S-P.
Unnamed	Plain Bob	Ready Money	Thurly Bob	S-B-S-P.
Unnamed	Rev. Canterbury	Old Hudibras	London Ex.	S-B-S-P.
Unnamed	Rev. Canterbury	Ready Money	Thurly Bob	S-B-S-P.
Unnamed	All Saints	Thurly		
Lily	Plain Bob	Grandsire with 5th, 4th, 5th	Grandsire	
St. Chad	Plain Bob	Grandsire with 5th, 4th, 5th	Grandsire Ex.	
Rose	Rev. Canterbury	As for above	Not known	
Oxford	Grandsire Bobs	P.L. Rev. Cant.	Grandsire	
Stanton	Grandsire Bobs	P.L. Plain Bob	Grandsire Ex.	
Beckley	Grandsire Bobs	P.L. Rev. Cant.	Grandsire S.	
Unnamed	St. Remigius	Plain Bob	All Saints P.L.	
Unnamed	St. Osmund	Plain Bob	All Saints P.L.	
Pistol	Rev. Canterbury	Blunderbus	Grandsire	
Ascension	Plain Bob	Own		
Unnamed	St. Simon	Antelope S.	Half-leads of Original	
Unnamed	St. Martin	Antelope S.	Half-leads of Original	
Unnamed	St. Nicholas	Antelope S.	Half-leads of Original	
Unnamed	Winchendon	Antelope S.	Half-leads of Original	
Charlton	Plain Bob	Plain Bob	P.L. Rev. Cant.	
Warkton	Rev. Canterbury	Rev. Canterbury	P.L. Plain Bob	
Morning Star	St. Simon	Plain Bob	P.L. Rev. Cant.	
Mars	St. Nicholas	Plain Bob	P.L. Rev. Cant.	
Jupiter	St. Martin	Plain Bob	P.L. Rev. Cant.	
Venus	Winchendon	Plain Bob	P.L. Rev. Cant.	
Evening Star	S. Simon	Rev. Canterbury	P.L. Plain Bob	
Pluto	St. Nicholas	Rev. Canterbury	P.L. Plain Bob	
Saturn	St. Martin	Rev. Canterbury	P.L. Plain Bob	
Neptune	Winchendon	Rev. Canterbury	P.L. Plain Bob	

To be continued.

LITTLE ASTON, WARWICKSHIRE

Celebrations were not only being held throughout America on July 4th. Little Aston, too, was aroused from slumber in the early hours of the morning as local ringers and friends piled languidly into the coach, which was waiting to take them on the annual outing—this year to the Wye Valley. Welcome additions to the party came from the Cannock and Lichfield bands..

The prospects of a day's good ringing and fine, sunny weather lay before us as we set out for the first of the seven churches, Ombersley. After a ring on the 16 cwt. six, we moved on to Ledbury and spent a most enjoyable hour ringing the very pleasant eight there to a variety of touches including a half course of Cambridge Major. Then, after a coffee break, there followed a long drive through delightful countryside to Symond's Yat, a beautiful corner of Herefordshire on a bend in the River Wye. An unexpected opportunity of having our packed lunches while 'cruising down the river' was seized without delay. The boatman, however, despite enthusiastic requests, disappointed some by refusing to shoot the 200 ft. long rapids—a drop of a mere eight feet.

During the afternoon ringing took place at Longhope Church and Norton, and from here we went into Tewkesbury for high tea. Afterwards we took the opportunity to look around the Abbey and admire its floral decorations.

On our homeward route we stopped at Dumbleton (a pleasant ring of six), where a touch of Six Spliced Surprise Minor was accomplished without undue difficulty. The last tower of the day contained the eight at Norton, Evesham, where, after touches of Stedman and Little Bob, a respectable course of Yorkshire completed the day's ringing.

Despite the earlier misgivings of our organiser, Kay Moore, all concerned agreed that it was a most successful outing. Thanks must be given to those who made the arrangements, and to the incumbents and ringers of the churches visited. M.C.S.

OUTINGS**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX**

With perfect weather on June 27th, we welcomed ringers and friends from several local towers on our annual outing. Arriving a little late at the first tower, we enjoyed our ring at St Mary's, Staines, and ate our refreshments. At Bray we admired the beautifully decorated church and splendid panoramic view from the top of the tower. Lunch was at Maidenhead followed by ringing at Twyford and then Wargrave, where a course of Cambridge Major was attempted; meanwhile several of our visitors became engrossed in looking for the tomb of Madame Tussaud, but were unsuccessful.

We found Henley preparing for the beginning of the Royal Regatta and enjoyed the tone of the bells. After a splendid tea at Bagshot we made our way to Pirbright; unfortunately we were late owing to flower purchasing! As we are used to 6 bell ringing the bells were not too bad and we managed a course of Kent Minor and touches of Stedman Doubles.

We wish to thank two of our honorary members, Pam and Diana Gough, from Guildford, for kindly inviting us to have refreshments in their garden. After this pleasant climax we arrived at Aldington at 10.30 p.m. Our thanks go to the incumbents and the ladies of the band for organising the refreshments. S.G.R.

LYMPNE OUTING

Lympne bellringers made up a party of 27 for their annual outing on July 18th which included friends from Burmarsh and Foikestone and rang in seven towers in that delightful area to the east of Canterbury.

Ringling at the beautiful old churches of Bekesbourne and Sturry was followed by a picnic lunch on the banks of the Stour during which the company were entertained by handbell ringing by Folkestone's Richard Hough,

his sisters and friends who came drifting down the river in a boat.

Those charming villages (and churches), Wickhambreux and Littlebourne, were visited followed by the stately towers of Wingham and Ash where some excellent touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

Finally to the seemingly remote and pleasant church at Goodnestone and so home.

At each tower except Ash where time pressed, touches in various methods were rung by the ladies in the party.

Thanks are due to the incumbents and ringers at the towers visited for their hospitality which helped to make the outing so enjoyable.

ELSTOW, BEDS

On June 27th the Elstow ringers, with friends from other Bedfordshire towers, spent a happy day in the Surrey area.

St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (an excellent eight), whetted our appetites for things to come, and it is surely an indication of true British fortitude to say that Stanwell failed to damp the enthusiasm of the party, though the bells here were generally vote-hm!—I forget what I was going to say!

After an excellent lunch we entered Surrey and the very fine six at Ottershaw were considered a ringer's dream—after the Vicar had been persuaded to leave his sylvan retreat and let us in.

Some enjoyable ringing took place at Chobham and Old Woking. A little difficulty was experienced in finding St. Mary's, Send, but the pleasure of a pull on the fine ring of six and the joy of lingering awhile in this charming and peaceful spot were well worth the effort. Horsell (another good six) was the conclusion of the day's ringing, which ranged from rounds to London Surprise, and the journey home was broken for the usual convivial half-hour.

Sincere thanks to our hosts in Middlesex and Surrey, and to our organiser, M'ss M. Pettitt. A. E. R.

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According to 'The Irish
Bell News,' Derek Jones is
taking a peal ringing band
to Northern Ireland at the beginning of
August; Robert Smith a band of long-lengthers
to Dublin for a week-end's peal ringing at the
end of September; the University of Wales
Society visit Southern Ireland at the begin-
ning of October.

The memorial tablet to Mr. Albert Walker,
in St. Martin's ringing room, will be unveiled
by Canon Bryan Green immediately prior to
the 11 a.m. Matins, on Sunday, August 9th,
ringing from 10 a.m.

The peal at Exhall-by-Coventry on July
20th was arranged to enable the Rev. M. C.
C. Melville and Mr. Arthur Rowley to ring
a peal together there after a lapse of over
30 years. It was at Exhall where Mr. Melville
lived as a boy, and learnt to handle a bell.

On two consecutive Tuesdays at Lowdham,
Notts, a well-known lady broke the stay on
the same bell when she missed the sally dur-
ing peal attempts. Unfortunately both attempts
were well over half way. G.A.D. inquires
if this is a record?

Mrs. Beatrice Morris writes fully endorsing
the request for information concerning the
proposed memorial window at St. Margaret's,
Leicester, to the late Mr. Ernest Morris.
'Fancy being dead 2 years and 4 months and
nothing done—not even a memorial peal on
April 28th—well only one.' She also deplores
the indifferent service ringing on Sunday
evenings (only three or four bells) and re-
grets that with all the talent in Leicester
recruits are not being taught at St. Margaret's.

The band who rang the peal at St. Neots,
Hunts, on July 18th would like to associate
John Gipson and Harold Peacock with it.
They were both in a previous attempt on
June 20th which came to an abrupt end
when the 7th bearings completely dried up
with about an hour to go. The conductor and
the rest of the band also wish to thank 'Joe'
Chamberlain and George Bonham for their
hard work in cleaning and oiling the bear-
ings, which made this attempt possible.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In answer to Mr. W. L.
C. (Bill) Barlow's query as
to other members of the band
taught by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher in
1930 at Enfield, Mr. George B. Collins of
Colchester, writes as one of the band to say
that he is still ringing, his name appearing
intermittently in the peal columns. He has
been in hospital for some months but expects
to be active again soon. As a tailpiece he
adds: 'Does 32 years to ring one's first 50
peals qualify as a record for slowness?'

Another member of this band is Mrs.
E. M. Bagworth (nee Greenall), who has never
left off ringing and frequently participates at
St. Clement Danes', St. Margaret's, Westmin-
ster, and elsewhere as available.

The hospitality of the newly-inducted Vicar
of Surfleet, the Rev. D. F. Button, and Mrs.
Button after the peal of welcome on July
13th was much appreciated. Surfleet has had
a great ringing parson in the past who un-
hesitatingly laid down the law when the occa-
sion demanded.

Capt. Marybelle Nissly, a member of the
U.S.A.F. stationed near Huntingdon, and
already well known to many ringers in this
country, attempted and was successful in ring-
ing her first quarter peal at All Saints', Hunt-
ingdon, on July 12th as reported in our last
issue. The conductor, Mr. H. S. Peacock,
who first introduced Marybelle to tower bell
ringing, was very pleased at the performance,
and looks forward to the ringing of more
quarter peals, and then a peal.

Eight girls of St. Elphin's C. of E. Public
School for Girls, Darley Dale, Derbyshire,
rang the bells of Bakewell Parish Church for
their annual service for scholars and parents
on July 18th. The girls had been trained to
ring at St. Helen's, Darley Dale, and had
assisted in the Sunday service ringing there
during terms. Only rounds were rung at Bake-
well, but several of them can ring Plain Bob
on handbells as the girls come from all parts
of the country. We hope they will continue
to ring at their own churches; many of them
are daughters of clergymen.

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TEN BELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At Christ Church with St. Ewen.

On Mon., July 13, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt.

*Jacqueline A. Hobbs .. Treble	Patrick J. Bird 6
Alan Tubb 2	Richard J. Bowden 7
Gillian M. Hussey 3	D. John Hunt 8
John M. Stallard 4	*Peter Bridle 9
†Michael J. Hobbs 5	James R. Taylor Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 125th peal.
In memoriam Cecil Dyer, deceased July 13th, 1963; organist and choirmaster at this church for many years.

BRISTOL.—At the Priory Church of St. James with St. Peter.

On Sat., July 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt.

Gillian M. Hussey .. Treble	P. Leslie Pearce 6
*John H. Taylor 2	Patrick J. Bird 7
Peter Bridle 3	Philip M. J. Gray 8
†Alan Tubb 4	D. John Hunt 9
Michael J. Hobbs 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* First peal of Royal. † 25th peal. First peal on the bells for 18 years. Rung for and on St. James' Day.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., July 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 16 minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

*Shirley Little Treble	†Eric Sutton 6
†Victor Griffin 2	§Michael J. Stanley 7
Walter F. Judge 3	†W. Bertram Kynaston 8
†Gordon W. Land 4	Charles H. Kippin 9
†Rev. Roger Keeley 5	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
* First peal on 10 bells. † First in the method. ‡ First of Royal in the method. § First of Surprise Royal.

First of Royal in the method on the bells, for the Association and in the county.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. John Wilson Jackson.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sun., July 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 29½ cwt. in D flat.

Leslie W. Houghton .. Treble	Rev. Giles C. Galley 6
Claudia A. Critchley 2	Norman V. Harding 7
Diana M. Pipe 3	Geoffrey R. Parker 8
Jack L. Millhouse 4	Cecil W. Pipe 9
G. William Critchley 5	George W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., July 7, 1964, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 36 cwt. 110 lb. in C.

Brian J. Woodruffe .. Treble	Geoffrey J. Hemming 6
John C. Eisel 2	Martin D. Fellows 7
Michael J. Fellows 3	*Philip J. Rothera 8
George E. Fearn 4	Gerald C. Hemming 9
*Maurice G. Ingram 5	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., July 9, 1964, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 lb. in D.

George E. Fearn .. Treble	Edward W. Colley 6
Susan Funnell 2	Roderick W. Pipe 7
John C. Eisel 3	Robert C. Kippin 8
S. Clarke Walters 4	Brian J. Woodruffe 9
George E. Thoday 5	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., July 25, 1964, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Jean L. Lavender .. Treble	†Kevin Taber 6
Raymond E. Finch 2	†Norman Steere 7
David Herschell 3	Richard Stevens 8
Raymond J. Talbott 4	Frank E. Darby 9
*Alan Streeter 5	Stewart F. Kimber Tenor

Composed by W. E. ELSON. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.
Rung to welcome Shirley Ruth, born July 22nd, 1964, to Norman and Heather Steere.

* First peal on 10 bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLAGDON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

Jennifer M. Taylor .. Treble	James R. Taylor 5
Elizabeth A. G. Bowden 2	Richard J. Bowden 6
Patricia Diserens 3	Ronald F. Diserens 7
Don C. Exell 4	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

BACKWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., July 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, containing 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Richard J. Bowden .. Treble	James R. Taylor 5
Elizabeth A. G. Bowden 2	Brian Bladon 6
C. Kenneth Lewis 3	Don C. Exell 7
David J. Allen 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

CURRY RIVEL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., July 18, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt.

*Alan F. Lee .. Treble	James R. Taylor 5
Jennifer M. Taylor 2	*Peter Bridle 6
*Gillian M. Hussey 3	D. John Hunt 7
*David J. Burt 4	Raph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* First peal of Bristol. † First of Bristol 'inside.'

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ILKESTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., June 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Denis R. Carlisle .. Treble	George L. Roobottom 5
Gordon A. Halls 2	David W. Parkin 6
Frederick Gobey 3	John F. Murfin 7
Girling Rigby 4	Edmund Shuttleworth Tenor

Conducted by JOHN F. MURFIN.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 18, 1964, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb in D.

Leslie F. Bailey .. Treble	Peter Woolven 5
Mary E. Edwards 2	Philip Mehew 6
William A. R. Chamberlain 3	David R. Saunderson 7
George E. Bonham 4	Bryan F. Sims Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PHILIP MEHEW.

Rung with the best wishes of the band as a farewell compliment from the Association to Canon and Mrs. Galley, who have left St. Neots after 21 years to take the living of Heydon and Salle in Norfolk.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret of

Antioch.

On Thurs., July 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Peter Sloman .. Treble	†David E. Belcham 5
†Philip J. Rothera 2	Ian R. Pantom 6
Alfred J. House 3	Frank B. Lufkin 7
†Dennis Elliston 4	†Michael J. Hallett Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Pudsey Surprise. ‡ 25th peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose.

On Tues., July 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

Geoffrey R. Marchant .. Treble	James R. Taylor 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Cliff Richards 6
Alan Tubb 3	D. John Hunt 7
John H. Taylor 4	Michael J. Hobbs Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

Rung in memory of Frank Skidmore. Master of the G. & B., 1959-1960, and ringer at this tower for many years, who passed away on July 18th, 1960.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Frances Proctor Treble	Michael W. Coleman 5
Christopher C. Clarke 2	Keith J. Walpole 6
Dennis C. Bowen 3	Stephen Darvill 7
Kenneth J. Darvill 4	Howard Oglesey Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Anthony R. Mann and Miss Heather A. Oakley by fellow members of the Society of Raving Ringers, the ceremony being at Aldenham later in the day.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
MARDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Fri., July 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

Reginald E. Lambert .. Treble	Trevor A. Cross 5
Angela Grainger 2	Robert T. Lambert 6
*Peter Carter 3	Bernard F. L. Groves 7
Thomas E. Sone 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Rosemary Eagling and Bruce Grainger, after their wedding at the above church. Both are church bellringers, and Rosemary is the daughter of the Vicar and Mrs. Eagling.

EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., July 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Judith M. Corby Treble	Doris E. Colgate 5
Andrew J. Corby 2	*Edward J. Jenner 6
*Hilary F. Martin 3	Robert W. Hinde 7
Ann Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At the Church of Emmanuel.
On Sat., July 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Fred Pearson Treble	Martin Snape 5
Mary Perry 2	Peter Beverley 6
Victor Draper 3	Ronald Kenrick 7
Kenneth Wilson 4	Norman Heaps Tenor

Composed by A. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by NORMAN HEAPS.

Rung by the Sunday service band to celebrate the birth of the 4th ringer's son and the 6th ringer's daughter.

TODMORDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Unitarian Church.
On Sun., July 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 17 lb in F.

Derek Butterworth Treble	*David W. Howarth 5
John P. Partington 2	Richard J. Parker 6
Geoffrey Cheetham 3	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
*J. M. Donald Bateman 4	Ivan Kay Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.

* First peal.

BURNLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., July 15, 1964, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 qr.

Richard Starkie Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 5
*Margaret E. Fort 2	Richard Parker 6
J. Barry Pickup 3	Bernard Moss 7
C. Ashworth 4	John Ashcroft Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

TODMORDEN, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Thurs., July 23, 1964, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Derek Butterworth Treble	Richard J. Parker 5
Richard S. Starkie 2	Jeffrey Kershaw 6
J. Colin Ashworth 3	Geoffrey Cheetham 7
John P. Partington 4	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., July 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	Richard J. Clifton 5
Sandra E. Chesterton 2	Rev. M. C. C. Melville 6
Brian G. Warwick 3	Peter Humphrey 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	A. James Poynor Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

250th peal of Surprise as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
SURFLEET, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Mon., July 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Frank Taylor Treble	Alan G. Payne 5
George W. Massey 2	Denis Woods 6
Roger D. Bailey 3	Brian Harris 7
Derek J. Jones 4	Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the tenor.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. D. F. Button, newly inducted Vicar of Surfleet, and Mrs. Button.

SPALDING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas.

On Mon., July 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Shirley Harris Treble	Denis Woods 5
*Derek J. Jones 2	Roger D. Bailey 6
Frank Taylor 3	Raymond H. Daw 7
George W. Massey 4	Brian Harris Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.

* First peal in the method.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., July 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SEAFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Martin F. Lock Treble	Dennis Knox 5
Joan Beresford 2	G. William Critchley 6
Claudia A. Critchley 3	John Hill 7
Alick Cutler 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

The first peal in the method.

TOTTENHAM, N., Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., July 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

Lorna E. Simpson Treble	Malcolm M. Powell 5
John R. Ketteringham 2	Clive W. Simpson 6
Julia A. Fellows 3	Leonard J. North 7
Rodney A. Yeates 4	Robert E. Hardy Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

A birthday compliment to Malcolm Powell.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
QUIDENHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., July 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHBORNE COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

William Clover Treble	Thomas E. Spight 5
Sidney Marshall 2	H. William Barrett 6
Martin Cubitt 3	*Henry Tooke 7
Kevin S. Hohl 4	Leslie Bailey Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by LESLIE BAILEY.

* 400th peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Christine Carolyn Golden, daughter of the president of the Association (Mr. F. Nolan Golden) and Mrs. Golden.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WOKINGHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., July 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part	Tenor 15 cwt.
*Mrs. R. K. Rivers Treble	Raymond K. Rivers 5
Mrs. H. Smith 2	Harold Smith 6
Mrs. B. C. Castle 3	Bernard C. Castle 7
Stanley G. Scott 4	Jack Prince Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

* First attempt for a peal.
Rung to commemorate the centenary of the church.

SEAFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

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Composition as for Quedgeley Surprise Major in 'R.W.' December 15th, 1961; page 852.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
RUSHDEN, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Mary R. Bloxam .. Treble	Harry Richardson .. 5
Ann E. Chettle .. 2	A. Leslie Priestley .. 6
*Brenda M. Dixon .. 3	Murray A. Coleman .. 7
†Roger L. Colley .. 4	Arthur Gibbs .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by MURRAY A. COLEMAN.

* First of Major. † First peal.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Bob Whitworth and Miss Ann Newbury, which took place at Irchester on this day.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., July 18, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*Christine M. Fuller .. Treble	Peter A. Sharp .. 5
Margaret A. Parker .. 2	Geoffrey R. Parker .. 6
*Joyce M. Gurnhill .. 3	*Alan R. Baldock .. 7
Jack L. Millhouse .. 4	Geoffrey Paul .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEOFFREY PAUL.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major.

Rung for the wedding of Jean F. Barnett and James A. D. Woolford, which took place on this day at Crayford, in the County of Kent.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Mon., July 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

*George A. Dawson .. Treble	Simon Humphrey .. 5
Peter Humphrey .. 2	Raymond Benfield .. 6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	Michael Poppleston .. 7
John C. Shonfeld .. 4	G. Ronald Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RAYMOND BENFIELD.

* 25th peal.

A birthday compliment to C. Humphrey.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Leodegarius.

On Sat., July 18, 1964, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 BASFORD DELIGHT MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Middleton's .. Treble	William L. Exton .. 5
Malcolm D. Barsby .. 2	B. Siedman Payne .. 6
*Anne E. Bateson .. 3	Colin W. Reed .. 7
Mary C. Poyner .. 4	Harry Poyner .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal of Delight. The first peal in the method, which was rung to welcome Rev. G. S. Cheetham, inducted the previous Monday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Mon., July 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkerton Variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Raymond Benfield .. Treble	George A. Dawson .. 5
Simon Humphrey .. 2	Peter Humphrey .. 6
Michael Poppleston .. 3	B. Siedman Payne .. 7
John C. Shonfeld .. 4	G. Ronald Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by RAYMOND BENFIELD.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

LAVENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

Dudley H. P. Buxton .. Treble	Ranald W. M. Clouston .. 5
Maurice T. Symonds .. 2	Philip J. Rothera .. 6
Samuel J. Twitchett .. 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 7
Thomas Bird .. 4	George W. Pipe .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

Rung to mark the visit of the Archbishop of York to the diocese, and also arranged as the last peal on the bells in their mediæval (1553) frame before re-banging.

BASFORD DELIGHT MAJOR

x38x18x56x36x14x38x14x78. 1.h. 12, 1573.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., July 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 8 methods: 1,600 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method.

*Alice E. J. Lester .. Treble	Howard W. Egglestone .. 5
*James B. Morley .. 2	†George W. Pipe .. 6
†Roger L. K. Whittell .. 3	Leslie G. Brett .. 7
John R. Mayne .. 4	†Cecil W. Pipe .. Tenor

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

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First of Spliced in eight methods. An 89th birthday compliment to George E. Symonds, of Ipswich.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., July 18, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Pitstow's. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Walter W. Miller .. Treble	Geoffrey Pearson .. 5
Alice E. J. Lester .. 2	Martin Press .. 6
Leslie G. Brett .. 3	George E. Thoday .. 7
Neville F. Whittell .. 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

An 89th birthday compliment to George E. Symonds, of Ipswich.

ELVEDEN, Suffolk.—At the Memorial Tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew.

On Sat., July 18, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	Peter J. Coles .. 5
G. William Critchley .. 2	Colin A. S. Harwood .. 6
Norman V. Harding .. 3	Jack S. Dear .. 7
Eric Edmondson .. 4	J. Richard Castledine .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Tues., July 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in E.

Ernest G. Pearce .. Treble	George E. Thoday .. 5
Cecil W. Pipe .. 2	Leslie G. Brett .. 6
*Alice E. J. Lester .. 3	George W. Pipe .. 7
†Roger L. K. Whittell .. 4	John R. Mayne .. Tenor

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ARUNDEL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., July 10, 1964, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5152 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

William T. Beeson .. Treble	*Robert Wake .. 5
*Patricia Diserens .. 2	Brian J. Luff .. 6
Edgar R. Rapley .. 3	Ronald F. Diserens .. 7
Stanley G. Ponting .. 4	W. Leslie Weller .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

* First peal in the method.

Rung in memory of Frederick W. Rogers.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On July 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ALRESFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Patricia E. Buss .. Treble	James R. Taylor .. 5
Patricia Diserens .. 2	Brian J. Luff .. 6
Jennifer M. Taylor .. 3	Tom Page .. 7
Edgar R. Rapley .. 4	Ronald F. Diserens .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

First peal in the method. (H. and M. Collection, No. 2,048.)

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PYLLE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket.

On Fri., July 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in G.
*Richard Bowditch Treble | †Sheila Hallett 4
†Brenda Boyce 2 | William A. Theobald 5
Gwilym Salmon 3 | Ronald D. Short Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

EXHALL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Mon., July 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

David J. Allen Treble | Joseph W. Cotton 4
Keith F. Gardner 2 | Rev. M. C. C. Melville 5
Dan S. Pont 3 | Arthur E. Rowley Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

BALLYLESSON, Co. Down.—At the Church of Holy Trinity, Drumbo.

On Mon., July 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.
*Rosemary Thompson .. Treble | *Raymond F. Bain 4
*Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 2 | *Gerald D. Brown 5
†Janet E. Maybin (14) .. 3 | John T. Dunwoody Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

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

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

EGERTON, Kent.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., July 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Peter Richardson Treble | Dennis A. Chapman 4
*Nicholas J. Davies 2 | Crawford T. Hillis 5
Thomas Cullingworth 3 | *John R. Cooper Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band except ringer of 3rd. 50th peal as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Katherine Stisted, who learnt to ring at this tower, and Major A. J. M. Daniel, of the Welsh Regiment, who were married at this church on this, St. James', day.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROFT, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., July 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.
Frederick Watson Treble | Michael E. Brown 4
Brian L. Burrows 2 | K. Paul Gilliver 5
Joseph W. Cotton 3 | John Watkins Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEW BUCKENHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Mon., July 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent and Oxford T.B., one each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.
William Clover Treble | Henry Tooke 4
Thomas E. Spight 2 | Peter M. Adcock 5
Frank G. J. Arnold 3 | Leslie Bailey Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BAILEY.

KETTERINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., July 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt.
Charles H. Moore Treble | Henry Tooke 4
William Clover 2 | H. William Barrett 5
Thomas E. Spight 3 | Leslie Bailey Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.

SHIPDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., June 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Oxford T.B., and two each of Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Janet Hohl Treble | Sidney Marshall 4
*Peter Pease 2 | George P. Adams 5
Kevin S. Hohl 3 | H. William Barrett Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal on six bells.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Marshall, and for the engagement of Mr. P. Pease to Miss Vivienne Lee

BETJEMAN—A Poet of Ecclesiology

(Continued from front page)

and in 'Bristol':

Ringers in an oil-lit belfry—Bitton? Kelston? who shall say?

Smoothly practising a plain course, caverned out the dying day

As their melancholy music flooded up and ebbed away.

By the tall embattled church-towers of the Bristol waterside.

And an undersong to branches dripping into pools and wells

Out of the multitudes of elm trees over leagues of hills and dells

Was the mathematical pattern of a plain course on the bells.

It is apparent that John Betjeman can be more aptly described as 'a poet of ecclesiology' and it is appropriate that the Central Council of Church Bellringers is approaching him to become an Honorary Member of that body—a branch of ecclesiology in which I am sure he will be pleased to share and has unwittingly shared, as for example:

Come on! come on! a final pull. Tom Blake
Stalks over from the bell-rope to his pew.

SCARNING, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Wed., July 8, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court and St. Clement's.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Janet Hohl Treble | George T. Bunning 4
Sidney Marshall 2 | Kevin S. Hohl 5
George P. Adams 3 | H. William Barrett Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

In memoriam Christine Golden, who died this day, daughter of Nolan Golden, Association president.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ATCHAM, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Eata.

On Sat., July 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.
Frederick G. Beddow .. Treble | Michael Wycherley 4
Richard E. Morris 2 | Reginald H. Newton 5
Ernest F. Wilcox 3 | Philip J. Evans Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP J. EVANS.

The ringers of treble and third have now 'circled the tower.'

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLOUGHBY-ON-THE-WOLDS, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Thurs., July 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Kennington and April Day.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 lb.

Robert D. Marsh Treble | Ruth Blackshaw 3
Margaret E. Chilton 2 | Maurice W. Harrison 4

C. Raymond Larkin Tenor

Conducted by RUTH BLACKSHAW.

A welcome to Kevin Longley, born July 21st, 1964.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BLACKMOOR, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., July 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being sixteen extents of Plain Bob and twenty-six of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Geoffrey G. Clark .. Treble | Kenneth G. Waller 4
*Michael J. Bura 2 | Charles E. Bassett 5
Ramon A. Stone 3 | *Joy Martin Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal Rung in memoriam Robert Fisher.

HANDBELL PEAL

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, Berkshire.—In the Belfry of the Church of St. Agatha.

On Tues., July 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents.

Roger M. Heyworth .. 1-2 | P. Gerald McIlhone (cond.) 3-4

*Andrew J. Howes 5-6

* First peal 'in hand.'

QUARTER PEALS

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Franks (first quarter) 1, Frances Proctor 2, H. Oglesby (cond.) 3, C. Evans 4, D. C. Bowen 5, C. C. Clarke 6, M. W. Coleman 7, D. Franks (first quarter) 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. Anthony R. Mann and Miss Heather A. Oakley.

ALL CANNINGS, WILTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bailey (cond.) 1, Pamela Osborne 2, E. Burry (first 'inside') 3, J. Burry 4, H. Osborne 5.

ALTON, HANTS.—On July 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Susan Wood 1, Lesley Read 2, Pamela Gough 3, R. Corke 4, B. Walton 5, D. White 6, P. Joyce 7, D. Hughes (cond.) 8.

BAMPTON, OXON.—On June 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. J. Coggins 1, T. Timms 2, P. Beedie 3, W. Clarke (first in method) 4, A. Lloyd 5, W. Dixon 6, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 7, H. Bunce 8.

BANBURY, OXON.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. F. Easley 1, C. T. Wightman 2, H. Bishop 3, J. Bishop 4, H. Hyde 5, H. H. Alexander (cond.) 6. To celebrate the marriage of Miss Diana French and Mr. Robert A. Reeves, both ringers.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Rank 1, G. Smith 2, I. Campbell 3, P. Scowton 4, D. P. B. Miles 5, K. Goldthorpe (50th quarter) 6, D. Johnson 7, I. Booth (cond.) 8, C. Brown 9, R. Gibbon 10. First of Royal for 2, 3, 4, 5, 9.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 360 Kent T.B., 180 Plain Bob): D. Manion 1, L. Williams 2, R. Chapman 3, E. Jefferies 4, D. A. Hammond 5, E. P. Inskip (cond.) 6. Also on July 18th, 1,260 Plain Minor (720 Double Court Bob, 540 Single Oxford Bob): Miss M. R. Field 1, F. W. Rivett 2, Miss K. A. Rivett 3, R. L. Piron 4, D. A. Hammond 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. A compliment to the conductor's parents, on their 28th wedding anniversary.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On July 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Wood 1, Lesley Read 2, P. Joyce 3, R. Corke 4, D. White 5, B. Walton (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Pearce 1, W. R. Hill 2, W. H. Cholwill 3, E. F. Hancock 4, C. Bishop 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, C. J. Cholwill 8.

BROMHAM, WILTS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. R. Pearce 1, Pauline A. Lansley 2, Mrs. R. J. Drewitt 3, W. Gearing 4, R. J. Drewitt 5, P. S. Gaisford (first as cond.) 6.

BROGFELD, ESSEX.—On July 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Gibson (first quarter) 1, Rosemarie Friih 2, Edna Friih 3, M. J. Cowling 4, C. K. Cooper 5, I. R. Pantan (cond.) 6. For Family Matins, and as a compliment to Joyce Friih, ringer at this church, married the previous day at Chelmsford Cathedral to Donald Wilson.

BURRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On July 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure): B. Mills 1, R. Williams 2, G. Gilling (cond.) 3, C. Wilson 4, J. Watts 5, H. H. Gilling 6. Rung half-muffled.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. D. Rogers 1, M. A. C. Frewer 2, R. M. T. Marshall 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, R. M. B. Wainwright 6. First quarter 1 and 3. A farewell to ringers of 3 and 6.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Lynda Roberts 1, G. Bradbury 2, Margaret Guthrie 3, A. E. Barker 4, P. J. Barker (cond.) 5, R. D. Baker 6. First quarter in five methods by all the band. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Jane Hume Townshend, eldest daughter of the Vicar of Cannock, to Mr. Anthony John Whieldon, of Hagley Hall, Ruseley, which took place this day.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covers): G. G. Clark 1, T. J. Wellen 2, M. D. Fuller 3, M. J. Bura 4, J. F. Payne (cond.) 5, J. H. Payton 6, R. Cooper 7, L. Connor 8.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. French 1, Mrs. H. W. Rogers 2, J. M. Hollyman 3, R. Hayes 4, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 5, D. J. M. Cox 6, C. H. Rogers 7, P. R. Everest 8. For Confirmation service, at which five of the candidates were members of the local band.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 16th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise: R. W. K. Whittell 1, H. D. Lister 2, R. E. Lester 3, H. Leather 4, L. G. Brett (cond.) 5, N. E. Whittell 6, A. R. Bridges 7, W. J. Button 8. Rung for the complete restoration of the church.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Clayton 1, A. Bishop 2, R. Stephens 3, R. Cooles 4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5, R. Yates 6, M. D. Fellows 7, C. Dalton 8, A.M.D.G.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. H. Brown 1, W. I. Farrell 2, F. E. Dukes (Drogheda) 3, Sandra Dukes (Drogheda) 4, H. W. Jones 5, J. A. Atkinson 6, C. J. Reede (first as cond.) 7, T. H. Wilson 8. A golden wedding compliment to William H. Wilson (president of this Society) and Mrs. Wilson.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On July 9th, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: K. Baker 1, Rosemary Smith 2, R. Smith 3, A. Perry 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, P. N. Bond 6.

EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. G. Clark 1, T. J. Wellen 2, M. J. Bura (first as cond.) 3, J. E. Clark 4, B. G. D. Vince 5, N. J. Smith 6.

EPPIING UPLAND, ESSEX.—On July 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss P. Fox 1, A. Crowson 2, K. Warner 3, A. Faulkner 4, D. Hewitt 5, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 6. First of Surprise 2, 3, 4.

ESSENDON, HERTS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Twigg (first quarter) 1, Anne Luxon 2, Margaret Twigg (first as cond.) 3, M. V. White 4, M. Gilbey 5, R. Luxon 6. Rung by Edmonton County Grammar School Guild of Ringers as a 16th birthday compliment to the conductor.

EXETER.—At the Cathedral, on July 19th, 1,250 Grandsire Caters: H. C. Spencer 1, Miss J. Smith 2, B. H. Thompson 3, F. Wills 4, D. Wills 5, C. Yates 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, F. D. Mack 8, W. J. Harvey 9, B. Coles and G. Skinner 10. Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. D. Woolford, on their marriage.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On July 5th, 720 Double Court, 720 St. Clement's: J. G. Treble 1, Beryl R. Simpson 2, Jessie M. Kippin 3, Charles H. Kippin 4, J. W. Couperthwaite 5, P. J. Joyce (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. Payne 1, D. Mufret 2, G. Walker 3, J. Causar 4, A. Payne (cond.) 5, L. Lant 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Mr. Henry Sharp.

HAMPTON, MIDD.—At Hampton Grammar School, on February 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. Knights (first of Minor 'in hand') 1—2, M. B. Tyers 3—4, P. N. Felton (cond.) 5—6. Also on June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: P. N. Felton 1—2, M. B. Tyers (cond.) 3—4, A. C. Knights 5—6. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. Knights 1—2, M. B. Tyers 3—4, P. N. Felton (cond.) 5—6. A birthday compliment to M. B. Tyers.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalene, on July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, A. Turner 2, Miss M. Powell 3, R. Newman 4, G. Parsons 5, C. W. Mayer 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, A. W. Warren 8. For the Patronal Festival, and 150th anniversary of the church.

KEEVIL, WILTS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles: W. Pearce 1, Pauline A. Lansley 2, Mrs. R. J. Drewitt 3, P. S. Gaisford 4, R. J. Drewitt (cond.) 5, W. Gearing 6.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bowden (first quarter) 1, E. Swift 2, Diane Presdee 3, Mrs. E. Swift 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5, A. Peel 6. Rung unmuffled at his request, to honour the memory of Sidney James Orchard, chairman of Chiltern Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and foreman of this tower for many years. Died suddenly, July 8th, 1964.

LISS, HANTS.—On July 24th, 1,300 Doubles Patricia Smith 1, D. M. Hughes (cond., Plain Bob) 2, Lesley Read (cond., Grandsire) 3, K. Tipper 4, B. R. Walton (cond., Reverse Canterbury) 5, M. Hourahine 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial Francis Bridger, one time bellringer of this parish.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on July 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Olive D. Barnett 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, A. Boyack 3, N. F. Bagworth 4, E. A. Barnett 5, A. Bagworth 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, P. D. Chapman 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Jean F. Barnett and Mr. James A. D. Woolford.

MERTON, SURREY.—On July 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. J. Eve (first quarter) 1, F. M. Seabright (first 'inside') 2, A. Clayton 3, G. R. Hawkes 4, N. S. Bagworth (cond.) 5. A farewell to the ringer of the treble, who is leaving the district.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (eleven methods): J. G. Edgson 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, P. M. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, G. A. M. Clarke (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled for a memorial service to the Vicar, the Rev. A. R. Rankine, who died suddenly on June 4th.

NEWPORT, MON.—At the Church of All Saints, on June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sally Behenna 1, Jennifer Aldridge 2, L. F. G. Bainham 3, R. J. Waters 4, C. L. R. Bainham 5, C. Aldridge (cond.) 6. Also on July 20th, 1,260 Stedman and Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Waters 1, R. J. Stewart 2, D. Clarke 3, L. F. G. Bainham 4, C. L. R. Bainham (cond.) 5, R. Owen 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the Ven. C. G. R. Lewis, former Archdeacon of Newport and Vicar of this parish, who died on July 17th.

PERSHORE, WORCS.—At the Abbey Church, on July 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. C. Berry 1, A. A. Jopp 2, A. P. White 3, J. E. Whittall 4, M. R. Ashmore 5, J. Attwood, jun. 6, P. Catermole (cond.) 7, P. D. Warren 8. First of Major 3 and 6. Rung after losing a peal.

POOLE, DORSET.—On July 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. G. Rose 1, Judith A. Rhoerison 2, R. Sheppard 3, H. A. Mitchell 4, C. T. Brown 5, G. W. Elmes (first of Grandsire Caters) 6, M. J. Young (first of Caters 'inside') 7, D. J. Forder 8, R. G. W. Robertson (first of Grandsire Caters as cond.) 9, R. W. Young (first of Caters) 10. Rung for the Feast of St. James.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On July 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, Julie S. Armstrong 2, R. J. Cooles 3, J. E. Price 4, B. H. Coatsworth 5, D. C. Brookes 6, Christine M. Cobb 7. First 'inside' 2 and 4.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. J. Evans 1, C. D. Vere-Hodge 2, D. P. Sturge (first 'inside') 3, D. R. B. Collins 4, Miss D. J. Pollard (cond.) 5, D. J. H. Salter (first quarter) 6. Also on July 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. C. Harill (first quarter) 1, J. J. Evans (first 'inside') 2, D. P. Sturge 3, D. J. H. Salter 4, Miss M. R. Cross (cond.) 5, P. R. Daws (first quarter) 6.

RATTLESDEN, SUFFOLK.—On July 7th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain): Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, R. E. Lester (cond.) 2, H. A. Mitson 3, F. Borley 4, E. A. Cracknell 5, A. T. Beckwith 6. A compliment to James Horrex, of Felsden, on his 81st birthday.

ROWERBROW, SOMERSET.—On July 18th, 1,272 Minor (480 Little Bob, 792 Plain Bob): M. T. Hebden 1, M. G. Dodson 2, R. W. Rice 3, D. J. Westlake 4, G. Hebden 5, W. S. Rice (cond.) 6. First in two minor methods by all the band.

ST. HELENS, LANCs.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Roughley 1, W. F. Green 2, James Dilworth 3, John Dilworth 4, W. G. Ellisdon 5, E. Roughley (cond.) 6, T. D. Roughley 7, J. Hedgecock 8. First of Triples 1 and 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. Charles Blackburn, tower captain at this church for many years, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On July 23rd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Patricia Laycock 1, Mrs. Rhoda Housden 2, Pamela Gough 3, L. C. W. Hunter 4, Diane Street 5, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 6, F. W. Housden 7, S. G. Ponting 8. First in method 3, 5 and 6.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sandra Greenhagh 1, Yvonne Hills 2, Angela W. Burgess 3, W. Rogers 4, Hilary A. Swallow 5, L. T. Pope 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, C. W. Hancock 8. First of Triples 1 and 2.

WALKINGTON, YORKS.—On July 24th, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: Barbara Cammack 1, J. I. Booth 2, G. K. Smith 3, H. C. Palmer 4, D. P. B. Miles 5, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 6. For the village barbecue.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 25th, 1,320 Bourne Surprise Minor: J. H. Payton 1, Diane Street 2, K. Sansom 3, Valerie Menham 4, Pamela Gough 5, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 6. First in method for all.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Stacey 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Heard 3, K. R. Holtom 4, P. Wishart 5, C. Bishop (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On July 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Bishop 1, Judith Geiringer 2, M. Banham 3, Rosamund Rawlings 4, Vanessa Rodrigues 5, G. Reynolds 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, D. Cocke 8. Also on July 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: Lesley Fames 1, A. Bishop 2, Elizabeth Zass 3, Rosamund Rawlings 4, Deborah Hopkins 5, M. Banham (cond.) 6, A. Bagworth 7, W. Cooper-Bailey 8.

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HALLS—To Gordon and Pat (nee Forster) a daughter, Diane Carol, on July 25th, 1964.—54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby. 5091

DEATH

FIDLER—On August 1st, 1964, at 28, Nambantan Road, Loughborough, Rachael Elizabeth, wife of J. P. Fidler and mother of Arthur Fidler. 5106

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Ruth Rogers thanks the many friends who sent messages of sympathy and kindly rang peals in memory of her dearest husband, Frederick Rogers. Also a special thank-you to Mr. Pullinger for his wonderful tribute at the A.G.M. 5079

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KIRBY-LE-SOKEN ringers wish to acknowledge the support given to their ringing Sunday on July 26th, especially those who travelled long distances.—Thank you all. 5076

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CANCELLATION

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Biggleswade District.—There will be no evening meeting at Eaton Socon on Saturday, August 8th as arranged.—M. Major. 5090

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Cambridge District.—Meeting Saturday, August 8th at Littleington (6). Bells 3 p.m. service 4.30 p.m. tea 5 n.m. Basingbourn (5) provisionally available after meeting.—B. D. Threlfall, Dst. Sec. 5081

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Western District.—August meeting will be held at Berkhamsted on Saturday, 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Sennett, 33, Curtis Way, Berkhamsted. No name no tea.—R. Sheppard. 5066

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Tonbridge District.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Lamberhurst on Saturday, August 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please.—W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Sec. 5029

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Loughborough District.—Joint with Syston District at Quorn on August 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. 5028

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Central District).—Harrow-on-the-Hill, August 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Separate business meetings. Evening ringine.—E. H. Kilby, J. Spreadbury, Dis. Sec. 5030

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Davenport Branch.—Special Meeting at Farnborough and Burton Dassett, Saturday, August 8th. Farnborough, 3-4.45 p.m. Tea, Fenny Compton, 5. Burton Dassett, 6-9 n.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Hill Farm, Fenny Compton, Leamington Spa. — F. W. Hancock. 5073

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—Ringham District.—Meeting at Langar, August 8th. Bells 3 p.m. service 4.30. tea 5.0. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton St. Owen's, Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Dis. Sec. 5084

SUFFOLK GUILD—North-West District.—Ringing meeting at Horringer (8). Saturday, August 8th. Bells 3 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m. bring your own tea, cups of tea can be bought at cafe two minutes' walk from church.—A. F. Ballam Dis. Sec. 5070

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Kirdford (6), Saturday, August 8th. Ringing at 5 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed at 5 p.m. by tea and business meeting. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlham Chichester 5054

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—Joint meeting Royston, August 8th Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Barnesley (8) and Felkirk (6) at 7 n.m. Names for tea to Miss Sheila Chinnery, 43, West Pinfold, Royston Barnesley.—J. J. L. Gilbert and J. W. Buxton 5078

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Ilkeston District.—Meeting Attenborough (Notts.) Friday August 14th 7.30 p.m. Southwell Guild members welcome.—D. J. Marshall, Dist. Sec. 5085

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Portishead (8), Saturday, August 15th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5105

CLEVELAND AND N. YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday August 15th at Whitby. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—P. Wishart, Hon. Sec. 5107

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Joint Branch ringing meeting at Cockermouth on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30, service 4.30, tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. R. W. D. Wetenhall, Shatton Lodge, Cockermouth, by August 12th. Special welcome to visitors to the Lake District.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 5092

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION—Western District.—Meeting at Benfieldside on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill, Consett, Co. Durham. 5086

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton, Saturday, August 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special methods: York Surprise and St. Clements Minor.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5089

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—St. Albans District.—August 15th, Welwyn. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5.15 p.m., also evening. S.M.—Double Oxford.—M.A.C. 5089

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Hinckley District.—Meeting Kirkby Mallory, Saturday, August 15th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall, Peckleton, at 5. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous, to Mrs. Liddington, Main Street, Peckleton. Leics. Return to Kirkby Mallory for evening ringing.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 5102

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Market Harborough District. — Meeting Misterton, Saturday, August 15th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Provide own tea.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 5099

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Stanwell meeting will be held on Saturday, August 15th. Further details next week.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. (pro. tem), 5096

SALISBURY GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting at Burbage (afternoon) and Milton Lilbourne (evening), August 15th. Names for tea by 12th to W. Siay, 91, High Street, Burbage.—G. Brown, Asst. Sec. 5101

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Reference meeting at Aldeburgh, Saturday, August 15th, will attending ringers please make own arrangements for tea.—M. Branch, Dis. Sec. 5103

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sonning on August 15th at 6 p.m. Special method—Kent and Oxford T.B. Major.—B. Castle. 5093

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Kewstoke (6), Monday, August 17th, 7.30-9 p.m. Visitors welcome.—M. de Jong. 5094

SUFFOLK GUILD—S.W. District.—Meeting at Preston St. Mary, Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 19th August please, to Mr. Crss, Six Bells, Preston St. Mary, Sudbury, Suffolk. 5087

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—The Oswy Street Memorial Cup, contest of 720 changes open to any band, will take place at Laxton (6) on Saturday, August 29th. Names for tea by 25th to Mr. D. Chambers, Dovecote Cottage, Laxton, Newark, Notts. Copies of Rules from H. Denman, 2, Askham Road, Rockley, Retford, Notts. 5062

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Eastern Branch.—Please note, the next meeting will now be held at Pakefield, September 5th.—N. P. J. Cossey, Branch Sec. 5074

WRANGLI, SOMERSET.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandire Trips: H. W. Knight (lead), I. M. Clarke 2, H. Bird 3, P. J. Gardner 4, I. Ewered 5, F. Sandy 6, F. R. Cole 7, N. Bull 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Fussell.

MR. CLAUDE RUSH DELVES INTO 'CHURCH BELLS'

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ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, LONDON

The bells will be rung on the following days throughout 1881:—January 1, New Year's Day; January 25, Dedication Festival; April 17, Easter; May 24, Queen's Birthday; May 26, Ascension; June 5, Whitsun; June 20, Queen's Accession; November 1, All Saints' Day; November 9, Lord Mayor's Day; December 24, Christmas Eve; December 25, Christmas Day; December 31, New Year's Eve.

Eleven Tuesday evenings are listed for practice.

Later.—The Dean and Chapter have decided to have the grand ring of 12 rung every Sunday before Divine Service in the morning and afternoon to commence on Easter Sunday.

Looker-on in India, writing from Calcutta, expresses the view that there should be a new hour bell at St. Paul's.—It should be E flat below the present tenor. If it had two wheels, it could be raised and would then give such a sound as has rarely been heard. I need hardly say that it should be offered for competition to the world and the best bell should be chosen.

In March, 1881, Canon Robert Gregory, treasurer to the Dean and Chapter, wrote: "The Dean and Chapter are anxious to obtain a large Bourdon bell. Many City Companies have generously responded to our appeal. Owing to the very low price of bell metal we can secure a good bell, but not quite so good a one as we desire, for the money we have or have had promised. If we had £600 more we believe that St. Paul's would have the finest bell in England. We have determined to delay sending the order for a short time in the hope that some citizens of London or some of the Corporations which have not yet contributed will be moved with a public-spirit determination that St. Paul's shall have the finest bell in England."

"We are now being perpetually urged to ring our bells more frequently, while no complaints reach us of any being annoyed by them. Before they were rung we continually heard of the fears of those living in our immediate neighbourhood."

ST. ANDREW'S, WELLS STREET, LONDON

This new ring of 8 bells has been presented to the church by a mother in memory of a beloved daughter. They have been cast by Mr. T. C. Lewis, of Shepherd's Lane, Brixton, and are what is called among bellfounders "a Maiden Peal," none of the bells having required any kind of tuning since they left the moulds. The whole ring weighs 76 cwt. The weight of the tenor is 21 cwt. its note is E. flat. Given by Susanna Imbert-Terry in memory of Antoinette Catherine Imbert-Terry, died 1878, aged 18. Dedicated by a solemn service after Evensong on St. Andrew's Eve, 1880.

'Tubal Cain' asked in the next issue of 'Church Bells'—"A maiden ring of eight bells is a wonderful turn-out from a bell-foundry. Will Mr. Lewis tell us how many of the castings failed before he obtained correct eight virgin bells?"

The next issue contained no reference, but later 'Another Tubal Cain' wrote, 'Everyone connected with "Church Bells" has learned to "ring in the true" in connection with all reports of skill and practices, and would be very glad to see an answer by Mr. Lewis to the query lately put by "Tubal Cain" to the report of his doings as a bellfounder, knowing him to be clever at organs and architecture. How many bells did he make or have made, so as to pick out his octave of maidens; and how many maidens' hearts has he broken, or has he in stock with useless inscriptions for other places or suitors, resulting from his selection? Will he answer?'

Then, later, Ed. Matthews, of Macclesfield, wrote, 'I see from the tone of one or two of your correspondents that they seem to doubt the existence of a "maiden" ring of bells. Without entering into the controversy

as to how such a ring is got out, I will just state that we had a maiden ring of ten bells, cast in 1777 by Rudhall, in the tower of Christ Church here; seven of which are now in the tower, the other three—the 1st, 2nd and 9th—being given in exchange for the present seventh in place of the then 9th which got broke in 1815.'

I see no reply by or on behalf of Mr. Lewis.—C.R. (To be continued)

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

The Church of St. Lawrence, Cucklington, with its six bells rung from the porch and extensive views of Somerset and Dorset to be seen from the churchyard, was chosen for the summer quarterly meeting of the Cary Branch on July 25th. Members were joined by ringers from the Salisbury Guild and visitors from Bedford and Newbury.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. R. G. Harewood, the organist was Rev. G. S. Robinson (Branch chairman), and the lesson was read by Preb. O. H. Skipwith (vice-chairman).

After tea, in the Village Hall, those present stood in silence in memory of Rev. W. M. K. Warren, a former Master of the Association.

The chairman presented Association certificates to eight members from Cucklington, two from Bruton and two from Castle Cary.

Plans for the Branch outing were announced and the date for the Corporate Communion at Charlton Horethorne in October was fixed.

An amusing tape recording of the Cucklington ringers' New Year's Eve party was played. This featured the Rector leading the singing, in his own composition on the bells and ringers, sung to the tune of 'Uncle Tom Cobley.'

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector and to the ladies who had provided tea.

Ringling was then resumed at Cucklington, and also took place at Stoke Trister.

OUTING

FRAMSDEN AND DISTRICT

Memories of a few of the party in the Framsdens and district outing on June 25th to Kent were revived by visiting Christ Church, Erith, Dartford (and lunch), Swanscombe, Northfleet (and tea). Ringling was finally completed at Gravesend.

Standard methods to Spliced Surprise (which was well rung) and rounds for the juniors were included in the programme. Thanks are expressed to those who met the party, incumbents, Mr. E. A. Barnett for valuable assistance, Mr. Rayfield as guide and Mr. G. Butcher for arranging such sumptuous meals.

Having previously been presented with a bundle of stationery and a Parker pen, the organiser (Mr. L. G. Brett) has now been given a set of touring maps and an atlas in the hope that many more new towers can be visited!

FRED E. DUKES' SMART RECRUITS

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QUARTER PEALS

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On July 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Crowson 1, Miss P. Fox (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, D. Elidson 3, P. Wilkinson 4, A. Boyack 5, P. Fleckney 6, D. Hewitt 7, J. Crampion (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On July 26th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (S 39, 36, 37, 40, 38, 41; S 33, 35, 31, 32): Miss C. M. Follis 1, P. G. Golder 2, Miss M. C. Smith 3, E. W. Colley 4, D. W. Barr 5, M. W. Faircy (cond.) 6. Most methods by all the band. For Evensong. Methods numbered according to Minor Collection.

NORTH LEIGH, OXON.—On July 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Susan Holden 1, T. G. Holden 2, D. Floyd 3, J. List (cond.) 4. First quarter of Minimus for all.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On July 18th, 1,920 Doubles (five methods): Katharine M. Guy 1, D. P. Smith 2, T. Lewis (cond.) 3, A. J. Dunk 4, A. M. Macve 5. A peal attempt called round owing to adverse weather conditions.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 25th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Sansom 1, Diane Street 2, Valerie Mephum 3, Elizabeth Stevinson 4, Pamela Gough (cond.) 5, J. H. Payton (first in method 'inside') 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On July 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Sangwin 1, Mrs. M. A. Bould 2, H. Stacey 3, E. Nunn 4, P. Wishart 5, K. R. Holtom 6, C. Bishop 7, D. R. Bould (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome visitors 5, 6, 7.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.—On July 2nd, 1,272 Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: M. Heymann 1, A. Perry 2, Rosemary Smith 3, R. Smith 4, P. N. Bond 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6. First by all except 5th.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Barbara Smith (13) 1, D. A. Ruri 2, I. M. Cox (13, first 'inside') 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, Shirley A. Cox (13) 5, J. H. Thompson (12) 6, R. L. Coles (13) 7, P. F. Goard (15, first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

UPPER WESTON, BATH.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Barbara Spuzles (first quarter) 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, Jean Lee 3, K. C. Brain 4, J. Hurlfur (first 'inside') 5, N. V. Wiltshire 6, R. L. Coles 7, M. E. Wiltshire 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Eileen Amey and Geoffrey Potheary.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: T. Pritchard 1, F. Garland 2, P. Riddford 3, V. Deane 4, T. Witts (cond.) 5, A. Howell 6. Rung to welcome the arrival of Adrian Philip to Janet Deane, wife of the ringer of the 4th.

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LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on July 19th, 1,256 Stedman Caters: J. W. Smith (cond.) 1, Miss A. Jenner 2, Miss K. Guy (first of Caters) 3, Mrs. O. Tester 4, T. E. Sone 5, S. Jenner 6, Miss D. Colgate 7, D. P. Smith 8, C. Tester 9, T. Lewis 10. For Evensong.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Staples 1, Miss Rita Gower 2, M. S. Lancefield 3, G. Fisher 4, W. P. Garner 5, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 6. For Morning Prayer, and as a farewell to Geoffrey Fisher, who is leaving the district.

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