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RINGING AND TRAINING

THE training of ringers must always be taking place, and this applies from beginning with a stranger to the art being taught how to handle a bell to the one who has really been bitten by the bug and desires to progress through the stages of bob calling, conducting and composing. Without this incessant teaching ringing would perish in next to no time. In fact, when the present generation passed along the art of ringing would also be gone.

Unfortunately ringing has partly died in some areas, hence our silent towers. In reverse, one hears the happy news that a tower long silent has recruited a new band together, and once more the bells are ringing, even if only to rounds and call-changes for the present.

There are many reasons why towers have become silent. I have heard it said in years gone by that ringing contests (better known today as striking competitions) created the situation that once having got together a good band at a tower there was no time for teaching anyone else lest the quality of striking be lowered, and future contests be lost. I never fell for that one. I have known instances where the tower leader, or conductor, had not the ability to progress along with the band who were desirous of advancing, with the result that finally the band drifted away one by one, and so another silent tower. There is also the situation wherein the leader of a tower moves away from the district, leaving the band as helpless as a ship without rudder.

The motor age has of course altered our whole lives, and this may account for the actions of some ringers in deserting the tower where someone spent many hours in teaching them to ring.

But to return to this question of teaching. We are not all born tutors, and unfortunately many people who may be quite capable of performing a task themselves in an excellent manner do not have the ability to pass on to others the "know-how"—and how apparent this is in ringing circles.

In "The Ringing World" for July 30th last there was an article by Jeanne A. Bottomley on the teaching of a band for Dewsbury bells. I have paid visits to this tower, and on my first visit since the new band commenced I was very pleased to see that, although the teaching of change-ringing was in its embryo stage, the standard that was being set by Vernon Bottomley and his wife was indeed high, and one that I am sure will pay. So best wishes, Vernon and Jeanne, for future success; and, still remembering the good work Vernon did at another Yorkshire tower a few years ago, I feel sure your efforts will not be in vain.

It is amazing when one stops to think how much habit plays a part in our lives. We rise out of bed after sleep and go through the process of getting dressed; but if you ask a man whether he first puts his left or right leg into his trousers, does he button his waistcoat up or down, does he first put his left or right arm into his coat sleeve, he would have the greatest difficulty in telling you, because this is habitual.

I may be wrong, but when I see what I consider bad habits in ringers I usually blame their teacher. The difference between good and bad is many times a question of opinion, but untidy or incorrect handling of a bell rope is often criticised even by people who I consider are bad handlers themselves; but again we are all blind to our own faults.

I recently saw a new recruit ringing rounds with a stance like a Western cowboy getting ready to shoot it out. Many of us have seen experienced ringers leaping up in the air in order to, as they rightly or wrongly pretend, get the bell down at backstroke, and yet all ringers were up in arms when a similar thing was depicted in the national press supporting a margarine advert.

So it behoves us all of the present generation to provide for the future and set a high standard, even if this is not achieved. If we are tower leaders let us encourage the rest of the band to progress, whether it be in learning new methods, or conducting. If there is no desire on their part to do any of these things—well, at least you tried.

In order to keep any organisation healthy there must be a regular intake of new members, and so it is with ringing. If you have the task of being tutor to any new entrants try to teach them good ringing habits, or maybe when these pupils venture out into the ringing world, and others see their bad habits, the comment may be passed: "What can you expect, so-and-so taught them." One-day schools serve a useful purpose, but it is impossible to correct in one day what is allowed to go on unchecked the rest of the year.

Finally, however proficient you are you only get out of ringing what you put into it; and although some people may be natural ringers they still lead ringing lives with a large percentage of habit in them, so let me end with an old saying: "Man, know thyself." It is most difficult.

F. AITCH.

GOSPORT BELLS RING AGAIN

Many are the tales handed down by older members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild about the bells of Holy Trinity, Gosport, which hang at the top of a tall brick tower, completely detached from the main structure of the church.

Only a few ringers are left who had rung on the light eight (tenor 9 cwt.), last rung before the war in 1938. A peal board in the tower recalls a peal of Bob Major, with such well known names as Frederick W. Burnett, his father, Frederick A. Burnett, Frederick Bayley, Tower Taylor, Reg Reed, Ernest Munday and the late Fred Rogers, who conducted; the peal being rung because of the determination of the band to stick it out.

However, since this time the bells had fallen into a rapid state of decay; bearings and framework were still in good order, but a number of the wheels were rimless, and the only two remaining ropes were rotten.

After much correspondence with the incumbent, we found a good ally in the verger, and an inspection of the bells on August 20th revealed that with some work they could be put into good order, but ringing them from the proper belfry ropes of 60 ft. length would be required. A phone call to the verger later in the week gave us the o.k. for August Monday morning, and a working part of three from Highclere and David Hughes (Liss) set to work freeing pulley of pigeons' dung, fixing short ropes and repairing wheels. The three hours' work that morning resulted in the back six being rung to rounds only from round the clock case, a blind course of Bob Minimus being the only changes rung that day.

However, on September 11th, the big day, a reception committee from the P.C.C., the churchwardens and other interested listeners were there to greet us, all wishing to hear the bells ringing once again. A welcome sight was John Faithfull and his daughter, both determined to have a ring when the set of long ropes was fitted.

Charles Bassett (Petersfield), Phil Murduck (Kingsclere) and our Highclere contingent had all managed to find ropes long enough and we set to work fitting them, giving the bells a final oiling and trying them all individually.

At 5.30 all was ready and the first rounds on the eight bells since 1938 were rung. The oscillation of this tall tower must be one of the worst in the world and this makes the bells tricky to handle.

A touch of 168 Grandsire Triples was rung on them and some quite nice tapping resulted, and we completed the day's proceedings with a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Plans are now under way for an open day in October, and it is hoped neighbouring towers will also make their bells available for the large crowd of ringers expected. A word of warning: these bells are not for beginners, the tower sees to that, but all experienced ringers who wish to try them will be welcome when the open day is arranged.

Interest is already high to form a local team to ring the bells and it is hoped that they will then be rung regularly once again.

G. DODD and G. EVANS.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

Twice postponed, due to repairs to the tower, a meeting was held at Pirbright on September 11th. Afternoon ringing was conducted in part in opposition to a violent thunderstorm, but this did not deter a fair number turning up, 28 being present for the service. In the absence of the Vicar the service was conducted by a chaplain from the Guards' Barracks, Rev. Mr. Darbyshire, with Mr. Busby at the organ.

Tea, provided by local ladies, was followed by a short business meeting, the principal item being the election of five non-resident and three new members from Ash. Evening ringing continued in a variety of methods, considerable amusement being caused by various conductors' attempts to call round touches of Original. Altogether a most enjoyable meeting.

THURLEY, HERTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Stephanie Green 1, P. Owen 2, D. Digby (cond.) 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, Paula Healing 5, Susan Farnes 6.

DEPARTURE OF GREAT ADVENTURERS

Sunday, September 5th, was a warm and sunny day, and the departure on Great Adventure II to Australia was imminent. It was a slightly sad occasion, with the thought that the tourists were going to be so far away for five weeks. But amongst those at London Airport to say farewell to the party there was an air of expectancy and hope that the tour would be enjoyable and successful. At exactly 3 p.m. the huge Air India plane, its powerful engines creating a deafening noise, moved slowly and smoothly down the runway. Then, almost in a second, it was gathering speed, and our last farewell wave came almost too late as the aircraft soared up into the sky and away out of sight.

Those at the airport to wish the tourists good luck and bon voyage included Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. F. W Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. P. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. C. Smith, Mrs. T. J. Lock and Martin, Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Damerell and Mr. A. H. Fulwell. M. F. L.

ADVENTURING "UP OVER"

A few days before the English bellringers went adventuring "down under," an Australian ringer arrived in England hoping to find employment, and opportunities to advance campanologically. He is Mr. Walter G. Knight, of St. James', Turramurra, New South Wales. His first ring in this country must have created a record. He is probably the only person who can claim that his first pull at a bellrope in Britain was at Windsor Castle.

On August Bank Holiday he joined an excursion into Rutland with the result that his Australian "bag" of towers gathered from miles of travelling was quickly superseded by his English tally. His first three weeks were spent at Slough, Bucks, during which time he stood in his first peal attempt, and scored an excellent peal of Plain Bob Major at Burnham, in which he rang the fourth bell in masterly style.

Walter has already made numerous friends in South Bucks, who hope that when he has settled into his job in London he will frequently renew the friendships established in the Windsor area.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

The 1965 Summer Festival of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held in the Culworth Branch, 14 towers being available for ringing during the day. The Guild service was conducted by the President (Canon G. F. Turner) and the Master (Mr. J. H. Bluff) read the lesson, the Vicar of Culworth being the preacher.

After tea in Culworth Village Hall, the President took the chair at an extraordinary business meeting. The main items were the special finance committee's proposal of a scheme of voluntary affiliation to the Guild by parochial church councils, and a proposal from the Rutland Branch of a peal fee of sixpence per ringer. The affiliation scheme was carried unanimously and the peal fee was agreed by a large majority, there being only two votes against.

A vote of thanks to all concerned with the arrangements and success of the meeting was proposed by the Master (Mr. J. H. Bluff) and seconded by the Secretary of the Wellingborough Branch (Mr. R. J. Cowley). The next opportunity for a social get-together will be at Peterborough on October 16th, on the occasion of the Guild dinner.

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BELLS AT RECEPTION

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Miss Susan Chaddock, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock, of 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Rotherham, was married at Rotherham Parish Church on September 4th to Mr. Frederick Neil Johnson, of Sandbach, Cheshire. The Rev. Gerald Hollis officiated, the organist was Mr. W. Shepherd and Mr. A. Holroyd captained the bellringers.

The bride was given away by her father and wore a full-length gown of white satin with a short train, and a full-length veil held in place by a diamante coronet. The bride was attended by Miss Carole Brothwell (bride's cousin), Miss Jane Galway (bridegroom's cousin), Miss Judith Gilbert and the Misses Elizabeth and Rosemary Gilbert (twins).

Best man was Mr. Peter Salmon and groomsmen were Messrs. Graham and Christopher Galway (bridegroom's cousins).

The parish church bells were rung before and after the ceremony, and during the reception for 80 guests Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by the bride's father, uncle and brother, and by Mr. John Gilbert, father of three of the bridesmaids. The honeymoon was spent in Switzerland.

The couple will reside at Selly Oak, Birmingham, where both will continue postgraduate study and research at the University Medical Wing.

RINGERS WED

A wedding of interest to ringers took place at St. Peter's Church, Barton-on-Humber, on September 4th, when Mr. Michael W. Crowder was married to Miss Roseann Pilc. The bridegroom is Ringing Master of the North Lindsey Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and the bride is also a ringer. The bridesmaids were the Misses Pauline and Aileen Pilc and Margaret Crowder. Mr. James Crowder was his brother's best man, and the ushers were Messrs. J. Hall and C. Potts. There were many ringers among the guests, and as the bridal party left the church several joined the local ringers in some Grandsire Triples at the neighbouring Church of St. Mary. Owing to repairs to the fabric it was not possible to ring at St. Peter's. A peal attempt at Barrow-on-Humber following the ceremony was unfortunately lost, but a good one was rung on Monday, September 6th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

At the quarterly meeting on September 11th at Childe Okeford, attended by some 20 members, standard methods up to Cambridge were rung on the fine-sounding 17 cwt. six. At the Guild Office an address was given by the Rector (the Rev. Dr. R. M. Taylor), a former chairman of the branch (1947–52). At tea, members were the guests of Mrs. Cousins at Childe Okeford House, where a short business meeting was held. N. Lewis, of Okeford Fitzpaine, was elected a ringing member. Ringing later continued at Childe Okeford and Stourpaine. R. N. L.

TOURS AND OUTINGS

RIVER THAMES TOUR

"Wilb's" brilliant ideas usually come to nothing, but this time he came up trumps. The idea of holidaying on the Thames, by 10 St. Albans ringers, rowing and ringing, was finally crystallised on Saturday, August 14th. The weather was excellent, but the schedule was rather too tight for comfort, and some towers had to be missed because of insufficient time.

The tour started in Oxford on Saturday morning, where four towers were visited, including the delightful 4 cwt. eight at St. Ebbe's, where Yorkshire was rung. Later the boats were collected from the boatyard, while two peal grabbers returned home to ring a peal of Erin Triples at Bushey. They rejoined the tour at 7 the following morning after having walked for two hours along the Thames bank in the wrong direction!

Sunday started the tour proper when we made our way to Appleton to join the locals for some nice Grandsire and Stedman Triples before attempting the ten. The evening was enjoyed by everyone who rang at Kidlington, where Mr. Walter Judge made us feel at home and helped us ring some tolerably good Stedman and Yorkshire before trebling down. Monday afternoon saw us wending our way towards the ten at Abingdon, sucking lemon lollies. Some good simple ten bell ringing was achieved, despite the hot weather. Later, two touches of Original Minor were successfully rung, thus starting an almost feverish enthusiasm for the stuff which persisted all week. Sutton Courtenay was our mooring place that evening, ready for the lovely six bells the following morning. Appleford was visited next, where we were joined by Inspector Smith, who brought news of Wilb's lost coat complete with wallet.

Next day Benson started us off and it was here that half the band suddenly decided they did not know Stedman and promptly proceeded to prove it. On to Wallingford, where the lovely 21 cwt. ring was tried out first to Minor then to Major, a tolerably good performance after the dismal start to the day. Thursday's marathon started at 9 a.m. at Pangbourne, where Mr. Burt kindly met us and brought news of his daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Tony. On our return to the boats Gill very kindly fell in with a minimum of fuss before we pressed on, undaunted, to Whitchurch, where Primrose was unsuccessful. As this was to be a mere practice for the bob in Ebor Surprise we felt perhaps this method was best left alone. On to Mapledurham, where Mick decided to mutiny which resulted in his crew transferring to another boat leaving the luckless mutineer to "paddle his own canoe" to the next tower. That evening we rang at St. Laurence's, Reading, after unfortunately missing St. Mary's through lack of time. Mr. Albert Diserens joined us here and kindly complimented us on our ringing.

An attempted quarter of Stedman Triples next morning at Shiplake unfortunately came round with two bells over. The conductor expressed some little disappointment and two ringers looked a little pink round the edges after being questioned about a certain single. Next morning the boats had to be returned in inclement weather to the boatyard at Henley before ten shattered bodies bade final farewells and moved off in the direction of home. Our grateful thanks to our enthusiastic organiser, Andrew Wilby, all incumbents and people who met us. K. J. W.

DEVON RINGERS TOUR THE EXE VALLEY

Members of the Devon Guild of Ringers held another successful day tour in the Exe Valley area on September 11th. Mr. A. L. Bennett was again the organiser, and those accompanying him included Miss D. Johnson, Mr. D. J. Roberts and daughters, Messrs. G. J. Roberts, P. A. Lock, R. A. Caffry, K. E. Fursdon (all of Torquay), Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Myers and family, Messrs. T. G. Myers and D. F. Wheeler (Plymouth), and Mr. J. P. Coad, a visitor from Glasgow. Mr. and Mrs. N. Mallett and family, of Exeter, joined the company after lunch. Towers visited were Upton Pyne, Brampford Speke, Silverton (the only octave of the day), Cheriton Fitzpaine, Poughill, Cruwys Morchard, Washford Pyne, Morchard Bishop and Lapford. Methods rung throughout the day were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Bennett for the arrangements.

LOUGHBOROUGH RINGERS' OUTING

Ringers' outings are no new thing. It has long been the custom for bellringers to visit other churches for the privilege of ringing other people's bells, a tradition that is shared throughout the length and breadth of the country. One of the earliest records we have is in the Loughborough churchwardens' accounts for 1616: "It. spent on entertainment to the gentlemen strangers when they came to ringe xjs"; and Loughborough still is a "must" for many ringers.

Prior to the era of the internal combustion engine only a few churches could be visited and the distance covored was not great, yet in Morris's "The History and Art of Change-ringing" we read: "1733 May 24 Thursday—On Whitsunday last (May 13) came to Oxford on foot fifteen ringers from London, and the day before came on horseback, one Mr. Skelton." This is followed by a detailed account of the ringing they did in Oxford. It is more likely than not that the 15 ringers who walked would take the opportunity of ringing at several churches on the way.

Loughborough Parish Church bellringers held their annual outing on September 11th. Tamworth Parish Church was the first place of call, and soon the ten bells were raised and a course of Grandsire Caters rung. After further ringing on this grand ten, all were soon en route for Coleshill Parish Church. Here everything was in readiness and various methods were rung on the eight bells.

By this time the weather had improved and it was pleasantly warm, hence the journey to Warwick was pleasant. Lunch had been arranged at The Pack Horse, and as we entered the town the bells of St. Mary's gave us a welcome—true they were ringing for a wedding; still it was nice to hear them. At lunch we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. L. Hall, formerly of Loughborough, now residing in Leamington, and Mr. J. Garner-Hayward, the Master of the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers and leader of the ringers at St. Nicholas' Church in the town. After lunch the Church of St. Nicholas was visited, and the grand ring of eight, installed a few years ago by John Taylor and Co., was thoroughly enjoyed.

Lillington, the next church on the list, was not far away, and ere long the bells were being rung to Stedman Triples. On completion of the ringing it was time for tea. Daventry, with its new ring of ten bells, was the last tower of the day, and full justice was done to this grand Taylor ten. The best ringing of the day was at Daventry, and the time for departure came all too soon.

J. P.F.

5,024 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER

23456	B	W	M	H
24536		—		2
43265	x			3
23564			—	3
62534		—		
23645	x			3
26435		—		2
32654	x			2
53624		—		
32546	x			3
54326		—		—
63425			—	—
63254	x			—
23456			—	3

Rung at Overton, Hants, on June 12th, 1965.

Letters to the Editor

BELL FUND SUGGESTION

Dear Sir,—Having recently developed great interest in bell ringing I feel most depressed every time I hear of churches where the bells have been allowed to go into a state of "unringableness" through sheer neglect and lack of interest, or where the need for bell ringers has been replaced by the instalment of a mechanised device.

It seems to me unfair that parishioners who are not interested in, or may even dislike, the sound of bells should be expected to pay for their maintenance, but I feel that there should be a central fund contributed to entirely by people interested in ringing. This fund should be used to help the maintenance or restoration of any bells in any tower, where such help could mean the salvation of a ring of bells.—Yours truly,

MARY W. WHALLEY.

Hawkshead, Ambleside.

A NEW INTEREST

Dear Sir,—I wonder if people, like the latest, Mr. Chant, realise how very much pleasure and interest the methods being published give, and not only to peal ringers.

I, through age and odds and bits accompanying it, have had to stop ringing. I've never had any opportunity of getting beyond the plainest of plain methods and my peals total is six.

Now I've found a new interest. With lots of time, unable to read for long and hating wireless, I can get a bit of paper and pencil and write out some of these methods, which I shall never ring. My wonder is that anyone has! But it has opened up a new vision of ringing.

Once one knows what the hieroglyphics mean the rest is simple. And what stinkers some of them are! In a new method published the other day there are 84 places and dodges to make in the plain course. Two 4-bell methods linked by the treble crossings.

How many of us imagine that, except in Stedman and its allies, treble work is confined to Plain and Treble Bob? It seems that it can be almost as complicated as the method! Yet stuff one has learned in one plain method still comes in and it is of further interest to note down any obvious aids in each method. May I commend to any ringer of modest limitations, who should be so unfortunate to find himself in hospital, to take with him the current copies of "R.W.", pencil and plenty of paper. The staff will probably think he's mad, but it may help them to put up with bells!

Thank you, Mr. Chant, and others, for a new interest in life.—Yours, etc.,

X. R. M.

"...GAINED ON THE ROUNDABOUTS"

Dear Sir,—The composition referred to on page 558 was got out solely for that method: it will not go to Yorkshire although there are other methods to which it will. It interested me to get as many "Befores" into a normal length as possible. Its defects are obvious but one cannot have everything, and what is lost on the swings is gained on the roundabouts by having roughly 50 per cent more 7-8 course ends than in a composition of natural courses.—Yours sincerely,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

"A SIMPLE VARIATION"

Dear Sir,—Whilst working on material for the new Central Council collection of compositions for Major methods, I have realised, somewhat tardily, that the composition of Ealing Surprise by P. J. Wycheley, published on March 5th, 1965, and referred to in the article in August 20th, is a simple variation of one composed and conducted by me at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on August 24th, 1963. The second bob M in Mr. Wycheley's peal is unnecessary, and if omitted the format of my own peal is produced, as follows:

23456	M	B	W	H
43526	—	—		—
24536			—	3
53246			—	—
23645	—			3

Twice repeated.

As the authors of the article referred to above point out, the composition produced by S. Jenner is an improvement on this, inasmuch that it is reduced from 5,280 to 5,184, with the same qualities. If anyone can produce a 5,088 three-part with 12 combination courses I should be interested to see it.

Finally, I should like to comment that I feel it is undesirable that the authors of the article mentioned should find it necessary to conceal their identities.

W. E. CRITCHLEY.

38, Castle Hills Road,
Scawthorpe, Doncaster.

NEW DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—Reference the peal rung at Clifford, Herefordshire, on August 22nd (pages 609 and 619, "R.W."), I would like to inform Mr. Lewis that these methods have been rung before. They are included in a section of the supplement (yet to be published) which deals with methods with **twenty** changes to the plain course. These methods have Grandsire Bobs, Pink Bobs, Antelope Bobs and others as their plain course.

The plain course of St. Cynidr and the others is "Wallflower Bob" (Grandsire 3rds on the front and 5th 4ths 5th at the back). The 20 changes which can be obtained from this bob are called Cannon Doubles—Wallflower Bob—Pl Plain Bob—Grandsire Single.

I understand that methods with 20 changes to their plain course are not recognised by the C.C. If I have made a mistake and such methods are allowed, I would be obliged if someone would correct me.

If I have misinterpreted Mr. Lewis' note on these methods I would be obliged if he also would correct me.—Yours faithfully,

ROY H. JONES.

118, Oxford Road,
Marston, Oxford.

CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—Thanks for inserting my little note about "Friendship and Ringing," but the actual layout of the peal was incorrect in so far as Frederick E. Collins rang the 11th and not as printed. Also, it was John Hunt's 400th peal. Thanking you, and wishing you well while the Editor is in Australia.—Yours faithfully,

W. HIBBERT.

Basingstoke.

CRICKET MATCH

Ladies v. Gentlemen of the Essex Association

Sandon House School, Essex, was the scene of an enjoyable cricket match on July 22nd. The ladies batted first, with Mesdames Roast and Harrison opening against the pace attack of Brown and Cooper. With the score at 3 (all wides off Cooper), Saltmarsh struck the first blow by getting Mrs. Roast caught by Mr. Roast. A recovery was made by Miss Towler and Mrs. Harrison, but when the score had reached 6 Thoday claimed the second wicket, a third going to J. Towler. Miss Y. Murray then joined the former, and runs came fairly briskly against a varied attack of some seven or eight bowlers (Saltmarsh using his resources to the full).

After the innings had been in progress for 1½ hours wickets began to tumble. Miss Towler, having played well against the body-line bowling of her brother, was finally bowled by Thoday. A superb catch by Brown off the same bowler dismissed Miss Frith, who was soon followed by Miss C. Murray and Miss Edwards, the latter being run out, and the innings closed at 39.

Messrs. Edwards and Brown opened for the men, but Edwards was soon bowled by Mrs. Roast. Towler then joined Brown, and a useful stand of 20 resulted. The captain, Saltmarsh, then retired these two, Panton and Thoday taking over the attack. The latter was eventually out hit-wicket, although both umpires thought otherwise. Five other batsmen were retired before Messrs. Roast and Saltmarsh, at the unusual positions of 10 and 11, steered the score past 39.

There was some dispute over the apparent run-out of Roast, but amid the encircling gloom no one could be sure. Afterwards both teams retired to a nearby hostelry. Thanks are due to the organisers, and to the headmaster of Sandon House School for allowing the use of the ground. G. E. T.

OBITUARY

MR. H. A. T. PRICE

We regret to report the death of Mr. "Bert" Price, a well known West Country ringer and tower captain of St. Mary the Virgin, Yatton. He passed away on September 6th, aged 58, after a short illness.

He learned to ring when he was 14 years old at Kingston Seymour, and moved to Yatton in 1938. He was elected vice-captain in 1945, a post he held until 1961, when he became captain. A most regular and punctual service ringer, he enjoyed his hobby until a few weeks before his death. Bert will be remembered for his untiring efforts to train and keep a strong local band of ringers. He will also be remembered for his ability in organising outings to many parts of the country. Although not a true tower collector, he acquired enough friends and stories from these excursions to ensure that visitors were not strangers to him, and that "tower gossip" did not falter. He was greatly interested in his church, being a lay reader and member of the Parochial Church Council. He was also a member of the Special Constabulary.

Many towers were represented at the funeral service on Friday, September 10th, at Yatton, and representatives of Wrington rang handbells at the graveside at Kingston Seymour, where the interment took place.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Mr. G. E. Thoday's Peal Week

Photographed outside Stratton Church on Mr. G. E. Thoday's peal week tour of Devon and Cornwall.

Devon and Cornwall Visit

Saturday, August 14th, dawned bright as ringers from a wide area converged on Ufculme's very fine ring. Despite traffic jams, which some were able to by-pass, the late arrivals were in time for Cullompton. A change in the programme brought us to the very rewarding eight at Silverton, and thence to Crediton. Here we were joined by Pat Cannon; but alas, D.N.C.B.M. could not be brought round! Our headquarters for the week at Stratton was reached by 7.30.

Sunday morning saw a very slow start, but Poughill provided us with our awakening. The delightful six were soon put to good use, and several members of the party were initiated into the art of call-change ringing. However, the local band then showed us how it should be done. We joined in the ringing at Marhamchurch, for "Revel Sunday" Matins. The first "Knock-Knock" (used by kind permission of A.P.C.) came in Launcells, where we performed after Matins. The afternoon activities commenced with a ring at Kilkhampton, where the one and only peal board was of interest to our Surrey historian. A short journey to Morwenstow gave the engineers some work to do, in adjusting a rope guide. After a curtailed ring the navigators found us a short cut (although not in time) to Welcome. What a pity this road is not classified! Tea was taken at Hartland, and soon the majestic six (housed in the tallest tower in Devon) were booming out to Cambridge. Evening ringing was carried out at Clovelly, with call-changes proving a great success. Upon our return to Stratton our host for the week, Harry Stacey, was waiting to welcome us in the belfry. After a few touches he requested us to ring a quarter peal; this we did, it duly being recorded on tape. The result of our labours was broadcast over breakfast the next morning.

FIRST PEAL SINCE 1902

The very good eight at North Tawton saw the first peal of the week under way. The traditional composition of Double Norwich was called by Pat. It was the first peal on these bells since 1902, although a call-change peal was rung in 1914 of some four hours' duration. Meanwhile the second XI (or was it VI) were busy with a peal at Launcells. An excellent lunch was followed by ringing at Sampford Courtenay, Okehampton, Hatherleigh, Holsworthy and Bridgerule, during which the writer endeavoured to call touches of Stedman Triples, amongst other things. Later in the evening the party split up, with some attending a local dance at Marhamchurch; but despite the activities of Tamara Press we returned to Stratton in the early hours of the morning.

Tuesday took us southward into Cornwall, where a long length of Middleton's Cambridge was scored at St. Mabyn. Following a quick lunch in Wadebridge, Mawgan-in-Pyder bells were soon pealing out to Yorkshire. Fortunately the tenor rope lasted the peal, as it snapped on the way down. It is about time certain ringers knew their own strength! Difficulty was experienced at Lanteglos (6), where the long ropes proved a hazard. The last tower of the day was Tintagel, where the road to the church eluded the drivers for some time.

The longest trip of the week came on Wednesday, with the first stop at Georgeham (8) before going on to Ilfracombe Holy Trinity, for what was the first peal there since 1926. After lunch farewells were paid to Pat Cannon, who was leaving to return home, everyone wishing him well for the Australian tour. Following a short ring at SS. Philip and Jacob, Plain Bob was the order at Braunton, John calling one of his own compositions.

FIRST LOSS

The long trip of the previous day took its toll at Warrington, where two bells crossed over in Kent T.B. after 40 minutes' ringing. However, this was soon forgotten with a busy afternoon programme, the highlights being a touch of 8-Spliced Surprise at Stoke Climsland (8) and a plain course of Yorkshire on the magnificent eight at Tavistock. The day concluded at Launceston, where the familiar figure of Wilf Boucher greeted us at St. Mary's. The homeward journey was somewhat confusing as the thirsty members of the party did not know the difference between the licensing hours of Devon and Cornwall.

By the time Friday came, keeping to time was proving difficult, but Northam was eventually reached, followed by Appledore, where we were joined by Brian Mountjoy, of Bideford, who kindly arranged the day's programme. The afternoon peal band took full advantage of the mid-day sun, which resulted in a fine peal of Rutland being rung at Bideford. The attempt coincided with the centenary celebrations of the rebuilding and consecration of the church in 1865. After the usual refreshments, the undersigned left the party for the "Emerald Isle." Littleham and Parkham were visited on the return to Stratton.

Alas! the last day arrived, but the success of the previous days could not be maintained, the peal at Winkleigh being lost after some 40 minutes' ringing. An additional attempt at Curry Rivel suffered a similar fate.

In conclusion, our thanks are due to all those who made this week a success, and especially to Mr. and Mrs. Stacey for accommodating us, and to Wilf Boucher and Brian Mountjoy in assisting the organiser with the arrangements. Last, but not least, to all the incumbents and tower captains for granting the use of their bells. G. E. T.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

The quarterly meeting of the District at Bromley Common on July 24th was only moderately well attended. After a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. R. Osborn), the tea and business meeting were held in the Church Hall.

The Vicar took the chair at the short-to-the-point meeting, in which a vote of thanks to him was passed. Thanks were also expressed to the organist, and to the ladies for an excellent tea. Ringing was resumed after the meeting until 8 o'clock, under the direction of the District Ringing Master, Tony Lewis. Ringing ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise.

Unfortunately the meeting was not the success it could have been, due to some members putting it second-best to peals, etc.

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ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gaynor Wallace (first quarter) 1, Amanda Powell 2, R. Rayfield 3, Wendy Wallace 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Matins.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Painter 1, Angela Bagnall (first "inside") 2, C. J. Gall 3, N. White (first "inside") 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, S. J. Larcombe 6. Rung with the good wishes of the band prior to the wedding of Miss Jennifer Ford to Mr. Edward Hough, a ringer at Aldridge.

ASTLEY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,280 Doubles (April Day, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): R. Weekes 1, J. Alexander 2, J. Belshaw 3, G. Lightfoot 4, M. Edwards (first as cond.) 5.

AXBRIDGE, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Shirley Jones 1, P. C. Randall 2, A. J. Cox 3, S. Royal 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, G. W. Randall 6. Rung by a team from Warwickshire and Worcestershire.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. K. Whittell 1, R. W. Lockwood 2, M. Whittell 3, R. J. Southgate 4, M. J. Howes 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

BATH, SOMERSET. — At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss N. Fenwick (first quarter) 1, G. J. Hawkins 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, D. C. Hawkins (first as cond.) 4, P. J. Devrell 5, B. Sarll 6. First in method 5 and 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS. — At St. Michael's Church, on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Westwood 1, H. White 2, H. Watts 3, A. Richardson 4, P. Warboys 5, R. Hayden 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8. First quarter of Triples away from tenor 1 and 4. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. D. Samuel, who is leaving this parish.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: M. J. Howes 1, R. J. Southgate 2, M. Whittell 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to Miss Jill C. Southgate, on her 21st birthday. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. L. K. Whittell 1, S. Christian (first "inside") 2, R. W. Lockwood 3, R. J. Southgate 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5.

BUTCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): L. Childs 1, L. Derrick 2, T. Phillips 3, C. Kortright (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain and Oxford Bob Minor: A. W. King 1, H. Burton 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, A. J. Ede 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6. First of Oxford Bob by all the band except the ringer of the 5th.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, S. Upton 3, W. Savill 4, J. Jeffrey 5, B. Dixon 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. E. W. Baines 1, Lynn Taylor (first "inside") 2, Betty Butler 3, A. W. Fuller (first as cond. and 25th quarter) 4, J. E. Warner 5, W. J. Sale 6. For Evensong.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June Watts 1, J. Saxton 2, R. W. Bridges 3, R. Harris 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, A. T. Weeks 6. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. R. Harris (a ringer for 35 years) and Mrs. Harris.

DINGESTOW, MON.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. E. Bainham (first quarter) 1, D. Phillips 2, J. E. Phillips 3, L. F. G. Bainham 4, C. L. R. Bainham (cond.) 5.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On Sept. 5th, 1,440 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: N. Crane 1, P. D. S Beal 2, Joan A. Hayward 3, N. S. Chesson 4, H. Gardener (cond.) 5, P. Jackson (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Pamela Mills 1, Beryl Platt 2, Janet Cave 3, T. Bailey (cond.) 4, Trudy Newcombe 5, J. H. Negus 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, D. Langdon 8. First quarter 1 and 3. For Evensong.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Hunt (first quarter) 1, A. Flood (first as cond.) 2, Susan Aveyard 3, C. K. Hill 4, J. W. Priest 5, D. E. Parsons 6, N. Summerhayes 7, R. Tickner 8. For the christening this day of Graham Ian Knowles.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Ruby Mortimer 1, Mary Pollard (first as cond.) 2, Jean Pollard 3, P. Birkett 4, V. Nutton 5, A. Rogers 6. For the Patronal Festival by the Sunday service band.

QUARTER PEALS

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On Sept. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Warren (first of Minor) 1, S. Warren (first of Minor "inside") 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, R. E. Fentiman 4, W. Parrott 5, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a wedding compliment to Carole Clark and John Allen, who were married the day before at St. Luke's, Acton.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods and variations): W. Butler 1, J. A. H. Betts 2, D. Floyd 3, A. E. Hicks 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Russell, of Eynsham.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Faith Riley (first quarter) 1, A. Nunn (first "inside") 2, Sarah Byford 3, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 4, J. Mussell 5, J. L. Claughton 6.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,560 Doubles (16 variations): J. Dawson 1, J. T. Burnup 2, D. A. Osbourne 3, D. Surman 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5. For Matins, and as a compliment to David and Pat Osbourne, on the birth of a son, Simon Luke.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans'): Fiona Winderam 1, Norma Gilfillan 2, R. M. Preston, sen. 3, M. J. Pink (first of Stedman) 4, J. Mossop 5, D. M. Graham-Service 6, T. Winderam (cond.) 7, T. Winderam, jun. 8. First quarter 1, 2, 6 and 8. For Evensong.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—At St. James' Church, on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marjory Hewson (first quarter) 1, Muriel Pashley (first "inside") 2, F. Kennington 3, J. Parker 4, W. Longbottom 5, A. Pashley (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Rev. Alan Charters, on his departure to Guernsey.

HALKYN, FLINTS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Doreen Kendrick (13 years, first attempt) 1, D. N. Collins 2, J. H. Jones 3, J. George 4, E. M. Jones (first as cond.) 5, W. Price 6.

HILTON, DORSET.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan E. Smith (first quarter) 1, A. J. Cox 2, P. C. Randall 3, S. Royal 4, P. Cattermole 5, G. W. Randall (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service by a team from Warwickshire and Worcestershire.

HONILEY, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Norma Riley (first in method) 1, G. J. Lightfoot (cond.) 2, A. Cox 3, C. Royal 4, G. Cox 5.

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. N. Pearce 1, Margaret C. Woolley 2, J. Woolley 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled on the minor five as a tribute to Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sept. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Whittell 1, E. Bloomfield 2, K. Whittell 3, C. J. Sedgley (cond.) 4, J. Munnings 5, P. May 6, R. Steward 7, C. Woodard 8. For morning service.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Sawden 1, R. Hutchings 2, G. J. Lightfoot 3, G. Box 4, J. L. Lightfoot 5, M. Lawrence (cond., first of Minor) 6. First quarter of Minor 1 and 2. For Evensong.

LINCOLN.—At St. Mary-le-Wigford, on Sept. 5th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: I. R. Marshall (aged 14, first quarter) 1, S. D. Etcell (aged 15, first quarter "inside") 2, J. Clarke (aged 15, cond.) 3, A. W. Froggatt 5. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Sept. 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Susan Davis 1, M. Hatchett 2, C. A. Hughes 3, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, A. E. Laker 6, W. F. Oatway 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, W. G. Wilson 9, B. A. Rose 10. First on ten for ringer of 5th.

LONGDON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Julia M. Sanders (first quarter) 1, L. E. Monk 2, C. M. Smith 3, J. D. Chamberlain 4, C. T. Collins (first attempt as cond.) 5. For Evensong.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doris Thacker 1, N. Garrard 2, Elizabeth Holmes 3, K. Lewin 4, A. J. Smith 5, H. Wood 6, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 7, C. McCartney 8. For evening service.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Thwaites (first of Triples away from tenor) 1, Mrs. G. Evenden 2, T. E. Sone 3, L. Head 4, G. Cantrill 5, B. Groves 6, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 7, G. Evenden 8.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): S. G. Davis 1, R. Curtis 2, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 3, D. C. Hawkins 4, P. J. Devrell (first "inside") 5, A. Swatton 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 extents): D. Strong 1, J. Yeates 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, M. York 4, H. Hardwidge 5, L. Childs 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. Price, tower captain and steeple-keeper, of Yatton, interred this day.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, Jesmond, on Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. E. Askew (first away from "cover") 1, J. P. L. Pardoe 2, Susan Elliott 3, S. J. Pardoe 4, J. G. White (first as cond.) 5, A. G. Craddock 6. For Evensong.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Jane Hough 1, P. Erith 2, Rachel J. Sinden 3, Brenda Foster 4, E. F. P. Bryant 5, A. Berry 6, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 7, N. J. Davies 8. First of Kent T.B. Major for 1, 3 and 5. Rung for the Church Gift Day service.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Giles' Church, on Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fox (first quarter) 1, Jacqueline A. Downing 2, Dorothy J. Mann (first "inside") 3, G. F. Roome (cond.) 4, R. A. Eldridge 5, A. F. Leleux (first quarter) 6. Also on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): Jane Frost 1, Mrs. R. Roome 2, Dorothy J. Mann 3, Heloise E. Leleux 4, Jacqueline A. Downing 5, Valerie P. Williams 6, R. A. Eldridge 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8.

NORTHILL, BEDS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. D. Flint 1, Sheila I. Smith (cond.) 2, D. G. Carr 3, E. Wagstaff 4, A. S. Smith 5, L. Norman 6. Rung in honour of the 85th birthday of William Wagstaff.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Yates 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, C. Gough 4, R. A. Vickers 5. In memoriam Canon Carlton.

PANCRASWYKE, DEVON.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bissat 1, H. Heard 2, E. J. Ladd 3, H. Stacey 4, N. Maggs (cond.) 5.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—At St. George's Cathedral, on June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jim Carter 1, Jacoba Hos 2, John Watson (first "inside") 3, Faith Reynolds 4, Basil Potts (cond.) 5, Bunny Warren 6. Also on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jacoba Hos 1, Merrilyn Chambers (first of Minor) 2, Michael Page 3, Faith Reynolds 4, Basil Potts (cond.) 5, Jim Pipe (first quarter in Australia) 6. Rung to mark Michael Page's 21st birthday.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Tipper (12 years, first quarter) 1, Jane Walker 2, Shelagh Rushforth 3, K. Tipper 4, K. Sansom (cond.) 5, S. Lockyer 6. For Evensong.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS. — On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Darby 1, Miss J. Chiswell 2, K. Chatwin 3, A. Roberts 4, R. Tandy (cond.) 5, G. Chiswell 6. For Evensong Patronal Festival.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Watkins 1, Christine J. Stratford 2, B. L. Burrows 3, A. Chapman 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung to start the Gift Day on Sapcote Wake Saturday.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Shute 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, Margaret M. Godley 3, A. W. Hall 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, F. Criddle 6, R. G. W. Robertson 7, D. Clothier 8.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, Christine McLaren 2, Verona Naylor 3, Muriel Reay 4, C. A. S. Webb 5, G. E. Fearn 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, H. H. Fearn 8, C. W. Bragg 9, P. D. Warren 10. For Evensong.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diane I. Hickman (first quarter) 1, Joy F. Butler 2, A. Jackson 3, C. J. Butler 4, M. J. Butler (cond.) 5, B. V. Butler (first quarter) 6. First of Doubles for all except ringer of 3rd. Rung on the front six for Evensong.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,250 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Stacey 1, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 2, E. Short 3, E. Dalingwater 4, H. Wagstaff 5, T. D. Spencer 6, C. Toyne 7, J. Thorley 8.

STEEP, HANTS.—On July 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): R. L. K. Whittell 1, B. Redgers 2, L. R. Pizzey (cond.) 3, M. J. Howes 4, N. F. Whittell 5, J. G. Sawtell 6.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. Slyfield 1, Mrs. M. Lodge 2, J. Harrison 3, D. Lodge 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, J. Stacey 6.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

The September meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Maulden on September 11th. Ringing in a variety of methods continued on the light eight throughout the afternoon, with Mr. R. J. Sharp as Ringing Master.

Mr. M. J. Lockey, the District organist, played the organ at a service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Oakley), who gave an address. One new member from Maulden was elected during the business meeting, which followed an enjoyable tea in the Village Hall. The secretary stated that there were still some subscriptions outstanding for this year. Ringing during the evening ranged from rounds and Plain Bob for the less proficient but none the less keen learners, to 4-spliced for the more experienced.

Next meeting: Stotfold, October 9th.

A. R. A.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Selby and District Society was held at Huntington, near York, on September 4th. After two hours of ringing in a variety of methods there was a celebration of Holy Communion by the Vicar (the Rev. Geoffrey Lawn). The Epistle was read by the former tower captain, David Pearson, and the Gospel by the secretary of the Yorkshire Association, Wilfrid Moreton.

Nearly 60 people later enjoyed a buffet tea served in St. Andrew's Church Hall, where parishioners had the opportunity of meeting the bellringers.

At the business meeting, four new members from Huntington were elected: Shirley Beanland, Susan Mitchell, Lynn Clowe and Christopher Milner. Bert Foster proposed the vote of thanks. He thought that it was the first meeting of the Society at which there had been a celebration of Holy Communion and he knew of no other tower where the parishioners took such an active interest in the bells. There was further ringing in the evening.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

Southern District

On Saturday, August 21st, 1965, a quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Gorseinon. The weather, although unsettled, should not have caused the disappointing attendance; but thanks to the visitors the ringing before and after the service was very satisfactory. The service, which was held in St. Catherine's Church, was conducted by the curate, and a short address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. Trevor Evans.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, and the appreciation of all, for the excellent meal and the voluntary service given, was fully expressed in the vote of thanks by Mr. Malcolm Johns.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Vicar, who welcomed the Guild to St. Catherine's, and especially the visitors. Apologies were read from Mr. L. Evans and Mr. W. Dobbins. Mr. Dobbins is now unable to leave his home.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and duly adopted as a true record Arising out of the minutes, it was reported that the meeting at Eardisland was held on July 31st.

An invitation to Sketty for the Annual General (District) was accepted. A Notice of Motion by Mr. John Hughes was read, and will be included in the agenda at the Annual Festival, 1966.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, for the arrangements made, and for the use of the bells. The organist was also thanked for his kind services.

J. A. H.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Stacey 1, A. Bissat 2, B. G. D. Vince 3, H. Heard 4, N. Maggs 5, H. Stacey 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, J. Sangwin 8.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY

By kind invitation of the Gnosall ringers, a successful meeting was held at St. Lawrence's Church. The heavy ring of six bells, tuned in F minor, was rung prior to the service, which was fully choral and conducted by the Vicar.

The Gnosall ladies did the Society proud by providing a really excellent tea, after which it was announced that the annual reports were available. The next meeting would be at Enville, on Saturday, October 16th, usual arrangements, but members are warned that no tea will be provided The annual dinner will be at the Black Horse, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, November 6th. An appeal was made to members who might have any books they would like to present to the Society towards the building of a library, to be run by the assistant secretary, Mr. Peter Barker, of Cannock.

It is hoped to organise a series of evening instruction courses for anyone interested in the teaching of ringers. The six-bell striking competition will continue, but in addition it is hoped to arrange one for eight bell bands if support is forthcoming. The following new resident members were elected: A. Marson (Lichfield St. Michael), and J. D. Chamberlain (Lichfield Cathedral). After the Society's thanks had been given to all who had worked so hard towards this extra meeting, further ringing was enjoyed on Gnosall's 17 cwt. six.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

"Sunny Rhyl" did not live up to its reputation for the half-yearly meeting held on September 4th, but in spite of the rather inclement weather about forty members and visitors attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. J. Lloyd, Vicar of Llanferris, who deputised for the president (Chancellor D. E. M. Glynne-Jones).

Canon J. Knighton Jones, Vicar of Rhyl, presided over the tea and business meeting, supported by Mr. F. R. Evans (Ringing Master). A feature was a proposal by Mr. A. Bailey that two of the Association's oldest members be elected honorary life members, viz.: Mrs. J. Clutton (Wrexham) and Mr. O. Evans (Abergele); both have been staunch members for over 60 years—Mr. Evans having joined the Association when it was formed in 1903. New members elected were: Gareth Jones (Buckley), Kenneth Evans and Phyllis Davies (Llandudno), and Mr. J. Roberts (Chirk).

The Ringing Master said that during his visits to towers during the last twelve months he was pleased to see that progress was being maintained, and meetings well attended by young ringers. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, to the Rev. H. J. Lloyd for his excellent address at the service, to the organist and to Miss Wallis and her band of helpers for the excellent tea provided.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The third annual outing of the branch on September 4th was in the Hampshire area and included six towers. At Damerham—a lovely church in its wooded setting and with lovely bells, too—we were welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. H. Moule), himself a ringer, as was his father before him, and in the same tower.

Fordingbridge's much-rung eight provided the first Triples of the day and a course or two of Plain Bob. Here we were met by R. Marlow, a welcome prop to our mainly 6-bell ringers. Hordle (noisy but well-going) raised the standard to London Surprise Minor, and the conjunction of another touring company meant continuous ringing and no lack of catching hold. Lymington, and more Triples to speed a newly-married couple on their way, and Milford-on-Sea, with its very delightful and musical octave and the pleasure of ringing with some of the local band. Tea at Milford's Bay Trees Restaurant fortified the inner man for the finale at Ringwood. Again, welcomed and joined by the local captain, Mr. Cheater, Stedman Triples rounded off a pleasant day of good bells, good ringing and good company.

R. N. L.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Distinctly heard in a recent peal—"Ice-cream"—derivation of "extreme."

We regret to learn that Mrs. Edith Fletcher has been admitted to Northgate Hospital, Great Yarmouth. She is seriously ill as a result of strokes and the blood circulation of the brain has been severely damaged.

Ron Tipper, 12-year-old son of the captain of Petersfield tower, rang his first quarter on Sunday, September 12th. He started ringing last Easter. Well done, Ron; how about a peal soon?

Will Mr. G. Arnold Moore, of North Staffs, kindly send his address to the "Ringing World" office so that the peal cards may be forwarded to him when ready.

Members of the band which rang the peal of Rutland at Rotherfield would like to congratulate Ray Large and Margaret Ladd on their recent engagement. It was unfortunate that circumstances prevented the peal being rung in honour of the engagement.

The attempt for 10,080 Grandsire Triples at Edenham, Lincs, on September 4th, failed after two hours, due to a too-late call.

The reason the band met short for the long peal of London Royal at Macclesfield was due to a misunderstanding with regard to dates. (The original arrangements were for September 11th.) For all future attempts with our band, we will announce the venue and time in the "R.W." at least two issues prior to the attempt. Sincere apologies are offered to all concerned.—R. B. Smith.

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BARNSLEY DISTRICT CONTEST

The Barnsley District Society held a cup contest at Hoylandswaine on September 11th Two teams entered, and eight towers were represented. Mr Hilton Sykes was judge, and Mr. Noel Moxon marker.

This was a rise and fall, with 360 changes as the test piece, the result being: No. 1, Shelley, fall 2, rise 4, faults for test 20; No. 2, Meltham, fall 14, rise 22, faults for test 15. Meltham were declared the winners of the test piece, and Shelley winners of the rise and fall. The cup was presented by Mr Noel F. Moxon, and received by Mr. Charlie Byram on behalf of the Meltham team, in which three generations were represented: Denis Greenwood, with his mother and father, and Mr Byram grandfather.

Susan Greenwood was elected a member Mr. Edward Earnshaw (Meltham) offered the usual vote of thanks, and had special praise for the ladies. Although the contest was disappointing, ringing afterwards was enjoyable

J. W. B

RINGERS TO THE RESCUE!

During the period 1951–1964 the bells of St. Luke's, Bedminster, Bristol, were not rung. However, local volunteers have carried out such minor repairs (mainly to the wheels and a general tightening-up) as were necessary to get the bells ringing again. Only two peals —both Bob Minor—had been rung on the bells, one in 1901, the other in 1903 This long spell was broken on September 6th when a peal of four Minor methods was rung. Although the "go" of the bells is not entirely satisfactory it is hoped that arrangements can be made in the near future to teach a local band. The six bells were cast and hung by Messrs. Llewelyn and James, Bristol

AN ACT OF WORSHIP

The Rev. John Freeman, Vicar of Warminster, addressing a gathering at Corsley, Wiltshire, said that service ringing was an act of worship. "It was, therefore, right that we should ring for the joy of exercising our art. Equally, it was important that the ringing should be good. No member of a band should allow himself, through carelessness or indifference, to mar the offering the belfry was trying to make."

RINGING IN PUBLIC

At the Brighton and Hove Archæologists' meeting at Alfriston on September 11th, a mediæval superstition was demonstrated to be still effective (vide "R.W." January 4th, 1963, page 2). Two talks were given, the first on the architecture of this Cathedral of the Downs and the second on the ringers' art This was immediately followed by a quarter peal of Doubles performed by ringers from Aldrington, Brighton, Burgess Hill and Hurstpierpoint. During the whole of the ringing the audience of over 60 sat attentively as bells and thunderstorm met in conflict, and at the end they almost, but not quite, burst into applause—the storm had fled, and the evening sun smiled all the way home.

A. V. S.

YORK OFFICIAL RETIRES FROM RAILWAY

Mr. Harold Walker, of Clifton, Yorkshire, vice-president of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers and president of the York Minster Society of Change Ringers, has retired from the railway after 50 years service For 10 years until July, 1964, Mr. Walker was assistant carriage and wagon works manager York.

Now 65, he began ringing at Doncaster Parish Church at the age of 18, and has since rung in about 500 towers up and down the country.

Last October he was a member of the York Minster team which rang 5,016 changes in 3 hours 49 minutes, the first time this had been accomplished at the Minster since 1892.

RETURNING FROM JAMAICA

Mr. Hugh Falkner, writing from the College of Technology, Kingston, Jamaica, says it may interest Croydon and Cirencester readers to know that his six years in Jamaica are now being completed, and that he will be returning to the Old Country—not, however, directly, but by way of New Zealand and Australia. He hopes to get some ringing there and to be in the U.K. for Easter, 1966. "St. Thomas' in Salisbury (Wilts) might also be warned. They promised me a quarter peal on my return!"

RECORD BY ELIZABETH?

Sending details of a long length peal rung at Babworth, Notts, the conductor, Mr Martin Kirk, of Bishop Otter College Chichester, offers his thanks and congratulations to the rest of the band, and especially to Elizabeth Foster who, he says, at the age of 17 is believed to be the youngest lady ringer to ring such length—certainly in the north Midlands if not the country The peal was rung in 4 hours 39 minutes, and slips were very few.

KIRKBY RINGERS' OUTING

The sun had just broken through when a team of eight ringers left Kirkby for their annual outing, which this year was concentrated on villages situated on either side of the River Trent, between Newark and Gainsborough. They managed to ring at five towers before lunch, including Eagle, where they were met by two local ringers, Mr. F. Butler and Mr. G. A. Smith (the latter has rung for over 61 years), who joined the band for touches of Plain Bob Minor as well as Grandsire.

After a picnic lunch the band went on to Stow, where the tower captain, Mr. A. L. Denton, joined them for Original. After tea the party called at Rampton, where a ringing contest had been held before tea. Here, joined by contestants, some of the Kirkby band rang in well-struck Cambridge Minor.

It was already dark by the time the party reached the last tower at Ossington, but unfortunately they were unable to stay long as the rope on the second bell broke and descended upon its ringer!

Mr. William Wagstaff, of Ickwell Green, celebrated his 85th birthday on August 30th He has been a ringer for 65 years, and fellow members of the Bedfordshire Association rang a quarter peal of Bob Doubles in his honour at his home tower.

NO "COLD FEET" THIS TIME!

A three year old ambition was fulfilled for the University of Bristol Society at Leicester on September 11th, when a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus was rung. This was the Society's first attempt at Maximus, having previous met short at Tewkesbury and getting "cold feet" at Birmingham. It is notable that there were seven "firsts" in the band, and one bearded ringer declared afterwards that he had "never struck a blow in the method before." The band was representative, comprising three resident members, six Past Masters, a past secretary and tower secretary, these "eleven other yobs" all being kept in order by a past honorary head gardener and resident grandfather!

U.B.S.C.R. TOUR

The University of Bristol Society enjoyed a pleasant Thames-side tour on August Bank Holiday week-end. Meeting at Caversham on the Saturday, they found several pleasant spots westwards, ringing at Mapledurham (with the Rev. E. Woods), Benson, Dorchester, Wallingford and Pangbourne, the last named being an enjoyable six.

Sunday was spent in Buckinghamshire. Bells at Burnham, Hitcham, Slough and Dorney were all very much enjoyed. Angela and Cliff Blundell not only arranged the day's ringing, but laid on a splendid lunch and tea on their lawn.

Monday, a brilliant day, started at Waltham St. Lawrence and picturesque Bray. Maidenhead (Boyne Hill) bells were enjoyable, and there was good ringing at Cookham. Henley had to be rushed because of holiday traffic. At Shiplake the party were greeted by old friends, Don and Sally Cobb (and son), and enjoyed the bells. Farewells were made at Wargrave after finishing with the by now traditional Stedman Triples.

Thanks are due to all incumbents and ringers who allowed the use of bells, and to Angela and Cliff for such splendid hospitality.

AMBITION REALISED

A peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Minor on September 11th at St. Michael's Church, Appleby Magna, Leicestershire, achieved a long cherished ambition by Charlie Eyre. He learnt to handle a bell at Appleby some 40 years ago and left the district without having a peal recorded there.

For over 20 years no Sunday service ringing has taken place and the infrequent visits of peal bands and tower grabbers have been insufficient to prevent seizure of the slider gear, and clogging of the bearings. And for some years now surrounding ringers had pronounced them unpealable and virtually unringable. However, a few weeks before the attempt Charles, ably assisted by young Gordon, went along with tools and large quantities of oil. The bell loft was cleaned, the sliders, bearings and pulleys freed and lubricated, and the band were able to score a good peal.

In the "local" afterwards the greeting was "Are you the blokes (and blokess) who have been ringing the bells all afternoon?" When the bashful affirmative had been given a local said, "It was really splendid; please come again!"

The band were entertained to a lavish repast at the home of Mrs. Eyre, senior, and sincere thanks are recorded to all who helped to make the attempt possible and the social hour so enjoyable.

B. C. K.

TOWER BELL PEALS

MR. GEORGE E. THODAY'S PEAL WEEK

All peals rung for THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS except where stated.

NORTH TAWTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

Frank D. Mack	Treble	Philip Mehew	5
John G. Gipson	2	C Martin Press	6
Geoffrey Pratt	3	George E. Thoday	7
Arthur C Berry	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
First peal of Major on the bells and the first since 1902.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD
LAUNCELLS, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Swithin
On Mon., Aug. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge, one each of Kent and Oxford T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Alan Tubb	4
George E. Bonham	2	Keith J. Triplow	5
David E. Rothera	3	Giles B. Thompson	Tenor

Conducted by Giles B. Thompson.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD
ST. MABYN, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Mabena.
On Tues., Aug. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. in A flat

A Patrick Cannon	Treble	Alan Tubb	5
Arthur C. Berry	2	C. Martin Press	6
George E. Bonham	3	Philip Mehew	7
David E. Rothera	4	George E Thoday	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD
MAWGAN-IN-PYDER, Cornwall.—At the Church of SS. Mawgan and Nicholas.
On Tues., Aug. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in G sharp.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	C. Martin Press	5
Giles B. Thompson	2	George E. Thoday	6
Alan Tubb	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Keith J. Triplow	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

ILFRACOMBE, Devon.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	George E. Bonham	5
C. Martin Press	2	George E. Thoday	6
*David E. Rothera	3	Philip Mehew	7
Alan Tubb	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal in the method. First of Major on the bells and first since 1926.

BRAUNTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Brannock.
On Wed., Aug 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb. in E.

Keith J. Triplow	Treble	*George E. Bonham	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Arthur C. Berry	6
David E. Rothera	3	Giles B. Thompson	7
Alan Tubb	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.
* 50th peal. 50th as conductor.

BIDEFORD, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Aug. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Giles B. Thompson	5
John G. Gipson	2	*†C. Martin Press	6
Geoffrey Pratt	3	Philip Mehew	7
Keith J. Triplow	4	*George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by George E. Thoday
* 25th peal together. † 100th peal.
Rung for the centenary of the rebuilding and consecration of the church in 1865.

A PEAL TOUR IN CORNWALL

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Candida and the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	Edgar R. Rapley	5
E. Jane Sibson	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Rosamund M. Rawlings	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
Joan Beresford	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD
ST. COLUMB MAJOR, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Columba.
On Mon., Aug. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Edgar R. Rapley	5
Jane Foster	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Susan J. Newman	3	Dennis Beresford	7
Ann E. Fellows	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

ST. ANTHONY-IN-MENEAGE, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anthony
On Tues., Aug. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Edgar R. Rapley	5
Ann E. Fellows	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Jane Foster	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
*Rosamund M. Rawlings	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

TRURO, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Keyne, Kenwyn.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Rosamund M. Rawlings	Treble	*Edgar R. Rapley	5
Ann E. Fellows	2	Kenneth Newman	6
Susan J. Newman	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
Joan Beresford	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* 500th peal.

ST. AUSTELL, Cornwall.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Jane Foster	Treble	Edgar R. Rapley	5
Ann E. Fellows	2	Kenneth Newman	6
Joan Beresford	3	Dennis Beresford	7
Peter M. Wilkinson	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

ST. ENODER, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Enoder.
On Fri., Aug. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Edgar R. Rapley	5
*Alan Carveth	2	*Kenneth Newman	6
*Ann E. Fellows	3	†W. Leslie Weller	7
*Anthony J. Davidson	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Cornwall Surprise Major † 200th peal.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

William Hibbert	Treble	John Phillips	7
G. William Critchley	2	Dennis Randall	8
Andrew N. Stubbs	3	Robert C. Kippin	9
David P. Hilling	4	John S. Mason	10
William T. Cook	5	John H. Crampion	11
Alan J. Frost	6	Michael V. Chilcott	Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by G. William Critchley.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri. Sept. 10. 1965. in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D

John Owen	Treble	Walter S. Rice	5
Leonard Derrick	2	Sidney G. Smith	6
Marjorie Legg	3	George Prescott	7
*Peter J. England	4	John K Baker	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. A. Price.

BATHFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Sat., Sept. 4 1965. in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.

Julian E. Newman	Treble	Thomas W. Harris	4
*Valerie E. Stock	2	*Reginald M. Virgin	5
Edric J. Ovens	3	Alan F. Lee	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Hunt, of Keynsham.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MILTON ERNEST, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court Bob, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's College Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A sharp.

Colin M. Payne	Treble	Bernard G. North	4
Kathleen A. Rivett	2	John B Long	5
James H. Edwards	3	Martyn J. Marriott	Tenor

Conducted by Martyn J. Marriott.
A birthday peal for John Long, organist at this church.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
and
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HEMINGBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven extents in 16 methods: (1) Single and Double Court, (2) London and Wells Surprise, (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Norwich Surprise, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) Plain Bob and Single Oxford, (7) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Ian G. Campbell	Treble	Ronald Ducker	4
Graham K Smith	2	David S. Johnson	5
F. Charles Hobson	3	John S. Rank	Tenor

Conducted by John S. Rank.
Most Minor methods in a peal for all the

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WHITTLESFORD, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Andrew
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Bourne, London, Wells, York, Norwich, Cambridge and Beverley. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Robert D. Bellamy	Treble	George E. Bonham	4
*George E. Thoday	2	J. Richard Castledine	5
Peter Woolven	3	Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 150th peal for the Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
FRITTENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

David S. Osenton	Treble	*Kevin S. Hohl	5
John W. Coleman	2	Peter Adcock	6
Edwin G. Jenner	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Timothy G. Pett	4	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James
Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

H. William Barrett	Treble	Kevin S. Hohl	5
Peter Adcock	2	*Edward J. Jenner	6
*Ann Jenner	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
John W. Coleman	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* 50th peal together.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., Aug. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Mmutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

H. William Barrett	Treble	*Timothy G. Pett	5
Ann Jenner	2	*Edward J. Jenner	6
*D. Paul Smith	3	Stanley Jenner	7
*Kevin S. Hohl	4	Peter Adcock	Tenor

Composed by Chas. Roberts. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method. 100th peal as conductor.

BENENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E.

Cyril S. Jarrett	Treble	Robert T. Lambert	5
Thomas E. Sone	2	Timothy G. Pett	6
Peter Adcock	3	John W. Coleman	7
Kevin S. Hohl	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Sept 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Alan Tubb	Treble	D. John Hunt	5
J. Frank Smallwood	2	Richard J. Bowden	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	John C. Slater	7
James R. Taylor	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by George J. Hawkins. Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.
Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Luke, Bedminster.
On Mon., Sept. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge, Kent T.B and Plain Bob, and one extent of Oxford T.B. Tenor 10 cwt. approx.

James R. Taylor	Treble	Philip M. J. Gray	4
Gillian M. Hussey	2	John C. Slater	5
Michael J. Hobbs	3	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First peal on the bells in more than one method and first on the bells since 1903.

HARESFIELD, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one of 2,160 and 4 different 720's.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Edward Cribbley	Treble	David J. Orledge	4
Alan F. Lee	2	Cyril A. Wratten	5
Leonard C. Edwards	3	*Robert J. Purnell	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to David A. Burt and Barbara Jones, who were married on this day at Blaisdon, Gloucestershire.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BLACKBURN, Lancashire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., Sept. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*Maryl R. Crossthwaite	Treble	Richard J. Parker	6
Cyril Crossthwaite	2	J. Barry Pickup	7
Marilyn C. Smith	3	*Philip J. Crossthwaite	8
John T. Parsons	4	Tudor P. Edwards	9
Jeffrey Kershaw	5	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by J E. Groves. Conducted by Maryl R. Crossthwaite.
* 50th peal together. First in the method as conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Sept. 1, 1965 in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt in E.

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	Allan Scholfield	5
Derek Butterworth	2	John Robinson	6
Christine Andrew	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Edward Jenkins	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by J W Washbrook. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

LYTHAM ST. ANNE'S, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Anne.
On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

Philip J. Crossthwaite	Treble	Richard J. Parker	5
Marilyn C. Smith	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
Jeffrey Kershaw	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Bennett. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Fri., Sept 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

Richard J. Parker	Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw	5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	John H. Fielden	6.
Philip J. Crossthwaite	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

TODMORDEN, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Fri., Sept. 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb

J. Barry Pickup	Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw	5
J. Colin Ashworth	2	*Philip J. Crossthwaite	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	*Richard J. Parker	7
Richard S. Starkie	4	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* 50th peal together.

MANCHESTER.—At the Church of St. James, Birch-in-Rusholme.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Jane Reynolds (C.L. 1st Prestwich Guild Company) .. .. Treble
*Margaret Fish (Ranger—Leyland and District Ranger Company) 2
*Nigel Goulding (T.L 19th Widnes Scout Troop) 3
*John Ridley (P.L 19th Widnes Scout Troop) 4
Roger Leigh (S.M. 2nd Hindley Scout Troop 5
Alan Ward (A.S.M. 5th Chadderton Scout Troop) .. .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Roger Leigh.
* First peal.
Rung to welcome Derek Geoffrey, third child of Joan and Alan Ward, born July 6th, 1965.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSN.
(Llandaff Branch).
PENARTH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Fri., Sept. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr 19 lb. in F sharp.

*Susan Harber	Treble	Christopher Aldridge	5
Nicholas D. Evans	2	M. Jack Pryor	6
†Gwendoline Bidgood	3	Nicholas W. H. Simon	7
Thomas Yeomans	4	†John Barton-Plumb	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker (No. 1). Conduted by N. W. H. Simon.
* First peal. † First on eight. First peal in the method for all the band and on the bells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., Sept. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

W. Arthur Crowder	Treble	Frank G. Bloomfield	5
Walter Ayre	2	George E. Feirn	6
Jack Bray	3	Harold Judd	7
C. Aubrey Harrison	4	John Hall	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Jack Bray
A wedding compliment to Michael W. Crowder and Roseann Pile, who were married at St. Peter's. Barton-on-Humber, on September 4th.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., Sept. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Harold F. Gibson	Treble	A. Robin Heppenstall	5
Joyce M. Gurnhill	2	Geoffrey Paul	6
*Richard A. G. Inglis	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	7
Jack L. Millhouse	4	Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of London Surprise.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St Remigius.
On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Charles H. Moore	Treble	Martin Cubit	5
Nolan Golden	2	*Raymond G Lofty	6
William Clover	3	George Sayer	7
H William Barrett	4	Henry Tooke	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker Conducted by Henry Tooke.
* 100th peal.
A wedding compliment to Mr D. Tate. of Ascot, and Miss E. G. Back, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Back, of Hethersett Hall. Also a welcome to Angela, grand-daughter of the treble ringer.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR
Comprising 3,660 Plain Bob and 1,440 Cambridge Surprise, with 90 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

Reginald W. Rex	Treble	William Butler	5
Eunice A. Lewis	2	Frank W. Lewis	6
Ronald C. Christopher	3	Philip Murduck	7
Brian J. Luff	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal of this combination by all the band.

AMBROSDEN, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*Peter Pearce	Treble	*Brian W. Hall	5
Edward R. Venn	2	*Michael Hatchett	6
*Reginald W Rex	3	Victor Griffin	7
*D. Kay Adkins	4	*Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

Frank W. Lewis	Treble	Ronald C. Christopher	5
Eunice Lewis	2	E Russell Gotham	6
Gordon W. Limmer	3	William Birmingham	7
*Walter G. Knight	4	Howard Oglesby	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by William Birmingham.
* First peal at first attempt
Mr. W. Knight has just arrived in England from St. James' Church, Turramurra, N.S Wales, Australia.

MIDGHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Roger B Pike	Treble	Mrs. S. E. Smith	4
Mary E. Marshall	2	Michael S. Holbrook	5
R. Christine Hassell	3	*David L Wilcox	Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.
* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Surprise by all except tenor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
FLORE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 13½ cwt

Richard J. Danby	Treble	Hugh M. Johnson	4
*Judith A. Ashby	2	*Terence G. Hill	5
†John F. Thorne	3	David J Marshall	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BULWELL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Souls.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

George A. Dawson	Treble	F. William Midwinter	5
Margaret E. Chilton	2	A. Harry Hawcroft	6
Richard A. G. Inglis	3	John R. Pratchett	7
*Susanna Poppleston	4	*Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Pratchett.
* First peal of Triples.
A compliment to John T. Burnup and Katharine Verney, married earlier this day at All Hallows', Gedling.

WINTHORPE, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints and St. Mary.
On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

Harold Stevenson	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	4
F. William Midwinter	2	Maurice W. Harrison	5
Margaret E. Chilton	3	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
A birthday compliment to Ruth Blackshaw.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Fri., Aug. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

Robert E. Lester	Treble	*Alan J. Munnings	4
Mrs. E. J. Lockwood	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Roger K. L. Whittell	3	Neville F. Whittell	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal in five methods.

WETHERDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

Robert E. Lester	Treble	Edward E. Davey	4
Geoffrey H. Pullin	2	John L. Girt	5
Jennifer Andrews	3	Alan R. Andrews	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Sept. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In ten methods, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Norwich Surprise (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Ipswich Surprise, (5) Double Court, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat

Winifred Lockwood	Treble	Robert E. Lester	4
Janet I. Rogers	2	Robin H. Rogers	5
Richard Rose	3	Maurice J. Rose	Tenor

Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

ST. GLUVIAS, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Gluvias.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

George W. Massey	Treble	David G. Massey	5
Frances M. Massey	2	Alan Carveth	6
*Helen A. Hobbins	3	Graham D. Carter	7
Anthony Locke	4	Anthony J. Davidson	Tenor

Composed by Tom Chapman. Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.
* First peal of Major.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Sept. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 HIGHCLERE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb in G.

Eunice A. Lewis	Treble	David J. Forder	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	Michael J. Thomas	6
Frank W. Lewis	3	Robert C. Kippin	7
Brian J. Luff	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal in the method.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

DODDERHILL (Droitwich), Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury.
On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Michael G. Selby	Treble	Arthur C. Berry	5
Edward W. Colley	2	Geoffrey J. Hemming	6
Gerald C. Hemming	3	John C. Eisel	7
Ian Lloyd	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Joseph Pigott. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

STOKE PRIOR, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Richard Bateman	Treble	Arthur C. Berry	5
Ian Lloyd	2	John C. Eisel	6
Geoffrey J. Hemming	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Edward W. Colley	4	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEVERLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

*Alan Sheppard	Treble	†Alan W. A. Leggett	6
F. Charles Hobson	2	Norman V. Harding	7
†Frances Fairbank	3	Ronald Ducker	8
Wilfrid F. Moreton	4	†David S. Johnson	9
*Richard D. Gibson	5	R. Gordon Corby	Tenor

Composed by G. T. Daltry. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

Howard Scott	Treble	W. Eric Critchley	6
*Diana Chapman	2	Harold B. Schofield	7
A. William Kirkby	3	Peter Bridle	8
Mrs. H. B. Schofield	4	S. Barry Schofield	9
†Adrian C. Boorman	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Surprise Royal.

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Being the method known as No. 3 version. Tenor 34 cwt.

Mrs. E. Chaddock	Treble	Vivian Nutton	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Frederick Ross	7
M. Susan Jackson	3	J. Henry Fielden	8
Neil Donovan	4	Stuart Armeson	9
Norman Chaddock	5	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Susan Chaddock and Frederick Neil Johnson, who were married on September 4th.

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E.

Adrian C. Boorman	Treble	Roderick W. Pipe	5
*†Mrs. H. B. Schofield	2	S. Barry Schofield	6
B. Gillian Schofield	3	*Harold B. Schofield	7
Roger J. Lumley	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of 7-spliced on this plan. †100th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

HARWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Sept 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Childwall, Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Roger A. Smith	Treble	*John R. Whitham	4
*John Laughton	2	W. Eric Critchley	5
*Stephen Barton	3	Frederick J. Jackson	Tenor

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung to welcome Rev. Heritage to the parish.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(The St George's Guild, Jesmond.)
JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.
On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods: (1) Single Oxford Bob, (2) Plain Bob, (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Reverse Bob, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.

*J. Geoffrey White .. .. 1—2 | †Rodney A. Yeates .. .. 3—4
†Andrew G. Craddock (cond.) 5—6

* First peal. † 25th peal together.
Rung by the committee of the St. George's Guild.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney.
On Fri., Sept. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

W. Bertram Kynaston .. 1—2 | *Anthony R. Peake .. 5—6
*Brian Bladon .. .. .. 3—4 | †Maurice A. New .. .. 7—8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal of Major on handbells. † First on handbells. First of Major in the method as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 23 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Ealing, Elford, Leatherhead, Lmdum, London, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley, and 160 each of Aldenham, Ashtead, Berkshire, Cambridge, Eastcote, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.
Tenor size 13 in E.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1—2 | Roger Baldwin .. .. .. 5—6
John R. Mayne .. .. 3—4 | Gerald Penney .. .. .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal of 23 Spliced Surprise Major on handbells for the Association.

BUSHEY HEATH, Hertfordshire.—At 39, Titian Avenue.
On Wed., Sept. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 23 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Ealing, Elford, Leatherhead, Lindum, London, Watford, Wembley and Uxbridge, and 160 each of Aldenham, Ashtead, Berkshire, Cambridge, Eastcote, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2 | Roger Baldwin .. .. .. 5—6
*Christopher W. Woolley 3—4 | John R Mayne .. .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Spliced in 23 methods.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of SS. Philip and James' Church.
On Fri., Sept. 10, 1965, in 1 Hour and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Maud Austin .. .. .. 1—2 | John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3—4
John Lindsay .. .. .. 5—6

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of SS. Philip and James' Church.
On Fri., Sept. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

*Maud Austin .. .. .. 1—2 | †John T. Dunwoody .. 5—6
†John Lindsay .. .. .. 3—4 | ‡Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 7—8

Composed by J. E. Burton Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major "in hand." ‡ First peal "in hand."

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Tues., Aug. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

John A. Acres .. .. .. 1—2 | John M. Jelley .. .. .. 5—6
Peter J. Staniforth .. .. 3—4 | Alfred Ballard .. .. .. 7—8
Robert B. Smith .. .. 9—10

Composed by W Pye. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. P. Cannon 1, G. B. Thompson 2, G. E. Bonham 3, S. Brown 4, J. R. Ketteringham 5, A. C. Berry 6, G. E. Thoday (cond.) 7, P. Mehew 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Peter Middleton, a server at this church. Rung during Mr. George Thoday's Peal Week.

TORQUAY, DEVON.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Pollard 1, K. Fursdon 2, C. Pearson 3, T. Clark (cond.) 4, W. Whiddon 5, F. Pearson 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. G. H. Nicholas, Vicar of Torquay, to Miss Herklots.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Sept. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (Fortune and Dedworth, with 7, 6, 8 covering): Shirley A. Cox (14) 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, R. L. Coles (15) 4, I. M. Cox (14) 5, Linda Lee (first quarter, age 13) 6, M. J. Hawkins (15) 7, J. R. Thompson (13) 8. First quarter in these variations by all the band and on the bells. Rung by the local band as a compliment to David A. Burt (member of the band) and Barbara Jones, on the occasion of their wedding, September 11th at Blaisdon, Glos.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan C. McLean 1, Marion E. Addy 2, W. G. Ledward 3, J. Curd 4, D. R. McLean (cond.) 5, D. H. Thorpe 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. N. Chatfield, curate, and his wife.

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Gambling 1, Kaye W. Lynas 2, W. B. Pitcher 3, R. S. Jolly 4, R. K. Russ (cond.) 5, R. G. Stevenson 6. First of Minor for 1, 4 and 6.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Maureen White 1, Mary White 2, Betty Daysh 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A silver wedding compliment to the conductor.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: M. Hawkes 1, C. Haylings 2, J. Smith 3, L. Dovey 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, F. Hawkes 6.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 5th, 1,313 Double Norwich Caters: Monica Horseman 1, P. Bridle 2, R. D. Short 3, E. T. Lee 4, M. J. Horseman 5, J. Gilbert (cond.) 6, J. Brain 7, D. G. Yeo 8, G. Salmon 9, S. G. Smith 10. First by all. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Christine T. Wilkins (first quarter) 1, B. J. Edwards 2, Diane W. Presdee 3, R. G. Mitchell 4, L. J. Floyd (first quarter as cond.) 5, N. J. Cox 6.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Jarvis 1, G. Davis 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, R. Somerfield 4, J. Aldridge 5. In memory of Frank Stone, a ringer in this tower for 65 years.

WILBY, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Barber 1, F. Coales 2, Miss A. Chettle 3, S. Leaberry 4, T Smith 5, R. Cowley (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 4. For the wedding of Miss Lesley Evans to Mr. David Watts at Wilby this day.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Moore 1, Miss E. Halldron (first of Triples) 2, Miss M. Gerrard (first of Triples) 3, A. Howell 4, D. Jordan (first of Stedman Triples) 5, J. Cranmer (first of Stedman Triples) 6, H. Howell (cond.) 7, A. Jordan (first quarter) 8. Rung for Evensong by St. Giles' band for St. Giles' Patronal Festival.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,504 Cambridge Surprise Major: Elizabeth Zass 1, M. Bangham (cond.) 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, Deborah Hopkins 4, Hilary Johnson 5, A. Bagworth 6, R. French 7, A. Bishop 8.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,308 Plain, Little and St. Clement's Bob Minor: P. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, Susanna Poppleston (cond.) 2, P. R. Humphrey 3, S. Humphrey 4, R. Blackler 5, Elizabeth J. Foster 6. For Evensong.

Ringers are always welcome at Gnosall, near Stafford, practices on Friday evenings, but note that ringing is only from 7-8 p.m.

The Chester Diocesan Guild dinner and dance will be graced by the presence of the Bishop of Chester, the Right Rev. G. A. Ellison, D.D., and his wife. The Mollington Banastre Hotel, at Chester, will be the venue. The Rev. P. J. Pasterfield, Vicar of Oxton, and Mr. Fred Dunkerley, former general secretary of the Lancashire Association, are to be the guest speakers.

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BIRTHS

BARTHOLOMEW. — On Tuesday, August 31st, 1965, at the Watford Maternity Hospital, to Mary (née Carnochan) and Donald, twin daughters, Sandra Jill and Helen Ruth.

MORETON. — To Joan (née Roper) and Wilfrid, on September 17th, 1965, a daughter, Frances Madeline, a sister for Adrian and Ralph. 7656

ENGAGEMENT

GROVES—WHITE. — The engagement is announced between Bernard, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. L. Groves, and Valerie Jean, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. White, both of Maidstone, Kent. 7648

PERSONAL

For thus, saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength."—Isaiah xxx, 15.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BOND.—As from Friday, October 1st, the address of the Rev Peter N. Bond will be The Missions to Seamen, Athlone House, Dock Road, Tilbury, Essex. Phone Tilbury 2080 (messages will be taken if out). 7637

PUBLICATIONS

"THE CHURCH BELLS OF GUERNSEY, ALDERNEY AND SARK," price 8s. 9d., post free, to be obtained from the author, Mr Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 7259

"THE THEORY OF CHANGE RINGING,' by A. W T. Cleaver; 3s. (3/6 post free), from Hilton, 19 Lonewood Way, Hadlow, Tonbridge Kent A few copies are also available of "Joseph Hatch, the Ulcombe Bellfounder," 1/10 post free. 7543

MISCELLANEOUS

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS. — St. Lawrence's practice night changed to Tuesdays until further notice. We regret any inconvenience caused.—G. R. Fielding, Tower Capt

BIRMINGHAM—SALTLEY CARILLON.—The 23-bell G and J. Carillon at Parkfield Road, Birmingham 8 (opposite "Country Girl"), can be heard between 6.40 and 7.30 p.m. on Sunday next, September 26th, played by Clive M. Smith. Last Sunday evening recital 1965. 7588

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—St. Andrew's Church, Congresbury, will be holding a Tower Sunday, first Sunday in October. Ringing from 5 p.m until the service and after harvest service. All ringers welcome. 7635

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD — The Annual Dinner-Dance will be held on Saturday, October 9th, 1965, at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, Parkgate Road, Chester. Meet 5.45–6.15 p.m. Tickets 23/- each. All applications for tickets to Gen. Sec. before October 1st, together with remittance. The following towers will be open: Christleton (8) 1–2 p.m., Hoole (6) 2–3 p.m., Handbridge (8) and St. Mary's-within-the-Walls (8), Chester 3–4 p.m., Shotwich (6) and Backford (6) 4–5 p.m.—Henry O Baker, Gen. Sec., 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 7393

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Dinner, Sittingbourne, Saturday, September 25th. Ticket holders only.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7430

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY welcomes ringers coming to Nottingham. The first practice will be at Beeston (8) on Wednesday, October 6th. There will be a stall at the freshers' conference.—John Hallett, Sec.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Service ringing, Sunday, October 10th, 10 a.m St. Mary Magdalene. 10.30 a.m. St. Ebbe. Business meeting, Tuesday, October 12th, 8.15 p.m., North Lecture Room, St. John's. All freshmen welcome.—R. M. Heyworth (University). 7605

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Would all freshers coming to Southampton University in October please contact Mr. P Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. All are welcome. 7632

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.—Flower Festival, October 1st–4th, 1965 Bells (8) available Saturday, 2nd, 2.30–8.30 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30–11 a.m., 5.30–6.30 p.m. Light refreshments available on Saturday. 7651

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Farnborough on Thursday, September 23rd, 7.30–9 p.m. 7645

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Bidston, September 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead 7624

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Darlington on September 25th. Ringing: Heighington, 2-3.30 p.m.; Holy Trinity, 2.30-4; St. John's, 3.15-4.15; and St. Cuthbert's, 4.15-4.30 and 7-9 p.m. Service 4.30 at St. Cuthbert's, and tea at 5 p.m., with business meeting to follow in St. Cuthbert's Hall. Names, please, for tea to Mrs. Cooke, 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington. 7626

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Autumn meeting, Saturday, September 25th, at Dodbrooke Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Ringing arrangements: Dodbrooke (6), 2.30-4.30; West Alvington (6), 2.30-3.45; Kingsbridge (8), 6.30-7.30; West Alvington (6), 7.45-8.45 p.m. Names for tea to me please.—Mrs. M. A. Bould, Branch Sec., Crelake Mews, Tavistock. 7552

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Rural Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Olveston on Saturday, September 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. W. Gibbs, Branch Sec. 7622

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Moreton-in-Marsh, Saturday, September 25th. Bells (8) from 3-4.30 and from 6-7.30 p.m. or later if required. Service 4.30. Tea 5—own arrangements. Meeting 5.30 p.m. —L. C. Dowdeswell, Sec., Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold. Tel. Stow/Wold 350. 7631

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, September 25th, Branch striking competition at Dorney during afternoon. All welcome to ringing in the evening until 8.30 p.m.—Miss Hague. 7502

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — Important autumn meeting on September 25th at Wansford. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. Waller, Sacrewell Mill Farm, Thornhaugh. Thornhaugh (5) also available after tea.—R. H. Daw, Sec. 7623

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Easton Neston on September 25th. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Brangwyn, Hulcote, Towcester. 7629

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, September 25th, Damerham. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. J. Baverstock, 14, West Park Lane, Damerham, Fordingbridge. 7556

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Lyme Regis, Saturday, September 25th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 7577

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Newark District) and LADIES' GUILD (Eastern Branch.—Joint meeting, Balderton, Saturday, September 25th Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me, please.—Mrs. B. N. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton, Newark. 7520

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Joint with EAST DERBY AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. Saturday September 25th, Greasley (8). Bells 3-9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. P M Beach, 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Notts.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 7618

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Hutton Cranswick, on Saturday, September 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs C Harrison, Westholm, Hutton Cranswick, not later than Wednesday, 22nd. Subscriptions payable. Reports available.—R. Ducker, Dis Sec. 7562

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—October 2nd, meeting at Keynsham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Evening ringing will be announced at tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Ellis, 51, Rock Road, Keynsham, by September 30th.—Alan F. Lee, Branch Sec. 7574

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Othery, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells (5) 3 and 6.30-8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Moorlynch (6) 7.30-9 p.m. Names for tea a must.—K. Prime, Ashcott. 7634

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—The next meeting will be held at Radway on October 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea also. It is hoped that Oxhill bells will be available in the evening. Names for tea to P. S. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-upon-Avon (S-upon-A 5701). 7636

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Cockermouth, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by September 29th to R. W. D. Wetenhall, Shatton Lodge, Cockermouth. 7638

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting. Staveley (8), Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Norton (8) available 7-8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Smith, 73, Railway Cottages, Staveley, Chesterfield, by September 29th.—B. P Morris, Sec. 7603

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Dudley, on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business Names for tea must be forwarded to me by September 28th at the latest. Netherton (8) will be available in the evening, if required.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 7583

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Quarterly meeting at Stevenage on October 2nd at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7633

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Tonbridge on October 2nd Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea and Meeting at 5 p.m Names for tea. Please, to W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Sec., 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge, by Wednesday, September 29th. 7593

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, Saturday, October 2nd Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meetings Names for tea to Mr. P. Barnes, Tee Lane, Burton-on-Stather, by Wednesday previous.—C. A. H. 7608

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Bourne, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. Canon H. P Laurence, The Vicarage, Bourne, Lincs, by Monday, September 27th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon Sec. 7625

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—Meeting, Ratby, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec. 7646

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District. — "Riverside Ringing Festival," Saturday, October 2nd. Shepperton (5) 2-3 p.m. Sunbury (8) 3-4.30. Tea in Parish Hall, Hampton, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and evening ringing at Hampton (8). Names for tea to me, please, at 12, Cardinal's Walk, Hampton.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7592

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn general meeting will be held at Wokingham, Berks, on Saturday, October 2nd. Meeting in the Masonic Hall at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4. Service in St. Paul's Church at 5 p.m. Please park in Hall car park and not on road. Tea tickets (3s. 3d. each) on application to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. Ringing arrangements will be sent out with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. Names for tea by Monday, September 27th.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7546

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ringstead, October 2nd. Usual arrangements.—F. Coales, Twywell, Kettering, Northants. 7630

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 2nd, at Westbury (8). Usual arrangements. Names to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts. 7294

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. Meeting at Penistone and Wortley, Saturday, October 2nd. Penistone bells 3 till 5; Wortley bells 6 p.m. onwards. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Champion, 32, Church View Road, Penistone.—J. Seager, Sec. 7643

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Meeting, October 2nd, Wingfield (6), 6.30-9 p.m. Ringers also invited to ring before and after the induction service for the Rev. W. G. Muir at 2.30 p.m. Teas can be reserved by applying to Mr. C. Brown, Church Road, Wingfield, Diss, Norfolk.—L. E. L. 7591

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Lingfield, October 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs G Parsons, 31, Beacon Names for tea to Mrs. J. Parsons, 31, Beacon Hill, Dormansland, Lingfield, by September 29th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 7610

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(Northern Division).

Joint meeting with the Western Division,

Saturday, October 2nd,

WARNHAM.

Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5. Bells 6-7 p.m., followed by social in Village Hall. All ringers welcome.

Names to G. Francis, 35, Friday Street, Warnham, by September 29th. 7639

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Andover District. — Quarterly meeting, Kingsclere, October 2nd Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m Names to Mr. J. Pares, Priory House, Kingsclere, near Newbury Sydmonton bells after tea. 7627

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Meeting at Rayleigh on October 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. J. Hallett, 180, Downhall Road, Rayleigh by Thursday, October 7th. 7642

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District. — Meeting at Kirby-le-Soken, Saturday, October 9th. Service 4.15 followed by tea. Names to Mr. U. W. Wildney, The Croft, Edith Road, Kirby-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea. 7652

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hemyock, Saturday, October 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m Ringing after meeting. Names for tea to L. J. Hart, Hazeldene, Hemyock, by October 6th.—R. C. Woodley Sec. 7640

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Ashford District.—Annual General District Meeting at Folkestone, Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8 25 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Whittaker, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 7650

LADIES' GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS —A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 9th, 1965, at Launceston, Cornwall. **St. Thomas'** (6) 2.30-4.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in **St. Mary's** Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Ringing at St. Mary's 6.30-8.30 p.m Names for tea to me by Monday, October 4th.—Mrs. P Burnham, Branch Sec., 60, Above Town, Dartmouth. 7657

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Annual General Meeting at West Stow (6), Saturday, October 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. **Please do help** the tea caterers by sending names for tea to A. F Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds, by Wednesday, October 6th. 7641

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Mortlake on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at Richmond (8). Names for tea to B. Bull, Asst. Sec., 68, Gowan Avenue, London, S.W.6, by October 5th. 7565

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, October 16th, 1965,

at the Angel Hotel, Peterborough. Assemble 6.30 for 7 p.m. dinner. Tickets £1 1s. each and c.w.o.) from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton, before October 9th.

Films will be shown after dinner.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Thornhaugh (5), Wansford (5), Castor (6), Woodston (6), 3-4.30 p.m.
St. Mary, Peterborough (6) 4-5.30 p.m.
St. John, Peterborough (8), 5-6 p.m.

E. Billings, Gen. Sec. 7621

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Winchester D.G. will be held at Crawley and Sparsholt on Saturday, October 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Monday, please. 7644

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Jasper Snowdon Dinner at the Co-operative Restaurant Rotherham, on October 16th at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (16/6 each) from Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield 3, by October 2nd, stating all names, please. Towers open for ringing: Handsworth (8) 11.30-12.30, St. Marie's R.C., Norfolk Row, Sheffield (8) 1.30-3, Sheffield Cathedral (12) 3.15-5, Rotherham Parish Church (10), 4.30-6. The well-known Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers will entertain. Out-country visitors will be particularly welcome.—N. Chaddock, J. J. L. Gilbert. 7655

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY TOUR

The O.U.S., some 20 strong, arrived at Truro on April 17th. Sunday ringing was confined to Truro Cathedral and some local towers, and Monday heralded the first day of the tour proper Harry Miles and Miss Lidgee joined us, and our organiser, Colin Taylor, made the total up to 23. The day's ringing was in the Bodmin area.

Tuesday dawned bright and clear. The day's towers included the most southerly in the country, Landewednack Wednesday enabled us to wash our feet in the foaming brine at Lelant after perilously traversing a golf course. The best ringing of the day was London at Carbis Bay and Superlative at Penzance. Thursday had several touches of the mythical Kilburn rung, although by now no one was too surprised when the one at St. Austell turned out to be Real Superlative. Lunch was taken at the beautiful town of Fowey, and at 2.30 we all somehow managed to cross the ferry to Polruan to rejoin our coach.

At the last eight of the tour, Liskeard, some good 10-spliced was rung Lack of time prevented a farewell course of Cornwall. The last tower of all, Lostwithiel, is a home of call-change ringers. We were all on our best behaviour and it is hoped our scientific ringing did not compare too badly. After a long evening of jollification the party left on Friday morning. Most of us thought the tour to be over, but those still at college were joined in Oxford on Sunday night by all but two of the others, for further festivities.

The tour was a great success, due mainly to the calm organisation of the unflappable Colin Taylor, to whom we offer our thanks.

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