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REMEMBER!

By DISCIPULUS.

I REMEMBER vividly the difference between the ropes which moved quietly up and down in the hands of the ringers, and that spiteful rope which misbehaved and wouldn't do what I desired—the awe with which I heard that half a ton of bawling metal, very reluctant to obey my nervous jerk. I recall that I was scared to set it at backstroke because I feared it would pull me up to the ceiling, and how my little finger persisted in curling round the rope's end instead of round the sally.

Later on, I knew just when I should strike in rounds, but couldn't. The bell always seemed to thwart me, to drop when it should have balanced, and vice versa. Later still my mind was in such a fever trying to remember Grandsire dodges that I couldn't handle my bell properly. A lady stamped her foot at me for not double dodging. I must have been irritating! I remember the faintly disgusted look of the other five ringers with whom I tried to ring Kent Minor when I couldn't even ring Plain Bob!

I also recall more pleasant things—the first time I rang our tenor and made her throb to my gentle pull. There were amusing times, too. I had nearly rung my first course of Stedman Triples when my rope slipped wheel and refused to complete the course. 'Ah, yes!' you'll say, 'slack rope, tch tch!' But did not the bell in setting pay me a pretty compliment? It was lovely wallowing in 6-7 up for the first time in Stedman Caters, not quite sure with whom I was dodging but trying to look expert.

There was always the thrill of visiting a new tower, meeting new friends and those who were becoming old friends—a differently coloured sally, a novel feel of the balance, a strange sound, sometimes like old dustbins, sometimes incredibly musical and vivacious. Once there was a 35ft. draught without guides, while again the ceiling was so low we had to sit on the chairs provided! The thrill of the unknown is still as strong. I wonder what the bells will be like next Saturday?

I remember my first peal. The first third of it I spent in intense concentration. The second third was intolerably long, while during the last third I had given up hope of it ever ending. This is what hell is like—it just goes on and on. I felt that even if I did want to set my bell, I couldn't have done, so completely was I hypnotised.

On the other hand, I remember the delights of ringing tours, where I got the comradeship and keenness, unfettered by prejudice, that got me on rapidly.

Let us all remember the delights and difficulties of our early attempts, and, above all, let us recall that they were essential to our education. It is a joy to see our younger recruits (I say younger lest I be dubbed old) with the same enthusiasms and faults that make way for proficiency. We must be patient, and in watching their errors we must not think ourselves perfect. To admit one's own faults is the first step on the road to the improvement of the band.

Cambridge University Tour

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.) ... Treble	B. D. PRICE (Emmanuel) ... 6
B. J. E. WHITE (Queens') ... 2	REV. A. THURLOW (Sel.) ... 7
E. M. ATKINS (Cath's) ... 3	† P. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) ... 8
* A. S. WATT (Pembroke) ... 4	J. H. FREEBORN (Clare) ... 9
REV. E. BENSON (Cath's) ... 5	F. E. HAYNES (Cath's) ... Tenor

Composed by S. MARSH.

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method. † First of Royal in the method.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation of Middleton's.

F. E. HAYNES (Cath's) ... Treble	REV. E. BENSON (Cath's) ... 5
REV. A. THURLOW (Sel.) ... 2	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) ... 6
W. H. J. HOOTON (Qns') ... 3	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) ... 7
B. J. E. WHITE (Cath's) ... 4	C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.) ... Tenor

Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

* A. S. WATT (Pembroke) ... Treble	C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.) ... 5
W. H. J. HOOTON (Qns') ... 2	† R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) ... 6
B. D. PRICE (Emmanuel) ... 3	F. E. HAYNES (Cath's) ... 7
REV. A. THURLOW (Sel.) ... 4	† P. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together.

Suffolk and Norfolk Tour

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

FRANK WILLIS-BETTS ... Treble	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 5
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM FISHER ... Treble	FRANK L. FISHER ... 5
HENRY O. BAKER ... 2	ALAN A. POTTS ... 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	PETER LAFLIN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

ALAN A. POTTS ... Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 6
WILFRID F. MORETON ... 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 7
WALTER ALLMAN ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... Treble	T. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 3	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT ... Treble	* WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5
* HENRY O. BAKER ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
PETER LAFLIN ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
ALAN A. POTTS ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

* HENRY O. BAKER ... Treble	ALAN A. POTTS ... 6
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	* WILFRID F. MORETON ... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	WALTER ALLMAN ... 9
JOHN WORTH ... 5	PETER LAFLIN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal on the bells.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF LIVERPOOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

* † GEORGE W. PIPE ... Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
† C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 2	† J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 6
† W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 3	† WILFRID F. MORETON ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. 125th peal as conductor. First peal in the method in the county and for the Guild.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... Treble	PETER LAFLIN ... 5
HENRY O. BAKER ... 2	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
ALAN A. POTTS ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Treble	JOHN WORTH ... 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 2	ALAN A. POTTS ... 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 7
PETER LAFLIN ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.



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CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...Treble	*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 5
GEORGE W. PIPE ... 2	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 6
HENRY O. BAKER ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of London. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5
ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 6
*C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE W. PIPE ...Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 6
HENRY O. BAKER ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 23½ cwt.UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Being 1,312 changes Bristol, and 1,280 changes each of London, Superlative and Cambridge with 109 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE W. PIPE ...Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 6
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5
WALTER ALLMAN ... 2	ALAN A. POTTS ... 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 7
*HENRY O. BAKER ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.BECLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR FIRTH ...Treble	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 2	*J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 7
JOHN WORTH ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN ... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 9
PETER LAFLIN ... 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Royal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 25 cwt. in D flat.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

J. EDWARD CAWSE ...Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... 6
HENRY O. BAKER ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

C. KENNETH LEWIS ...Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... 8
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 9
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER... 10
*ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 11
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 6	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 2, 1949, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Containing 1,440 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 160 changes of method. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

HENRY O. BAKER ...Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
First peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods by all the band, for the Association and in the county.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

IN THE NORMAN TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 6
ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 7
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER... 9
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild. Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

PETER LAFLIN ...Treble	JOHN WORTH ... 6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	*HENRY O. BAKER... 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 8
ALAN A. POTTS ... 4	WALTER ALLMAN ... 9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal away from treble. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 4 Hours.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDS CINQUES, 5103 CHANGES;

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb.

DONALD C. CLIFT ...Treble	PETER A. F. CHALK ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... 2	JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 8
ALFRED B. PECK ... 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 9
DAVID E. PARSONS ... 4	ANTHONY A. F. APPLETON 10
HORACE BELCHER ... 5	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 11
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 6	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... Tenor

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
A birthday peal for Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

ALBERT W. COLES ...Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 8
*STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 3	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD 9
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	H. LESLIE PASK ... 10
KENNETH W. MAYER ... 5	*GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 11
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 6	JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. † First of Yorkshire Maximus inside. First of Yorkshire Maximus as conductor. Tenor 24 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*ALFRED ASHTON Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 6
†EDWARD JENKINS 2	ALFRED SMITH 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	WALTER ALLMAN 9
PETER LAFLIN 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* First peal of Surprise. † 300th peal of Surprise. First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal in the county, by the Association and by all the band. Tenor 35½ cwt.PRITTELEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*CYRIL H. GODFREY ... Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 6
*WILLIAM S. MAY 2	FRANK C. MAY 7
*DONALD COOMBS 3	FREDERICK SOUTER ... 8
ARTHUR HUBBLE 4	*SYDNEY C. EASTER ... 9
WILLIAM PERRY 5	†FRANK B. LUFKIN ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Royal. † 200th peal. Tenor 18½ cwt.WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.On Mon., Sept. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES;

ALAN ELSMORE Treble	†J. NORMAN HADLEY ... 6
P. GEORGE GOLDER 2	†MAURICE G. TURNER ... 7
*JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 3	JOHN N. LINDON 8
†GEORGE W. HUGHES... 4	HOWARD HOWELL 9
ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 5	DERICK J. TRANTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOOREHOUSE. Conducted by M. G. TURNER.
* 50th peal and first of Grandsire Caters. † 25th peal together.
† First peal on ten bells. 250th peal for Howard Howell. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Eastwood.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURWASH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. Treble	*ARTHUR LEWRY 5
FRANK H. HICKS 2	†WM. A. KITCHENSIDE... 6
WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 3	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT... 4	ROBERT J. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN.
* 125th peal. † 150th peal. First peal on the bells since being rehung and augmented to eight. In honour of the wedding of Miss Beryl Ford and Mr. Herbert Hayes.WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.On Sun., Aug. 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF WORDSWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

CHARLES E. BROWN ... Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	H. LESLIE PASK 6
FREDK. W. STOKES 3	JOHN WALDEN 7
JOHN FREEMAN 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.
First peal in this method. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 2	ARTHUR D. COOK 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
First peal in the method by all and for the Society.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILFRED J. NEWMAN ... Treble	RALPH HARRIS 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	PATRICK HARRIS 6
ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... 3	VINCENT A. HEMMING... 7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN... 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWENNOG,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.		Tenor 7½ cwt.	
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW <i>Treble</i>		THOMAS G. MYERS ...	5
*JOHN D. NIBLETT ... 2		GEORGE E. FEARN ...	6
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 3		E. VIVIAN WILLIAMS ...	7
MRS. J. D. NIBLETT ... 4		HERBERT C. SPENCER ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal of Triples on the bells.

ST. AUSTELL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 18½ cwt.	
MRS. J. D. NIBLETT ... <i>Treble</i>		REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ...	2	THOMAS G. MYERS ...	6
MARIE R. CROSS ...	3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ...	7
CYRIL E. LANXON ...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	MAURICE HODGSON 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.		Piano 14 (C)	
ARTHUR BELLAMY Treble	HARRY RICHARDSON ...	5
MRS. G. E. WATSON ...	2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ...	6
BURLEY P. MORRIS ...	3.	GEOFFREY E. WATSON...	7
JOHN KING ...	4	*JOHN E. SKERRITT ...	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. SKERRITT
* First of Cambridge Surprise Major. First in the method as conductor. To celebrate the wedding on August 20th of Miss M. E. Peacock to Mr. D. A. Richardson.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
OLIVER SIPPETTS	<i>Treble</i>	JAMES W. JEFFERY ...	5
MARY HOWELL	2	KENNETH SNELLING ...	6
GEORGE APPS	3	TOM MITCHELL	7
JAMES H. LILLEY	4	EDWIN J. BRETT	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
Rung on the 25th wedding anniversary of the ringers of the 5th.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY (SS. MARY AND GERMANUS),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).		Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb	
JOHN SILK Treble	*RONALD COLDWELL	... 5
CHARLES WM. KING	... 2	FRED TERRY 6
HORACE S. MORLEY	... 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	7
THOMAS H. FOSTER	... 4	†GEORGE STEPHENS	... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. In memoriam Mrs. Margaret Magdalene Read, wife of the Vicar and Rural Dean of Selby.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M.

Ford (first quarter) 1, J. Hayne 2, W. Trevett 3, C. Ford (first quarter 'inside') 4, H. Ford (cond.) 5, A. Ellery 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to the Ven. W. S. Moule, for 17 years Vicar of Abbotsbury, whose funeral took place on the same day.

APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Curson 1, G. Hair 2, P. Beedie 3, J. W. Cotton 4, W. F. Woodward 5, P. W. Grice (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—On Aug. 25th, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Bennett 1, Miss M. Bliss 2, W. J. Rawlings (cond.) 3, A. Bennett 4, F. Leaker 5, C. Barwick 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Peter Draper.

BROADCHALK, WILTS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: L. Harris 1, Miss J. Brown 2, J. Mussell 3, R. N. Marlow 4, F. L. Harris (cond.) 5, A. P. Cannon 6. First quarter-peal on the bells.

CHESTER.—On Sept. 4th, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: J. E. Bonney 1, Miss N. P. Birks 2, R. G. Corby 3, D. H. B. Millward 4, A. B. Close 5, F. H. Birks 6, J. W. Griffiths 7, P. Swindley (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

DEENE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Armstrong 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, C. Sharp (cond.) 3, F. Stanton 4, O. G. Warren 5. First quarter-peal on the bells after rehanging and hanging silent for 31 years.—Also 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): F. Stanton 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, A. Armstrong 3, E. Shouler 4, C. Sharp (cond.) 5.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 4th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,280 Little Bob Major: R. C. Beckett 1, I. J. Attwater 2, P. J. Coward 3, D. H. Langdon 4, A. Wallman 5, J. Roberts 6, J. Towers 7, A. J. House (cond.) 8.

HAYES, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. L. Sills (cond.) 1, J. L. Morris 2, Edna M. Sills 3, Miss Hilda Oakshett 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, F. C. W. Knight 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. F. Todd (first in method) 4, W. J. Croft 5, E. W. Winters 6, C. V. Hare 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

HUNTINGDON.—On Sept. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, R. Peacock (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, C. J. Young 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

LEICESTER.—On Sept. 4th, at the Church of St. John the Divine, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Myatt 1, S. Harrison 2, G. Hebborn 3, Miss J. M. Ward 4, C. Kirk 5, J. B. Bennett 6, A. Cattell 7, W. Clarke 8, Alan Cattell 9, T. A. Thornber (first quarter as cond.) 10.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Hair 1, P. Beedie 2, W. F. Woodward 3, A. Beadsmoore 4, S. H. Jones 5, E. W. Beadsmoore 6, J. W. Cotton (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, P. W. Grice 8.

OVERSEAL, DERBYS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cotton 1, D. Sankey 2, P. Beedie 3, H. Carter 4, J. W. Cotton 5, H. C. Adams 6, W. H. Curson (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. A farewell to D. Sankey, who was on embarkation leave.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 28th, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, Miss N. Shorter 2, E. Fisk 3, D. Sleet 4, W. J. Parker 5, W. Goldstone 6, R. Lathbury (cond.) 7, A. J. Mitchelson 8.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 4th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Cockings 1, H. Price 2, V. B. Hunt 3, F. Kinchin 4, H. Huxley 5, F. E. Lyne 6, J. F. Lyne (cond.) 7, J. Findon 8. A farewell to J. F. Lyne upon his joining the Forces.

THRYBERGH, YORKS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Cynthia Edmondson 1, Shirley Bampton 2, D. Elaine Wright 3, Robin Rhodes 4, Tom Cutts 5, Norman Chaddock (cond.) 6.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Norrish 1, R. J. Bowden 2, P. Mayne 3, S. Green 4, L. J. Parris (cond.) 5, E. J. Taylor 6, J. D. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8.

Round Churches

Dear Sir,—These round churches which are being discovered need a little qualification, i.e., present use as place of worship and mediæval date. I remember, when I was a Lambeth curate in 1908, often seeing in the Blackfriars Road the Rev. Rowland Hill's round church, since used as a boxing ring. And when I went on a hiking tour through Lincolnshire in 1928 I passed through a little village near Spalding which had a round church; I think it was the parish of Moulton. The villagers seemed proud of their round church as I paused to admire it. I asked them why it was built round, but they did not know. I told them it was because the devil could not get in the corners and hurried on! Upon looking back from a considerable distance they were still gazing after me in astonishment.

Tiverton.

J. M. TURNER.

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted, in answer to your correspondent, Mr. A. St. J. M. Boyack, to say how happy I am to learn that the rotunda of the Temple Church, London, suffered comparatively little as a result of the Blitz, which did so much damage to the nave, etc., and to welcome the assurance that it will, when conditions permit, be restored.

I certainly had no desire to write off this fine example from the list of round churches remaining in the country, in order to increase the rarity, as suggested.

There were, I believe, at least eight round churches erected in England in early days.

With regard to Mr. Edwin H. Lewis' contribution to this interesting correspondence, my studies have led me to conclude that the chapel of St. Mary Magdalen in the middle ward of Ludlow Castle has for very many years been in ruins, and I should be grateful to him for any information he is able to give in this connection.

Perhaps Mr. F. E. Collins would also furnish us with some details of the Church of All Saints, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Yours sincerely,
Northampton. W. H. ASHBY.

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year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who
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death in 1942.*

Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, just 'dropped in' on the Leicestershire tour whenever his church and vestry duties allowed. He took part in five of the peals, conducting one. In addition he rang in a handbell peal of Stedman Cinques on the Tuesday evening, and on Friday evening called a peal of Grandsire Triples at Burton Latimer, Northants (seven in all). He was also able to put in a certain amount of genealogical research.

During the tour in Suffolk and Norfolk last month not one peal attempt was lost. The story of the tour should make interesting reading.

Congratulations to Mr. A. D. Cook on ringing his 100th tower-bell peal, which he achieved shortly before his 23rd birthday.

Messrs. U. W. Wildney and G. Waterman have now both 'circled' the tower at St. Nicholas', Harwich.

An advertisement in Leominster Parish Magazine states that there are situations vacant in the local bellringing team. Keenness and determination are the requirements—not muscle.

Three silver wedding peals are recorded this week, rung at Cuckfield for Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jeffery, at Walsall for Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Eastwood, and at Kinver for Mr. and Mrs. Sutton.

Mr. J. Gibson, who took part in the quarter-peal rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Flint, is the only living member of the band that rang for the wedding 50 years ago. Mr. Flint has been a ringer for 50 years.

The claim that the peal at Bottesford on August 4th was the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on the bells is refuted by a report that the method was rung there on August 22nd, 1931, conducted by the late John Flint, of Bolsover.

BELFRY GOSSIP

On June 19th, Mr. John Clark, of Heckington, Lincs, celebrated his 82nd birthday, also completing 60 years as a ringer at Heckington Church and captain of the band for 40 years. Mr. Clark still rings for services and nothing gives him more pleasure than a touch of Stedman and to turn the tenor in to Double Norwich. Mr. Clark is one of the few foundation members of the Lincoln Guild alive to-day. On August 27th a peal of Bob Major was rung in honour of this event at St. Andrew's, Heckington.

So far this year Mr. A. V. Pearson has scored 20 peals of Surprise Major, which include 12 different methods.

Mr. M. P. Moreton, conductor of the peal of Double Norwich at Great Bentley, Essex, had not previously called any touch in the method.

A ringer's silver badge of the London County Association has been found near Harrow Weald Church. The loser should apply to Mr. H. G. Hart, Woodside, Uxbridge Road, Harrow Weald, Middlesex.

Congratulations to the band at St. Oswald's Church, Bidston, Cheshire, who, although only starting to ring since the 'ban,' have already reached Surprise status, and have three budding conductors who have called peals.

Mr. A. Roberts is one of the two surviving members of the band which rang a peal of Plain Bob Minor in 1889 at St. Mary-de-Lode Church, Gloucester. This refutes the claim that the peal on August 13th was the first of Minor on the bells.

At Bourn, Cambs, on August 31st, was rung a peal of Kent Treble Bob to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the restoration of the bells and addition of the two trebles. The method, time taken and conductor were the same as 25 years ago. Messrs. Dennis and Cook also took part in the original peal.

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A LEICESTERSHIRE RINGING TOUR

LEICESTERSHIRE—a land of green pastures and running waters, covering an area of 820 square miles in the heart of England.

If we run down its 20 centuries we glean a romantic tale. Its capital was the chief town of Central Britain in Roman days. Its glory passed away and the town faded into the background until the arrival of a Norman lord, who married the Earl of Leicester's sister. His name was Simon, and from this alliance sprang that Simon de Montfort who married the King's sister, but put himself on the side of Magna Carta and the barons, and founded the first Parliament in the world before he fell on the battlefield of Evesham. Then came the blood-stained Richard on his way to Bosworth, being slain there, buried in Grey Friars Church, and then thrown into the river to pollute its waters. One noble man and one ignoble man the rivers of Leicestershire have received in death—it was the Swift which carried the ashes of Wyclif to the sea and the Soar that was stained with the dust of the last Plantagenet.

So with this heritage as a background the Leicestershire tour opened. For the entire week the meeting place was in the shadow of St. Margaret's, whose tower contains the heaviest ring of bells in the diocese.

On Saturday morning the party struck off in a northerly direction via Belgrave, Birstall, Mountsorrel and Quorn, all with rings of eight, the last-named tower reminding one of the 9,000 odd changes of Treble Bob Major rung with a single in the late 1890's.

At the bell foundry at Loughborough an attempt for New Cambridge Major went well until, alas, after an hour's ringing, down came Fred Grocott's rope—a repetition of last year's tour. However, young Alan soon had another rope fixed and this splendid light eight poured out music equal to some of twice their mettle and metal. Frank Trotman called the bells into rounds under 2½ hours.

A very quick run of 30 miles S.S.W., calling at Barwell for refreshment, brought us over the border to Chilvers Coton, the home of George Eliot, the famous writer. Coton has a history all on its own, and the rebirth of the church in recent years will form a large part of its history in the future. The tower only survived complete devastation by the war, and some grand work by German P.O.W.'s under the guidance of the Rev. — Murray has given back to Coton a church worthy of its tradition.

A quick peal of Stedman Caters was brought round by W. P. Whitehead, but ringing here would be a greater pleasure if the new trebles were more audible. As there was still time for another peal, it was decided to ring for three associations in one day, but as the petrol gauges of J.W.F.T.'s car read O, and would not permit ringing in three counties, a peal of Bob Major 'in hand' at the home of Frank Trotman brought a busy day to a close.

Sunday morning found the party in their rightful place, ringing a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at Barwell, where holidays had depleted the local band for the day. Barwell was put on the map by the first peal of Major for the old M.C.A. in 1889, in the late Arthur Aldham's day, and since the addition of two trebles in 1902 Barwell has maintained its position in the world of ringing.

After service a pleasant run through wooded country found Gilmorton nestling under tall elms. The local worthy, Mr. Broughon, met the party at the church, which is dedicated to All Saints and boasts 19 stained glass windows and a broach spire.

From the ground floor a peal of Bristol was successfully concluded, being the first in the method for the 'twins' from the Potteries. While an impromptu tea was being prepared the party indulged in handbell ringing and 'Twenty Questions.'



Left to right: F. W. Grocott, local verger, J. W. F. Trotman, F. E. Wilshaw, A. Cattell, W. P. Whitehead, E. Morris, A. Mould, J. Bramley.

Monday saw the party at Sileby. Here the genial Mr. Draper, of the local band, gave every assistance before another attempt of Bristol. Back again to Mountsorrel, pleasantly situated on rising ground on the west side of the navigable River Soar; and noted for its enduring red granite. Arriving at St. Peter's with its interior tower measurements of 8ft. square, Frank had the satisfaction of bringing a peal of Cambridge Major to a conclusion—the first on the bells and only the third Surprise peal on the bells in 40 years!

Syston St. Peter's had been arranged for the evening, and the local verger and ringer, Mr. Ernest Payne, was met at 6 p.m. half an hour behind schedule. So it was decided not to start for a peal and so avoid being caught in the net of late peelers.

A visit to Earl Shilton was arranged for Tuesday morning, but owing to a funeral service being held an attempt at Bob Royal 'in hand' was started. After a quarter-peal had been rung a dropped shilling caused 'curtains up.' Then followed a four-course lunch at Barwell, where Dick Belton raided hen-house, greenhouse, garden and larder in the absence of his wife. Fred had charge of the mashing and it was probably this which caused the downfall of the attempt at Earl Shilton in the afternoon after 1½ hours of Bristol.

Frank's cab was again commissioned for the evening's visit to Ratby, notable for its massive tower. The tuneful eight were set off at a brisk pace to Stedman Triples and rounds came up five minutes before curfew hour.

Wednesday morning's agenda was Belgrave St. Peter's, where the south doorway of the Norman period attracted the attention of the 'cultured.' Yorkshire was chosen, and this method was adhered to for the remainder of the tour.

Oakham, in Rutland, presented a problem of transportation. Three teen-agers got in some useful pre-Army training by hitchhiking the whole way, the remainder relied upon Frank's 'old faithful.' Mr. Higgs met the first arrivals and it was found the responsible person had gone away for the day, leaving the key locked in his own house. Thereupon Mr. Higgs, seeking permission from the Vicar, scaled the church wall so that entrance was effected from above, and he was able to take

the lock from the door. High above Oakham's lovely church, with its big windows, handsome pinnacles and richly buttressed canopies, is something which can be seen wherever one goes in these old streets. It is Cock Peter watching over the town, a weather-vane which must be one of the oldest in England, for it is said to have shown the way of the wind to men travelling to Agincourt. Peter crowns the graceful 14th century spire, the glory of Oakham's noble tower, which bears the figure of Christ and two saints. The name is its great pride, its arches resting on slender clustered pillars, the admiration of all who visit All Saints'. Here are figures of angels singing, a fox running off with a goose, a monkey with a heavy weight round its neck, the crowning of the Madonna, a beast playing an instrument, a man with foliage springing from his mouth, and an angel driving Adam and Eve from the Garden.

This ring of bells must be the admiration of all ringers, when rung at a 3½ hours' pace its full beauty is heard. The teen-ager from the Potteries must be congratulated on turning in this 23 cwt. tenor to Yorkshire and also conducting his first Surprise peal. The return journey was memorable for its beautiful scenery.

Thursday's venue was to Bottesford in the northernmost tip of the county, 25 miles north-east of Leicester. Here again in this rich agricultural district an excellent ring of bells with a tenor of 22 cwt. was rung to Yorkshire Major. What a grand church is here, with its Rutland family tombs giving connection with Belvoir Castle, which stands on high ground some three miles to the south-east. St. Mary's graceful spire is a landmark for miles around the vale of Belvoir. The peal was rather slow, taking 3 hours 45 minutes, forming a contrast to the usually fast speed maintained by Guild ringers.

Friday was the final day of the tour and the party confined activities to the precincts of the Bell Foundry at Loughborough. In the morning and afternoon two peals of Yorkshire were successfully concluded, but in the evening the fatigue of the hectic week was beginning to show, and owing to indifferent striking the bells were set with only several minutes to go.

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OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MRS. E. E. EDWARDS.

Many ringers, and particularly those of Portishead (Somerset) Parish Church, will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Ellen Elizabeth Edwards, aged 59, after a short illness, on August 22nd. She commenced a distinguished ringing career in 1905, being taught to ring by her father, the late Mr. W. Gillingham, captain of the Portishead ringers for 45 years.

In 1909 she became the first woman in the country to conduct a peal, and among other peals took part in 1912 in the first ladies' peal at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, London. She was a foundation member of the Ladies' Guild and hon. secretary to the Western District for many years, and took part in the first peal for the Ladies' Guild, rung in her own tower.

At the burial in the Parish Churchyard many ringers were present. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside, followed by the 'whole pull and stand,' and change ringing on the tower bells, half-muffled.

She will be greatly missed in her own tower, and remembered with affection and respect for her loyalty and devotion to the service of the Church. She leaves one son, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

MR. WALTER YEEND.

After suffering indifferent health, which caused him to give up the secretaryship of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, Mr. Walter Yeend died on August 25th, aged 61, and was buried on the following Monday at Swindon Village.

Many members of the Association were present at the interment, and short touches were rung on the five bells in the tower of which Walter had been a ringer for many years.

Mr. Yeend became secretary of the branch in February, 1923, and resigned in March, 1946. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, took part in several peals and once called Holt's Original at Prestbury, but his greatest pleasure was in the teaching of others, and many owe much to his ability as a tutor. An in memoriam peal was rung at Leckhampton on September 10th. C. R.

LEICESTERSHIRE TOUR—continued

So the tour ended with eleven tower-bell peals and one handbell peal scored. Six members shared the conducting, there were 12 instances of 'first in the method' and six instances of 'first in the method as conductor.' Alan Cattall must be complimented on ringing his 100th peal at the age of 18. One peal was rung for the North Staffordshire Association, one for the Coventry Guild and the remaining ten for the Midland Counties Guild.

Those taking part in the tour were Fred E. Wilshaw and Fred W. Grocott, both of the North Staffs Association, who were responsible for the outcome of the tour in the first instance; Frank Trotman, of the Coventry Guild, without whose vehicle the 'movement of troops' would not have been possible; Alfred Mould, of the Derby Association, whose 500 c.c. proved invaluable; Ernest Morris, Walter Whitehead, Alan Cattall, John Bramley and John Morris, all of the Leicester Guild.

Sincere gratitude is extended to all incumbents and local captains of the towers visited, Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the use of the foundry bells, and the hospitality of all who helped to make the tour a happy and successful one.

T. C. B.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Wacev 1, P. Warboys 2, W. T. Prior 3, E. Garbett 4, F. Springham 5, H. M. White 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, T. Camp 8. First quarter of Triples for 2 and 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Rev. Wm. McCarthy.

MR. WILLIAM TAYLOR.

AN APPRECIATION.

Mr. William Taylor was not quite 65 when he passed away, but up to his fatal illness he had lived a full life and found time to be interested in many things. In addition to his trade as a carpenter, he was a teacher at the Harris Technical College, Preston, for many years. He was a Freemason and an active Oddfellow.

Mr. Taylor learned to ring on the old six at Penwortham under his father, the late Mr. J. R. Taylor, and joined the Lancashire Association in 1902. Being gifted with a mathematical mind, he soon made rapid strides and rang peals when they were not as common as they are to-day. The theoretical side began to attract him and he retained his interest up to his death. In passing, an amusing incident happened between him and the Rev. H. Law James. He had written a long treatise to the latter on method construction and sent it proudly to H.L.J. for his perusal and approval. A curt reply ran: 'Some of your statements are few but not true, whilst others are true but not new.' Nothing daunted by this rebuff, Taylor carried on his researches and later became a firm friend and correspondent of Mr. J. A. Trollope.

Teaching beginners was also one of his hobbies and the present-day Penwortham band contains several of his pupils. It was a great grief to him that after being elected vice-president of the Lancashire Association he could not get to meetings.

Mr. Taylor suffered from gas poisoning in World War I. and never seemed the same man physically after that. In March, 1948, he was hurrying for a bus to attend night school when he fell in the road. A broken fibula was the result, but later Parish's disease was diagnosed, and though he kept cheerful up to a month ago, he had to take to his bed in late July and rapidly worsened.

Mr. Taylor had rung just 100 peals, ranging from Plain Bob to Superlative, and will be very much missed in the Preston area of Lancashire. May he rest in peace.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of Mr. Taylor took place on September 5th amidst many signs of esteem.

The family mourners were the widow, Mr. C. B. Taylor (brother), Major and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. R. W. Collet (nephews and niece), Mr. and Mrs. Barlow (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor (cousins) and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Collet.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Penwortham, assisted by the Rev. F. F. Rigby, president of the Lancashire Association. The Freemasons' service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. — Goodall, of Singleton. The Lancashire Association was represented by Messrs. P. Crook and A. Tomlinson (C.C. representatives), F. G. Bradley and L. Walsley. Many ringers were present from nearly every branch, whilst the Masonic brethren attended in very large numbers. Half-muffled ringing took place before and after the service, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by Messrs. E. Cowperthwaite 1-2, E. R. Martin 3-4, P. Crook 5-6, H. Lloyd 7-8.

And so passes to his rest a very worthy member of the Exercise, one who for all his great gifts never sought any publicity and had a complete absence of 'side' or affectation.

E. R. M.

MR. W. R. MELVILLE.

Mr. William R. Melville, of Kingsworthy, near Winchester, died suddenly on September 7th following a heart attack. A ringer for 63 years, he was associated with Holy Trinity Parish Church, Guildford, for 21 years. The funeral was at Kingsworthy Parish Church on September 12th. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

MR. CHARLES PETTY.

His many friends will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Charles Petty, of Christ Church, Wanstead, Essex. Mr. Petty passed away on August 25th at the age of 67.

The funeral service took place at Christ Church, Wanstead, the bells being rung half-muffled as the cortege entered the church. Among those attending the service were Messrs. J. Chalk, W. Nelder, C. Hughes and C. Morris, representing the Essex Association. At the interment, which took place at the Old Churchyard, Wanstead, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by G. Dawson 1-2, F. V. Gant 3-4, A. W. Brighton 5-6, G. W. Faulkner 7-8.

Mr. Charles Petty had been connected with Christ Church for about 50 years. He was a keen and ardent churchman and had taught all his family to ring—his daughter, Mrs. J. Crampion, was for many years secretary of the S.W. Division of the Essex Association.

No great peal ringer, Sunday ringing and service to the Church were the essence of Mr. Petty's life. Of a cheery disposition, he had been in failing health for the past twelve months, having never recovered from the loss of his wife a few years ago.

May they rest in peace together.

MR. HAROLD SIMS.

The death occurred on September 3rd of Mr. Harold Sims, 37, Lower Church Street, Chepstow, Mon., at the age of 58 years. Although not a peal ringer, he was at one time a regular service ringer and towerkeeper at Chepstow. He had not rung in recent years, but his son has been doing a good deal with new entrants to keep the bells going for Sunday services, which they attend.

Testimony to the high respect in which he was held was evident from the large number present at Chepstow Cemetery. The ringers present included Messrs. Hobbs and T. Lewis, S. Jones (Newport), B. Tamplin (Tidenham), who walked to the cemetery with his own grown bunch of flowers and is in his 75th year. Among the many wreaths was one from the ringers.

The bells were rung half-muffled in the evening, when upwards of 20 ringers were present, Mr. S. Jones acting as conductor.

MR. ARTHUR HARWIN.

A ringer for over 30 years at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, Hampstead, Mr. Arthur Harwin, of 70, Colchester Road, Burnt Oak, Edgware, Middlesex, died on September 9th, aged 79. He formerly lived at Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk.

MR. JAMES MORGAN.

An original member of the Chester Diocesan Guild, Mr. James Morgan, of Pulford, died on September 4th, aged 81 years. The funeral was at Pulford on September 7th. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

MR. F. W. ROGERS' 400 SURPRISE PEALS

The following is a list of Mr. Rogers' peals:—Cambridge Surprise Maximus 5; York Surprise Maximus 1; Cambridge Surprise Royal 49 (conducted 18); Yorkshire Surprise Royal 12 (6); Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal 3; New Cambridge Royal 1; Cambridge Surprise Major 71 (38); New Cambridge Surprise Major 7 (5); Superlative Surprise Major 61 (29); London Surprise Major 80 (33); Bristol Surprise Major 47 (21); Yorkshire Surprise Major 27 (16); Painswick Surprise Major 4 (4); Lincolnshire Surprise Major 4 (2); Pudsey Surprise Major 1 (1); Norfolk Surprise Major 1; Rutland Surprise Major 1 (1); Ashted Surprise Major 1 (1); Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major 1; Spliced (4 methods) 20 (6); Cambridge Surprise Minor 3 (3); total 400 (184).

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*JOHN G. GIPSON ... Treble	CHARLES W. COOK ... 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 2	HENRY DUNNINGTON ... 6
CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON ... 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 4	MANSFIELD GINN ... Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

MADELEINE G. CAMPBELL Treble	THOMAS W. CROWE ... 5
MARGARET FIDELL ... 2	GORDON JOHNSON ... 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... 3	RICHARD A. GOFTON ... 7
JOYCE P. GAYMER ... 4	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

FRED ORRIS ... Treble	GEORGE W. MOSS ... 5
EDWARD B. SMITH ... 2	RONALD G. BUGG ... 6
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 7
EDWARD E. DAVEY ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

SIX BELL PEALS

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four different extents of Kent Treble Bob and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 22 cwt.

ROBERT B. SMITH ... Treble	RONALD COLDWELL ... 4
CHARLES WM. KING ... 2	HERBERT COOPER ... 5
JOHN J. TAYLOR ... 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
Rung on the back six.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. Frequency 865 c.p.s.

ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble	† T. A. THORNER (17) ... 4
*JOHN M. MYATT (18) ... 2	ALAN CATTELL (18) ... 5
†COLIN A. KIRK (18) ... 3	JOHN B. BENNETT (17) ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

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

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Morning Star, five each of Old Doubles and Plain Bob, ten extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 20 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

DIANA E. RAYNER ... Treble	FREDK. R. HARRIS ... 4
THOMAS E. STEAD ... 2	LESLIE EVANS ... 5
E. PETER ROCK ... 3	JOHN D. ROCK ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob, two extents of Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

*GORDON F. PICKTHALL Treble	ERNEST T. CARVELL ... 4
†STANLEY D. SUTTON ... 2	JOHN COOKE ... 5
A. LENNARD SHEPHERD ... 3	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal in four methods. † First peal. Tenor 8½ cwt.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz., London, Alhwick, Chester, Carlisle, York, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

*JAMES M. PEMBERTON ... Treble	†THOMAS SMITH ... 4
*A. TREVOR SUTTON ... 2	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON ... 5
ALFRED W. CUSICK ... 3	†ARTHUR K. HUMPHREYS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR K. HUMPHREYS.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in seven Surprise methods.
† First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells by a local band. A birthday compliment to Sylvia D. Pryce.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS E. RICE ... Treble	J. POUNDS ... 4
MISS V. DRAPER ... 2	C. ACKERS ... 5
R. CRITCHLEY ... 3	A. MAWDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.

To commemorate the 71st birthday of R. Critchley.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one 240's (eight by Morris, seven by Price and six by Pitman). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

JOAN WRIGHT ... Treble	HENRY P. COLLIN ... 4
MARY SMITH ... 2	JAMES H. MUSSON ... 5
*JAMES W. HAW ... 3	FRANK R. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal. Arranged for James W. Haw, who is shortly leaving the district.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT G. GODDARD Treble	CHARLES HARRINGTON ... 4
JOHN SITCH ... 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ... 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3	HARRY TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., Aug. 28, 1949, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
ON TOP OF THE TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor size 17 in A.

*JOHN B. BENNETT ... 1-2	ALAN CATTELL ... 3-4
TERRANCE A. THORNER ... 5-6	

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* First peal 'in hand.' First of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand' for all.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	DEREK G. GOODMAN ... 7-8

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
First peal as conductor. Arranged for Messrs. Warwick and Goodman, of Leicester. Tenor size 17 in A.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT 11, EXTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 4120 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,024 each of Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob; 768 each of Wellington Little Court and Gainsborough Little Bob; 512 Little Bob. 383 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	ROY C. HURST ... 7-8

Composed by NOIAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
First peal in six spliced methods by all and for the Guild 'in hand.'

Cambridge University Guild

A SUSSEX TOUR.

Brighton was the headquarters this year for the annual tour of the Cambridge University Guild. Fifteen members took part, including Miss Benedicta Whistler, the first lady member to attend the tour. The nucleus stayed at the Central Hotel, the party being organised by B. D. Price.

On Monday, August 29th, we met at the Good Shepherd, Brighton, where there were just enough to ring the octave. After dinner, a larger party rang at Aldington, and ten methods were rung on the pleasant six. Tuesday saw an unfruitful excursion to Cuckfield, where two attempts at Double Norwich came to grief. However, we joined the 'extras' at Bolney, and the mellow eight soon swayed to Surprise. After a good lunch at Cuckfield we hared off to ring at Hurstpierpoint, and then on the spur of the moment decided to ring at Ditchling, where the 4th is the lightest of the eight, and the 6th is lighter than the 2nd. There followed a dash into Brighton (certain members were alleged to reach 53 m.p.h. through Preston!) for tea and a successful peal attempt for Kent Royal at St. Peter's.

Wednesday started with a highly illegal dash to the beach before breakfast, and an excursion to Ringmer, where a peal of Cambridge was scored. In the afternoon we visited two eights in Eastbourne (St. Mary's and Christ Church), where we were honoured by the company of ladies of the Universities Association. Again more illegal bathing, a rush back to dinner, and we joined in the practice on the ten at St. Nicholas', Brighton.

We held our Corporate Communion at St. Peter's, Brighton, on Thursday morning, the Rev. B. F. Sheppard officiating. We owe our best thanks to the verger, who helped in making the service so beautiful, and to the lady helper who gave us tea afterwards.

After breakfast, the organiser got in the wrong train, and half the peal party saw their train sail out of the station. We met late at Chichester Cathedral, but scored a peal of Superlative Surprise. We were by now 50 minutes behind, and a certain well-known clergyman was observed running down West Street eating a meringue on the way to the station! Unfortunately we had to omit Littleworth (Canon Simpson's bells), but soon the eight of St. Mary's, Pulborough, were tapping round, and a touch of Cambridge was brought round by a s-n-g-l. Later in the day, at the annual meeting, it was decided to hold the next tour at Cambridge, it being the fifth year after the last Cambridge meet.

Friday saw some concentrated tower-smashing to the disgust of the more peal-minded. The fine eight at St. Peter's, Henfield, were soon ringing Double Norwich and Bristol, then on to Steyning and Upper Beeding. At lunch, attendance reached its maximum of 14. Shoreham made the fourth octave of the day. Here, midst electricians and water-pipe engineers, the first course by all of Double Coslany was rung (not without snapping!). In the afternoon we sampled the heavy six at Goring and the lighter six at Tarring.

On Saturday, unfortunately, we met one short at Fairwarp, but various Minor methods were rung on the fine back six. In all we rang at twenty towers, the methods rung being Cambridge, London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Superlative Surprise, Kent and Oxford, St. Clement's, Avalon Court, Double Coslany, Little Bob, Double Court, Woodbine, Plain Bob, Stedman, Grandsire. We are indeed indebted to the tower leaders and clergy for so kindly granting the facilities we enjoyed so much. B. D. P.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Gibson 1, F. Littlewood 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, H. Bell 4, H. Clayton 5. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Flint and for Mr. Flint's 71st birthday.

Midland Counties Guild

Rolleston-on-Dove, situated in the northern part of the Diocese of Lichfield, was the venue for the Guild meeting on September 3rd.

Bells were available from 3 p.m. onwards, and methods rung included Double Norwich, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Little Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman, Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, whilst other requests were met by the Ringing Master (Mr. B. G. Key).

Through the kindness of the churchwardens and the local members, all present were entertained to an excellent tea, for which the chairman (Mr. W. H. Curson) offered appreciation, also adding thanks to the Rector—absent through illness—for use of the bells, with a wish for his speedy restoration to health. A collection for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to 16s. 6d.

Visitors were welcomed from Derby, Norton-in-the-Moors and Copt Oak, whilst members attended from Burton (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Ashby, Repton, Measham, Lullington, Ticknall, Overseal and Netherseale.

70th BIRTHDAY PEAL

Mr. Frederick Sheraton, of Chester-le-Street, learnt to ring at the local tower over fifty years ago and he has been associated with it throughout his ringing career, except for a break of a few years when he was working and living near Hexham. On his retirement about two years ago he returned to reside in Chester-le-Street and a recent removal has brought him to live almost on the doorstep of the belfry.

Fred is well known as a ringer in this area, as he was for many years vice-president of the Western District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. His first peal was on the original six at Chester-le-Street in June, 1897, with his brother as conductor. Chester-le-Street was the obvious choice for a peal to celebrate his 70th birthday, and arrangements were made to ring Stedman Triples. After this failed plans were hurriedly revised and a substitute was called up by telephone. While awaiting his arrival the band partook of refreshment it had not earned, which was generously provided by Mr. and Mrs. Sheraton. The band tenders its thanks for the hospitality, the quality of which may well account for the energy with which the ringers returned to the tower to tackle Kent Major and ring what is believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

Incidentally, Mr. William Sheraton, who conducted the 1897 peal, is still ringing regularly at Houghton-le-Spring at the age of 82. Fred Sheraton at 70 was not the 'father' of the peal band, that honour belonging to Mr. J. E. R. Keen, Ringing Master at Newcastle Cathedral.

Leaving this longevity, it may be mentioned that the youngest member of the band (Mr. Denis A. Bayles, the conductor) scored his 100th peal, which appropriately enough was in his home tower. D. A. B.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BICESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting was held on September 3rd at All Saints', Middleton Stoney. This beautiful old church is ideally situated in Middleton Park.

The ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 7.30 p.m. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. Sawyer) and the sermon was preached by the Rev. H. E. Jones (Rector of Fringford), who pointed out that ringers were the first 'broadcasters' and that their work was not only to call the worshippers to church, but to enable those who were unable to attend the service to join in spirit.

The business meeting followed tea and was presided over by the Rector. There were present Mr. W. Hibbert (Guild secretary), Miss M. Cross (Guild librarian), Mr. C. Kinch (branch secretary) and 23 members and friends.

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is one penny per word, minimum 2s. For additional insertions with no change one-half above charge for each insertion.

Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

BIRTH

UDALL.—On Sept. 11th, 1949, at School House, St. Luke's Street, Chelsea, to Jane (née Justice), wife of Albert Frank Udall, a son (Rodney William). A brother for Roger. 5795

DEATH

FORDHAM.—On Sept. 5th, 1949, at 8, Kingsway, Mildenhall, Mary Louisa (Millie), dearly loved wife of Percy and mother of Phyl and Bubbles, passed peacefully away. 5783

MISCELLANEOUS

SILVER INKPOTS.—Bell shaped. Ideal for presentation or gift. From 5 gns. — E. H. Ronnebeck, 183, High Street, Guildford. 5630

HYMN FOR RINGING FESTIVALS specially composed for all appropriate church services. Words and music (both descriptive) from A. Bennett, Secretary, Times Office, Tavistock, Devon. Single copies 6d. post free, 3s. per dozen. Larger orders further reduced. Proceeds to Devon Thanksgiving (Blitzed Churches) Fund. 5661

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Will any ringers coming up in October please contact Miss Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Elkstone, near Cheltenham. 5770

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.—All ringing temporarily suspended owing to danger of masonry falling.—G. E. Symonds, Hon. Sec. 5779

PUBLICATIONS

SURPRISE METHODS.—350 Surprise Royal and Maximus, 2s.; second edition, 370 Surprise Major, 2s.; post free. 160 Unnamed Methods sold out. Postal orders to A. J. Corrigan, Bitton, near Bristol. 5796

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS' will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

INSTALLATION, Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bell-frames and Fittings. An essential Central Council handbook for every tower. Price 1s. post free. Hon. Librarian, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West District.—A meeting will be held at Clavering (6) on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. 5700

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Feering (8), Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Kelvedon bells available during the evening.—H. A. Pratt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5712

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells at 2.30.—W. H. Shaker and F. Dunkerley, Hon. Sec. 5736

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Cambridge and Hunts Districts at Bourn, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Tea and cakes provided. Please bring some food. — H. L. Martin, S. Gilbert, Dis. Secs. 5726

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Iwerne Minster, Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 p.m. Visitors welcome.—Write Rev. Wm. Uphill, Hon. Sec., Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham. 5734

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly business meeting Bolney (8), Sept. 17th, 3. 5743

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Macclesfield (10), Sept. 17th, 3 p.m. Tea provided for all who send names to J. Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. 5737

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Meeting at Brinklow, near Rugby, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—F. Pervin. 5775

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Northampton on Sept. 24th. St. Sepulchre's bells, 2.15 to 3 p.m.; St. Peter's 3.15 to 4.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Giles' 7 to 8 p.m.; Moulton, 7.15 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. M. Valentine, Billing Arbours, Moulton, Northampton, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 20th. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 5732

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Drayton, Sept. 24th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 20th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon. 5730

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Westoning on Sept. 24th. Please note date. Bells (6) at 3. Tea at 5.—Valerie Willard, Hon. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 5706

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Buckerell, Sept. 24th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea after by ticket only (2s.) to Mr. F. Parr, Butts, Buckerell, Honiton, not later than Sept. 19th. There is a good bus service from Honiton and Sidmouth Junction.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec., 2, Paternoster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 5739

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual festival and dinner will be held at Durham on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The Association service will be held at 3 p.m. in conjunction with the Cathedral evensong, after which the bells will be available. Committee meeting in choirmen's vestry immediately after service. The dinner, followed by the meeting, will be held at the Three Tuns Hotel at 6, price 9s. each. Will persons intending being present please notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 21st?—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. 5759

OXFORD GUILD and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting Saturday, Sept. 24th, Farnham Royal, 2.30. Tea 4.30. Stokes Poges 6. Names for tea by Sept. 19th. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 5758

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION and ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting of Stroud Branch and 263rd anniversary of the above society at Painswick on Sept. 24th. Bells (12) at 2.30. Tea (1s. 6d. each) 5, followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Glos. by Tuesday, Sept. 20th. Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 25th. Ringing at 9.15, 2 and 5. 5744

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Old Hill on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 2.45. Guild service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers for same Sept. 20th, please.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., Hall Park St., Bilston. 5747

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District Branch.—Meeting at Wissett Sept. 24th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 63, Pier Avenue, Southwold. Please give full support. 5746

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Colsterworth (6), Sept. 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to branch secretary before 17th, please.—Bernard H. Dalton, Branch Sec. 5741

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kingsbridge, Sept. 24th. Special coach from Plymouth, 2 p.m. Seats 7s. 6d. each. Names to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5739

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, King's Norton (10), Saturday, Sept. 24th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 5769

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Whitechurch Canonicoorum, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting follows. Please notify.—C. H. Lathey. 5768

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting at Old Coulsdon, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Notice for tea essential to F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, by Thursday, Sept. 22nd. Buses 166a, 409, 411, from West Croydon.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 5751

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh District.—Meeting Nayland (6), Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cafes available.—J. T. Corder, Dis. Sec. 5748

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting Ashford, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by Sept. 21st to T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 5764

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting at Waltham Abbey (12), Sept. 24th. Bells available 3.30. Service 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Sept. 22nd to Mrs. C. Roberts, 5, Monkswood Avenue, Waltham Abbey. 5756

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Marple, Sept. 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Miss D. Way, Romford, Parkfield Avenue, Marple, near Stockport.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 5791

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Churchtown, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—J. H. Foster, Hon. Sec. 5792

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Combined practice at Thame on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 6 p.m.—H. Badger, District Sec. 5793

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting at Weston-super-Mare, Saturday, Sept. 24th, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 5777

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Norton (8) on Sept. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Werrett, 245, Glebe Road, Letchworth, by Sept. 21st.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 5778

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Campall, Sept. 24th. 3. Own arrangements for tea.—W. E. Critchley. 5784

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, St. George's, Fordington, Dorchester, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting, Buglers Restaurant, South Street. Please notify by Sept. 20th, Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 5785

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Mildenhall (10), Saturday, Sept. 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Reeve, Hockwold. 5788

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Wigston Magna (8), Saturday, Sept. 24th (Belgrave not available). Bells 3. Tea and meeting 5. Names by Tuesday, Sept. 20th, to W. Root, 70, New Parks Boulevard, Leicester. 5787

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Cranford, Saturday, Sept. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at nearby cafe. Look up London and York Surprise.—F. Finch. 5789

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Melbourne, Sept. 24th, 2.30. Names for tea to Rev. R. J. Morris, The Vicarage, Melbourne, by Sept. 21st.—J. T. Wilkinson. 5790

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Stapleton (6), Sept. 24th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 5776

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tea will be arranged (1s. 6d. per head) for all who notify Mr. H. Homer, 37, Temple Avenue, Rothwell, by Sept. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 5774

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Hugglescote, Sept. 24th. Ringing 3.30. Tea and meeting in School 5. Names to Mr. Over, 130, Arshburton Road, Hugglescote, by Sept. 20th.—C. W. Hall. 5772

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Astbury (6 bells), Sept. 24th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by 20th, please.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 5797

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Lightcliffe on October 1st. Draw 2.45 p.m. For teas notify F. W. Bradley, 7, Holme Terrace, Lightcliffe, Halifax, by Sept. 24th.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 5731

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—The annual combined meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (10) 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.45. A hearty welcome to all.—A. G. Hill and R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Secs. 5752

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.—Dedication of the new treble bell in memory of the Rev. E. S. Powell and of the restored five will take place on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. C. J. Grimes, D.D., Archdeacon of Northampton. The bells have been tuned and rehung with new bearings, etc., in an entirely new frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Numbers for tea (1s. 6d.) to Mrs. E. S. Powell, East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under-Ham, by Sept. 26th, please. 5740

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting, Tonbridge (8), on Oct. 1st at 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Oak Tea Rooms at 5.15 (approx.). Names for tea not later than Sept. 27th to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, Kent. 5766

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Coleorton, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Schoolroom 5. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lord, nr. Miners' Institute, Peggs Green, Leics. by Tuesday, Sept. 27th. Buses from: Coalville and Ashby.—W. A. Wood. 5771

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Beverley Minster on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (10) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Beverley Arms Hotel at 5.15. Names to Mr. L. Haggitt, 82, Minster Moorgate, by Sept. 29th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5773

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A commemoration dinner will be held at the King George Hotel, Barnesley, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 6 p.m. Tickets 8s. each. Names for tickets must be received not later than Sept. 24th. Further ringing arrangements later.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnesley. 5794

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—Joint meeting, St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided at a charge of 2s. 6d. to those who notify Mr. J. Mawdsley, 51, Birley Street, Newton-le-Willows, by Saturday, Sept. 24th.—J. Burns. 5790

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. each) obtainable from branch and general secs. on receipt of remittance (not later than Monday, Sept. 26th). Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8), from 3 p.m. — J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeborough, Evesham.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Meeting, Broxbourne, Saturday, Oct. 1st, Bells from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. No service. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 28th, to Mr. G. Radley, Wallbury, St. David's Drive, Broxbourne, Herts. — G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30. Ringing arrangements will be published shortly. Tickets (12s. 6d.) each available from the undersigned. Accommodation limited. Send for your ticket now! — Peter N. Bond, Assist. Hon. Sec., 30, Elvaston Place, S.W.7.

CLAPHAM, S.W. — On Sept. 4th, at St. Mary's (R.C.), 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, J. Rea 2, S. Howard 3, R. Charge 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. W. Chapman (cond.) 6, C. D. Nichols 7, J. E. Twigg 8. First quarter-peal by 1 and 8.

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