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PRIDE of achievement is, perhaps, one of the most impelling factors in a ringer's personal progress. It shows up in various ways, as, for instance, when a ringer endeavours to build up a huge peal total, or in an endeavour to ring as many different methods as he can, or when he makes an effort to 'circle' a tower. He may have an ambition to ring a notoriously bad going bell to a peal, or to ring the heaviest tenor, and so on. Another form his ambition may take is to ring in as many towers as possible. Yet another is to pilot as many as possible through their first peal, or to act as instructor to beginners and set their feet on the right ringing path. All these are laudable ambitions provided the person concerned fully realises and recognises the purposes and reasons for church bells. They are placed where they are for the praise and glory of Almighty God, and all ringers' ambitions and ideas must be subordinated to this overruling fact.

A ringer can legitimately take part in a well-struck touch or peal, doing his very best and feeling in his heart that in his humble way he is helping to ring to God's glory, just as the chorister in his stall contributes his part in the hymns and anthems to the same high purpose. To take part in such ringing or singing undoubtedly gives pleasure to those whose motives in so doing are the correct ones, and they are fully entitled to the enjoyment they derive from such efforts. We as ringers need constantly to remind ourselves of this higher conception of our art, so that we may make our personal ambitions a secondary consideration.

With such thoughts in mind, what are we to think of a peal recently rung and about which there has been some correspondence in this paper which makes anything but pleasant reading? Maybe those who took part in the peal were inspired by higher or not so high motives—but it cannot be denied that such exploits render a definite disservice to the cause of change ringing. Enough has already been written on the matter to enable anyone with an open mind to form an opinion for or against; but this is not the first time such an occurrence has taken place. Bands of (we will be charitable and say) enthusiasts have obtained

permission to ring, locked themselves in the tower and rung a peal, with the result that peal ringing in that place has been forbidden in future. We hope this will not be the result in the unhappy instance we have recently witnessed.

If it occurred many times, the Exercise would certainly be confronted with the necessity of protecting itself against such abuses. We can only hope that those concerned will have learned their lesson and will take the trouble in future to explain to those from whom permission is sought to ring what is meant by the term 'a peal.' It seems fairly obvious that this misunderstanding might have been caused by the failure of the person who gave permission to ring to understand thoroughly that a peal lasts three hours or thereabouts.

We are now approaching the time of year when peal ringing tours will be in full swing. Many of those who take part will be firmly of the opinion that by the tours they are advancing the cause of change ringing. They will ring their fourteen to twenty peals in a week, possibly with a feeling that the Exercise should be grateful to them for spending so much time and trouble, not to say money, on their efforts. It must be admitted that many who take part in such tours are good churchmen imbued with high motives—but it also has to be admitted that many take part for purely personal aggrandisement. Whatever the motives, these tours provide a definite headache for many hard-worked association secretaries, who in these difficult times have trouble in making financial ends meet.

Take an instance—a band of 15–20 ringers decide to tour a certain district (generally one with plenty of good-going bells). Those who are not already members of the Association for whom the peals will be rung will take up a life membership costing 5s. This might mean an addition to that Association's funds of £4 or £5. All this money, and more, is swallowed up in the expense of printing the peals in the Report, so that apart from the pleasure given to a comparatively few people who hear the ringing, the Society is worse off as a result of the visit. Probably many County Associations and Guilds have already considered whether or not their subscriptions for life membership are too low.

Then it has to be considered whether it is fair to the resident bands that first peals in the higher methods should be grabbed by visitors, so removing for ever the possibility of local bands achieving the first peal of so and so on their

own bells. Touring bands should make sure that the Associations whose territories are visited are not the losers by the visit and they should include amongst their expenses an amount which will reimburse the Societies concerned against any possible loss.

If these tours are to do any good other than to those who take part in them, it should be stressed that the ringing should be of the highest order, especially in peals, and nothing should be tolerated which might evoke unfavourable criticism in the district. It is far more important to leave good impressions behind than to have a very impressive looking report in the peal columns.

J. F. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD Treble	FRED NEWTON 7
MURIEL REAY 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. . 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. . 9
FRANK E. PERVIN 4	JOHN PINFOLD 10
ARTHUR D. COOK 5	GEORGE E. FEARN 11
ANTHONY AGER 6	HENRY H. FEARN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

A birthday compliment to Miss Evelyn M. Fletcher and Henry H. Fearn.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

WILFRID STEVENSON .. Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
RALPH EDWARDS 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. . 7
JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 3	DENNIS MADDOCK 8
NEIL D. LOMAS 4	JOHN E. BIBBY 9
ANNE WORTH 5	WALTER ALLMAN Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss M. Gorton, a ringer at St. Peter's, Macclesfield, and Mrs. W. Whittaker.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 19, 1952, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 6
ERIC SUTTON 2	†WILFRED F. WEBB .. . 7
ALBERT M. TYLER 3	NORMAN H. COOMBS .. . 8
JEAN McDOWELL 4	ROGER O. FRY 9
*J. WALTER SMITH 5	*RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OLNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*HAROLD F. HEATHFIELD .. Treble	A. ROBIN GUY 5
*RONALD D. EDGE 2	ROBERT H. BROOKER .. . 6
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. . 3	JOHN G. GIPSON 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS .. . 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Surprise Major. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 30, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Treble	THOMAS W. CROWE .. . 5
*KATHLEEN SOFTLEY 2	ERIC N. HARRISON .. . 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. . 3	DENIS A. BAYLES 7
HAROLD WALKER 4	EDMUND P. CROWDY .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDMUND P. CROWDY.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal as conductor.

BERKHAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. . 5
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 7
*PAMELA A. MARTIN 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Richard F. B. Speed and Anne B. Stockdale.

KINGSTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 5, 1952, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

ARTHUR J. SCOTT Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY 5
ROGER KEELEY 2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. . 6
NORMAN MALLETT 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
WILLIAM YATES 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

First peal in the method on these bells.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 7, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in D.

*HAROLD J. ARSCOTT .. Treble	WILLIAM YATES 5
NORMAN MALLETT 2	†ARTHUR J. SCOTT 6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. . 3	BRIAN PIDGEON 7
HENRY G. KEELEY 4	†ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First Surprise peal. † 25th peal. ‡ 450th peal of Major. First peal in the method on these bells.



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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 9, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

*DAVID J. GOODRIDGE .. Treble	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER .. 5
†PAULINE MANNING .. 2	PETER ANGER .. 6
‡BRIAN BLADON .. 3	‡EDGAR J. SMITH .. 7
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*RALPH TAYLOR .. Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS .. 5
*KENNETH EDWARDS .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL .. 6
A. R. POCKLINGTON .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
JAMES BLACKBURN .. 4	JOHN ASHCROFT .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

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

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

BETTY GRIFFITHS .. Treble	HAROLD WORRALL .. 5
SHIRLEY GOLDING .. 2	FREDERICK BEDDOW .. 6
HENRY PARKER .. 3	CECIL RADDON .. 7
CLIFFORD BARRON .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by W. NICOLLS.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung on the 22nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Parker.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	GIBSON JACKSON .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

RONALD W. PANKHURST .. Treble	ROBERT W. R. PERCY .. 5
GEORGE BEENEY .. 2	HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS .. 6
*LESLIE J. BALDOCK .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 7
PETER H. ROLLISON .. 4	FRANK H. HICKS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal.

This peal was especially arranged for the 80th birthday of Richard Cowling, Eastbourne's oldest ringer, whose birthday was on July 4th.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN .. Treble	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 5
DAVID W. BEARD .. 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 6
FRANK CLAYDON .. 3	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON .. 7
RONALD SUCKLING .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

NESTA D. SMITH .. Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBOLD .. 5
RICHARD SMITH .. 2	†RICHARD M. CURRIE .. 6
REX J. CORKE .. 3	ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL .. 7
*CHARLES H. KEEN .. 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by NORMAN V. ANDREWS.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th, captain of the Andover band.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leodegarius,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's Transposition.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN .. Treble	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 5
SAMUEL PINDER .. 2	*HORACE SEAGRAVE .. 6
S. PATRICIA M. LEWIN .. 3	RALPH W. CARLISLE .. 7
HERBERT LEWIN .. 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

JOSHUA WORMALD .. Treble	GEORGE WM. STEEL .. 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD .. 2	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY .. 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON .. 3	PERCY MASSAM .. 7
WILLIAM H. SENIOR .. 4	HARRY HOMER .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sun., July 13, 1952, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithun,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

EDWARD J. JENNER .. Treble	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 5
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD .. 7
FRANK H. HICKS .. 4	ROBERT COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

Rung at the request of the Guild's President, the Rev. G. Golding-Bird, D.D., for the Patronal Festival. Also a silver jubilee peal for the Guild.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., July 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ERNEST E. GRIMES .. Treble	ALBERT E. WHITING .. 5
FRANK RUFFLES .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES .. 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING .. 3	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 7
RUSSELL PARKER .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Yorkshire Major.

A 77th birthday compliment to G. E. Symonds, who has now rung peals of Yorkshire on 8, 10 and 12 bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

REX WITHAM .. Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 2	RICHARD E. MANTON .. 6
HAROLD J. HAZELL .. 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 7
SAMUEL W. CHAPMAN .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

Specially arranged for the ringer of the 3rd, a visitor from Enfield, Middlesex.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 19, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN Treble	WALTER RUFFLES .. 5
FRANK RUFFLES .. 2	WALTER W. MILLER .. 6
LLEWELLYN ALLUM .. 3	LESLIE G. BRETT .. 7
GEORGE W. PIPE .. 4	ALBERT E. WHITING .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CAXTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.
STANLEY E. DASH .. Treble	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 4
CYRIL G. HURST .. 2	JOHN G. GIPSON .. 5
A. ROBIN GUY .. 3	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal in the method by all the band.

KEA, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.
*CLEMENT W. JOSE .. Treble	JOHN D. NIBLETT .. 4
MRS. J. D. NIBLETT .. 2	FRANK BRADLEY .. 5
JOHN W. BEST .. 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

*First peal of Minor. First of Minor on the bells.

BREASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being eight methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford, (4) Double Court, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Plain Bob, (7) St. Clement's.	Tenor 7½ cwt.
*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. Treble	†DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 4
†W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 2	*C. WILLIAM HALL .. 5
†W. H. T. KING .. 3	*ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

*First peal for the Association. †First peal in eight methods.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*FRANK H. BEENEY .. Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4
GEORGE BEENEY .. 2	FRANK H. HICKS .. 5
BENJAMIN STEPNEY .. 3	C. JOHN PIPER .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

*First peal (aged 13 years).

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. H. Hicks.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 10, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 21 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.
ALBERT E. AUSTIN .. Treble	CYRIL A. HURST .. 4
*JOHN A. ACRES .. 2	JOHN G. GIPSON .. 5
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 3	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

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

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 3 Hours.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 21 methods, with 98 changes of method. (1) Northumberland and Carlisle, (2) London, Wells and Cuneastre, (3) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale and Stamford, (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull and Bourne, (5) Berwick and Hexham, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) York and Durham.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

FREDK. W. FRENCH .. Treble	†CECIL WADE .. 4
*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 2	†JAMES W. HAW .. 5
HORACE M. DAY .. 3	†ALBERT E. SCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

*First peal in 21 Surprise methods. †First peal in 21 methods.
Arranged for John A. Underwood, of Whitwick, Leicestershire.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's by Pitman, four 240's by Morris, and 22 extents of 120 with 10 callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*BRIAN HOUGH .. Treble	FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 4
SIMON L. BARLEY .. 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
ANTHONY W. BARLEY .. 3	CHARLES J. COPP .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

*First peal.

GREAT GLEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.
FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 4
GEORGE PICKERING .. 2	F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 5
DENIS ALLSOP .. 3	PETER J. THOMAS .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mrs. Watson, mother of the treble ringer

WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELENA,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

HARRY HALL .. Treble	*JOHN I. SMITH .. 4
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 5
ROLAND CHAFER .. 3	JACK BRAY .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

*First peal in seven methods.

KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four callings.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Treble	*PETER J. THOMAS .. 3
*FREDERICK WATSON .. 2	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 4
*WILLIAM A. WOOD .. Tenor	

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

*First peal of Bob Doubles. †50th peal for the Guild. Rung in memoriam Alfred E. Warwick, of Croft, Leicestershire.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Lightfoot, Ipswich and Cambridge.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER .. Treble	DAVID W. BEARD .. 4
FRANK V. GANT .. 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 5
HENRY T. WILSON .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

HATTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different Extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT J. EDDEN Treble	ALFRED JAMES PRICE 4
*A. ROY BARRETT 2	HAROLD HUXLEY 5
WILLIAM COLLETT 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

* First peal. A 74th birthday compliment to William Collett.

ENSTONE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENELM,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in G sharp.

WILLIAM J. CROSS Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD 4
GEORGE F. BURTON 2	EDMUND E. PEARSON 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung on the Feast of St. Kenelm. The first peal of Minor on the bells.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods, viz.: Two extents of Cambridge Surprise and one each of (1) Kent and Oxford, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Double Court, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID S. HARRIS Treble	HAROLD J. HAZELL 4
C. WILLIAM HALL 2	*HORACE O. OVER 5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD 3	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in seven methods. Specially arranged for the ringer of the 4th, a visitor from Enfield.

HANDBELL PEALS

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 10, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT 74, HOOKFIELD,

A PEAL OF 5020 SPLICED ROYAL

Being 1,940 Double, 1,920 Plain and 1,160 Little Bob, 192 changes of method. Tenor size 20 in F.

GILLIAN R. BRITTAIN .. 1—2	RUTH M. K. HOW 5—6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY 3—4	*ALBERT J. ADAMS 7—8
JOHN HILL 9—10	

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

First peal of Spliced Royal on handbells by all except the conductor.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., July 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

VALERIE GUTTERIDGE .. 1—2	DEREK OGDEN 5—6
WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 3—4	BRIAN HARRIS 7—8

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

First peal on eight handbells by all except the conductor. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Robinson, parents of the conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT 76, COLLINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 1—2	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5—6
HARRY POYNER 3—4	*LAWRENCE GREENHOW .. 7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal on eight handbells.

WOODDITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., July 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD, 'NEWMARKET,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES 5—6
PETER BORDER 3—4	PETER C. WRIGHT 7—8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY.

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.



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FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

IV.—Simple Method Construction

Last week we endeavoured to explain what is meant by 'hunting,' which enables a beginner to grasp the first principles of change ringing. Hunting will help him to acquire rope-sight, but it is not advisable to continue a plain hunting course for too long a time, because, after a while, one gets to know it by heart, and its usefulness, at any rate for the purpose of teaching rope-sight, is lost.

As soon as the beginner can pick out the bell he has next to follow, by using his eyes, he should go on to learn a 'method.' If he is in a five- or six-bell tower, Grandsire Doubles is the method he will probably turn to first.

There are a number of methods of 'Doubles,' but only a few of them are 'pure Doubles,' that is to say, changes produced entirely by moving two pairs of bells every time. There are some methods which are constructed by the use, once or oftener in a lead—a lead for this purpose meaning the changes from one lead of the treble to the next lead of that bell—of a change made by moving only one pair of bells.

If, for instance, you have one row of figures 13254, you can produce either 31524, or 31245, or 12345 by means of 'Doubles'—that is by changing two pairs of bells. But in some methods, in order to produce the extent of the changes on five bells, such as, after 13254, having 13524. This change is really a single change, and in some of the very old ringing books, methods in which a number of such changes occurred were known as 'Singles and Doubles.'

If you are going to produce a method which does not consist solely of a plain hunting course, there must be, within each lead, one or more 'places' made.

A 'place' is made by a bell remaining two blows (a whole pull, either at handstroke and backstroke, or backstroke and handstroke) in the same position in the interior of the change.

Thus on five bells a 'place' can be made in 2nds, 3rds or 4ths, but only 3rds place enables the succession of pure Doubles to be maintained. If you write out a few changes and introduce 2nds or 4ths, you will soon discover why.

In the construction of Doubles the number of available 3rds places is very limited, hence the limited number of possible methods. If we confine ourselves for the moment to methods in which the treble keeps to plain hunting, then there are only four possible 3rds places in any one lead. The different methods depend upon the different position in which these 3rds places occur.

The formation of the Grandsire method is caused by making 3rds place at the first available opportunity, that is at the very first change.

Now, no method of pure Doubles based upon a treble with a plain hunt will produce the extent of the changes in a plain course.

The use of 'bobs' and 'singles' is necessary. A bob is the introduction of an additional 3rds place, and has to be signified by the conductor, who at the stated intervals calls out 'Bob.'

For a reason which we need not go into now, plain leads and Bobs alone in a pure Doubles method will produce only half the possible changes; it needs a 'single' to produce the other half and a second 'single' before the bells can be brought round.

We have already indicated what a single is—it is, in Doubles, the movement of only one pair of bells in the change.

Before we go on to the actual explanation of how to ring Grandsire, we would like our beginners to try and work out for themselves some of the methods which can be produced. Remember there are four places in which 3rds can be used, let us call them a, b, c and d.

These can be used singly, as 'a' in Grandsire, or in any combination as 'a' and 'c' in what is known as Double Grandsire. In 'skeleton' this is where the places can occur, the letters representing the places, 1 the treble and the dots the other bells:—

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1 . a . .
. 1 a . .
. . 1 . .
. . b 1 .
. . b . 1
. . c . 1
. . c 1 .
. . 1 . .
. 1 d . .
1 . d . .
1 . a . .

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While on this question we would like to answer an inquiry which we received the other day, 'What is a "bob" and "single"?'

A bob causes certain bells to alter the path of their regular work—that is, it transposes their coursing order. Usually only three bells are affected, but the work of any odd number of bells may be affected. The bob is 'called' by the conductor.

A 'single' effects the transposition of the work of two bells (instead of three) or some even number of bells. It, too, is called by the conductor.

The actual work of the bells at a bob varies with the method. In Grandsire it is effected by an additional 3rds place made at the hand-stroke lead of the treble, and causes all the bells above that place to alter the order of their work, although the actual transposition of coursing order only affects three bells.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

East Norfolk Branch

A meeting of East Norfolk Branch at Ditchingham on June 21st attracted 37 members. The service was held in Ditchingham Church, conducted by the Rev. K. O. Morris (Vicar of Norton Subcourse) the Rector being unable to attend.

The tea was held in the Parish Hall at Bungay and was followed by a business meeting at which Mr. E. R. Goate (Branch chairman) invited the Rev. M. Lummis, Vicar of Bungay, to preside. The next meeting was proposed to be held at Somerleyton, if possible, on September 13th. Silent tribute was paid to the late Fred Howchin, of Norwich, who passed away on June 16th at the age of 85.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. M. McDonald, of Ditchingham, for the use of the bells, also to the organist, to the Rev. K. O. Morris for conducting the service and to the Vicar of Bungay for presiding and for the use of the bells at Bungay, also to Mr. H. W. Barrett who at great trouble ably managed the tea at Bungay.

Ringing continued at Bungay until well into the evening and methods were rung at each church to suit all companies. J. H.

DORSET RINGERS' FESTIVAL

Bellringers from all parts of Dorset took part in the annual ringing festival at Blandford on July 5th, held under the terms of a bequest by the late Mr. S. F. Pond, a Blandfordian, who died in Australia.

A service at the Parish Church was conducted by the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, of Kington Magna, who also played the organ. About 40 took tea in the Corn Exchange, when the guests were welcomed by the Mayor and Mayoress of Blandford (Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Faulkner). The Deputy Mayor (Mrs. E. M. Biddulph) and Mr. Robin Biddulph were also present.

The bells were kept in frequent use during the afternoon and evening and methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

THE PEAL ATTEMPT

(With apologies to Lord Tennyson)

Half a course, half a course,
Half a course onward,
All in a frenzy of sweat
To ring the five thousand.
'Lead now, the treble bell,
Dodge three-four up!' he said,
Into a thunder of row
To ring the five thousand.
'Single,' the leader bade.
Was there a man dismayed?
Not though the ringers knew
Someone had blundered.
Theirs not to make reply,
Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to pull and sigh;
Into a horrible mess
They rang the five thousand.
Sallies to right of them,
Sallies to left of them,
Sallies in front of them
Leaped up and down again.
Screamed at with shout and yell,
Heedless each pulled his bell
Into the second half,
Into a noisy hell,
In the five thousand.
Clanged all the trebles here,
Dropping the tenors there,
Waving their arms in air,
Ringing a method, while
All the town wondered.
Locked in the hideous den
Each bell the lead end sought
To keep to blue line they fought;
Vicar and layman.
Reeled from the noisy port,
Shattered and deafened.
Then it came round, but not—
Not one five thousand.
Sallies to right of them,
Sallies to left of them,
Sallies behind them,
Now still and silent.
Cursed at and stoned as well,
While each rang his own bell,
They that had fought so well,
Came from the belfry then.
Nothing was left of it—
Left of five thousand.
When can their story fade
O the wild blows they made!
All the town wondered.
Think of th'attempt they made,
Think of the blisters sore,
Ghastly five thousand!

J. A. C. K.

5,024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. F. B. SPEED

23456	O	H	I	F
63254				—
42356	—			—
25346			—	
32654		x		
35264	2		—	
42563	—		—	
32465	3		—	
52364			—	
52436	—	x		
62534	3		—	
43265			—	
36245		—	—	
24365	—	—		
32546		x		
62345			—	
53246	—		—	
34256			—	
23645		x		
23564	—	x		
23456	—	x		

Contains extent of combinations of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6, 2nd never in 5-6.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDINGTON, KENT.—On July 9th, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: M. J. Martin 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, Miss O. M. Boulden 3, C. A. Wratten 4, J. R. Cooper 5, R. Swift (cond.) 6. First in the method for all the band.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's, on July 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. C. Hart 1, A. W. Gravett 2, F. Bennett (cond.) 3, G. Ades 4, W. A. Wood 5, R. Beale 6, A. W. Bond 7, J. Riddleston 8. First quarter of Stedman for 6 and 8.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On July 10th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: J. L. Fitzgerald 1, Miss J. S. Evans 2, D. J. King 3, A. R. Price 4, F. J. Bailey 5, G. Francis 6, D. G. Clarke 7, T. Yeoman 8, D. S. Voss 9, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 10. First quarter of Little Bob Royal by all the band and on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. L. Fitzgerald.

CHERITON, KENT.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, J. Chittenden 3, J. R. Cooper 4, M. J. Martin 5, J. Soles 6. First in three methods for 1 3 and 6. First in three methods 'inside' for 2 and 5. Rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Folkestone this day.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Gray 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, Miss B. Smith 3, A. E. B. Sheppard 4, G. C. Weeks 5, R. O. Fry 6, P. W. Weeks (cond.) 7, H. J. Merrett 8. First quarter for 1 and 4. Rung as a dedication to a Peal Board for a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on April 28th, 1951.

COLNE-ENGAIN, ESSEX.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilda M. Snowden (first quarter, aged 13) 1, Miss H. G. Snowden 2, E. Leggett 3, L. D. Mills 4, J. Pell (first quarter Minor) 5, D. Mills (first quarter Minor as cond. aged 12) 6.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.—On June 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Millington 1, E. Webster 2, A. E. Richards 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, E. Barber 5, J. Clutton 6, J. Capper 7, A. Hodges 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. E. Richards.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCs.—On July 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. H. Ford 1, Miss N. Roberts 2, N. M. Newby (cond.) 3, Miss B. Fairer 4, J. Dickinson 5, A. Edgar 6. First quarter for 4, 5 and 6.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On July 9th, at All Souls', Haley Hill, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. M. Mann 1, G. Ingham 2, H. Brown 3, J. R. Jenkinson 4, R. Beaumont 5, J. H. Fielden 6, G. F. Bryant 7, S. Longbottom (cond.) 8. Rung in memory of Mr. W. H. Lodge.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Salisbury 1, H. Long 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, J. Carrott 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, T. East 6, S. Penfold (first quarter as cond.) 7, C. E. Wright 8.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. Bishop 1, F. C. Day 2, W. P. Blake 3, C. J. Ford 4, C. Bishop (cond.) 5, E. J. Veale 6. Rung as a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. F. C. Day, who has for 52 years been a ringer at this church.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Sherlock (first away from tenor) 1, Miss A. Salter (first in the method) 2, Miss I. Midgley 3, Miss M. Lawrence (first 'inside') 4, G. Parsons 5, T. Lock (cond.) 6, P. Coles (tenor covering).

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 11th, 1,269 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Cooper 1, M. J. Martin 2, G. F. Gray 3, E. J. Walker 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, J. Chittenden 6. First quarter peal on the bells since being augmented to six and the original five re-hung.

NORTON, HERTS.—On July 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Pamela Willis (first quarter Major) 1, Angela Willis (first 'inside' of Major) 2, R. Webb 3, R. Dixon 4, I. Werrett 5, M. Collings 6, J. Collings 7, H. Werrett (cond.) 8.

OSSETT, YORKS.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on July 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Duffin 1, F. Bennett 2, T. Duffin (cond.) 3, M. Bennett 4, M. Lockwood 5, D. Lockwood 6, L. Fisher 7, W. Lockwood 8. Rung by the Sunday service band as a farewell compliment to M. Bennett on his departure to join H.M. Forces.

OTLEY, YORKS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Brough 1, Miss A. Stewart 2, Miss C. Mountain 3, P. Whitaker 4, L. Cooper (cond.) 5, W. Bellerby 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss A. Stewart.

OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. A. Swann 1, A. J. Millward 2, M. A. Messam 3, F. Arnold (first quarter 'inside') 4, D. E. Griffin (first as cond.) 5.

RUCKINGE, KENT.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Vantom 1, M. J. Martin 2, J. Chittenden 3, J. R. Cooper 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on June 24th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, A. J. Hatten 2, B. Cornell 3, Miss B. Copson 4, B. C. Johnson 5, A. Day 6, T. J. Southam 7, R. F. Ewer 8, R. H. Hofton 9, W. J. Arnold 10, G. W. Debenham 11, W. Nicolls 12. Also on July 8th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, C. Sayers 2, B. Cornell 3, A. J. Hatten 4, A. W. Coles 5, A. Day 6, L. Hansell 7, W. J. Arnold 8, H. R. Hofton 9, R. F. Ewer 10, G. W. Debenham 11, G. Spencer 12.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Broyd (first quarter) 1, Joan Newman 2, J. Scott 3, J. Newman 4, J. Sinfield 5, A. Broyd (cond.) 6.

WEST HAM, LONDON.—On July 13th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: F. R. L. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss J. M. Weddell 3, C. W. Outley 4, C. R. Smith (first quarter Stedman Caters) 5, E. D. Smith 6, C. A. Hughes 7, H. Myatt 8, J. Bullock 9, P. N. Devenish (first of 10) 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. R. L. Blewer, also in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. N. Hollingworth.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's, on July 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, J. Tomsett (first of Stedman) 2, R. Charge 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, Miss M. Jackson 5, F. J. Matthews 6, J. Chapman (cond.) 7, F. W. Wicks 8. A 64th birthday compliment to F. W. Wicks. A compliment to F. J. Matthews and Miss M. Jackson on their engagement. Also to Major and Mrs. K. Hart on their 32nd wedding anniversary.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. Skidmore (first quarter of Doubles) 1, F. C. Mogford 2, J. M. Stallard 3, D. G. Mayeli (first in method as cond.) 4, W. H. Parker 5, A. A. Hilliar 6. Rung in memory of Alfred Mayell, a native of Winterbourne and for many years chorister at the parish church.

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Will postal subscribers going on holiday please
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Two well-known ringers
were travelling together on
the London Underground
when a well-dressed lady got in, and it was
noticed that in place of the usual ear-rings her
ears carried two small bells complete with
clappers. Neither ringer had the courage to
ask her whether she was a ringer, but she was
the object of much conjecture during the rest
of the journey!

Articles of general interest appertaining to
ringers, ringing and bells would be much ap-
preciated by the Editor.

Will the reader who received the manuscript
of Carol Tunes for Eight Bells please return the
same as we have still a long waiting list.

We are pleased to note that Mr. Albert
Walker has recovered from his indisposition
and his name is again in our peal columns, he
having conducted a peal of Stedman Cinques.

Miss Hilda M. Snowden, 13-year-old niece of
Miss Hilda G. Snowden, who first handled a
bell in January, rang her first quarter on July
9th. Donald Mills, who called the quarter, is
only 12 years of age.

In honour of the 25th anniversary of the
founding of the Guildford Diocese, an at-
tempt was made last Friday for a peal of Cam-
bridge Surprise Major on the bells of Holy
Trinity Cathedral, Guildford. After two hours'
ringing the peal was lost.

The Editor thanks those correspondents who
dissociate themselves with the irate gentlemen's
remarks about the conduct of 'The Ringing
World.' One adds: 'I have taken "The Ring-
ing World" since 1920 without a break and
during that time the Editor has been shot at
scores of times, but still carried on and probably
succeeded in pleasing the majority of his readers.
You can't please everybody all the time.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

To-morrow (Saturday)
the Bishop of Winchester
is rededicating the bells of
Baughurst, near Basingstoke. The school bell,
cast in 1897 for the Diamond Jubilee, has been
melted down, new metal added and is to be
the treble to the new ring.

The Queen has taken a personal interest in
the work and the Church authorities have re-
ceived the following letter: 'Her Majesty is
interested to learn that the bell associated
with the memory of Queen Victoria has been
recast and will be used in the church at
Baughurst.'

Congratulations to Mr. David J. Charnley
and Miss Sheila E. Harris, who were married at
All Saints', Isleworth, last Saturday.

The hot spell of weather during the past
month has resulted in a big reduction in the
number of peals rung. From what we can
gather there is no shortage of attempts. The
number of failures has been abnormal.

A recent announcement in the Press suggests
that a ring of bells might be installed at the
top of the Eiffel Tower, Paris. A correspondent
asks for any information on the proposal and
if the bells would be hung for ringing.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. A. E. Sy-
monds, president of the Hertford County As-
sociation, is indisposed. At a meeting of the
Northern District of the Association at Sand-
on, a message was sent wishing him a speedy
recovery.

In connection with the peal of Spliced Sur-
prise Minor in 21 methods rung at Bourne,
Lincs. on July 12th, Mr. John Underwood, who
rang the second, cycled 56 miles from Whit-
wick, Leics. in order to participate. He was
rewarded for his long ride by the excellent
striking throughout the peal.

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Biographies Committee Seek Information

The Biographies Committee are anxious to obtain personal details of the following past members whose deaths have been reported to the Central Council.

The smallest items of information will be welcomed by A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

Blanchard, R. B., 1895—1896, Surrey Association, died 1908.

Burgess, E. E., 1907—1926, Bath and Wells Association, died April 6th, 1933. First peal December 12th, 1896; total 55.

Breed, George, 1897—1899, Yorkshire Association, died December 18th, 1917.

Clarkson, Rev. J. M., 1909—1912, Ely Diocesan Association, died June, 1912.

Creasey, J. W., 1891—1893, South Lincs Association. Began ringing at Spalding, 1882.

Coppock, Albert, 1927—1937, Sherwood Youths, died March 28th, 1937.

Copley, B. T., 1891—1896, Yorkshire Association, died March 15th, 1912. Birthday May 10th, 1850.

Drewett, J. D., 1927—1929, Surrey Association, died October 27th, 1928.

Daniell, R. A., 1900—1911, Cumberland Youths, died December 20th, 1935. Birthday January 20th, 1856.

Eachus, T., 1895—1905, Lancashire Association, died June, 1919. First peal March 30th, 1860; total 109.

Goddén, W. H., 1899—1920, St. Martin's Youths, died August 28th, 1927. First and total peals wanted.

Groves, J. E., 1900—, Hereford Diocesan Guild, died October 27th, 1931. Total peals and photograph wanted.

Haigh, H., 1903—1928, North Notts Association, died January 2nd, 1932. First and total peals wanted.

Hillier, S. H., 1927—1942, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, died March 31st, 1942.

Jennings, C. H., 1930—1944, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, died March 10th, 1944. First peal September 23rd, 1905.

O'Meara, E. P., 1900—1908, College Youths, died May 5th, 1933.

Potter, C. D., 1927—1935, Barnsley District, died July 25th, 1939. Birthday September 2nd, 1859.

Parker, J. W., 1911—1945, Durham and Newcastle Association, died October 24th, 1945. Rang 167 peals.

Parry, Rev. H. T., 1924—, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, died October 28th, 1940.

Richards, W. G., 1891—1902, Essex Association, died August 1st, 1898.

Reeves, Harvey, 1891—, Worcester and Districts Association, died March 28th, 1911. Birthday November 10th, 1841.

Routh, Rev. R., 1936—1937, Hertford County Association, died 1950.

Todd, Rev. J. W., 1891—1897, Bath and Wells Association, died 1913.

Willey, F. C., 1918—1920, Yorkshire Association, died October 29th, 1929. First peal February 13th, 1882.

Walker, G., 1901—1905, Birmingham and District Association, died January 31st, 1932.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' ANNUAL DINNER

The dinner this year is to be held on November 1st at the new Mecca Restaurant in Plantation House, Mincing Lane, Fenchurch Street, E.C. A much-improved room with ample and comfortable seating has been arranged, and there is a comfortable and spacious lounge adjoining. The cost of tickets will be 15s. 6d. each, obtainable from the hon. secretary.

JOINT MEETING AT TWICKENHAM Middlesex and London County Associations

The two Associations joined forces and held a meeting at Twickenham and Isleworth on July 12th. Twickenham river front, on this bright summer's day, made a pleasant scene with craft of all shapes and sizes, while children splashed and swam at the water edges. The ringers, however, were busy at St. Mary's Church, close by, and Mr. R. E. Price, the District Ringing Master, was fully occupied in arranging touches in a variety of methods including Surprise, as well as rounds for the learners.

Shortly after 3 p.m. activity was transferred to the Church of All Hallows, and Surprise Royal was soon pealing forth. (One wag was heard to say you wanted an ear trumpet to tick off the lead-ends!) The tower once stood in Lombard Street in the City of London and was removed to Twickenham before the War. The bells, however, have not long been installed, and as the church was erected in an area already highly residential, sound control was applied rather drastically to overcome local opposition to the bells.

The church is a modern building, lofty and spacious, and a fine polished, wooden-block floor sets off some of the old wood fittings with their beautiful carvings which were removed from the old church. Among the latter might be mentioned the pulpit and organ, both fine examples of their kind.

The fine tones of the organ enriched the service, at which the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. A. Charles), himself a ringer, gave a short address. During the service thanks were offered for the life and example of Harry Brooks, who died on June 24th, and was for many years a ringer at Isleworth.

Tea-time was a very happy occasion. The meal was served al fresco on the lawn outside the church vestry.

In the absence of the vice-president of the Middlesex Association, Mr. W. H. Coles, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, hon. secretary of the South and West District, extended a welcome to members of the London County Association and expressed pleasure in meeting many old ringing friends. He thought it a good thing for Associations occasionally to meet together and hoped it would continue. Mr. Goodfellow also thanked all who had helped in any way with the arrangements for the meeting. He expressed the regret of Mr. H. W. Rogers, hon. secretary of the London County Association, at being absent from tea. Mr. Rogers was busily engaged at his church fete at Isleworth.

The rest of the evening was spent at Isleworth. There one could join 'the speed merchants' in the tower in a course of Yorkshire Royal, etc., or lean on the wall overlooking the river (as generations of ringers have done) making critical comments on the ringing, the ringers and the odd 'creations' one encounters on the riverside. Some even found pleasure in a leisurely drink (also as generations of ringers have done) at that fine old 'pub,' the London Apprentice.

Finally came the goodnights and then home by all sorts of transport.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD Encouraging Visit to Knowle

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at Knowle on July 5th. Knowle ringers have made much progress recently and it was very pleasing to the officers of the Guild to meet the local ringers in full strength.

Permission had been obtained for the use of the historic Guildhall for the tea and meeting, a privilege which was greatly appreciated.

At the meeting the chair was taken by Mr. Albert Walker, vice-president, who received the congratulations of the members upon his complete recovery from his illness.

The chairman regretted his painful duty to refer to the loss of two members since the last meeting. They all knew the late Harold 'Jack' Fitter, and of the vast amount of work he had accomplished in Yardley tower, where he would be sadly missed. John Marshall, of Edinburgh, was a stonemason by trade and came to work on the building of Birmingham's new fire station, where his carving remains for all to see. During his stay in the Diocese he rang several peals for the Guild and was admired and respected by all who were privileged to meet him. The members stood in silence for a moment as a token of respect for their departed colleagues.

New members elected were Michael G. Morton and Peter J. Morton (Erdington), Eric O. Davies (Kings Heath), Alfred Nix, Albert Nix, Eric Willemt and Anthony A. Upton (Knowle) and Richard G. Morris (Dorridge). The tower elections of the following life members were duly ratified: Messrs. Clement Glenn (Bulwell), Alfred W. Glazzard (Stourport) and Frank C. Price (Feltham).

Subject to permission being obtained the next meeting will be held at Erdington Parish Church on October 5th.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Knowle and the local ringers for their help towards a successful meeting, Mr. Walker reminded the members that he rang at Knowle when the bells were made six in 1897! They were made an octave in 1931.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Presentations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Chalk

Glorious weather, a good attendance, a pleasant ring of six, and an inspiring service conducted by Canon E. H. Gallop, who also acted as organist, were the features of the quarterly meeting of the South Western Division held at Bobbingworth on July 5th.

The Master, Mr. J. Crampion, reported that he had gone into the records and it was 48 years since the Division had met at Bobbingworth.

The local band have made great progress under the leadership of Mr. F. Pavitt and the thanks of the Division are due to him for the excellent tea arrangements.

At the end of the routine business meeting the Division expressed its thanks to the late Master, Mr. J. Chalk, and his wife, when Canon Gallop presented Mr. Chalk with a leather attache case, and Mrs. Chalk an electric toaster.

In asking the Canon to make the presentation, Mr. J. Crampion drew attention to the faithful and devoted service of Mr. Chalk who had piloted the Division through the difficult war years, and had held the office of Master for 13 years. The Division also tendered its thanks to Mrs. Chalk for all her tolerance and the various times when she had graced meetings with her attendance.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Chalk replied; the former, in reminiscent vein, paying tribute to his predecessors and some of the prominent people of the Division. Concluding, he said that although the years were passing by and 'there was so much to do and little time to do it,' he hoped that he would be spared to give the Division continued service.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild's First Meeting at Knighton

On the most northern tip of the Diocese, tucked away amongst beautiful scenery, is the town of Knighton, in Radnorshire, which was visited by over 96 members and friends for the annual festival of the Guild on July 12th. They came from Builth, Talgarth, Brecon, Aberavon, Porthcawl, Baglan, Neath, Cadoxton, Swansea and Sketty, Llanelly, Llandilo, Cowbridge, Shrewsbury and the local band. Some of these members had never attended a meeting of the Guild before.

The party from the south, through unforeseen circumstances, delayed the commencement of the service at St. Edward's. The Lord Bishop was present, and the Vicar, the Rev. K. V. Evans, gave the address, in which he welcomed the members of the Guild to his church, especially as it was the first meeting of its kind ever held there. Afterwards everyone adjourned to the Church Hall to enjoy the good things laid out there for the afternoon meal. The Vicar was cordially thanked for the perfect arrangements made.

At the business meeting the Lord Bishop presided and his first duty was to move the election of a new general secretary, as he had received a written resignation from Mr. D. G. Williams. A proposal by the Ringing Master that Mr. J. Arthur Hoare be elected was carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and duly signed by the chairman as a true record. Arising out of the minutes, the proposal to open a Restoration Fund was favourably received by the committee members and was carried. It was decided to start collecting at this meeting.

The statement of accounts was read and adopted. The Lord Bishop then moved that Mr. D. G. Williams be cordially thanked for his long years of faithful service for the Guild, and also that sincere appreciation be expressed of the gift of the peal record book. Mr. D. G. Williams was then made a life member.

A very satisfactory report was given by the Ringing Master.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Ringing Master, Mr. John T. Williams, was again asked to continue in this office, and this proposal was accepted. Mr. D. Stokes was elected as treasurer.

A report of the Central Council meeting was given by Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis. All members were again reminded to order 'The Ringing World.' It was also decided to leave the competition for another year.

The 1953 Festival is to be held at Sketty, Swansea, in June. It was agreed to give a donation of £5 from the Guild's fund to the Welsh Church Appeal.

The Lord Bishop was thanked by the general secretary for presiding at the meeting and for his loyalty to the Guild. In his reply, the Lord Bishop thanked all those ringers who often sacrifice so many things to fulfil the duties of Sunday ringing.

It was a great day for the members and friends of the Southern Section who left at 7.30 in the morning to attend this festival, via Leominster, and they will not forget the 'Milk Cart' in the town, or the tapestry at Presteigne, The Golden Valley, and also 'that man again, W. M.'

The ten bells of Leominster and the two eights at Knighton and Presteigne were all visited and ringing on them was greatly enjoyed.

On the way home—with the Beacons behind us—it was only too apparent that it had been a long day, for looking towards the back of the bus the youngsters were observed fast asleep on each other's shoulders. J. A. H.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World'
July 26th, 1912

THE LADIES' PEAL

The Exercise generally will extend hearty congratulations to the eight members of the fair sex who last Saturday succeeded in ringing the first ladies' peal. It is a performance of which they may be distinctly proud, and which is a gratifying reward for their pluck and perseverance. A few years ago most men would have scoffed at the idea of a band of ladies ringing a peal, and it was not until last year, when the first serious attempt was made, that the incredulity of the majority was really shaken. . . .

There is only one matter for regret in connection with last Saturday's peal, and that is that Miss Alice White, the first lady to ring a tower-bell peal, was not able to be one of the company. . . . Miss Nightingale, who was in the attempt last year, was also unable to be in the successful performance, but there was little trouble in finding substitutes ready to fill the vacancies. . . .

The peal was Grandsire Triples, rung at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, London, in three hours and four minutes by the Misses Sarah Pigott, treble; Eva N. Belcher 2; Lilian A. Wilson 3; Mary N. Jukes 4; Evelyn Steel 5; Nellie Gillingham 6; Edith K. Parker (conductor) 7; Clara Beasley, tenor. It was the conductor's 50th peal.

OBITUARY

J. William Edge

There was laid to rest at Crewe on July 18th one of the stalwarts of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild, Mr. J. William Edge ('Ole Bill'). He was 63. You could not call him anything else; it was 'Bill, will you do this, that or the other?'

Bill had been towerkeeper for over 20 years and the bells had become part of his life; in fact it was the bells that caused his death. On the previous Tuesday I helped him to clean the bell-frame and the pit which had not been cleaned out for a good number of years. We had a very full day till after 5 o'clock when Bill left for home, but had a call to make on the way.

It was a terrible shock to me when a policeman came to see me the following morning to take a statement as to what we had been doing the day before, as Bill had collapsed on the way home and died. He asked if Bill had complained at all; he had not; his only remark in that respect was, 'We are not as good men as we used to be.'

Bill was not very keen on peal ringing—he rang 36 for the Chester Guild. He was far more concerned about Sunday service ringing at Christ Church, where he was also on the Church Council. He was far more pleased when I rang my first, to celebrate our 60th birthdays, in 1948, which was eventually to get me into trouble after some correspondence in 'The Ringing World' about peal-grabbing in 1946.

He was a keen trade unionist of the A.E.U., and branch official; many of the members were present at the service, as well as local ringers and church officials.

A real unpolished diamond, Bill. He will be greatly missed at Christ Church, but he has left a fine record of service.

The full ten bells were rung, semi-muffled, those taking part being Messrs. Albert Crawley, Richard T. Holding, William Holding, Harry Holding, Wilf Kerr, George Packer (conductor), Herbert Sutton, Stephen Leyland, J. Holloway, J. Hough, Cliff Thomas and Frank W. Stenson. Mr. Richard D. Langford, leader, was away on holiday.

ONE OF HIS PUPILS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Stow-on-the-Wold Branch Re-formed

At the Association's annual meeting held at Berkeley last Easter, some concern was felt that the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch had ceased to function, and a special sub-committee was formed to arrange a meeting in the area with a view to ascertaining whether the branch could be restarted and interest aroused locally to give it the support necessary.

This meeting was held at Stow-on-the-Wold on July 5th which from an attendance point of view was a success, 47 signing the attendance book. Stow bells, a very good ring of eight, were available from 3 p.m. and various methods were rung until 4.30 p.m., when the Association service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Potts) who gave a splendid address, the lesson being read by Mr. C. R. Harding (vice-president and chairman of the Bristol Rural Branch).

Tea was partaken of at a nearby cafe, after which the meeting took place in the Church Hall, presided over by the Master, Mr. J. G. Jefferies, supported by Mr. S. G. Riches, hon. treasurer, Mr. C. R. Harding and Mr. F. Skidmore, hon. secretary. The Vicar of Stow opened the meeting with prayer.

The Master said how pleased he was to see such a representative meeting, nine branches being represented out of twelve active branches, and two of these had their own meeting that day. He hoped that sufficient interest and enthusiasm could be aroused to enable the Branch to function once more, to be a benefit to ringing in the area, and to the Association.

AN OFFER

Mr. Raymond Hicks, who was the local secretary for the branch, said that little or no interest was evident locally, and he could not see how the branch could continue without that interest. He intimated that he could go round and collect subscriptions for the Association, but that did not mean that the branch was in a flourishing state, only on paper; what was required was to have a John Thomas dropped amongst them.

Mr. Jack Kyte, of Chipping Norton, said that he was certain that sufficient interest could be aroused and maintained, and offered assistance to the local ringers for regular practice, and he was certain that others would also be willing to assist. Several speakers spoke in a like strain, and help was forthcoming from the neighbouring branches of Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury, which was very encouraging.

The Vicar of Stow (the Rev. H. C. Potts) was elected chairman, and Mr. Raymond Hicks consented to continue as hon. secretary, and a meeting is to be arranged in the autumn to see what can be done. It was decided that the meeting should be advertised in 'The Ringing World,' which would have the effect of attracting visitors, and would help considerably in tuition.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, and to Mr. Hicks, who had been responsible for the local arrangements. This concluded the business, and ringing took place at Moreton-in-Marsh and Bourton-on-the-Water during the evening. F. S.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—This may have been said before, but I would like to express my own admiration for the composition by Mr. Pitman, containing all the work of the four methods for every bell. I have rung it about eight times and have called it three times, but would never tire of it.—Yours faithfully,

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Scawthorpe, Doncaster.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FRIDAY MORNING EXPECTATIONS

Dear Sir,—That a reader should demand your resignation seems, in all conscience, reasonable enough, but may another reader relate how one who cycles to work will go a whole seven days without a nod or glance at the postman should that worthy man be late on a Friday morning. On the other hand, should he be early, irate motorists at a busy roundabout will lower their windows and say abominable things when this reader finds it necessary to turn over a page; and your responsibility is waved in the face of such temper.

Another reader who regularly jumps off his down-town bus every morning but Friday, when his postman is early, and then it's a matter of 15 minutes late and off an up-town bus. Week by week we read the theories, the tours and the letters, some screamingly funny. Couldn't a competition be held for the writers? And those well-reasoned articles by Libra, just when I thought one more and I'll know who he is. Then there was Belfrymanship to the fourth dimension.

No, Mr. Editor, your correspondent is quite wrong. A reader since about 1922, when Mr. Newton was the local agent and got copies for quite a few of us each week, I assure you your paper is as eagerly waited for and devoured, as ever.—Yours very faithfully,

ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Liverpool.

ADVERTISING PEAL ATTEMPTS

Dear Sir,—Having just read this week's 'Ringing World,' I feel obliged to reply to the letter by Mr. Poyntz who advocates the advertisement of all peal attempts. But at the same time I do not wish to enter into any specific argument on the Cranborne peal.

To insist on such a rule would, in my opinion, be a great set-back to the Exercise as a whole, because it would be reducing all ringers to a level of mistrust. A great deal of valuable space would be wasted in this paper. If, as Mr. Poyntz considers, a reduction in the number of peals rung ensued, then we should be greatly reducing our standards. It is our peal ringers who are the people to whom we look for progress in the more advanced methods and where that practice is obtained which gives us experience and confidence to strike a service touch well.

Do not, however, think that I am opposed to the non-peal ringer—far from it—but I do consider that the idea of such restrictions are not at all in keeping with our ideals.

Finally I would like to offer one suggestion to ringers anticipating peal attempts in other districts. Approach through the local ringing officials first, and many of these disputes will never arise.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN BLYTHE.

Southwold, Suffolk.

THE LATE MR. A. J. CORRIGAN'S PUBLICATIONS

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent's letter in 'The Ringing World' of July 11th, I hasten to assure him that every precaution has been taken to see that these valuable publications and other valuable data in method constructions have been taken care of.

After a talk with Mr. Corrigan's widow, it was decided to hand over these papers, etc., to the Central Council, and accordingly a letter was sent to the hon. secretary notifying the Council of Mrs. Corrigan's wish. The publications that were left on hand (which were not a great number), together with the other material are being collected and sent to the Central Council for their use. No doubt they will reprint and issue with their publications.—Yours faithfully,

F. SKIDMORE.

Hon. Sec., Gloucester and Bristol
Diocesan Association.

RINGERS AND THE CHURCH

Dear Sir—In reference to your leading article of January 18th, I think F. E. H. would have made his case more convincing if he had signed his full name.

By simulating a guise of mock piety, with his 'day of rest,' he then proceeds to exhort us never to let divine worship interfere with our 'fascinating hobby.' The tenor of his remarks is misleading in the extreme, and it is rather surprising that such an article occupies the front page of such a journal as 'The Ringing World.'

If, as we are led to believe, F. E. H. regards the 'sporting and recreational' aspect of ringing as being greater than the religious side, then why doesn't he, as the Rev. E. Sholl points out, build his own tower and bells, and carry out his hobby to his heart's content. Ringers who look upon their art primarily as a 'fascinating hobby' have lost their sense of vocation and have become irresponsible who use the Church's property and expect the Church authorities to replace equipment worn out by them for their personal gratification. The Church must have prior claim to her bells.

Church bellringing has two, and only two, purposes. They are (a) The glorifying and worship of God by using our skill in handling bells to the best of our ability, and (b) The calling of others to Church—personal hobbies just don't enter into it. Each of these reasons is sufficient in itself to demand our presence in church, and both together, there is no Christian ringer who can deny the obligation to remain for divine service. How can we call others to worship while we,

'As some ungracious pastors do,
Show them the steep and thorny path to
Heaven;

Whilst like a puff'd and reckless libertine,
Himself the primrose path of dalliance
treads

And reck not his own read'?

I'll let the matter stand there. It remains for the conscience of the ringer himself to decide whether he will join in the worship of Our Lord or not, but it strikes me we are forced to the conclusion that the majority of ringers use the tower for their private pleasure and seem to forget, conveniently perhaps, their Christian obligations to their Church.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN BIGGS.

St. David's Cathedral,
Hobart, Tasmania.

P.S.—My apologies for the late arrival of this letter, but I received your journal only a few days ago.

NOTE.—The point F. E. H. endeavoured to make was the two-fold side of ringing—recreational and service to the Church—the same as applies to choristers where music is also a hobby and a part of the Church's service.—Ed.

WYMONDHAM BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the leading article on the Central Council's new book on Plain Major methods. It is a very useful collection and should lead to more of these methods being rung. The paragraph about the table of first performances being complete is not quite correct.

There is no mention in the book of the first peal of Wymondham Bob No. 51. A peal in this method was rung at Walesby, Lincolnshire, on June 6th 1937, conducted by myself. No claim was made as to this being the first peal in the method, but I presume now that this was so.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Cleatham, Kirton-Lindsey.

STEDMAN DOUBLES

Dear Sir.—As there are at least six different ways of starting Stedman, it is possible to ring 60 different 120's of Stedman Doubles.

No. 1.—Start with 21435, the 4th going in slow bell.

No. 2.—Start with 21435, the 4th going in quick bell.

No. 3.—Start with 21354, the 4th going in slow bell, ordinary way.

No. 4.—Start with 13254, the 4th going in quick bell.

No. 5.—Start with 21354 the 4th going in slow bell, 4-5 double dodge.

No. 6.—Start with 13254, the 4th going in quick bell. 4-5 double dodge.

Each of the above can be called ten different ways, making 60 six-scores in all, which would be 7,200. These will give the five-bell ringers considerable pastime.

It is well known that Fabian Stedman commenced this method so that the first three changes corresponded with Grandsire when they 'discouraged sweet music nightly' at practice, whereas the correct starting should be at the division of the sixes.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

IRREGULAR LEAD ENDS IN MINOR

Dear Sir,—I fail completely to understand the reason for the exclusion of Minor methods with irregular lead ends.

In Minor, of necessity, you must ring the full extent, hence including all the possible permutations. What difference does it make, therefore, if the given extent is produced by irregular lead ends? If the tenors are not brought up in the 6/5 position at 'backstroke' the same musical changes must be produced. Therefore, the argument cannot be based on this the most important property! Strength to this proposition is lent by the fact that all Plain Bob lead end methods with London above the treble and 5ths place under it cannot have their extents produced without 6/5's at backstroke (i.e., Crowland).

Many will argue that we have a plentiful supply of Minor methods with the orthodox lead ends. Most propositions of this nature are made relative to some fixed standard. If we take Major the 'plentiful' contention is most certainly untrue. If during the next fifty years only three firsts in the method every year are rung, the supply of new methods will have been exhausted. The only step then will be the reintroduction of irregular lead ends, so why exclude now that which may have to be reintroduced at the turn of the century?

Ringing to-day is expanding. Must we cramp this expansion by applying seemingly senseless rules and regulations?

Already in Surprise Minor we have reached an impasse, it is impossible to obtain more than round about 35 methods in seven extents. How many more would be possible with irregular lead ends?

For the sake of simplicity of conducting, composition and uniformity we can keep to Plain bob lead ends in Major and above, for, as has been said, here we have a multiplicity of methods.

These are my arguments, and although these may be torn to shreds by those better informed than myself, I feel that I must state my case as a Minor ringer.

I would very much like to hear the views of other Minor ringers on this point. Not those of the 'higher ups' who occasionally ring on six, but from those whose ringing is mainly centred on six bells.

Let truth be the victor and prejudice the vanquished.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.

Brangton, Lincs.

BELLS IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 422)

Another secular use to which church bells were put was at Carlton-le-Moorland, Lincs, where a bell was rung annually to summon the people to the church gates to bid for the yearly occupation of a meadow left by a benefactor to the poor of the parish, to be let at the ringing of this bell. It was called 'Dole-Meadow bell'—the bidding now takes place in the school.

A somewhat similar occurrence formerly took place at Winterton in the same county, where the bells were jangled by ringers or anyone who liked to, on May Day, as a summons to the people to assemble in the church porch for the letting of lanes, but since the ropes of the bells have been brought down to ground level, and the tower arch opened, this practice has ceased. At Horncastle the second bell was tolled immediately after morning service on Easter Monday and on Easter Tuesday to give notice of the collection of Easter dues. A similar custom also prevailed at Doncaster.

FOR REPAIR OF ROADS

In the accounts of Louth, Lincs, for 1589, a payment is shown for 'ringing at ye boundays,' which refers to the 'booning' or mending of the roads, towards which the occupiers of the land were formerly bound to contribute by lending horses and carts for the conveyance of the needful material. Notice of the days when this service was to be rendered was given in several places by the ringing of a church bell. The derivation and original meaning of the word 'boon' used in this sense in many parts of Lincs has given rise to much discussion.

On certain days bells were rung in connection with Manorial Courts, and days when various parochial rites were attested. At Wellingsborough and Duddington, Northants, and at Bisbrooke, Rutland, this was done when Manorial Courts were held. At Warwick, St. Nicholas', a bell was rung for the meeting of the Chamberlains of St. Nicholas' Meadow. At Hinxworth, Herts, formerly on Whitsun eve, for the 'cow common rights.' In Lincolnshire a bell was rung in November at Claypole and the last Monday in October at Epworth for the meeting of the 'Dykes and Drains Jury.' A similar custom prevailed at Puxton, Somerset.

THE MARKET BELL

A usage of more common character was the ringing of a bell to notify the opening of a market or fair. The 'market bell' is very ancient. The Rev. J. T. Fowler in 'Bells and Ringing' says, 'Strabo has a story of a street musician suddenly deserted by all his hearers save one at the sound of the Fish Market Bell. The musician, beginning to thank the one who remained for paying him such a compliment, found that he was deaf, and as soon as the deaf man knew the fish market was open he followed the rest, and left no one to pay the piper.' Sometimes the market bell was a hand-bell, sometimes a bell hung over the market house or town hall, and in other instances it was the church bell.

At Barton-on-Humber there was a law prohibiting any person purchasing, for resale or profit, goods brought into the haven, until after the expiration of three days from the bell-man's announcing the arrival of the cargo. During these days the townsmen had the opportunity of buying the goods at wholesale prices. At Stamford the signal for the commencement of the Corn Market was, in the reign of Edward IV., the ringing of the 'Undernone' or 'Under Bell.' The Town book, belonging to the Corporation, has this order passed in 1478-9:— 'It is ordeyned that no person opyn ther sack or set ther corn to sale afore the hour of ten of the bell, or els the undernone bell be rongyn.'

This bell, or a successor, became subsequently known as the market bell, for in 1777 the Corporation resolved to give 'the market bell as an additional bell to the quarters in the church.' The market bell at Watford, Herts, hung in the church steeple as is shown in the inventory of church goods there, taken in 1552, 'Imprimis V Belles in the steeple and one m'ket bell.' At St. Peter's, Sandwich, Kent, the market bell was known as the 'Brandgoose bell.' Shrewsbury had their own bell for the market, and at Oundle, Northants, one is rung on market days.

THE BUTTER BELL

At Sleaford, Lincs, a small bell (about 13½ inches in diameter without inscription or date) hanging in the south light of the lowest west spire light of the church is known as the 'Butter bell.' There is a tradition that this bell was rung a century ago to announce to Sleaford folk the sale of butter was about to commence. The inhabitants then had the privilege of securing all they required before purchasers from a distance were allowed to buy. At Rotherham and elsewhere in Yorkshire the custom prevailed of ringing a bell at a stated hour on Saturday nights as a signal to close the market, and obedience to this summons was strictly enforced.

In many towns bells were rung on the eves of old established fairs, such as at Epworth, Lincs, where a peal was rung for an hour on the first Wednesday after May Day, introducing Epworth fair on the following day. At Louth it used to be the custom to ring on the evening before November fair-day.

BELLS A GUIDE TO FARMERS

Lincolnshire also furnishes an example of ringing peals to guide farmers and others home from the markets across flat and formerly unenclosed country. Thus at Scotton the bells were rung on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 o'clock 'to guide the people coming from Gainsborough Market across Scotton Common.' At Kirtton-in-Lindsey a bell, sometimes called the market bell, but more commonly the 'winter ringing,' was, for many years previous to the Inclosure in 1801, rung at 7 o'clock in the evening during November, December and January, on Tuesdays to guide travellers from Gainsborough Market; on Thursdays from Brigg Market, and Saturdays from Kirtton Market. This continued till 1858 when, on the appointment of a new vicar, the night ringing was changed to Monday, Wednesday and Friday, which, of course, meant nothing. With some difficulty the vicar was brought to see why the nights had originally been chosen and the old custom was restored.

In provincial boroughs it is still customary to ring at the election of a new Mayor, and at Warwick the bells are rung when the judges come to the Assizes, and this is the case at St. Martin's—now the Cathedral, Leicester—when the judge attends service prior to the Assizes. This was carried out only a week ago and the writer acted as 'Virger' on this and on previous occasions.

(To be continued)

BOLSOVER RINGERS VISIT LEICESTER

The annual outing of the Bolsover Parish Church ringers and friends from the neighbouring towers of Chesterfield, Warsop, Shire-oaks, Heath and Staveley, was held on June 21st.

The luxury coach left the Parish Church at approximately 8 a.m. and the first halt was made at Kegworth, between Derby and Loughborough. Some difficulty was experienced owing to the bells being only slightly audible in the tower but good touches of Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were brought round.

Time went all too quickly at the next tower, Shepshed, where the bells and ringing chamber were in beautiful condition. It was obvious that there is an active band at this church and the visitors were sorry when it became necessary to leave. A substantial lunch was enjoyed at a restaurant in Shepshed and some of the younger members of the party cast longing eyes at the local carnival activities.

A short journey through country not unlike Derbyshire in appearance, brought the coach to Whitwick, where the handy ring of eight was rung to various methods for approximately one hour. The local band had left for their annual outing in the Retford district but detailed instructions had been left in the tower and here again it was obvious that the bells are in good hands.

Several of the local band were waiting to meet the visitors at Wigston Magna. The unusual spiral staircase was carefully negotiated by some of the older members of the party and all were rewarded by some excellent ringing on the fine ring of eight. An almost perfect course of Superlative Surprise Major was one of the highlights of the day and the striking earned commendation from Mr. B. Knights.

Mrs. H. J. Poole and her daughter, Mrs. Stanforth, had very kindly undertaken to provide tea for the party in the schoolroom of the Church of St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester. The arrangements were typical of the way in which the members of the Poole family go out of their way to welcome visiting ringers to the Leicester towers. Father Collins, of the Church of St. Mary-de-Castro, joined the party at tea and he also paid tribute to Inspector Poole and his family for the interest they take in all matters concerning the welfare of ringers.

Mr. A. S. Cooper thanked Mr. Poole and his wife for all the help they had given in organising such a successful day's ringing and very satisfactory tea.

The fine octave at the Church of St. Mary-de-Castro was rung after tea until approximately 7.30 p.m. and here again it was only after stressing the long distance from home that the organiser was able to bring a closure to the ringing. With the help of Mr. Poole and Mr. Stanforth a very excellent course of Yorkshire Surprise Major was enjoyed by all and Mrs. Poole and her daughter joined in the last touch of the day.

The ringing during the whole of the day was well above average for strange towers and all agreed that from every point of view this had been one of the most enjoyable outings from Bolsover.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

Tonbridge District

A very successful meeting was held at Marden on July 5th, about 20 ringers attending. Ringing ranged over the standard methods and after tea Superlative Surprise was reached.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Eagling, who has recently returned to this country after 16 years in Siam, to which

he referred in his address with particular reference to Siamese temple bells and to the contrast between the fundamental differences in the attitude of the Buddhist and the Christian to voluntary service.

After tea, to which the ringers were entertained by the members of the church, the Vicar took the chair at the business meeting at which Mr. B. Kemp and Mr. B. Harris, both of Hawkhurst, were elected members.

OUTINGS IN BRIEF

ST. MARY'S, BOCKING

A beautiful day added greatly to the enjoyment of a tour of North-east Essex, including five hours by the sea, by St. Mary's, Bocking, company.

The party was disappointed on arrival at St. Leonard's, Colchester, by the news that a sudden death in the vicinity of the church prevented ringing. Previously two shopping-minded ladies had dismounted from the coach. Fortunately they arrived 20 minutes ahead of schedule, so the journey seawards was continued.

The next stop was at Great Bentley where an enjoyable 14 hours was spent. The churchwarden, Mr. Clarke, welcomed us and gave us an interesting account of the history of the church. The objective of the outing, Clacton, was reached in good time, and here the party roamed at will until after tea.

Great Holland was the first tower on the homeward journey—a grand Taylor ring. The party was joined here by Mr. and Mrs. Pell and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mills and Donald, from Bures. The added ringing strength enabled an excellent course of Superlative Surprise Major to be rung. Mr. Rouse, who met us, was warmly thanked.

Then came Kirby-by-Soken with a welcome by Mr. Southgate. Excellent use was made of this nice little eight including two courses of Cambridge Surprise. Homeward-bound, the 'Bocking choir,' under the conductorship of the steeplekeeper, sang lustily, much to the amusement of the organist and her deputy, who, sitting side by side, noticed that two young choristers produced a considerable amount more volume than is usual in the stalls on Sundays. This must be attributed to the fact that the Red Lion lemonade was somewhat stronger than the Black Boy ginger beer! As this was the first attempt at a real ringing outing for St. Mary's, it was unanimously agreed that it must be repeated annually. H. G. S.

LIVERPOOL RINGERS IN NORTH WALES

Organised by Mr. Henshaw, of Emmanuel, Liverpool ringers had an outing to North Wales on July 5th. The party comprised juniors, junior either in years or having learnt their ringing post-war, from the Cathedral Cross Guild, Childwall, Woolton and Emmanuel.

At Buckley the party was welcomed by the Vicar and his captain, who helped the visitors on this very pleasant eight. Leaving Buckley for Mold, with happy thoughts, the 30-odd ringers and friends passed the field of the 'Alleluia Victory,' so called because of the victory of the army of the Britons against a horde of pagan Picts and Saxons. The Britons were led by St. German of Auxerre, and it is recorded that with the cry of 'Alleluia' the victors charged. There are several churches in Wales and Cornwall dedicated to the gallant saint; there is but one Maes Garmon or field of the battle of St. German.

A visitor to Mold in 1706 spoke thus:—'Pretty Mold, proud people; Handsome church without a steeple.' The tower, added a few years later, and the church, restored by Sir G. Scott, was much admired. Mr. Evans, the towerkeeper, and Mr. Budd, better known in Lancashire ringing circles, not only welcomed and rang, but came on to the next call at Hope, travelling via Pentrehobyn, where one Robert Bryne, mayor of Chester, was hanged to a staple in the great hall during the Wars of the Roses. 'Better,' says Ivanhoe's Wamba, who rang more bells at every turn of his head than most of us ring in a month, 'a fool at a feast than a wise man at a fray.'

A great welcome by the Rector and local ringers greeted the party at Hope and a short and delightful service was held in the village church. There was much interest in the 12th century history, and ringing, tea and more ringing was followed by a pleasant drive home.

H. and H.

EMMANUEL, PLYMOUTH

'The Ringers' Outing' portrayed by M. M. C. in the issue of July 4th was certainly true to life and might well have fitted in with the Emmanuel, Plymouth, ringers' outing on July 12th. Punctually at 7.30 a.m. the party set off for Axminster, the first tower, some 70 miles distant. A break for coffee preceded ringing on this grand octave and the bells proved such an attraction that 20 minutes were lost.

The next call was over the border into Somerset, at Chard. Here a halt for lunch resulted in more time being lost. Ringing at the following towers, Ilminster, Taunton (St. James') and Bishops Lydeard, had to be curtailed and the party were only ten minutes late for tea.

Somerset were playing Derbyshire at Taunton and the church visited was in the direction of the cricket ground. Walking back from the church the party was waylaid by an excited cyclist who asked the latest score. 'I have not the foggiest,' responded the spokesman from Plymouth. (It is evident that Devon has not a first-class county eleven.). He gazed at the party with a certain amount of pity and rode off. We could, however, have told him that there were eight bells in the church we had just visited, and in the tower, under the shadow of which we almost stood, was a ring of 12, but he probably would not have been interested.

Contacts are usually made en route and it was a pleasure for some of the party to meet friends and relatives at Ilminster, Chard and Taunton.

After tea one more tower remained to be visited—Milverton—and the ringing on this excellent eight was worthy of the fact that it was the 100th tower the Emmanuel band of ringers had rung at since 1943.

These 100 towers have been visited by a series of outings, evenings, Saturday afternoons and one whole day each year. From the foundations laid when ringing commenced towards the end of the war, a strong band has been built up under the energetic captaincy of Mr. Jack Sims. About eight remain of the original band and only one, however, of the pre-war band. The company have also visited Exeter Cathedral.

Emmanuel Ringers' visitors' book contains the names of some 200 ringing friends, not only from all over the country, but from British Columbia and Australia. We extend to them best wishes and assure them and any other ringer visiting Plymouth that the same cordial welcome awaits them at Emmanuel. We ring for both services each Sunday, Thursday being our practice night.

H. H. T.

ST. AMBROSE GUILD VISIT BIRMINGHAM

On Saturday, June 21st, a small company of ringers, nine in number, from St. Ambrose Ringers' Guild, Bristol, paid a visit to the Midland Metropolis. The number being small, the journey was made by rail.

The company arrived at Birmingham just before 11 a.m. and proceeded to King's Norton, where Mr. Blake, the tower master, extended a hearty welcome. After ringing on the very nice ten, we proceeded back to the city, and after lunch were welcomed by Mr. George Fearn who had so kindly made all the arrangements for us to ring at the city churches—St. Chad's, Bishop Ryder's, the Cathedral and St. Martin's. All this was fitted in during the afternoon, and thanks to the willing help of the Birmingham ringers who turned up to help, a very enjoyable time was spent. We were especially pleased to see Mr. Albert Walker at St. Martin's and to note that he has recovered from his recent indisposition. We say thank you very much, Birmingham, for so warm a welcome, and especially to Mr. George Fearn, who spared no trouble on our behalf.

F. S.

ST. NICHOLAS', BRIGHTON

Ringers and friends of St. Nicholas' Church, Brighton, enjoyed, on July 5th, an outing which was so perfectly organised by Mr. G. Ades, that we were everywhere on time—even on arrival at home in the evening.

Many of the ringers at our tower are humble learners, attempting to the best of their ability to profit by the expert advice of their instructors, and they looked forward to the experience which new towers would give them.

We set off to a sunny start and made our first stop at Wickham in order that lady members of the party might powder their noses and gentlemen of the party sip their lemonade! Our first official tower was, however, at North Stoneham, where we certainly found the varied experience to which we had looked forward—a light ring of ten, with a long draught and, just for full measure, new ropes; it was rather like ringing with elastic. Our members met the challenge, dug their heels in, and the young lady ringers, many of them elevated and thankful at having left School Certificate examinations behind them during the previous week, soon mastered the difficult conditions and all ten were, before long, speaking in their correct places.

From North Stoneham we cruised along, in our almost new coach, to the market town of Romsey, where we enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Open Hearth restaurant, a meal punctuated now and again by the voice of handbells. Our organiser had not forgotten to allow a break after lunch before we climbed the 80 odd steps to the belfry of Romsey's lovely old Norman Abbey; a belfry so large that the circle of eight ropes appeared insignificant in its centre. What a delightful ring of full, deep-toned bells they proved to be. Here, as was a characteristic of the whole day, everybody had a chance of ringing something—rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and so on—in the one hour allotted to us. Very long touches were avoided for this reason. All the ringers were loath to leave this tower but all good things have to end and the coach was waiting to take us on to Southampton for a tea at the Baronia restaurant, by which time many tongues were performing doggy tricks as the day had grown steadily warmer.

Our last ringing call was at St. Michael's Church, Southampton, where we found a lovely and melodious ring of ten which 'went' extremely well. Here again all had a pull and there was the usual helpful encouragement for those beginners who were, perhaps, just a little nervous at the thought of going wrong in a strange tower. Grandsire Caters and Triples and Bob Royal were rung and the ringing ended with a beautifully-struck touch of Stedman Triples by the experts of the band as a fitting conclusion to the day's efforts.

It was a perfect summer's evening and we enjoyed the trip home through the Hampshire and Sussex countryside, making one stop only, at a wayside hostelry for a 'tonic' and a course or so on the handbells at the request of the landlady.

Back in Brighton once again, all agreed that it had been an excellent day and that only one thing had been missing—grumbles!

G. B.

BAN SUNDAY PEALS

Dear Sir,—The Cranborne peal seems to have raised a great deal of comment and I suggest that Sunday peals be banned by the Central Council and by all Guilds and County Associations. The practice seems to be wrong in any case and should be outlawed, although I myself took part in one at 7 o'clock on a Sunday morning in Cornwall many years ago and cannot claim to be innocent of the offence.—Yours faithfully,

STAFFORD H. GREEN.

Sampford Peverell, Devon.

A RINGING HOLIDAY IN DORSET

A memorable holiday has been spent recently at Lyme Regis by Messrs. William Yates (Buckingham), Ernest Morris (Leicester) and C. R. (Bob) Greenwood and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francis (London). Thanks to the arrangements made by Mr. G. Stedman Morris and friends in the district, a most enjoyable time was spent.

On Friday evening on the grand ring at Axminster a quarter peal of Bristol Surprise Major (1,280 changes), was rung by A. J. Scott 1, R. Keeley 2, N. Mallett 3, W. Yates 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. S. Morris (conductor) 6, C. W. Powell 7, E. Morris 8. This was the first in the method on the bells and by all the band except the brothers Morris.

The highlight of the week was the next day, when by cars and motor cycles the party set off early through some of the finest scenery of the country, to Kingston to ring this Taylor masterpiece; a glorious octave in a splendid tower of a grand church high up in the hills and overlooking the valley across to the ancient historic Corfe Castle. Thanks to the Rev. Canon Cox (who, unfortunately, could not attend owing to a church service) we were enabled to ring the first peal of Superlative on the bells. Dr. E. L. Taylor, who acted as 'transport officer' umpired the peal from the distant castle and congratulated the band on a very fine performance; then with other friends who had come to join the party he took part in a touch of Stedman.

After lunch in a beautiful garden we set off to Swanage where the fine octave was rung to Yorkshire, Superlative, Cambridge, etc. Thence to Wareham where the quaint old ring gave some trouble, but a good course of London was accomplished. At tea we were unexpectedly joined by the Rev. R. P. Farrow, of Lulworth, who was equally surprised to see us, especially 'Ernest', who recalled many peals together in Leicestershire. Then away to Wool, where the six bells were rung to various methods before journeying to Wyke Regis, where again many methods were successfully brought round. A brief ascent to the tower to see the splendid view of Portland

and the Chesil Beach, and Weymouth, where 'Old Joe, the Rhythm King,' father of the brothers Morris, was born 85 years ago. Back along the coast road ended a grand day and one to be remembered.

Next day found us at Lyme for Sunday service ringing, and on Monday we visited the ancient shrine of St. Wyta in the old church at Whitchurch Canonicorum. Here we rang the first peal of Yorkshire on the bells and Ernest's 450th peal of Major. On Tuesday, at Beaminster, noted for its beautiful tower, Stedman just would not go but we enjoyed the trip, nevertheless.

On Wednesday through the narrow country lanes of Devon to Membury, where we met the Rev. Prebendary Cox and a party from Exeter. After they had rung a short touch we tried for London Surprise but after the second 720 the conductor called 'Stand' in sympathy for Ernest, who was 'all in' through the heavy 'go' of his bell. This 1,440 was rung by W. Yates 1, R. Keeley 2, N. Mallett 3, E. Morris 4, H. Keeley 5, G. S. Morris (conductor) 6, and was the longest yet rung on the bells.

Thursday is Lyme practice night and London, Cambridge Lincolnshire, Yorkshire and Grand-sire were rung. Friday, again to Axminster, where the first quarter peal of Double Norwich on the bells was rung by:—E. Morris 1, A. J. Scott 2, H. G. Keeley 3, C. R. Grimwood 4, F. Wreford 5, N. Mallett 6, W. Yates 7, G. S. Morris (conductor) 8.

On Saturday, at Seaton, we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Francis and tried for a peal of London Surprise Major but, unfortunately, about half-way, after excellent ringing, it was lost. This was a great disappointment for it would have been the first in the method by five in the band. The same thing repeated itself on Monday, when again at Whitchurch we failed in about the same way and place. Thus, all too soon, a grand week came to an end, but we look forward to another year when (D.V.) we might complete the 'unfinished peals.'

E. M.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Sudbury-Claire District

July 12th proved the right date for the quarterly meeting at Hedington, 32 members finding transport to travel to this very rural part of Suffolk. The cost of petrol and the pushing of bicycle pedals proved worthwhile to visit this ancient church with its crudely-carved oak box-pews and one wonders (or does one?) why the death watch beetle has never found all this tasty ancient oak.

The ringing captain, Mr. Bowyer, was waiting to extend his welcome and was proud to inform us that in spite of the call to the Forces and the number of youngsters who travel to fresh occupations they were still able to ring the six bells regularly, calling an average of 90 people (which would appear to be more than the total population) to the service. The tower contains a very mellow ring with the treble being of Tudor age, the absence of harshness being proved as the ringing failed to disturb the sleeping owl, much to the interest of the youngsters.

An excellent tea was provided on the lawn, followed by handbells, which were most effective in this lovely setting.

The meeting decided to hold the next meeting at Haverhill.

The ringing ceased at 8.45 p.m. and ranged from Spliced Plain methods to London Surprise with rounds and call changes for the young buds.

L. D. M.

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT

Almost as many counties as towers were visited by members of the Biggleswade District together with wives and friends on their annual outing on July 5th.

Although a little late leaving one of the 'picking-up points,' we were soon heading out of Bedfordshire into Northamptonshire and the first tower, Yorks Kirby, Warwickshire (8), was reached only a few minutes behind schedule. Claybrooke (Leics) (8) was the second tower and we were joined here by Mr. A. Ballard. The next stop was at Hinckley where short (or should I say quick?) work was made of lunch at Liggins Cafe.

Our third tower was East Shilton (8), then on to the main destination—Loughborough Foundry—where we were met by Mr. J. P. Fidler, and spent an interesting 1½ hours under his guidance. The new ring for Liverpool was duly (and enviously) admired. Naturally we could not leave without paying a short visit to the Campanile—starting with rounds on all for all. The more ambitious then tried York-shire and Cambridge on the back eight and Cambridge on the first six. After tea at the Empire Cinema no time was lost in getting to Melton Mowbray (10) and our last tower was Oakham, Rutland (8).

Ringers enjoyed during the day, all on very good bells, included Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Bristol Surprise Major.

The party wish to extend sincere thanks to incumbents and local ringers of towers visited and Mr. L. Bywaters for organising yet another successful tour.

D. J. H.

5,120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

No. 2 Arrangement

By A. J. PITMAN

The following composition is well known to conductors as regards No. 1 Arrangement which could be rung in from four to eight methods. I now send No. 2 Arrangement which allows peals to be rung in from four to twelve methods. Owing to the additional methods, some of the other methods have been rearranged and care must be taken not to mix up the No. 1 and No. 2 Arrangements.

Following is the composition:—

2345678	Methods
4263857	Rutland.
— 2357486	Cambridge.
— 2343678	London or Wembley.
— 6452837	London.
— 4237685	Cam., Superlative or Yorkshire.
3462578	London.
6354827	London or Wembley.
— 3427685	Cam., Superlative or Pudsey.
2364578	Bristol.
6253847	Bristol.
— 5623847	Bristol.
— 347582	Cam., Superlative or Pudsey.
— 5463278	Rutland.
6524837	Rutland, London or Watford.
4357682	Cam., Superlative or Yorkshire.
— 6543278	Rutland, London or Watford.
4625837	Rutland.
— 6537482	Cambridge or Superlative.
— 4365278	London.
6423857	London.
3547682	Cambridge or Lincolnshire.
— 6435278	London.
— 3645278	Bristol.
— 4326857	London.
— 3657482	Cambridge or Lincolnshire.
5346278	Rutland.
4523867	London or Lindum.*
— 5367482	Cambridge.
— 4653278	London or Eastcote.
— 5426837	London or Eastcote.
— 4637582	Cambridge or Superlative.
3456278	London or Lindum.*

Repeat four times.

Provided that Watford is not rung in the peal, Rutland will be true if rung at the leads marked *

A GUIDE TO PEAL RINGERS

Conductors and others sending in peals should note the following details as to footnotes, a style which was introduced by the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, and has been in operation ever since:—

- Mark the first note with *
- Mark the second with †
- Mark the third with ‡
- Mark the fourth with §

These incidentals should precede the name of the ringer. Confusion is likely to arise when they appear after the name.

5.056 LEICESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. F. B. SPEED

23456 W B M H

45236	—	—	—	
45623	—	2	—	
62453	—	—	—	
34625	—	—	—	
23645	—	—	3	
64235	—	—	—	
52436	—	—	—	
64523	—	—	—	
52643	—	—	—	
36524	—	—	—	
23564	—	—	3	

23456 A

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MISCELLANEOUS

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston Joint meeting at St. Peter's, Belper, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. 1067

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. Division.—Meeting at Matching (6) on Saturday, July 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 1025

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting follows tea.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1083

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Drighlington, Saturday, July 26th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 1100

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Alford, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. 1073

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting Edenham, July 26th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. 1074

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Fulmer, Saturday, July 26th, 3.30 p.m.—Barker. 1060

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Ipswich, July 26th. St. Mary-le-Tower bells from 2.30 p.m.—C. W. Pipe. 1071

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern and North-Western Districts.—Joint meeting at Lingfield, July 26th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. J. Champion, R. Lathbury, Dis. Secs. 1045

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Dedication of Baughurst bells on Saturday, July 26th. Service 3 o'clock. 1062

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tuesday, July 29th, 7.15 p.m. Advanced methods practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. No practice at Lambeth in August.—Rogers. HOU 3921. 1104

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, White-chapel, August 2nd, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards, All Saints', Fulham, 6.30 p.m. No ringing at St. Michael's Cornhill, until September.—A. B. Peck. 1093

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Kineton (6), August 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Radway (5) from 6 p.m. Please arrange own tea.—Edden, 25, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 1092

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington Saturday, August 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1088

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Meeting at Waltham Abbey (12) on August 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Special invitation to the Middlesex Association. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Roberts, 5, Monkswood Avenue, Waltham Abbey, Essex.—F. V. G. 1082

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—August 2nd, St. James' (10), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Broadway Cafe, Cumberland Street, 5 p.m. Meeting, Church House, Whitson Street, 6 p.m.—A. Bennett. 1098

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, August 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names, please.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 1102

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at East Peckham (6), August 2nd, at 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 30th to Mr. T. Saunders, East Peckham, Tonbridge. 1079

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, August 2nd. Names for tea to Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold.—W. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 1105

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Milton Keynes, Saturday, August 2nd. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 1095

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery and Reading Branches.—A joint meeting at Sonning on August 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Sonning and Shiplake bells after tea. Notify for tea by July 29th to B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 1084

NEW READERS WANTED

We are pleased to register a number of new readers this half-year. More will be welcome. Will instructors please call the attention of belfry recruits to the series of beginners' articles which started with the present half-year.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Bratton (6), August 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 1103

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Practice meeting, Ardingly (6), Saturday, August 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify by July 30th.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 1091

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Practice meeting, August 2nd, at Netley. Names for tea, by July 29th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 1097

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Alteration in date of meeting at Little Comberton, to Aug. 2nd instead of July 26th. Times as previously stated. Names for tea, by July 29th, to 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 1089

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District), SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—Annual joint meeting at Leatherhead on Monday, August 4th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. The Institute, 2s. Owing to holiday it is essential that names for tea should reach G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by July 31st.—A. H. Smith and R. Lathbury. 1090

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND LADIES' GUILD (Northern District).—Joint meeting at Rotherham on Bank Holiday Monday. Bells (10) at 2.30. Names for tea not later than Thursday, July 31st, to Mr. T. C. Ryder, 19, Middle Lane South, Rotherham.—J. E. Turley and D. E. Kelly, Hon. Secs. 1086

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne and Ilchester Branches.—Joint meeting at Martock, August 9th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 1099

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Norton and Whilton, Saturday, August 9th. Service and tea at Norton. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, August 2nd.—F. W. Hancock, Wil-loughby, Rugby. 1094

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Alwalton on August 9th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. 1085

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STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On July 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Parsons 1, D. H. Rooke 2, F. A. Adams 3, H. Paddison 4, J. Ford 5, R. E. Moon (first quarter) 6, W. Dickinson 7, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the baptism of John Dickenson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Dickinson.

RINGING RHYMES

No. 12A. Stedman (continued)

Though Stedman is by 'sixes' rung,
It is, like any other method, strung
Together by Divisions. Each
From mid-quick six you'll find to reach
To mid-quick six ensuing. Here
The Stedman CYCLICS do appear.
'Position' will, in Triples, be
Just: 2-5-6-1-7-4-3.
And thus for 'Bell' the cyclic true
Is: 3-4-7-1-6-5-2.

The Stedman blue line thus you'll find:—
Quick work, then dodging out behind.
Then Slow work. (on the front once more)
With dodging following, as before.

Quick work in *one* six is complete.
In Slow, *five* sixes you will meet.

This slow work in four parts is classed:
Whole Turns and Half Turns—first and last.

For First Whole Turn lead 'wrong' then 'right'
With sandwiched 'snap' in seconds. (tight!)
First Half Turn now, with snap at hand
Then Last Half Turn, at back stroke. And—
Last Whole Turn next, with leads right/wrong,
Sandwiching seconds snap. This throng
Is interspersed with places, thirds.
Five times successively. (These words
At first seem strange; but work them out—
You'll soon learn what it's all about!)

Except in Doubles, at mid-six.
Where 'Single' will two back bells 'fix.'
The Stedman calls at six-ends rise;
The Bob three back bells to revise.
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But previous two place-make, as one.

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