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## SNATCH AND GRAB

**T**OWER grabbing is a pastime in which we all indulge at some time in our ringing careers. Few of us fail to be stirred and tempted by the sound of bells coming from a strange tower. Others master the most complicated navigational problems in weekly pilgrimages to meetings and finally are more expert perhaps at translating Bradshaw and transport time-tables than at ringing. Even the most considerate and self-sacrificing family man will have a surreptitious look at Dove's before departing on his holidays.

'Snatching,' however, is a peculiar accomplishment, a technique which from the accounts in 'The Ringing World' is increasing in popularity and application; it is an activity for the enthusiast and one which can be most rewarding and beneficial providing it is undertaken with due circumspection and organisation. Its object is to 'collect' as many towers as possible within a given space of time, and if the optimum results are to be obtained certain essential conditions emerge of which the experienced snatcher will already be aware, but which are, nevertheless, worth while recapitulating.

Since time is of prime importance, towers with eight or more bells should not be included in the programme. Touches on eight or more bells take time; in addition, the methods and their musical qualities are too absorbing to be compatible with a snatch—to cut short the ringing would fail to do justice to the bells in any circumstances, to prolong the ringing would defeat the object of the exercise. The number of ringers required, moreover, would be too large for this intimate and delicate operation.

Indeed, the only towers which may be legitimately snatched are fives and sixes, and those which under normal circumstances would be relatively inaccessible and preferably, though not necessarily, rarely rung. (Towers reasonably easily reached for practice nights, peals or meetings should be excluded.) A cursory run through Dove's shows that in this field there is almost endless scope for a snatch.

With regard to conveyance it is apparent from the foregoing that private, generally reliable transport, preferably mechanised, is a most desirable adjunct. Judicious invitation can avoid the necessity to hire transport, although this can be done quite cheaply. The number of vehicles should be limited to the minimum required to accommodate the party, having due regard to the state of the vehicles concerned.

Oldish clothes, a supply of cattle-castor oil, adequate maps and sandwiches are also desirable.

The number of ringers should not exceed the minimum necessary to ring the bells well—eight at the most and of these at least one should be a beginner at a stage where he or she is able to reap the maximum benefit from ringing on strange bells with their variations in weight and 'go' and music, from the experience in raising and lowering in peal, and the practice concentrated ringing with more experienced ringers can provide. It was for this very purpose that the snatches in which the writer has been involved were first organised.

The ideal period for a snatch is, of course, a full day, finishing at the last tower in the region of 7 to 8 o'clock in the evening. In this time, with an overall distance of perhaps 100 miles, ten or more towers can be collected in reasonable comfort. Twenty-five minutes at a five- or six-bell tower has been shown by experience to be an ideal time for a visit. This is not a tower 'outing' or a sightseeing tour, and timing should be tight but adequate. Sandwiches at some village hostelry for lunch and resorting to a conveniently situated town for high tea make up the day.

These are bare bones of the plan. The reality is indescribably rewarding. The day is spent in the country, in quaint villages of infinite variety, with their gems of architecture and local craftsmanship, which whet an appetite that cannot on this occasion be indulged. There is the work of a variety of founders, some long forgotten, to be enjoyed.

There was, for instance, the 'find' of a magnificent majestic six at a church in a beautiful setting in a village near the Welsh border. Another occasion provided a five at a Victorian church with a slender,

'fairisle,' Italianate tower. The fifth was half-way up in peal, but was dropped because of its 'feel.' The local inhabitant who met us said that there had been some complaints about the bell; an examination showed that all but one of the bolts in the headstock had long since sheared through and the bell revolved slowly but incisively round the remaining one! On the same day two further fives, one being 13456, the other 12346 of sixes, both waiting for a donor to complete the ring. One, unringed, had an infested ringing chamber and a member of the party had to climb a ladder to the intervening floor to raise the rope channels, which swung loosely at crazy angles as they bore on the ropes, before ringing could begin.

At one isolated six the human aspect was most touching. Two of the villagers appeared, one a former method ringer in the tower where only call changes had been rung since the war, and sat enraptured as endless Stedman Doubles were rung to their request.

Amusing incidents have their place as well. At one tower the organiser saw the Vicar in the church, introduced himself and asked where the key to the belfry might be obtained. The conversation went something like this:—

Vicar: 'I'm afraid you can't ring.'

Organiser: 'Oh, how is that? I have your letter giving us permission to do so. It is very awkward as we have come 40 miles to ring here.'

Vicar: 'I am afraid I forgot to mention it to our head ringer. What would you think if you were in his place and I let you ring without his permission?'

Organiser: 'If I were he, I should think you were a very forgetful Vicar.'

Permission was obtained, the local ringer contacted, and all went well.

On another occasion a five was visited at an odd church (the arcade ran down the centre aisle of the nave). A warning had been given about the bells, but in what connection the organiser could not quite remember (it had not been given by the vicar, but had reached him at third hand). The ropes were in extremely poor shape; that might be it. They were ranged round two sides of the tower close to the wall, two down one side and three in a straight row down the other and the ropesight poor in consequence. That was probably it. When the bells began to rise the most unmusical noise ever heard arose. The bells were out of tune with each other and themselves. It was only after some argument that it was decided that the bells were in rounds. This was undoubtedly it. 'Stand if you can,' called the treble—the 'if you can' a sort of postscript evoked by the general atmosphere in the belfry. The treble had no stay and the abrupt gymnastics of the ringer of the fourth showed that that bell had none either. On returning home the organiser found that the warning had been that some of the bells were believed to be stayless. Accurate but how inadequate! Indeed, the stories one could tell would shame the imagination of the most hardened freshwater fisherman.

The term 'snatch' has a somewhat unpleasant ring, but it is probably the most adequate one for this kind of operation, an exercise which can be satisfying to the individual, and if not beneficial in all other respects, at least not harmful in any way. For all who take part it is a tiring but enjoyable day. The opportunity to exercise one's skill and that of others by handling different rings of bells, the chance to practise a variety of methods and improve one's skill in raising and lowering in peal are never so readily available. The length of ringing time is sufficient in so many respects; it is half the normal service ringing time at the most, but adequate for touches on five and six bells; the ringing is not so prolonged as to cause objection to the neighbourhood, and often, in unringed towers particularly, sufficient to arouse the interest of the villagers in their bells and to demonstrate change ringing, we hope, of a high quality.

In the writer's experience permission to ring has never been refused on such occasions and indeed in the majority of cases the party has been only too warmly welcomed by both the incumbent and the local

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ringers. Although the stipulation not to ring too long has sometimes been made (where the tower has proved to be popular with visitors), regret has usually been expressed that the stay has been short. It is often better, however, that this regret should have been left rather than a welcome outstayed and the visits of other ringers to the tower prejudiced.

In obtaining permission to ring, the normal courtesies should not be overlooked. It is preferable to over-indulge in correspondence rather than to be inconsiderate: usually application for the bells is made well in advance and a firm time given a few days before the visit. A post-card of thanks is not out of place after the visit and is usually much appreciated.

Finally, may it be said that snatches should not be used as a substitute for peals, meetings or tower outings, but, like all good things, enjoyed in moderation for their own sake. E. H. E.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35½ cwt. in C sharp.

HOWARD SCOTT .. .. Treble	*ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. .. 3	†LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 9
GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 10
JOHN L. GILBERT .. .. 5	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 11
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. .. 6	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

\*First peal on 12 bells. †First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. 600th peal for the ringers of the sixth and tenor. The conductor's 70th peal of Surprise Maximus.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. Treble	F. BRIAN COOKSON .. .. 5
SUSAN JACKSON .. .. 2	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 6
J. DESMOND PAINTER .. .. 3	GILES C. GALLEY .. .. 7
ALAN CARVETH .. .. 4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by C. M. P. JOHNSON.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

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

### A PEAL OF 5280 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Liversedge Variation.	Tenor 17½ cwt. in E flat.
KENNETH BUCKINGHAM .. Treble	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. 5
WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 2	WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 6
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. .. 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
GEORGE GIEBERT .. .. 4	A. JAMES GLASS .. .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.  
Rung within the octave of St. John the Baptist, and on the Duke of Windsor's birthday. Also for the Queen's review of the Guards on the occasion of their tercentenary celebrations.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wed., July 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A flat.

WALTER M. GODDARD .. Treble	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. 2	W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. 6
NORMAN BELL .. .. 3	GWEN I. RUSBY .. .. 7
STEPHEN BROOMFIELD .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
*PETER TYSON .. .. Treble	*HENRY BARNES .. .. 5
ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. 2	JAMES E. BURLES .. .. 6
THOMAS TURNER .. .. 3	JOHN BAGNALL .. .. 7
RONALD WILTON .. .. 4	*GORDON RICHINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.

\*First peal.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 10 cwt.
CHARLES E. FISHER .. Treble	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. 5
*ALICE E. LESTER .. .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES .. .. 6
MURIEL S. PIPE .. .. 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. 7
ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

\*First touch of Surprise Major.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

### A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. Treble	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 5
GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 2	FREDK. W. BURNETT .. 6
*JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. 3	W. LESLIE WELLER .. 7
†E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 4	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

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

Rung in honour of the wedding of Rev. Peter R. Blackman and Jean Curtis, at St. Mary's Church, Storrington, the same morning. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

### A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON .. Treble	FRANK RAYMENT .. .. 5
*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 2	MAURICE J. THURMOTT .. 6
SAM LONGBOTTOM .. .. 3	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 7
*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

\*First peal in the method. Rung for the 50th anniversary of Ernest Simpson's first peal, Foxearth, Essex, July 6th, 1906.

KEGWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., July 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

### A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

DEREK P. JONES .. .. Treble	†DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 5
*PETER J. SKINNER .. .. 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. 7
†PERCY J. SUTTON .. .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Arranged by DAVID K. WALKLATE. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\*First peal on eight bells 'inside.' †First peal on eight bells, also 'inside,' and for 29 years. ‡First peal of Bob Major.

Rung to celebrate the 86th birthday, 67 years as a ringer at this church and 62 years as tower captain, of Mr. Felix Sutton, father of the ringer of the fourth. Also a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble, sixth and tenor (18).

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Treble	†DERMOT J. ROAF .. .. 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 2	*VERNON GREEN .. .. 6
CHARLES COLES .. .. 3	A. JAMES ADAMS .. .. 7
*CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 4	*ROBIN A. HODGSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung to commemorate the visit to this city of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.



BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY O. BAKER .. .. .	Treble	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. .. .	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. .. .	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. .. .	6
PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. .	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. .. .	7
W. GEORGE TURNER .. .. .	4	†JOHN HILL .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

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

Rung in honour of the Buckley Sunday Schools centenary celebrations, also as a wedding compliment to Mr. C. A. Barron and Miss D. Flynn, married at Birmingham this day.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. .	Treble	H. LESLIE PASK .. .. .	5
NORAH M. BIBBY .. .. .	2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. .. .	6
GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. .	3	JOHN WALDEN .. .. .	7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. .	4	JOHN FREEMAN .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's, Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALAN THORNTON .. .. .	Treble	G. FRED TERRY .. .. .	5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. .. .	2	JOHN POTTS .. .. .	6
HORACE S. MORLEY .. .. .	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. .. .	7
GEORGE WM. DYSON .. .. .	4	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

\* First peal in the method.

SUNDERLAND, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 2,464 Cambridge and 2,592 Superlative with 107 changes of method. J. W. Parker's arrangement of Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*CAROL HALL .. .. .	Treble	*CHARLES N. LEA .. .. .	5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. .. .	2	*KENNETH LAWSON .. .. .	6
*E. ALAN RAWLINSON .. .. .	3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. .	7
KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. .	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* First peal of Spiced Surprise.

WITTON, NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

REGINALD W. WORRALL .. .. .	Treble	FREDERICK JACKSON .. .. .	5
ERIC HORNBY .. .. .	2	WILLIAM B. ALLMAN .. .. .	6
HENRY PARKER .. .. .	3	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. .	7
CECIL RADDON .. .. .	4	JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. S. Dutton, a ringer at the above church, and Mrs. Dutton.

H. Parker has now 'completed the circle.'

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*TERENCE BARTON .. .. .	Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. .. .	5
GEORGE KENWARD .. .. .	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. .	6
GEORGE H. SPICE .. .. .	3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. .	7
PERCY J. SPICE .. .. .	4	RONALD C. BURNS .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

\* First peal of Stedman.

Rung as a birthday compliment to George Kenward and Thomas E. Sone.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 18, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5184 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. .. .	Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. .	5
LEONARD STILWELL .. .. .	2	GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. .	6
JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. .. .	3	*W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. .	7
ERIC T. LEE .. .. .	4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by H. POYNER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* 50th peal. The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

Rung on the eve of the 26th anniversary of the conductor's first peal and his 499th.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALAN CARVETH .. .. .	Treble	DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. .. .	4
J. DESMOND PAINTER .. .. .	2	*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. .. .	5
GILES C. GALLEY .. .. .	3	WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

\* First peal in more than one method.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 24 methods, with 265 changes of method, viz.: (1) St. Hilary Bob and Ockham S.C., (2) St. Hilary Bob and Broughton S.C., (3) St. Hilary Bob and Chesham S.C., (4) Blackburn Place Bob and Chesham S.C., (5) Blackburn Place Bob and Ockham S.C., (6) Blackburn Place Bob and Broughton S.C., (7) Westminster Bob and Broughton S.C., (8) Westminster Bob and Ockham S.C., (9) Westminster Bob and Chesham S.C., (10) New Bob and Itchingfield S.C., (11) New Bob and Chipstead S.C., (12) New Bob and Oakley S.C., (13) St. Vedast Bob and Oakley S.C., (14) St. Vedast Bob and Chipstead S.C., (15) St. Vedast Bob and Itchingfield S.C., (16) Huntspill Bob and Itchingfield S.C., (17) Huntspill Bob and Chipstead S.C., (18) Huntspill Bob and Oakley S.C., (19) St. Nicholas' Bob and Longford S.C., (20) St. Nicolas' Bob and Hascombe S.C., (21) St. Nicolas' Bob and Thornborough S.C., (22) St. Remigius' Bob and Thornborough S.C., (23) St. Remigius' Bob and Hascombe S.C., (24) St. Remigius' Bob and Longford S.C., (25) Winchendon Place Bob and Longford S.C., (26) Winchendon Place Bob and Hascombe S.C., (27) Winchendon Place Bob and Thornborough S.C., (28) St. Simon's Bob and Rugby S.C., (29) St. Simon's Bob and Merton S.C., (30) St. Simon's Bob and Slapton S.C., (31) St. Osmund Bob and Slapton S.C., (32) St. Osmund Bob and Merton S.C., (33) St. Osmund Bob and Rugby S.C., (34) St. Martin's Bob and Rugby S.C., (35) St. Martin's Bob and Merton S.C., (36) St. Martin's Bob and Slapton S.C.; and extents Nos. 28, 29, 30, 34, 35 and 36.

Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. .	Treble	†GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. .	3
*JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. .. .	2	‡BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. .. .	4
		†W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

\* First peal of Spiced Doubles. † First on tower bells. ‡ First of Doubles. First peal of Spiced Doubles, and the greatest number of methods for the Guild.

COITY, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

HAROLD PREECE .. .. .	Treble	THOMAS E. HIDDINS .. .. .	4
JOHN HALE .. .. .	2	WILLIAM T. PETTY .. .. .	5
D. WALFORD DAVIES .. .. .	3	*G. HOWARD UNDERHILL .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

\* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. G. Morgan, the new Curate. Also as a wedding anniversary to the ringer of the third.



## HAWARDEN, FLINTSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DEINIOL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) London Bob and Double Oxford, (2) Lytham and Thelwall, (3) College and St. Clement's, (4) Wavertree College and Childwall, (5) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Fulbeck, (7) Oxford Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

JOHN DEAN .. .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST.. 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. .. 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 3	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

The greatest number of methods rung in one peal by all, with the exception of the ringer of the third.

## HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth; (2) Berwick, Hexham; (3) Beverley, Surfleet; (4) York, Durham; (5) London, Wells; (6) Norfolk, Primrose; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in B flat.

JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Treble	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD.. 4
ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. 2	HORACE M. DAY .. .. 5
CECIL WADE .. .. 3	*RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

\* First of Minor in more than seven methods.

## THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob, and one extent of Cambridge Surprise.

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

CHARLES B. SKINNER.. .. Treble	ERIC T. LEE.. .. 4
MARIAN SKINNER.. .. 2	BENJAMIN W. FARHALL .. 5
HENRY C. WEAVER .. .. 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

Arranged and rung on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. Peter Blackman and Miss Jean Curtis at Storrington this day.

## HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 8, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHIBURGA,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

ROY OWEN .. .. Treble	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 4
ALBERT COATES .. .. 2	JOHN COUZENS .. .. 5
ROBERT ALLCOCK .. .. 3	TONY OWEN.. .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

## CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods: two extents of Plain Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MICHAEL COX .. .. Treble	WILLIAM SCRIMSHAW.. .. 4
WILFRED LEE .. .. 2	DAVID COX .. .. 5
PETER DAWSON .. .. 3	DOUGLAS THORP .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS THORP.

First peal by all the band, in three methods.

## GOXHILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

MICHAEL CROWDER .. .. Treble	SEPTIMUS NEAVE .. .. 4
*NORMAN BELL .. .. 2	ARTHUR W. CROWDER .. 5
†REV. D. TINDALL .. .. 3	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HOODLESS.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells after being augmented from four to six (dedicated March 16th, 1956, by the Venerable L. Ashcroft, M.A., Archdeacon of Stow).

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

On Wed., July 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

DERMOT J. ROAF .. .. Treble	ROBIN A. HODGSON .. .. 4
DAPHNE R. CASTELL.. .. 2	ASHLEY C. P. PUGH.. .. 5
DAVID A. EDWARDS .. .. 3	DONALD H. NIBLETT.. .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

Rung as a farewell to Dr. Edwards, who is leaving shortly to visit Yale University, U.S.A.

## CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. Treble	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 4
MRS. D. WORSMAN .. .. 2	FRANK RAYMENT .. .. 5
PETER DAWSON .. .. 3	DOUGLAS THORP.. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

A welcome for Audrey Mary Warwick.

## BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Double Oxford.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. Treble	LOUIS WILDERS .. .. 4
JOHN R. WORSDALE .. .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edward Linton, ringer and churchwarden of Branston.

## LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., July 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CHAPEL ALLERTON,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B flat.

*VALERIE M. MASSAM .. Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGWAY.. 4
ARTHUR G. WOOD .. .. 2	IRVIN SLACK .. .. 5
ARNOLD COLE .. .. 3	PERCY MASSAM .. .. Tenor

Conducted by IRVIN SLACK.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.



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**SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., July 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and three 720's Plain Bob (C.C.C. Nos. 48, 29, 50).  
Tenor 10 cwt.

LEONARD S. WOOLLARD .. Treble	JACK PILGRIM .. .. . 4
PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. . 2	*JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. .. 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. . 3	*PETER KINDRED .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

\* First peal of Minor in five methods.

**TORQUAY, DEVON.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.  
(Mid-Devon Branch.)**

*On Sat., July 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, TORRE,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 18 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings), 240 Morris's Arrangement and 22 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings), six changes of method.  
Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM SIMMONDS .. Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. .. 4
†MRS. HEATHER HOOD .. .. 2	†WILLIAM J. HARVEY .. .. 5
†AUBREY L. BENNETT .. .. . 3	†JOHN KELLY .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in two methods. ‡ First peal. First peal on the bells.

**WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., July 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.  
Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. .. Treble	J. HARRY COOK .. .. . 4
FRANK T. LONG .. .. . 2	GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT .. .. 5
ALFRED E. HINMAN .. .. . 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung for Whissendine Feast.

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., July 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 8 cwt.

MARIAN H. MILLS .. .. Treble	MICHAEL A. MILLS .. .. . 4
A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. .. . 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. . 5
*IVAN COOPER .. .. . 3	FRANK G. OLIVER .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal in five methods.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., July 11, 1956, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,  
AT 24, DOYLE AVENUE, HILSEA,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In nine methods, viz.: (1) Double Court and College, (2) Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob, (3) Single Court, (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) Reverse Bob, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob.  
Tenor size 7 in D.

*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. . 3—4
ROGER BALDWIN .. .. . 5—6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

\* 50th peal.

The first peal in nine methods by all the band, and most methods rung to a handbell peal for the Guild.

**GOSPORT, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., July 13, 1956, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,  
AT 35, BRIGHTON AVENUE,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In thirteen methods, viz.: (1) London Bob and College, (2) Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob, (3) Double Court and Single Court, (4) Hereward Bob and Single Oxford Bob, (5) Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (6) Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (7) Plain Bob.  
Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. . 3—4
ROGER BALDWIN .. .. . 5—6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

First peal in 13 methods by all the band, and most methods rung to a peal for the Guild.

**QUARTER PEALS**

**ABERGAVENNY, MON.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Horsington 1, T. Collings 2, G. Ward (cond.) 3, Miss L. Temlett 4, N. Ward 5, M. O. Roberts 6. In memoriam Mrs. Hughes, wife of Mr. J. Hughes, an esteemed ringer at St. Mary's, interred this day.

**ACLE, NORFOLK.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Sewell (first quarter) 1, Alison Bradford (first 'inside') 2, K. L. Brown (cond.) 3, Doris E. Lidbetter 4, B. Willgress 5, H. W. Lidbetter 6.

**ALVASTON, DERBYS.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (280 Plain Bob, 480 Reverse Canterbury, 300 Spliced Plain and Reverse Canterbury): Miss B. A. Manning 1, E. Walklate 2, Miss J. G. Draper 3, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 4, B. R. Manning 5, B. Bradley 6. Rung for morning service.

**BEAMINSTER, DORSET.**—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. G. Keeley 1, G. S. Morris (cond.) 2, H. Gaylard 3, W. Poole 4, G. Gaylard 5, W. Gigg 6, E. Morris 7, J. T. Barrett 8. Also on July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. S. Morris 1, E. Morris (cond.) 2, E. Pannell 3, Mrs. E. Pannell 4, W. Poole 5, J. T. Barrett 6, H. Gaylard 7, G. T. Lumbard 8. First of Triples for 3, 4 and 8.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): Brenda Foster (first of Minor) 1, Julie Tunbridge 2, Judith Cox 3, Mary Andrews 4, J. L. Morris (cond.) 5, I. H. Oram 6. First of St. Clement's for 2 and 3.

**BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.**—On July 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. E. Usher 1, R. V. Robinson 2, B. R. Millward 3, A. G. Watkin 4, J. C. Jones 5, A. Lewis 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, L. R. Millward 8. Rung in honour of the Buckley Sunday School Centenary Jubilee, 1857-1956.

**FAREHAM, HANTS.**—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ball (first quarter) 1, Jean Sturgess 2, Renée Sturgess 3, D. Jones (first 'inside') 4, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 5, J. Stevenson 6. Rung for Evensong and for the reception into the Church of Timothy Stevenson, who was christened in hospital on his birthday.

**FULHAM, S.W.**—On July 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Page 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, H. Belcher 3, Mrs. C. Watts 4, W. S. Langdon 5, J. Allsop 6, M. Moreton 7, James Phillips 8, John Phillips 9, J. Bell 10.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Judith Funnell 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 2, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 3, Laura M. Beeny 4, G. Beeny 5, F. H. Beeny 6. Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to Judith Funnell, and as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. F. E. Goddard, a former captain of this tower.

**HERTFORD.**—On July 8th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Thorn 1, Miss F. Welch 2, B. Pinnock 3, C. Hayter 4, W. Foote 5, A. S. Carter (cond.) 6, J. Kemp 7, J. Welch 8. First of Major for 1, 3, 4 and 5. Rung for the christening of Hilary Jane, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Knowles Brown, curate of St. Andrew's.

**HUNTINGDON.**—At All Saints' Church, on July 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss D. Robinson 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, Miss B. Spicer 4, J. R. G. Spicer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung before morning service.

**LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): M. J. Hill (first quarter) 1, F. T. Warrington (first 'inside') 2, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 3, J. B. Dineneage 4, C. J. Gall 5, A. Ploves 6. Rung for the patronal festival before Matins.

**LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.**—1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 120 Chase, 240 Plain Bob, 240 Canterbury, 240 Old, 180 Grandsire): M. Blason 1, L. Battison 2, J. Kightley (cond.) 3, D. Ringrose 4, A. Ford 5. Birthday compliment to J. Kightley.

**NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.**—On July 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Davis 1, Mrs. G. Wain (first quarter) 2, W. Swain 3, Mrs. B. Wheeler 4, G. Holdgate 5, F. G. W. Roby 6, G. E. Hancock (cond.) 7, B. Wheeler 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Dr. J. F. W. Boden-Worsley, the late Rector.

**SANDRIDGE, HERTS.**—On June 29th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: M. D. Frost 1, Mrs. J. Dodds 2, G. Penney 3, F. E. Ellis 4, T. J. Southam 5, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 6. Also on July 6th, 1,440 Minor (one extent each of Reverse and Double Bob): B. A. Cornell 1, G. Penney 2, M. D. Frost 3, F. E. Ellis 4, G. Dodds 5, T. J. Southam (cond.) 6.

**STANMORE, MIDDLEX.**—On June 30th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): D. Laud 1, Joan Wilcockson 2, Margaret Mosley 3, T. Clark 4, W. Wenban (cond.) 5, A. C. Wenban 6.

**STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—On June 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: F. C. Lyne 1, C. R. Steed 2, F. G. Kinchin 3, R. C. Chapman 4, V. B. Hunt 5, L. Hallet (first of Caters) 6, G. Ingram 7, H. Huxley 8, J. L. Findon (first as cond.) 9, E. H. Smith 10. For Evensong.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Hayes 1, H. Rumens 2, F. C. Maynard 3, E. E. Holman 4, D. Hewitt 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, C. T. W. Coles 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8. For Evensong and a 13th birthday compliment to Fred W. Sykes.

**WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.**—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Cater 1, M. Hendy 2, E. Thomas 3, T. T. Walters 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, J. Hawker 6. Also on July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hendy 1, R. E. Scudamore 2, H. Taysom 3, E. Thomas 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, J. Hawker 6.



# RINGERS' OUTINGS

## HUNTS DISTRICT TOUR

Saturday, July 7th, was the day that the Hunts District ringers chose for their tour of John Taylor's foundry and four towers in Derbyshire. Setting off just after 7 a.m., the foundry was reached ten minutes early, and the party were welcomed by Mr. Marcon. They were most interested in all departments and an hour soon slipped by. Through a most unfortunate time error, the party were unable to ring on the foundry campanile, but were somewhat compensated by ringing at the Loughborough Parish Church.

After a perfect lunch they set off for Derbyshire. The first tower was Breaston and this pleasant six were soon ringing out merrily. Spondon proved to be another pleasant ring. On to Allestree for tea, where the view over the Derwent Valley appealed to all.

Duffield's was a really grand ring, and amongst various Major methods, Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were rung. For some of the members this was their first ring on ten bells. The one hour there passed much too quickly. At the last tower of the day, Shardlow, many Minor methods were brought round. Home was reached by most just before midnight, and many thanks are due to the incumbents and those who met the party. H. S. P.

## RAINHAM RINGERS AND FRIENDS

Rainham ringers and friends from Frindsbury, Chatham, Newington, Bobbing, Sittingbourne and Queenborough held their annual outing on July 7th. Another two members who had travelled from Bath joined the coach at various stops along the route, the last being picked up at Stockbury.

Starting at 7.30 a.m., a good journey was made via Key Street, Maidstone, Watlingbury, to Brenchley, in a new 41-seater coach. Just before 9 a.m. the party were welcomed to All Saints', Brenchley, by one of the churchwardens. Soon this handy ring of eight was being rung by some of the company, while the rest partook of refreshments kindly laid on in grand style by Mr. and Mrs. Wells at the Bull Hotel.

The journey then went through 'the Garden of England' to Salehurst, which was reached at 10.30. Here we were greeted by Mr. Avery, who has recovered from illness in hospital. A good hour's ringing was enjoyed before making tracks, under the guidance of Mr. George Kenward, to Rye. Lunch was partaken of at George's Cafe, Rye, and for once ringing at Rye Parish Church was missed; instead, the little church at Iden, with a fine ring of six (tenor 15 cwt.), was visited. It was here that George learned to ring many years ago and also called his first peal, along with his very old friend, Mr. Wood, who looks well despite his years. The Rev. A. Douglas Wing also gave us a welcome.

Then came the glories of the South Downs as the coach sped along the open road via New Romney, Dymchurch, to Hythe. After climbing the steep steps of this ancient town, St. Leonard's Church was reached on time, and the party were greeted by Mr. Bidnell. A good ring was enjoyed before tea was partaken at Slade's Hotel. Next came the very old and pretty village of Chilham, where the Rev. Sir Reginald Champion welcomed the visitors. Another good hour's ringing was enjoyed. During the day touches had been rung in the usual standard methods, with rounds for the younger members.

On the homeward journey a short stop was made at the Halfway House for refreshments, where Bert Dunk found some 'singing beer' for along the road to Sittingbourne.

Thanks are due to all incumbents for the use of their bells and to all who kindly met the party at the different towers. F. J. C.

## BRANSTON, Lincs

A very full programme was arranged for Branston ringers on July 7th, the occasion being their annual outing.

As Matins was being said at Dunham-on-Trent (5), ringing was not possible here, but Tuxford (8) bells were going into changes at 9 a.m. and a pleasant hour followed. The light six at Cuckney are housed in a tower large enough for a heavy ring of 12. After ringing here a good lunch was enjoyed.

The long climb to Gamston's ringing chamber was an aid to digesting lunch. A good hour was later spent on the recently rehung six at Ordsall. After an excellent tea, West Retford (6) was visited. Ringers of vast girth should avoid this tower or they will find themselves stuck midst ringing chamber and ground floor, for the spiral staircase is very narrow.

The last towers (and the best) of the day were the two new rings of six at Rampton and East Drayton. The ringing at both towers was very much enjoyed. Methods rung during the day were: Major, Kent and Plain; Minor, London, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Lightsfoot, Rossendale, Stamford, Ipswich, Bourne, Norwich, Netherseale, Cambridge, College Bob IV., Kent, Oxford, Oxford Bob, Single Court and Plain Bob.

Thanks are due to the incumbents and local ringers for the use of the bells and to Louis Willders for organising such a grand outing. J. E. C.

## ST. PAUL'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT

Saturday, July 14th, was the date chosen by the St. Paul's, Burton, band and their colleagues from nearby towers for their tenth annual outing. After the long tours of previous years, the trip this year consisted of a visit to four Warwickshire towers.

Leaving Burton in heavy mist, at lunch time we arrived at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield (8), at 1.30 p.m. for 45 minutes' ringing before proceeding to SS. Peter and Paul, Colehill (8). Later in the afternoon we stopped at St. Nicholas', Kenilworth (6). And so to Warwick for tea and the privilege of ringing at St. Mary's (10). Well over an hour was spent in this lovely tower and a very high standard of ringing was maintained throughout.

Successful touches of Grandsire, Stedman, St. Simon's Doubles, Cambridge Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and a course of Plain Bob Royal were rung during the tour.

Unfortunately, continuous rain in the evening spoilt the proceedings somewhat, but, by and large, it was a most successful outing.

## HERTFORD RINGERS IN EAST ANGLIA

On June 30th the Hertford College Youths and friends spent a most enjoyable day's outing in East Anglia.

Leaving Hertford at 6.30 a.m., the first stop was at Stowmarket, where the eight of St. Mary's were rung to methods to suit all. At Framlingham an hour's ringing on the eight of St. Michael's was enjoyed before leaving for Lowestoft.

All were ready for the fine lunch at The Scotsman, and the afternoon was spent ringing on the eight of St. Margaret's. After tea we left for Diss. The fine eight of St. Mary's were rung for an hour before leaving for home. A short stop was made at Newmarket for refreshments, and Hertford was reached at 10.15 p.m.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents and the local ringers who made the outing enjoyable.

J. W. T.

## WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

On June 30th, Worcester Cathedral band, joined by ringers from the other Worcester towers and Cheltenham, travelled northwards on their annual outing.

Unfortunately we started a little later than planned, and along some tortuous roads, which seem inseparable from beautiful countryside, we were unable to make up lost time. When we arrived at St. Chad's at Shrewsbury it was a great help to find that most of the bells had been raised for us. St. Chad's has quite a good ring of twelve, recast in 1914, with a tenor of 39½ cwt.

Our next tower was to have been St. Mary-without-the-Walls, at Chester, but, as we came nearer to the city, the traffic became ever thicker and we moved slower and slower. Consequently we got very far down on our schedule and thought it advisable to omit St. Mary's in order to be on time at our next checking place. Our slow progress through Chester did, however, give us an opportunity of studying the remarkable construction of its shopping centre. These continuous balconies could surely be very attractive and advantageous in our modern shopping centres.

Liverpool was now our destination, and on the way some handbell ringing was attempted. After getting five people in such a position that each could see one other, we succeeded in ringing Grandsire Caters. As we approached Birkenhead, all eyes were fixed on the horizon, looking for the great Cathedral at Liverpool. We were not disappointed; its tower stood high above the city, upright, aloof and proud. And then it disappeared, and we were speeding through the Mersey tunnel, a new and exciting experience for most of us. We emerged in Liverpool and were soon having lunch. Then we rang on the magnificent twelve, tenor 42 cwt., at St. Nicholas'.

The next journey was dull in comparison with what we had already seen, but the road was good and nothing delayed us, so that we arrived in Manchester—sunny Manchester—in good time. (It is possible that some people were a little disappointed to find the sun shining.) What town councillor does not dream of a building like Manchester Town Hall, and what ringer would not consider the burden of rates more tolerable if his town owned a ring of bells like the twelve here? With a tenor of 42½ cwt., they are a joy to ring on, and we had our best ringing of the day. But we should like more information about these bells, please, Mr. Taylor: what is the secret?

After tea we moved on to Leek, where St. Edward's Church contains a ring of ten, tenor 18½ cwt. The bells are difficult to strike and sound poor from inside the tower, but a little better from outside. At first we were only able to ring eight because the treble stay had been broken; its clapper was tied and it seemed impossible to get to the bell because of a temporary floor laid on top of the 'H' frame, but later we moved some boards and put things right.

After some refreshment there only remained the journey back home, and, in spite of what was probably the record length of 'Bluebells are Blue,' we found that we only knew sixty miles of songs. Still, it was a very enjoyable day and we should like to thank all those who in any way contributed to its success. G. E.

**BRANSTON, Lincs.**—On July 12th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Court, 540 Oxford Bob): W. E. Green 1, J. F. Pearson 2, A. Ingall 3, L. Thompson 4, G. T. Speed 5, L. Willders (cond.) 6. Rung to the memory of Edward Lintin, buried this day at Branston.

**HARTEST, SUFFOLK.**—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Garwood 1, M. Willoughby 2, F. Payne (cond.) 3, H. Clarke 4, R. J. Truin 5. Rung for the Rector's first anniversary.



**BARKSTON, LINCS.**—On May 11th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. E. Cook 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, J. Bampton 3, R. Stephenson 4, G. Ingleby 5, D. A. Frith (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Stokes.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Armstrong 1, A. W. Beard 2, D. W. Beard (cond.) 3, J. Armstrong 4, I. Goulter 5, S. Holgate 6, E. G. Cottis 7, E. H. Lucas 8. For Evensong.

**BOSTON, LINCS.**—On July 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Brown 1, F. Dewey 2, S. Jessop 3, W. E. Clarke 4, D. White 5, F. P. Harwood 6, F. Leggott 7, R. Brown (cond.) 8, J. Petch 9, T. Freestone 10. Rung for the clergy reunion service.

**BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1 and 2 leading): H. Preece 1, M. Edmonds 2, E. Turner 3, I. E. Hiddins 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, C. A. Gerrish 6, D. W. Davies 7, D. L. Hughes 8.

**DORE, SHEFFIELD.**—On July 7th, 1,200 Plain Bob and Little Bob Minor: Mrs. D. E. Kelly 1, Susan Chaddock 2, J. Seager 3, T. Cutts 4, G. S. Lee 5, N. Chaddock 6, J. Chaddock 7 (covering). Rung on the back seven.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On June 24th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): F. Hurrell 1, G. Hurrell 2, K. Small 3, F. Richardson 4, C. Philpott 5, J. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, J. Simms 8. Rung for the patronal festival Evensong, also a 78th birthday compliment to J. Hurrell. Also on July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): R. Clarke 1, E. B. Crowder 2, Miss B. Slark 3, K. Small 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, F. Hurrell 6, J. Hurrell 7, G. Hurrell 8. Also on July 5th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Spice 1, J. Sims 2, W. Rawlings 3, I. Emery

## QUARTER PEALS

4, T. Easterby 5, E. B. Crowder 6, F. Hurrell 7, J. Hurrell 8. Rung for the 86th birthday of Mr. G. Daynes, of St. Alfege, Greenwich.

**KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.**—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. Goodman 1, R. J. Picton 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, B. K. Currington (first quarter) 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, R. Baker 6. Also on July 15th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 St. Martin's, 240 St. Simon's, 780 Plain Bob): Miss G. Graney 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, R. J. Picton 3, R. V. Wallis 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, R. Scaplehorn 6. First in three methods by all.

**KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.**—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Mallen 1, A. E. Morgan 2, C. Peakman 3, J. Lloyd 4, M. Wright 5, R. A. Peakman 6, T. Hemming (cond.) 7, D. Griffiths 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Frederick E. Jukes and Miss Sylvia Simmons, who were married at this church the same morning.

**RIPLEY, DERBYS.**—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Beardsley (first quarter) 1, F. Hill 2, P. Sewry (first 'inside') 3, R. Stretton (cond.) 4, J. Brown 5, M. Hogg (first quarter) 6. For morning service.

**ROCHE, CORNWALL.**—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. R. Hosken 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, Miss M. A. Birch 3, P. Rowe 4, B. Parkin 5, D. Burnett 6, A. F. Burley 7, R. A. Southwood 8.

**RUGBY, WARWICKS.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Hunt 1, G. Peck (cond.) 2, Mrs. Vann 3, A. Barlow 4, D. Pitstow 5, C. Underwood 6, W. Vann 7, J. Underwood 8. Rung to mark the visit to St. Andrew's of the Bishop of Singapore, and to celebrate the conductor's 88th birthday.

**ST. AUSTELL, CORNWALL.**—On July 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Rowe 1, Miss V. M. Matthews 2, A. F. Burley 3, Mrs. J. M. Simpkin 4, H. Harper 5, A. Carveth 6, D. Burnett 7, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 8.

**SYSTON, LEICS.**—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doreen Martin (first quarter) 1, Audrey Mansfield 2, Mary C. Payne 3, B. S. Payne (cond.) 4, Jean A. Brooks 5, H. M. Payne 6, E. F. Payne 7, H. Matthewman 8.

**STAMFORD HILL, N.**—At St. Ann's Church, on July 15th, 1,296 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Miss P. Rowe 1, Miss J. Secker 2, M. Rowe 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, H. Howson 5, E. J. Rowe 6. Mr. E. J. Rowe's 50th quarter peal on the bells.

**STANWELL, MIDDLEX.**—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 St. Nicholas', 120 Winchendon, 240 Plain Bob, 240 St. Simon's, 120 St. Martin's, 60 Grandsire): Monica Howard 2, W. Butler 3, F. R. Scott 4, A. Hartley 5, F. T. Blagrove (cond., 50th double-handed quarter) 1—6.

**WANDSWORTH, SURREY.**—At the Church of All Saints, on July 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. S. Langdon 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, H. Belcher 4, B. K. Lunn 5, C. Watts 6, M. Moreton 7, John Phillips (cond.) 8.

**WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDS.**—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Swain 1, H. Powell 2, C. G. Jones 3, Miss J. Green 4, P. G. Morgan (cond.) 5, R. T. Jones 6. For morning service.

**WORCESTER.**—At the Cathedral, on July 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. J. Stanier 1, A. Diserens 2, Shirley M. Parsons 3, B. C. Stirland 4, R. F. Diserens 5, G. E. Evenden 6, D. Beacham 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Rung on the heavy eight.

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Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Foster, of Reading. Mr. Foster is still an active member of St. Laurence tower, as is Mr. Humfrey, now 85. The golden wedding was celebrated by 1,200 Grandsire Caters at St. Laurence by G. Hearn 1, R. Burton 2, E. Humfrey 3, W. Hunt 4, A. Street 5, Mrs. B. C. Castle 6, Mrs. P. Lewington 7, W. J. Paice (cond.) 8, W. Hibbert 9, V. Chevrill 10.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. F. H. Mitchell, of Gravesend, is not making progress in regard to his health. He writes: 'At my age the bronchitis is too deep-rooted to expect much.'

Congratulations to the barmaid who most appropriately told 'the even-bell method Lincolnshire gentleman' to hold his bell up while she passed with the liquid refreshment.

A 'Biro' ball-point pen was found at Weston by Welland tower on July 14th. Will owner please contact Miss J. Luck, 40, The Broadway, Kettering?

Mr. J. Frederick Milner and Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton rang their 600th peal on July 14th. It was Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Wakefield Cathedral.

Congratulations to Mr. Ernest H. Simpson, of Bradford, on his peal at Queensbury to mark the 50th anniversary of his first peal. This is also Mr. Simpson's 50th year as a member of the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. G. Peck, of Rugby, recently celebrated his 88th birthday, and to mark the occasion he conducted a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on July 15th. A very regular service ringer, he conducted his last quarter peal of Triples eight years ago at Kingston-upon-Thames. Many more happy touches and games over the chess board!

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Liverpool Cathedral tower has since Whitsun ceased to be in the hands of builders, and the first ladies have rung there. These include Miss Hackett, of Woolton, Miss Ridyard, of Southport, and Miss Doreen Dutton, also of Southport.

If the ringer who put his pen in the wrong jacket at the Bovey Tracey meeting will apply to E. T. P. Field, Marshfield, Knole, Langport, Somerset, he will have it returned to him.

Will B. W. P. or M. J. H. kindly send their name and address to the Editor? Letters cannot be considered for publication unless the name and address of the sender is sent to the Editor.

A reader is enquiring for a list of peals lasting five hours or more rung since April 28th. The particulars he requires are date, time, place, method and number of changes, and date of publication in 'The Ringing World.'

Superstition was defied by a handbell peal at Gosport. It was rung on Friday the 13th in 13 methods. It was also the 13th handbell peal for one of the band, and his 13th handbell peal with the conductor, who was conducting his 13th peal this year.

The eight bells of Ellesmere, Shropshire (the oldest ring in the county and certainly one of the oldest in the country) are to be broadcast on the Midland Regional programme on Sunday, August 5th, at 6.30 p.m., prior to a service there. This will be the third broadcast from this ancient Norman church.

Mr. Clive M. Smith, of Lichfield Cathedral, Staffs, would like to tender his sincere thanks to the Winchester Cathedral ringers for allowing him to join in ringing with them on Sunday afternoon, July 8th. Unbeknown to them he was achieving a long cherished ambition, to ring in his 1,000th tower before he came of age on July 12th.

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# OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

## New Secretary Appointed

THE Oxford Diocesan Guild Festival, held on July 14th at Oxford, was again very well supported. Proceedings started with the festival service in Christ Church Cathedral, at which the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) officiated. Singing was led by a choir of 16 men and 16 boys, and the Deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharp) read the lesson.

The Rev. H. H. Martin, Rector of Oxford, preached the sermon. He said the wonderful thing about their bells was their variety, and ringers were doing the thing that the Church had always been urged to do—to summon the people to worship. They did it in a so much better way than many others did.

'I don't believe anyone has been compelled to come to church by the sound of church bells. Ringing is something very beautiful in a language that everyone understands and with which everyone in this country is familiar.

'I am sure that over those hundreds of years that the Christian faith has been taught in this country our national life is impregnated with a spirit of Christianity. We may be living on our spiritual capital, but there is still a capital there, and every person in England is glad to know it is there, and the summons of the bells tells them that someone is praying for them. I hope you all realise how important is this lovely summons of the bells, and it is just as established as the established Church.'

## THE BUSINESS MEETING

The Chapter House was crowded for the annual meeting which followed the service. The Master presided, supported by the Deputy Master, the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) and the retiring general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert).

The Master, at the opening of the meeting, said within the last few weeks they had lost by death a greatly honoured member of their Guild—Mr. Richard White, of Appleton. He was one of the finest craftsmen, a gentleman, and a true friend of all who knew him, a very accomplished ringer and one well loved throughout the Guild and beyond. The meeting stood in his memory.

Apologies were received from the Vicar of Churchill, Miss Lottie Pimm and Mr. E. Pearson.

The reports of the Master, treasurer, secretary and librarian were in the hands of the printers and were taken as read.

Acknowledging his re-election as Master, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg said: 'One's duties get not less as one gets on in life, and I do not have as much time as I did to give to the affairs of the Guild, but while I can I will carry on.'

Mr. Frederick Sharpe was re-elected Deputy Master, and Mr. A. D. Barker hon. treasurer. Commented Mr. Barker on his election: 'I must thank you, but wait until the credit squeeze starts.' [Laughter.]

## FOUR NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY

When the election of general secretary was reached the Master said they were very sorry to hear that Mr. Hibbert had signified that he was not able to carry on for another year. He would like to express their gratitude to 'Bill' for the work he had done since his father's death, and before that he did a great deal in helping his father. They had enjoyed at their meetings his little talks full of pep.

Supporting, the Deputy Master said Mr. Hibbert was quite a link with the past, and they appreciated what he had done in the years that had gone. If he was determined to retire they wished him many years of happy life. [Applause.]

There were four nominations for the post of hon. secretary. They were Mr. C. H. Kinch,

secretary of the Bicester Branch, Mr. Philip Walker, of Oxford, Mr. William Butler, hon. secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, and Miss Marie R. Cross, hon. librarian, of Radley. A ballot was taken, the voting being Miss Cross 56, Mr. Walker 25, Mr. Kinch 21 and Mr. Butler 20. Miss Cross was then elected hon. secretary.

Mr. Hibbert, in thanking the Guild for their appreciation of his services during the last ten or 12 years, said with his father they would have been 40 years on the job next year. Until he took the job on he had never held an office, not even deputy foreman of his tower. He took it on not so much for the Guild but to help on the last few years of his father's life. It was good for every Guild and Association to have a change and he hoped that Miss Cross would be happy in the office. 'I bid you goodbye.' [Applause.]

Miss Cross thanked the members for her election and said she would do her best to follow in the footsteps of those who had gone before.

Mr. H. L. Roper was elected the new librarian. He said he was engaged on indexing 'The Ringing World' and 'The Bell News,' and if any member wanted any particular information he would endeavour to find it.

Elected to the general committee were Messrs. G. Cauldwell, W. F. Judge, G. Holifield, W. Dixon, Miss D. Fletcher, Messrs. C. J. Hibbert, A. R. Pink, P. Walker and W. J. Price.

The Central Council representatives of the Guild for the next three years are Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. W. Butler and Mr. A. E. Lock.

Upon the recommendation of the general committee it was decided to hold the 1957 festival at Oxford.

## RESTORATION FUND GRANTS

Grants from the Restoration Fund of £35 for Bloxham and £20 to Mapledurham were approved.

An application was submitted to the meeting on behalf of Woodstock. Mr. F. Sharpe said the cost of this work was £300 and all but £80 had been raised. A grant of £5 had been made by the Branch. The Guild voted the sum of £20.

At Churchill a scheme costing approximately £1,100 was proposed. Five bells were to be rehung, one recast and two more provided. It was not likely that the work would be done in the immediate future, said Mr. Sharpe. A grant of £35 was approved.

Mr. Hibbert said he had been in correspondence with Mrs. Townsend, of Oxford, who was anxious to get St. Peter's in the East going again. The tower was to be restored, which would cost £3,000. The sum of £150 had been collected.

Mr. P. Walker said the £150 was collected a considerable time ago. At the present time there was no incumbent of the church.

No action was taken.

An amendment to the rules was approved to the effect that ringing members should pay not less than 2s. 6d. per annum.

## BANNER FOR THE GUILD

Mr. G. Edmans said the Mothers' Union, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, British Legion and other bodies had banners, but they had not a banner to carry in procession. He submitted designs for a Guild banner and a District banner.

Other speakers favoured the idea, and to Mr. A. D. Barker's observation that the Guild had no money to pay for it, a member said he thought the branches would pay.

It was decided to appoint a small committee consisting of the officers and Mr. Edmans to go into the question of design and cost, and report back to the Guild.

A recommendation, proposed by Mr. J. Brooks and seconded by Mr. H. Wingrove, that ex-officio members of each Branch be members of the Guild general committee, was referred to the committee. Mr. Fowler expressed the opinion that the constitution of the committee was far too large.

The Master said it was proposed by the general committee that Mr. T. Trollope should be elected a vice-president of the Guild, of which he was a foundation member. Commending the recommendation, Mr. Wigg said they would all like to express their gratitude to Mr. Trollope for the interest he had taken in the Guild. The election was agreed to.

In reply, Mr. Trollope, who is now 96, said he had the privilege of being trained by that great ringer Mr. J. W. Washbrook, but he had not done much ringing in recent years.

## BOW BELLS

Mr. T. J. Fowler called attention to the Bow Bells Appeal, and said he felt it was up to all the ringers of England to assist in the restoration of these bells. They heard the back ten in the B.B.C. interval signal, and there was no doubt that they were a very fine ring. The striking in those call changes for the interval signal was magnificent. He suggested that each branch secretary should endeavour to get each tower to subscribe and send their contributions to Mr. Barker so that the money collected throughout the Guild could be sent as one contribution.

Mr. A. D. Barker said he had already received £14 from four branches. Upon the suggestion of Mr. Roper, it was decided to wait until the next committee meeting, and from the Guild Restoration Fund make up a round sum of say £50 or £100.

The meeting confirmed the election of 312 new members during the past two years.

## THE LUNCHEON

The luncheon was held in the hall of Christ Church, with the Master presiding.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. T. John Fowler, who accorded a special welcome to Mrs. Mayne and Mr. John Mayne.

Mr. John Mayne in reply said there was a close relationship with the Oxford Guild and both his parents, who did much of their early ringing in the area of the South Bucks and East Berks Branch. He proposed the toast of 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild.'

The toast was acknowledged by the Deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe), who moved a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, to the Rev. H. H. Martin for his excellent sermon, to Dr. Watson, the new organist of Christ Church, and to the choir of 16 men and 16 boys from a number of churches in the diocese, and to Mr. Wilfrid Wilson for duplicating the agenda sheets.

Mr. T. W. White, editor of 'The Ringing World,' was also called upon to speak. He gave an encouraging report on the goodwill engendered from a very large number of readers to meet the increased postage and the very heavy rise in printing costs. The committee, he said, were very appreciative of this help. The great need was increased circulation and if they could secure another 1,000 subscribers they would go a long way towards solving their difficulties. On an average they had lost 50 subscribers each year by death and about 40 by marriage. Ringers naturally married ringers, and when they became one it was perhaps natural that one copy of 'The Ringing World' would meet their needs. There must be a constant search for new readers. He felt confident that 'The Ringing World' would survive the present difficulties.

A big programme of ringing was available for visitors during the afternoon and evening, no fewer than 13 towers being open.



## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The Diocesan Ringing Festival was held at Gulval on July 15th. These festivals are not usually well attended, but this year was an exception, for there were over a hundred ringers present.

Change ringing began in Cornwall, at St. Mary's, Penzance, and, when these bells became unringable, it sprang up at Gulval under the late Dr. Symons. The poor-toned six were soon increased by the addition of two trebles and later replaced by a lovely eight by Taylor. In a wooden frame outside is a 17th century bell, a relic of the original three, which was sounded many times at the festival by the curious and is of good tone.

The Vicar, Canon Buckley, was unfortunately away, and the service was taken by his locum, the Diocesan Secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewbella giving the address and the lesson being read by the secretary of the Penzance Branch, the Rev. A. S. Roberts. Other clergy present included Canon Murley, of Ludgvan, and the Vicars of Crowan and Zennor.

There was a splendid tea and seven other towers were open besides Gulval. The collection at the service amounted to £2 13s. 1d. for Guild funds. Thanks are due to Mr. W. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Rowe and all others who helped to make the festival such a success.

W. H. R. T.

### EXTRA POSTAGE

Last week 59 postal subscribers kindly remitted the extra 1s. 3d. postage. We give special thanks to the many who decided to pay for someone else. Remittances may be sent either to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall, or to the Editor.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Coleshill on July 7th.

The bells are a ring of eight, mostly by Joseph Smith, of Edgbaston, hung anti-clockwise, and hardly worthy of the glorious spire, which is a landmark for miles around. The beautifully-kept ringing room is a tribute to the care expended upon it by the Coleshill ringers.

The chair was occupied by Mr. Vice-President Edgar Shepherd, who referred to the loss sustained by the Guild by the passing of William C. Dowding, who had served as ringer and chorister at St. Martin's for some years, and, more recently, as Ringing Master at Edgbaston Parish Church. The members stood in silence for a moment as a token of respect.

The tower elections, as life members, of Miss Ruth Jackson, of Sale, Cheshire, and Mr. Harold Marcon, of Loughborough, were duly ratified.

Edgbaston and Shirley were both proposed as the venue for the next meeting on October 6th, and, upon being put to the vote, Shirley obtained the majority.

After further ringing at Coleshill, which was of a good standard, ranging from Grandsire to Spliced Surprise, several members visited the neighbouring village of Shustoke to ring on the six bells.

## BACK TO HIS OLD LOVE AFTER 47 YEARS

In 1909, a young man of 23 who was a member of the famous Kettering band, and a very promising conductor, packed his bags and sailed for the United States. He had rung quite a number of peals by then, the last being one of Superlative in December, 1908.

Settling in Philadelphia, where he eventually married, he was disappointed to find that the eight bells were not rung. So, not expecting ever to return to England, he tried hard to put out of his heart his great love of bells and bell-ringing.

Two years ago, a record of Kettering bells ringing Grandsire Triples was sent to him across the Atlantic. The sound of the bells was too much for the 'young man'—now nearing 70—and before long his brother received news that this year was to see him in Kettering for a six months holiday.

In May, Morris Alfred Turner set foot once again in the belfry of the great tower of Kettering and, with some trepidation, tried to ring a bell. After so many years, naturally, the exact technique was not quite at his fingertips, but gradually, and with encouragement from the captain (his brother, Mr. Robert F. Turner), confidence returned. Now, after several weeks' practice, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent and several other methods have been re-mastered, many towers in Northants, Leicestershire and Hampshire visited, and many happy hours spent in meeting old friends and new in the belfries.

A peal attempt is being arranged at Kettering in the near future so that Mr. Turner can show 'The Ringing World' that he hasn't forgotten how; and from his performances so far, it looks like being, as far as he is concerned, a good, well-struck peal.

Mr. Turner will be pleased to hear from any of his old friends, at his brother's house, 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering, Northants. He would also be pleased if anyone can tell of any ringing in the U.S.A. at the present time.

P. I. C.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Despite rainy weather, some 14 ringers, representing eleven towers, attended the Eastern District meeting at Widford on July 14th. The bells were rung in the afternoon up till 5 p.m., when the party adjourned to tea.

Mr. J. Suckling was elected to take the chair for the business meeting. Howard Fyson, of Great Amwell, was elected a ringing member. The secretary announced that the August meeting was to be held at Standon, and it is hoped that Ware bells would be available for a meeting in September.

Ringing was resumed until 8.30 p.m. Methods rung during the meeting included Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Little and Plain Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

C. E. H.

## NEWS FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. W. Izard, of Slindon, 980, Arundel Drive, Victoria, B.C., sends the following account of how the flag of change ringing is maintained in Canada:—

On Thursday, July 12th, which was the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the bells in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C., the bells were specially rung to commemorate the event. A quarter-peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung on Thursday evening, followed by a touch of Bob Major and another touch of Stedman Triples. The ringing was very good throughout and the striking excellent, a great deal of credit being due to the ringers, as they rang under unusual conditions of American and other visitors coming up into the ringing chamber whilst the ringing was in progress. Altogether there were 35 visitors, and, whilst conducting the quarter-peal, the conductor had to repeatedly request the visitors to be silent.

Those taking part in the ringing were: Dr. Longridge 1, Margaret Izard 2, Godfrey White 3, Douglas Boniface 4, Arthur Izard 5, C. Millard 6, E. W. Izard 7, J. V. Donaldson 8.

The ringing was also carried out as a compliment to Mr. Millard on the birth of a granddaughter.

The following is a copy of an interesting tribute from the 'Victoria Daily Colonist':—

### 'WITH THE BELL RINGERS

'Every once in a while, and often when it is least expected, Victorians on their way home from work hear the gay pealing of bells from the tower of Christ Church Cathedral. Once they rang to welcome King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. Again they rang to welcome the then Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, before Her Majesty succeeded to the Throne. They have pealed in the rejoicing of this nation at the end of cruel war. They have sounded their sombre note on occasions when no one was rejoicing; and now the bells have become part and parcel of what Canada associates with Victoria.

'Almost unique in Canada is this art which keeps alive the centuries-old practice of bell ringing, with its strange names from an Elizabethan past. Grandsire Triples cannot be rung by the uninitiated. Bell ringers must undergo a long process of training, on a voluntary basis. That the self-sacrifice which goes into this does not go unappreciated is evident from the remarks of residents and visitors to the community alike when the bells drive the swallows out of their roosting places. As yet, however, Victoria has not made as much of this attraction as could be done, and the gift of the bell ringers has too often been taken for granted. It is a precious one.'

It is now some time since you have had news of the ringing in Victoria. On January 1st, 1956, the bells and the ringing of the bells were on the television broadcast Wide World of the National Broadcasting Corporation, New York City, N.Y., and we were informed that approximately 32 million people saw this broadcast. This was a live broadcast and only those who have experienced taking part in a live broadcast will realise the difficulties involved with ringing.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## PLAIN, ALLIANCE AND LITTLE METHODS

Dear Sir,—The two following extents illustrate in (1) the combining of Plain, Alliance and Little methods, and in (2) the splicing of Treble Bob, Plain, Alliance and Little methods.

Number two is a variation of Mr. C. K. Lewis' wonderful 720 in 22 methods (Treble Bob and Plain), and now makes the number of methods included (23) equal to the number spliced by using regular and irregular methods together.

I hope they will prove of interest to Spliced Minor ringers.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

## 720 IN 15 PLAIN, ALLIANCE AND LITTLE METHODS

23456 Double Bob	35462 Reverse
56342 Double Bob	—56243 Reverse
42635 Fulbeck	S 64352 Crayford
35264 Double	52436 Crayford
64523 Fulbeck	36245 Crayford
S 23456 Walsingham	45623 Crayford
—45632 Walsingham	23564 Crayford
32564 Cromer	S 64523 Walsingham
26345 Steventon	S 34256 Little Bob
64253 Walsingham	62534 Little Bob
53426 Double	45362 Little Bob
—32645 Fulbeck	23645 Little Bob
45263 Walsingham	56423 Little Bob
—56324 Cromer	S 32456 Fulmer
S 62453 Crayford L.B.	—25643 Fulmer
53246 Crayford L.B.	43562 Reverse
46325 Crayford L.B.	36425 Tibenham
25634 Crayford L.B.	62354 Olney
34562 Crayford L.B.	54236 Olney
S 62543 Walsingham	—43625 Olney
S 42356 Plain Bob	25364 Reverse
25463 Plain Bob	—56432 Reverse
56234 Plain Bob	S 63254 Crayford
63542 Plain Bob	54326 Crayford
34625 Plain Bob	26435 Crayford
S 42356 Lammas	35642 Crayford
—35624 Lammas	42563 Crayford
24563 Canterbury	S 63524 Walsingham
46235 Chalfont	S 23456
63452 Fulmer	
52346 Double	
—24635 Double	
35462	

## 720 IN 23 TREBLE BOB, PLAIN BOB, ALLIANCE & LITTLE BOB METHODS

23456 College	25643 Canterbury
—64235 London Bob	54236 Ennerdale
52364 Donottar Del.	—43625 Chalfont All.
35426 St. Clement's	32456 Double Bob
43652 Lytham	56243 Belvedere L.B.
26543 College	64532 Plain
—35264 Carisbr'ke D.	—64325 Plain
—42356 Killarney	—64253 Plain
63542 Horsmonden	45632 Ennerdale
56234 St. Clement's	53426 Double
25463 Carisbr'ke D.	—32645 Tibenham All.
34625 Wavertree	24356 Fulbeck
—56342 Killarney	56432 Belvedere L.B.
—23564 Wath Delight	63524 Plain
45623 D. Oxford	—63245 Plain
64352 Childwall	—63452 Plain
36245 College	35624 Canterbury
52436 Killarney	52346 Fulbeck
—64523 Killarney	S 42635 London Bob
—35642 Wavertree	—56423 College
26435 St. Clement's	34256 St. Clement's
42563 Pontefract D.	23645 Dble. Oxford
54326 College	62534 Killarney
63254 D. Oxford	45362 Carisbr'ke D.
S 24635 Cromer All.	—23456
43256 Cumberland	
56324 Belvedere L.B.	
62543 Plain Bob	
—62435 Plain	
—62354 Plain	
25643	

## EARLY RINGING

Dear Sir,—I regret that the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards should describe my attitude toward early ringing as 'shocking' whilst missing the point of my remarks.

He completely overlooks the fact that this ringing takes place almost invariably on *Sundays which are Bank Holidays* when the industrial population most certainly is not up and moving about within half an hour of 6.30 a.m., at least not in industrial or residential Birmingham, and I still contend that to disturb the well-earned rest of these people and their families for want of a little thought is likely to have dire results at some time, perhaps not too far distant. We must realise that times are changing and the mind of the populace is changing with them, and whilst preserving what is good in tradition and custom let us not preserve that which only infuriates. Mr. Edwards would surely not wish us to take such areas as Spain and the Moslem countries as our example.

Incidentally, he too appears to have fallen into the common error of supposing that bell ringing arose from a desire to 'hail the festal day,' whereas its origin dates from long before the Christian era, when bells were utilised to drive away 'evil spirits,' and this idea persisted right through the Middle Ages.—Yours sincerely,

Harborne.

W. E. BOX.

## SAFFRON WALDEN GREAT RINGING DAY

Dear Sir,—May I take the opportunity of adding to that which has already been written by Mr. Claude Rush, of Eye, Suffolk. On June 30th I travelled 50 miles from Woburn, Beds, to attend the Great Ringing Day, taking two other ringers with me. I hoped to have the opportunity of some 12-bell ringing, but alas, the best that could be attempted all the afternoon was an indifferent touch of Bob Major.

As there were no other meetings being held in the area that day I remained until about 7 p.m., hoping that some more ringers might attend, but did not see any more. After tea we continued ringing on the back eight.

It was not worth while travelling 50 miles to attend the 333rd anniversary of the Great Ringing Day.—Yours sincerely,

Toddington, Beds.

PETER NEWING.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### West Dorset Branch

About 30 members and visitors attended the quarterly meeting at Evershot on July 14th. Canon C. C. Cox conducted the Guild service and the Rector of Evershot gave the address, in which he extended a warm welcome to the branch. He said that ringing held no place for the lazy man and that ringing meant work in every way. The average ringer was a good churchman and ringing was an act of worship.

A substantial tea was provided in the Village Hall. At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Broadwindsor on September 15th and a by-meeting at Bradpole on August 22nd, starting at 6.30 p.m.

In a brief speech to conclude the meeting, Canon Cox welcomed the visitors, who included some from as far afield as Leicester and Doncaster. He thanked the Rector for his address and use of the bells, the organist for playing, and last, but not least, the Evershot ringers and their wives for a grand tea provided free.

Handbell ringing followed before going on to ring at Melbury Osmond and further ringing at Evershot. Two sets of handbells were available and members coming out of the Village Hall after listening to the 'first eleven' were much surprised to hear the 'second eleven' going Grandsire Triples outside. J.T.B.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### North Norfolk Branch

A very successful meeting was held at Coltishall on July 14th, when over 40 members attended from a wide area. Good use was made of the bells before and after the service, which was conducted by the Rev. W. R. F. Addison, V.C.

Squadron-Leader G. W. Massey, of Frome, Somerset, and K. R. Dunston, of King's Langley, Hertfordshire, were elected non-resident life members, Alan Ellis, of Norwich, a ringing member, and Mrs. Spencer Brothers, of Norwich, an honorary member.

Mr. A. G. Bason, Ringing Master, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. W. R. F. Addison. Mr. W. Stibbons for playing the organ and to all who helped to make the meeting a success. This was seconded by the President, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston. C. B.

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# THE SUNDAY SERVICE CONDUCTOR

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

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## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

### 4. Construction and Improvisation of Touches.

Having secured a safe and convenient method of calling the bells into rounds the conductor is now free to experiment with callings, putting bobs and singles where he will, knowing that he can get the bells Home when he so desires. Usually a conductor will wish to exploit the musical possibilities of Grandsire Triples and to work to some plan, and it is the object of the following notes to indicate to him what he may compose and even venture to improvise in the tower (for this is the most interesting adventure of all), by such devices as the rotation of 567, the turning of two bells by use of the single, the employment of the bob block, and so on. What is said on these matters does not claim to be exhaustive; rather is it meant to draw attention to certain principles and to leave the experimentalist to develop the plans indicated.

Before dealing with convenient placings of musical groups of bells it is important to note the great utility of the two touches given earlier in this work. They are the two round blocks which produce 423567, 342567 and 234567 (and, of course, 243567, 324567 and 432567). For the means by which we are able to secure the extent of the 000567 course ends will enable us to obtain the extent of any other grouping of back bells. Two instances are given here, examples

234567	234567	234567	234567
253746	S 572634	253746	S 572634
S 762453	567423	S 762453	567423
746325	S 435267	746325	S 435267
S 357246	423756	S 357246	423756
325674	472635	— 623457	— 674523
362457	467523	— 746523	— 356274
346725	456372	754362	325467
— 573246	— 234756	735246	342756
527634	273645	— 627435	— 673542
562473	267534	— 546327	— 256473
546327	256473	534762	245367
— 735246	— 234756	573246	234756

a. b. c. d.

a. and c. showing the principle applied to ringing the extent of the 000246 course end, and examples b. and d. showing the extent of the 000756 course end. The fragments given provide the extent of the In-Course course ends, and the use of singles will secure the three Out-of-Course course ends. In passing, it is worth noting that in a. and b. the course ends come up at calls, whereas in c. and d. the course ends come at plain leads. The former, with their double dodging at the course ends may therefore be said to be the more musical.

**The Rotation of 567.** From rounds there are two quick ways of reaching 000756. One is by S.P.S.P., and the other is S.P.B.P. The former is quoted in the preceding paragraph. It will be clear, one imagines, that if this calling is repeated the course end 000675 can be brought up. Another repetition will, of course, bring 000567. It will thus be seen that it is not difficult to start from rounds, move into the position 000756, calling one or more courses in this position (by use of callings b. or d. above), and then turning the bells over to 000675, and subsequently (when one wishes) to 000567. This is a very useful type of touch for the beginner to experiment with, for 567 are never away from each other, and 234 are always reasonably close.

The inverted forms of these positions are 000765, 000576 and 000657, and it is possible to move into these quite easily and to use them as we used the other three. An interesting thing

to note is that when we are using 000657 or 000576 we may find that rounds has suddenly appeared at handstroke. Experience will teach where this is likely to happen, and will enable the conductor to ward off the contingency if he wishes to avoid it, or to take advantage of it if he wishes to bring the touch to an end.

234567 The position 000765 is a useful one. It can be reached from rounds by turning over 7 and 5 with a single, as shown here. Six course ends are obviously available, and the position has the advantage that it can be turned to 000567 quickly and simply by another single on 57.

The Sunday service conductor should make himself perfectly familiar with the two callings S.P.S.P. and S.P.B.P., which effect the useful transposition from 000567 to 000756, and that shown at e., which turns 000567 to 000765. By the use of these it is possible to carry out much play on 567, moving easily from one position to another, and never at any time getting awkwardly remote from 000567. The important function of the calling e. in turning 000756 to 000657 will be dealt with separately, and it may be well at this point to consider the use of the single for turning a pair of bells.

**Use of the Single.** Any pair of coursing bells may have their positions reversed by calling a single when they come down in front of the treble. Study of the calling e. will show this reversing of two bells, 7 and 5, and it must be clear that the same calling could be usefully employed to change over other pairs of bells. If, for instance, we arrive at 234576, we may note that but for the reversal of 6 and 7 we are in rounds. Indeed rounds may be secured quite

234576 easily by turning 6 and 7 with a single. The example at h. shows how this is done, and it will be apparent that after the third call the touch has run into the plain course.

h. A much more frequent and important use of the single in turning two bells is revealed in the well-known turning from 000756 to 000657. When the big bells are in the latter position then they are well placed for coming into rounds at handstroke, and, in fact, in the course 342657 rounds does actually occur at the handstroke

of the lead before the course end. Example k. shows the whole course, and it will be seen quite easily that 234567 comes as the handstroke of 325476. The lead before this, 357264, is merely the Queen's Change with 46 reversed. The conductor should familiarise himself with the sound of this row, for it is the easily recognised harbinger, the very forerunner of rounds at handstroke. It provides an interesting and easily achieved coming Home when the conductor has been exploiting the 000756 position; and he cannot, indeed, go far astray.

423756 From 423756 he may reach rounds at handstroke in three leads, as is shown in Example m., where the single merely turns over 6 and 7, the next call producing the warning 357264. If he wishes he may turn 6 and 7 from 234756 or 342756, arriving at 423657 or 234657; from each of these, courses called B.B.P.P. will soon bring 325476 at handstroke.

**The Bob Block.** The Bob Block, called S.B.B.S., has been referred to earlier in these notes, and notice should certainly be taken of the utility of this device. If it is substituted for a bob the result is that three leads are added to

## SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Newark District

Approximately 30 ringers and friends attended the July meeting at Barnby-in-the-Willows. Ringing, under the District Ringing Master, Mr. C. Reed, ranged from rounds to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

Tea was at the Willow Tree Inn, where it was later learned that the 'good lady' had risen at 5 a.m. in order to provide home-made cakes for tea. This was due to a warning on the previous night that the power would be off during the morning.

Whetton-in-the-Vale was confirmed as the place of the September meeting, and, after some discussion, it was decided to visit North Muskham in November.

Mr. F. W. Vernon proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. T. Vessey for all the work they had done and to the churchwardens for the use of the bells. The meeting closed and ringing continued until 8 p.m. A 'get well' card was sent from the meeting to Mr. G. E. Foster, one of the District Committee, who was ill in Nottingham General Hospital. W. L. E.

the touch, and if the lead selected for the substitution is a musical one there will be a double portion of music.

S 357246 In the calling of the Bob Block — 623457 the caller should not attempt to — 746523 count the leads. He should note S 537246 the pair of bells down in front of the treble at the first single, and wait for the same pair (the other way round) to come down before the treble again.

46 and 74, and their inversions. These are the two most musical positions that can be secured in Triples, and the music of each is greatly enhanced if the conductor can bring up such lead-ends at a call, where the double dodging causes a repetition of the termination. It is therefore more effective to call, where possible, 357246 325674 courses as shown here as distinct from courses called B.B.P.P. There is also, in this type of 362457 346725 course, the opportunity — 573246 — 253674 to substitute a Bob Block for one or more of the bobs and so enrich the musical experience.

The position 74 actually exists in the plain course, but the practitioner may, of course, wish to approach it from some other position. It may be secured with advantage (and perhaps in the best way) by calling 6 into the hunt and then calling the 4th Before. This gives 046000. A call the next lead will cause 46 to double dodge behind. (Note that the process is the same as that used for getting 67 together when we are calling the bells round.)

The position 74 is, of course, handled in precisely the same manner. The 4th is called into the hunt and the 7th is called Before. This gives 074000. A call at the next lead brings 74 to double dodge behind. The musical effects of these two terminations are good whatever bell is in 5th place, but the most pleasing are probably 000246, 000746 and 000674.

The inversions 64 and 47 are not so pleasing as 46 and 74, the music coming on the handstroke row. But when the bells are muffled at backstroke then the inverted forms are very useful, for the musical rows stand out very prominently on the handstroke. A little thought will show that 64 can be produced by 4 into the hunt and 6 Before, and 47 by 7 into the hunt and 4 Before. Alternatively, from the 46 position 4 and 6 can be turned over by a single 723546 623574 on the front, and 47 can be obtained from 74 in the same manner.

752634 652437 S 647352 S 476352 In fact, for muffled — 236547 — 234576 ringing, the conductor — 253764 253647 can take a touch containing an abundance of 46 music, turn it to 64



**The Sunday Service Conductor—Cont.**

music, and turn it back to 46 and revert to the set touch. The same trick may be employed with 74 courses.

To bring this matter to a conclusion it will be instructive to take an example of an improvised touch and show its possible developments. Although the whole touch is for convenience given at once, let us suppose (as well as we can) that the conductor has set off from rounds with no really fixed intention except that of starting with some 46 music. We will then imagine how his thoughts run and how his plan develops.

Part 1. 234567	Part 2. — 342567 B.	Part 3. 423567 C.
253746	354726	S 574623
S 762453	375642	567342
746325	367254	S 325467
— 537246	— 423567 C.	342756
523674		— 673542
562437		— 256473
546723		245367
— 375246		234756
327654		S 762534
362475		— 457362
346527		453276
— 753246		423657
S 267453 A.		— 764523
		— 357264
		325476

Following one of the set plans for getting 46 behind, the caller rings Part 1. Note here that if he wishes he can easily insert Bob Blocks where 246 come behind, and so add leads to his touch.

Arriving at 753246 he uses a single to put the bells into the plain course, and here, if time presses, the bells can run home.

At this point, however, our conductor decides that he wishes to extend his touch, and so by calling a bob the lead after A. he stops the bells from coming round and reaches B. and then 423567 (C.). From here he knows that a bob four leads later will bring rounds, and so again he has the chance of a quick finish. Time still permits of further ringing, and he takes C. as the starting point for another little adventure, turning the bells to 000756 and playing with this position until either he is tired of it or time is up. By remembering that 7 and 6 are easily turned with a single the conductor is not afraid of losing himself and has no difficulty in bringing the bells round at hand.

**CONCLUSION**

These papers have dealt only with the elements of Grandsire and Plain Bob, and it must now be left to the enterprise and persistence of the conductor to pursue his studies and to apply these principles to other methods suitable for Sunday service ringing. The Major methods will not lend themselves so well to improvisation or to calling round with ease, but Stedman Triples, once an easily-handled means of calling round is mastered, will offer scope for the extemporisation of musical touches. Grandsire Caters, too, allow plenty of scope for experiment, but naturally some extra allowance of time must be made for calling round.

There is no easy path to success in the mastering of the principles set forth in this essay. Abundant experiment on paper and downright boldness in the tower are essential, and if the student is sufficiently in earnest he will not grudge the time spent in study or be afraid of the occasional false venture he will make in the ringing chamber. To obtain 'the freedom of the methods' should be his fixed aim, and success in this aim will enhance both his pleasure and his utility as leader of the band.

(Concluded)

**THE 29 COURSES AND THEIR ORIGIN**

Dear Sir,—Early this year there was some correspondence about the 29 Courses. As it was in the 1920s when these came into being, a new generation of ringers has arisen who may not know much about these courses. Let us trace them from the beginning.

In 1844 (according to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) Charles Middleton, of Norwich, composed his famous five-part peal of Cambridge Major, 5,600 changes. Very little information is available about Middleton or the system he used, but this was the first true peal of Cambridge ever composed. All previous peals were false and Mr. Davies later established that these 25 courses were the only ones available for a Major peal with the tenors together. Today this is still true, so the 2M 2W 3H became familiar to most conductors. The alternative form (which was the first to be rung on February 11th, 1873) is 2H 2M 21H, but this was not used in the 29 Courses. There are, of course, several variations for shortening the 5,600, but they need not concern us here.

After World War I when ringing got under way, many of the existing records began to be beaten, such as the Stedman Caters record and T.B. Major. The late Rev. H. Law James, who was looked upon as the stormy petrel of the Exercise, turned his attention to Cambridge Royal composition. By adapting Middleton's to Royal you get 9,000 changes, but H. L. J. knew that this was not long enough so he managed to add four more courses at the beginning to make it 29 or 10,440 changes. This length was rung at Walthamstow on December 26th, 1923, conducted by Wm. Pye, and remained the record till December 15th, 1951, when it was beaten at Worsley by 15,480, conducted by J. Worth. The extra courses are got by IW then NW four times with a final W, this puts you back in Middleton's, and the last 23 courses are purely so. The 29 Courses were rung to Maximus 15,312 changes on August 5th, 1929, again conducted by Wm. Pye. This is still the Maximus record.

After this peal Mr. Gabriel Lindoff wrote to 'The Ringing World' suggesting that H. Law James should withdraw his claim to the authorship and let it be known as Middleton's Peal. Mr. Lindoff had good cause to attack the Rev. H. Law James for he brought out a 14,144 of London, beating Lindoff's 14,112 by one lead. This, Mr. Lindoff claimed, was just an extension of his peal, but H. L. J. never withdrew. After the Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne it was understood that H. L. J. said there was the problem of putting in the extra courses and therefore he was justified in claiming the peal. The long peal at Worsley is ascribed to the late T. B. Worsley, but the 29 Courses form the basis of the peal and are all in the composition as published in the 'R.W.' Well, we hope that it has been made plain what these 29 Courses are, and anyone interested can cast them out or obtain them from other sources. Certainly Middleton knew nothing beyond his 25 and Cambridge Royal would not be rung in his day. Any band who wish to beat the present records has a real big job on, and there we must leave it.—Yours, etc., R. M.

Preston, Lancs.

**HOLTON'S PRE-REFORMATION BELLS**

The three bells at Holton, Somerset, dating back to 1430 or earlier, and cast by Robert Norton, are to be retuned. The existing cast-in staples are to be drilled out and new crown staples fitted. While the bells are at the foundry the tower and belfry are to be repaired. All but £90 has been raised to meet the cost, and the hope is expressed that bell lovers desirous of retaining such bells of archaeological value will send donations to the hon. treasurer, Holton Parish Church, Mr. G. B. Wylam, Green Pastures, Holton, Wincanton, Somerset.

**A SUSSEX WEDDING**

Rev. P. R. Blackman — Miss J. E. Curtis

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Storrington, pealed out on the morning of July 7th for the happy occasion of the marriage of Miss J. E. Curtis, of Storrington, to the Rev. Peter Richard Blackman, of Chichester.

Known to all West Sussex ringers as Jean and Peter, both have done much to foster change ringing, especially among young ringers, and appreciation of this good work, together with good wishes, was ably expressed by the Storrington ringers, together with friends from Chichester, Walberton and Washington, in ringing various 'touches' before and after the service. Other Sussex ringers elsewhere marked the happy event with the ringing of peals.

The fully choral service, conducted by the Rev. W. G. Fostick, former Rector of Storrington, was followed by nuptial Communion, at which the present Rector, the Rev. G. Mackenzie, officiated. The singing was delightfully accompanied by a small orchestra.

Given away by her father, Mr. W. Curtis, the bride looked charming in her gown of ivory lace over satin, with a short veil and headdress of orange blossom. The bridesmaid, Miss Joyce Curtis, sister of the bride, wore turquoise net over taffeta with a halo headdress. Both carried bouquets of pink roses. Mr. David Treagus, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man.

The bride also served the church as a chorister and Sunday School teacher, and her friends were responsible for the beautiful decorations at the church.

The service was followed by a splendid reception at the Village Hall, after which the happy couple left for their honeymoon in North Devon. They will make their home at Aylestone, Leicester, where the bridegroom is now curate.

Among the numerous presents were a set of fish knives and forks from West Sussex ringers, also cooking utensils from the ringers of Chichester Cathedral where, prior to his ordination, the bridegroom was Ringing Master and server.

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**Miss E. Winifred Keys' 100 Peals**

Congratulations to Miss E. Winifred Keys, of Chichester, on completing her first 100 peals. Her list is appended:—

Doubles: Grandsire 7, Plain Bob 1 (conducted 1), two methods 1.

Minor: Plain Bob 13 (1), Double Oxford Bob 1, Single Oxford Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 2, two methods 2, four methods 1, seven methods 1.

Triples: Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 4, Stedman 9, Major: Double Norwich 15, Plain Bob 13, Surprise Major: Yorkshire 7, Cambridge 5, Superlative 3, London 2, Rutland 2, Painswick 2, Bristol 1, Lincolnshire 1, Pudsey 1, Gainsborough 1, Southwell 1, Spiced three methods 1.



## OBITUARY

### MR. EDWARD LINTIN

Many who read this obituary notice will not have known Edward (Ted) Lintin. He rang no peals, and hardly ever went to a ringing meeting. Yet he served Branston (Lincs) tower well in his own simple way (for he could only drum the tenor) for well over 40 years. In latter years the ringing at Branston has almost entirely been Minor, and as it was almost inevitably a 720 that was attempted, 'Ted' did little ringing. Yet if the band turned up short there he was to ring the tenor. He did not mind being left out, for he had also his office of vicar's warden to fulfil, and as long as the bells rang for service he was happy.

For over 20 years he was treasurer of the band, and from him we always received a concise and straightforward presentation of accounts. He enjoyed doing this work, and it was always a great pleasure to him if the previous year's total was surpassed.

No, his name has not rung throughout the Exercise, he has accomplished no great feats of ringing. Therefore it is not as a ringer that we remember him, but as a man. It is in his willingness to serve his church to the best of his ability that he will be remembered.

His death occurred on July 8th and the funeral service was held at Branston on July 12th, and the following ringers attended: A. G. Brummitt, A. Ingall, L. Willders, C. Speed, J. E. Cook, W. Green (Branston) and L. Thompson (Waddington). Directly after the service the bells were rung half-muffled, and in the evening a quarter peal was rung to his memory, and on the following evening a full peal was rung. J. E. C.

## OUTINGS

### RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS

On July 7th, Rushden ringers, together with friends from neighbouring towers, had a very enjoyable outing to the borders of the Cotswolds. Leaving home at 7 a.m., the first stop was at Leamington, where the tall, slender tower of the Roman Catholic church sways violently when the bells are rung. Indeed, the sway of the tower was so bad that it was almost impossible to keep the second up at every third whole pull.

Journeing on to the village of Salford Priors, the nice octave here would just not go to Superlative, but nevertheless the time spent at this tower was still very worth while. Lunch was taken at Evesham at a café overlooking the river, and then, whilst the non-ringers basked in the sunshine, the ringers spent an enjoyable hour on the 12 hung in the massive bell tower. Besides ringing rounds on 12, treble ten and Grandsire Caters, a very well struck course of Superlative was going along in fine style, until it suddenly collapsed near the end. Photographs and purchase of ice cream caused a late departure from Evesham, and more time was lost at Alcester, where the local towerkeeper had forgotten his key. Nevertheless Stratford-on-Avon was reached on time, and after a climb up the very narrow stairs, the time allotted to ringing on this fine ten passed all too quickly.

The last tower of the day was at Lillington, where the tiny ringing chamber, already a quarter filled with the organ blower, was somewhat inconvenient, but nevertheless this did not prevent a very well struck touch of Stedman from coming round. Late dinner was taken at Leamington, and after the younger members (together with some of the not so 'young-uns') had had a game with a ball in a neighbouring park, the coach journeyed homeward, to get back to Rushden soon after 11.15 p.m., after a most enjoyable day's outing.

### MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT

What turned out to be one of the brightest days of the year so far was chosen by the organiser of the Milton band for their annual outing on June 30th.

A full load of 32 ringers and friends were on the road soon after 8.30 for a trip through their own county of Kent. The first stop was at Ospringe, Faversham, where the eight bells were soon going for an hour in various methods.

A run along the coast brought the company to Margate. Unfortunately no towers were available on this run, as Whitstable was booked for two weddings and Birchington bells were not back from the founders. After lunch an hour's ringing at St. John's, Margate, was much enjoyed. What a delightful ring, and how beautiful the ringing chamber is kept!

The return journey was commenced at 3.15 by way of Canterbury to Chartham, where a halt was called to try the ring of six. These turned out to be rather noisy in the belfry—nevertheless some good Minor was tapped off.

On again through lovely scenery, where the hops were making a brave show, by way of Charing and Lenham to Harrietsham, where an excellent meat tea was waiting at the Rendezvous Cafe. After tea, a visit was paid to the church, when the eight bells were kept going for an hour. Two of the local ringers joined in with Stedman and Plain Bob as they do not have much opportunity of ringing these methods owing to the lack of ringers.

The last call was at Halling, where the Rev. George Adams, a former curate at Christ Church, Gravesend, welcomed the visitors. Unfortunately there are no ringers at this church and the bells are somewhat neglected. A fine struck course of Cambridge and Surprise finished the day's ringing.

Home was reached at 10 o'clock after a glorious day of sunshine, and thanks are due to all who helped to make the outing a success. At every tower one of the locals welcomed the visitors. F. A. M.

## 5,019 LITTLE GRANDSIRE CATERS

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52346	4	43265	1
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This composition and method were first rung at St. Peter's, St. Albans, Herts, on July 7th, 1956, conducted by B. C. Johnson. All calls are made as in ordinary Grandsire.

## REDEDICATION

### ALL SAINTS', BIRCHINGTON

July 14th was a day to remember in the history of the parish church of All Saints', Birchington, as it saw the fulfilment of months of endeavour—the ringing again of the bells at this ancient church, though with a vast difference. The former nondescript eight were no more. Here was a new ring and a new sound over the village. The old bells were taken down last November and sent to the Whitechapel Foundry, broken up and recast. The old frame was removed and a new steel frame erected in its place.

The service of dedication was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. C. Donaldson, assisted by the Rural Dean, Rev. S. A. Odom (Vicar of Margate). The act of dedication was made by the Archdeacon of Canterbury, Ven. A. Sargent. Immediately following the dedication the local ringers set the bells going into rounds, and the ears of other ringers in church were alert to catch, for the first time, the sound of these new bells, which from rounds went into a touch of Grandsire Triples, and which could be heard during the pauses of the hymn which followed. This proved to be a very effective combination.

Among the large congregation present were the Deputy Mayor of Margate, Councillor J. C. Reed, ringers from Margate, St. Laurence and St. Peter's, together with the officers of the Canterbury District of the Kent Association.

Following the service the organisers of the appeal, clergy, choir and ringers, were entertained to tea, after which in a few remarks the Vicar thanked all who had taken part in the day's ceremony. He mentioned that the collection during the service amounted to £18, and that this had been made up to £20 by a donation from the Margate ringers, which he said was a magnificent gesture.

After tea the bells were set going in various methods, everyone expressing a very high opinion of the 'go' and sound of the new ring. The tenor now weighs 8½ cwt., and they constitute a really beautiful ring. Great credit is due to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank on the way they have carried out this restoration. Now a word of credit to the 'local boys': by their own efforts they have transformed the ringing chamber and given it an entirely 'new look.' Old matchboarding has been removed, and the whole given a complete new colour scheme in paint and distemper; they have added new ringing mats and floor covering.

Many of the older residents came to hear the new bells, great satisfaction being expressed by all. Needless to say, the bells were christened in the good old way during the last two hours of a memorable day. B. J. L.

## QUARTER PEALS

**OLD CLEEVE, SOMERSET.**—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Purchase 1, Jean Stevens 2, Pamela Stevens 3, S. N. Bristow 4, F. Casley 5, C. J. Stevens 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, G. Sparks 8.

**UPPER CLAPTON, E.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, on July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. W. Gray (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, Miss J. M. Highley 3, Miss N. Hales 4, Mrs. D. Neal 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. A. Sydenham 8. Rung by the local Society to celebrate the weddings of Mr. Donald Sydenham (a member of the Society) to Miss Barbara Holyoake on May 16th, at Singapore, and Mr. Dennis Neal to Miss Gwen Friswell (both local members) at Upper Clapton on June 16th.

## LATE NEWS

We regret to hear that Mr. E. Alexander Young, a former secretary of the Central Council, died on Monday, aged 91 years. The funeral will be at Streatham Cemetery Crematorium on Friday at 4 p.m.



## NOTICES

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## BIRTH

SAMSON.—To Audrie (née Read), wife of Major E. F. M. Samson, 17th/21st Lancers, at the B.M.H., Munster, a son (brother for Veronica), on July 17th, 1956. 8666

## MARRIAGE

JUKES—SIMMONS.—At St. Mary's, Kingswinford, on July 14th, 1956, by the Rev. H. P. Saunders and Rev. W. A. Richards, Frederick Edward, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Jukes, to Kathleen Sylvia, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Simmons.

## SILVER WEDDING

MILLS, Colchester Road, Bures.—Congratulations, Mum and Dad, on your silver wedding anniversary, August 1st, 1956. Love from Donald. 8669

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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## MISCELLANEOUS

HANDBELL COMPETITION.—In connection with Hoarwithy-on-Wye Fair (Herefordshire) the Fair Committee propose to hold a Handbell Ringing Competition. Open, novices and junior (under 18) classes. The competition will take place at 7.30 p.m. on September 7th. Winning teams will be invited to take part in an illuminated river procession to open the Fair the same evening. Particulars can be obtained from R. J. Holland, Prothither Farm, Hoarwithy. Tel.: Carey 53. 8671

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in August.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 8619

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—There will be no ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, during August.—A. B. Peck. 8686

NO PRACTICES at St. Mary's, Witney, during August, but Sunday ringing will be at 10.25 a.m. and 5.25 p.m. as usual. Visitors always very welcome. Practices restart September 4th. 8688

GUILD AND DISTRICT SECRETARIES are advised to save time and poundage by opening a credit account for their notices with Mr. J. E. Jeater ('Ringing World' accountant), Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

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## MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, July 28th, Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m. Ringing at St. John's, South Hackney, 3 p.m. sharp.—A. B. Peck. 8644

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Sudbury, on July 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea available—own food. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 8638

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Marham, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8653

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Radwinter (8) on Saturday, July 28th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 8628

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District) and LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Meeting at Dunsfold, July 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Hascombe open in evening.—A. M. Cox and M. E. Collins, Joint Hon. Dis. Secs. 8657

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District) and LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Change of tower. Meeting at Bramley (6), Saturday, July 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hascombe (5) open in evening.—A. M. Cox, M. E. Collins, Hon. Dis. Secs. 8673

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Selling, Saturday, July 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8646

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Practice at Lane End, July 28th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 8661

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Wymeswold, Leics, Saturday, July 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. 8662

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, North Ockendon, Saturday, July 28th, 3.30 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.—B. C. Sadler. 8654

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Great Barton (6), Saturday, July 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—K. G. Brown, Dis. Sec. 8598

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 28th, changed to Southover, Lewes. Bells (10) 3 p.m. 8642

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting, Holsworthy, Saturday, August 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—J. W. Sangwin, Hon. Sec. 8670

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, August 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8675

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at March on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 8683

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Aug. 4th. Brislington (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business to follow.—A. Bennett. 8678

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Ottershaw, Aug. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham. 8676

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Abbots Langley (6), Saturday, Aug. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Seal Chart, Saturday, August 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Seal (6) also available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 1st to Mr. G. Acott, 3, Main Road, Seal. 8641

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Douglas-in-Parbold, on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea—café nearby.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. 8672

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Chicheley on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 8684

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Welford on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. E. Orland, 11a, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 8681

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Bratton (6) Aug. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8677

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Rotherham Parish Church, Bank Holiday Monday, August 6th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Names by August 2nd to Mr. N. Chadcock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham.—J. Seager and J. L. Gilbert. 8655

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, August 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Nicholas' Hall. Numbers for tea by August 2nd to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 8649

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Whaplode, near Spalding, Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, Aug. 7th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding. 8667

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Heydour (8), Saturday, Aug. 11th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8682

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Great Brington, Aug. 11th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mrs. I. Marriott, 1, Bedford Cottages, Great Brington, Northampton. No names, no tea.—F. W. Hancock. 8679

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Atcham, Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 1st, to Miss E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury. 8687

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Book this date now: the Association Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 27th, at the Corn Exchange, Rochester. Tickets 8s. 6d., available now. The 1956 annual report is out, price 2s. (2s. 4d., post paid), containing names of all members.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, 420, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 8680



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