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LEARNING HOW TO LOWER A BELL

TRAINING in lowering a bell may be given as soon as the pupil has made reasonable progress in the other stages. This phase of training is probably neglected more than any other, and since the ultimate aim is to be able to raise and lower a bell efficiently in peal, just as much care should be taken with this part of the pupil's instruction as any other. The dexterous taking of coils with no diminishment of control is not easy and usually needs much practice. Many otherwise competent ringers fail miserably when lowering in peal.

If the following instructions are practised, the ability to lower a bell efficiently will soon be acquired.

Start ringing the bell normally but check a little on each upward stroke, and when transferring the right hand from sally to tail-end place it on the tail-end so that there is a space of an inch or two between the two hands as they grip the rope. At the top of the backstroke, just as the downward pull is about to commence, move the left hand up next to the right hand on the tail-end. Very soon over a foot of rope, sufficient for a coil to be made, will be hanging down below the left hand. After the bell is well below balance one hand only need be used to control the handstroke, otherwise there is a tendency for the spare rope to get in the way at the handstroke. Prepare to take the coil in the following manner. As the bell rises to the backstroke grip it tightly with the upper hand (right hand) but let the left hand slip to the bottom of the tail-end. For this one upward stroke the hands are well apart but the left hand still maintains tension on the rope. Pull the backstroke down as usual, but obviously the left hand finishes the stroke before the right. Keeping the tail-end well in the crutch of the thumb, open the left hand palm upwards and as the right hand completes the backstroke bring it down between the body and the left hand, so as to place the portion of the rope immediately above the right hand into the left hand, thus making a coil.

The action of making this coil *must* take place at the *bottom* and on completion of the backstroke. On no account must the hands be stopped half way down to take the coil. Immediately after taking the coil move the right hand to catch the sally, and having guided the sally, transfer the right hand back to the tail end, but place it in the *normal* position above the left hand and *outside* the coil that has just been made.

It is likely that the coil just made will have taken up so much of the rope that if the coil and rope are gripped tightly it will not be possible to reach the following backstroke rise properly. The grip must therefore be relaxed at the top of this backstroke rise so that the bell may take the amount of rope required, thus reducing the size of the

coil just taken. Failure to do this causes a sudden check on the rope which would put the bell out of line with the others if it was being lowered in peal. As lowering continues the coil just taken may be increased in size either by the same method as the spare rope to make it was obtained, or by 'nibbling' it bigger with the left hand at the bottom of the backstroke, when the right hand is on the sally. Care must be taken to keep the tail-end in the crutch of the left hand and not have spare rope hanging down.

When this first coil has been enlarged until it is too cumbersome, another coil is taken in a similar manner to which the first one was taken. The right hand grips the tail-end and the left hand slips down the rope. In this case, however, the rope for the second coil is taken from the enlarged first coil. The grip is again relaxed momentarily at the top of the following backstroke to avoid over-checking the bell. After two or three coils have been taken the handstroke disappears so that the sally may be ignored. After the final coil has been taken the hands should be on the sally until finally the bell is hardly moving at all, and the hands are well up the sally with arms fully stretched in the chiming position, and with the coils neatly in the left hand.

When the pupil has mastered this technique, he should be instructed in following another silenced bell up and down for training to raise and lower in peal.

N. CHADDOCK.

THE RUDHALLS OF GLOUCESTER

THE famous foundry at Gloucester was owned by members of the Rudhall family from 1679 until 1830. During that period over 4,520 bells were produced by them, of which we have an account in the form of a catalogue issued by the last bell-founding member of the family.

The fame of the Rudhalls ranged far and wide: their bells are found from the west coast of Wales to London, and as far apart as Lancashire and Cornwall. They cast the first ring to be exported to America, and most of the important rings in the Midlands and neighbouring districts were their work.

One of the chief reasons for their success was the excellent tonal quality of their bells; and, with the limited means at their disposal, they brought the art of casting 'old standard' bells as near perfection as possible. The business was afterwards bought up by Thomas Mears, of London, who for a time worked the Gloucester foundry as a branch establishment.

FREDERICK SHARPE.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Subscription Raised At Annual Meeting

THE annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday. The annual service was in the Cathedral, and was conducted by the Provost, assisted by the Succentor, and the address was given by the Association's president, the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford.

After the service the annual meeting was held in the Chapter House and, with the Master, Mr. R. C. Heagel, in the chair, the business was expeditiously carried through.

MEMBERSHIP OVER 1,000

The report, which gave the membership as 210 honorary and 1,006 ringing, stated that this was the first time the membership had reached 1,000, in spite of a drop in the South East District of 21. Towers in union totalled 119, one more (Chigwell) than last year.

The number of peals rung for the Association was 112, as against 123 in 1960. Leading conductors were F. B. Lufkin 22, J. E. G. Roast 19, H. W. Egglestone 10. Twenty-eight members scored their first peal and altogether 217 members took part in peals. Quarter peal ringing had again been well maintained, 223 being recorded as against 202 last year.

On the general account the year finished with a balance of £100 8s. 8d., against £118 5s. 10d.; the Bell Restoration Fund had a balance of £372 and the balance sheet showed assets of £472.

The report was received and adopted with the correction of some of the composition figures.

Some discussion took place regarding the Association investments as to whether this could be done more profitably, and it was finally left to the Finance and General Purposes Committee to resolve this and, if necessary, take action.

The main item under business as tabled was the motion to raise subscriptions. This had already been discussed at the District A.G.M.s and was quickly disposed of. The new subscription rate is 3s. 6d. to ringing members and 7s. 6d. to non-resident members.

C.C. REPRESENTATIVES

All officers were re-elected, but in the voting for the Central Council representatives for the next triennial session, Mr. J. Roast succeeds Mr. J. Crampin, the other three (Miss H. G. Snowden, F. B. Lufkin and P. Eves) being re-elected.

The following were made life members of the Association: Mesdames A. Everett and E. Roast and Messrs. P. Avey, L. Bird, J. Elliott, H. King and C. Marven.

Any other business included the voting of five guineas each to the Kilifi Bell Fund and the Melbourne appeal. It was announced that the annual dinner would be held on October 13th, and that the ringing competition would be held at the Cathedral on September 15th, the middle eight being used.

After an omnibus vote of thanks, lunch was served in the Cathedral Hall by members of the South Eastern District, and later tea was served in buffet style. The Association places on record its gratitude for the admirable work which these ladies do to make Whit Monday such a success.

BATH VETERANS IN QUARTER PEAL

Five veterans of the Bath Branch, each with over 40 years' service as a ringer, rang together in a quarter peal at Bathampton on June 16th, conducted by the Branch secretary, Mr. Alan F. Lee. The veterans were:—

Percival R. Young.—Started ringing, 1919; has always rung at Twerton; also completed 50 years in the choir and 25 years as P.C.C. secretary.

Leslie R. Taylor.—Started ringing, 1910, at Bishop's Tawton, Devon. Now rings at Corston and is also a member of the choir.

Edmund King.—Started ringing, 1901, at Sherbourne Abbey, Dorset. Now rings at Twerton (where his name is on a peal board for 1906).

Frederick Gooding.—Started ringing, 1920, at Bathampton, where he is tower captain.

Albert Butt.—Started ringing, 1917, at Duncton, where he is tower captain.

FIRST PEAL IN OLD DARTMOOR CHURCH



THE first peal has been rung on the bells of the Church of St. Michael de Rupe (St. Michael of the Rock), Brent Tor, five miles from Tavistock, Devon.

Brent Tor is a bold hill on the western confines of Dartmoor and rises to a height of 1,190 feet above sea level. The church, which was built in 1190, stands on the summit of the Tor. The interior measures only 37 feet by 14½ feet. On a tablet opposite the door is inscribed: 'Upon this rock will I build my Church.'

Tradition says it was built by a merchant, who, being overtaken by a storm at sea, vowed, if he landed safely in Plymouth Sound, he would erect a church on the first point of land he saw. This Tor is supposed to be an extinct volcano, as implied by the name Brent or Burnt Tor.

There are five bells in the church. The inventory of Edward VI in 1553 gave two bells, the work of a 14th or 15th century founder and on one of them was inscribed 'Gallus vocor ego, Solus per omne sono' (I am called the cock, I alone sound above all). The same inscription occurs in one other bell at Netteswell, Essex.

A third bell, inscribed 'T.P. and Colling W. Nichols. C.W. 1668,' by Thomas Pennington, of Exeter, was added three centuries later. In 1909 the three bells were recast and two more added. This work was carried out by Mears and Stainbank, and W. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford, made the bell frame and hung the bells, which were dedicated by Dr. Archibald Robertson, Bishop of Exeter, on August 20th, 1909. The girders securing the bells were renewed in 1958.

For the illustration and information we are indebted to Mr. W. G. Lavers.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

East Grinstead Guild held a very enjoyable though small meeting at St. Mary's, Speldhurst, on June 16th. Welcomed by the local captain, Mr. E. Turley, the bells were soon raised, and ringing began with plenty of practice for the young learners and instruction in the simpler methods.

Last minute tea arrangements were made at a nearby cyclists' headquarters, and 13 members were surprised to find a wonderful spread laid out on the lawn. After endless cups of tea and cricket scores provided by our hostess, the business meeting was held, Mr. Brian Jeffrey taking the chair. Among items discussed was the appeal sent by Mr. G. Pipe regarding the renovation of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and it was finally decided to make a donation of two guineas from the Guild's funds.

M. A. L.

PENWORTHAM BELLS 250th ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY, June 2nd, proved a happy and memorable day in the history of St. Mary's, Penwortham, when the 250th anniversary of the bells were celebrated.

Possibly, and indeed most likely, there were bells in the ancient tower long before 1712, when Abram Rudhall cast a ring of five. A treble was added in 1858, and in 1926 the old third was recast and a further two new trebles added, making a handy octave. This latter work was a gift of the local Freemasons.

The church, in lovely surroundings, and with a well kept churchyard, stands high above the A.59, Leeds-Liverpool road, and across the River Ribble from the busy town of Preston.

Mr. R. Price, the local captain, spared no efforts in making arrangements, and in this matter the rest of the ringers and other church officials saw to it that everything went smoothly.

It was hoped that the president of the Lancashire Association, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, would address the gathering, as his predecessor did 25 years ago, but Territorial Army duties intervened, and Canon A. Hodgson, Vicar of Adlington and Rural Dean of Leyland, himself a ringer, ably carried out this duty. In a quiet, friendly message to a congregation of ringers and their families, local church workers and officials he assured ringers that their work, example and efforts, Sunday by Sunday, were greatly appreciated. Of all the various offices in the church, the ringers were perhaps less seen than any other, but nevertheless they could speak and send out the message, to countless numbers of listeners in town and village.

NO WOULD-BE RINGER SHOULD LOSE HEART

One thing Canon Hodgson especially emphasised, and which was taken to heart by those present, was the need for infinite patience on the part of the older and more experienced ringers, so that no learner, or would-be ringer, would lose heart and leave the tower. All too often, when a learner ringer left the tower, he also left the church, and in some cases his family left too. Usually, any members of a ringer's family, learning to ring, seemed to fare the worst at the hands of their parents.

An enjoyable informal gathering followed in the Church Hall, all present being entertained to an excellent tea.

The Vicar of Penwortham, Canon P. A. Schofield, welcomed the guests, mentioning those who were present at the 225th anniversary. He outlined some of the history of bells in general, and of Penwortham bells in particular. In turn he called upon Mr. R. Price (chief ringer), Mr. J. Roskell (a retired Penwortham ringer) and Mr. C. Crossthwaite (chairman of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association and recently elected vice-president of the Lancashire Association).

Mr. Price was able to recall some of the events of past years, and, especially for the younger ones, gave details of the outstanding and long years of service of Penwortham ringers, some of whom have passed on and others still with us and in the room. He was very glad to have been able to carry on the tradition in his family, for with his own service as a ringer, and that of his wife's father, Mr. Loxham, who was present, and grandfather, there was a combined service of over 100 years.

Amusing incidents of days gone by, in and around the tower, described by Mr. Roskell, brought much laughter.

In thanking everyone concerned most warmly, Mr. Crossthwaite appreciated Canon Hodgson's advice perhaps more than most others present, because not only had he taught his children to ring but his wife also.

There was plenty of ringing for everyone prior to the service, and again in the evening.

L. W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANOTHER ATTEMPT ON BOB MAJOR EXTENT

Dear Sir.—By kind permission of Mr. Paul L. Taylor, I give notice that it is the intention of a band to attempt to ring the extent of Plain Bob Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry on August 4th, commencing at 6.30 a.m. The composition is given below.

40,320 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By C. Kenneth Lewis

23456	W	M	H
46325	S	*	—
36524	—	—	—
56423	3	—	—
63425	3	—	2
42365	S	—	—

Eleven times repeated inserting 3 bobs at 5ths in every course.

Bob for 1st single wrong in 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th parts.

* S in 1st and 7th parts.

Gives part ends:

1. 43265	7. 43256
2. 24365	8. 34356
3. 32465	9. 32456
4. 42365	10. 42356
5. 34265	11. 34256
6. 23465	12. 23456

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple.

CHURCHES IN WIGGENHALL AREA

Dear Sir.—May I through your columns reply to Mr. Tyson's letter (page 357) in an endeavour to clarify the position for him as to the churches in the Wiggenhall area. There are four altogether, as follows:—

- Wiggenhall St. Mary Magdalen.—The church contains a musical ring of six, which were rehung only a few years ago.
- Wiggenhall St. Mary the Virgin.—Another ring of six, but now very little rung due to the 'hard-work' involved, but nevertheless in recent months rung to a variety of Plain and Treble Bob methods.
- Wiggenhall St. Peter.—The church is now an extensive but interesting ruin, and has been for many years. Prior to 1930 there was a single bell here, now taken and standing in St. Mary the Virgin Church.
- Wiggenhall St. German.—This church contains four bells hung for ringing, but from a very recent (this month) inspection it was found that the frame appeared weak and the third bell had half a wheel broken away. The bells are as follows:—

- (1) John Draper made me (1618).
- (2) Ora-Pro-Nobis (no date), assumed from the Norris family.
- (3) James Barwell (recast me) 1882.
- (4) John Draper made me 1640.

In view of this information one wonders where Mr. Tyson actually worshipped: fortunately he has the name of the incumbent correct.

A clock with chimes was added in 1897, and this is in excellent working order.

Presumably, as these towers are in the Wisbech Branch of the Ely Association, maybe this is the reason for no comment from the Norwich Association ringers.

Perhaps Mr. Bond will also amend his records.—Yours faithfully,

A. K. PHILLIPS

Emneth.

PLAYING WITH FIGURES

Dear Sir.—In your issue of June 22nd, Mr. Alan Buswell asks for a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples round at hand. The following Irregular 6-part 1,259.

Part 1	Part 2
234567	352647
572634 1s	673452 1s
465372 1	256347 2s A
234765 1	472635 2
752634 1s	654372 1s
647352 1s	236754 1
576423 3s	472536 1
765423 4	564372 1s
347265 1	475623 3
352647 2P	364275 1
	364275 1
	352764 2P

Repeat Part 2 four times to provide Parts 3, 4, 5 and 6. A bob must be called at A in the 4th Part. The part ends of this 'quarter' are 352647, 352764, 352476, 325647, 325764, 325476.

A more interesting way to ring this touch is to start into changes at backstroke, producing immediately the row 1325476. Treating this row as rounds, and called Part 2 with a bob at A in every part, a perfectly regular six-part can be had, with 1,260 changes coming round at handstroke. The part ends will then have the front bells alternately 352 and 325, with the back bells rotated as above.—Yours sincerely,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull.

A MUSICAL QUARTER FROM THE ORIGINAL

Dear Sir.—With reference to Mr. Buswell's letter ('R.W.' June 22nd) for a quarter of Grandsire Triples that comes round at hand, I append a very musical one taken from Holt's Original:

1,259 Grandsire Triples (Call 2nd): Out at 2, Middle, Right, In and Out at 3, Right, Twice Middle, In and Out, Middle and wrong, In and Out, Middle and Wrong, Middle and Wrong, In and Out, 2 Middles and Wrong, Middle and Wrong, In and Out at 2 with a double, Wrong and Middle, 2 Wrongs and Right, In and Out at 3 with a double, Middle, Single Wrong.

Round at handstroke after three plain leads.—Yours faithfully,

JEAN BUSWELL.

Keyworth, Notts.

Note.—The same quarter peal is submitted by William Shepherd, of Addlesstone, who states it was given to him by James Pettit in 1902.—Ed.

RUDHALL'S, OF GLOUCESTER

Dear Sir.—Mr. A. J. Gould, of Portishead, tells us in your issue of June 15th that he learnt to ring on a Rudhall six at Yate, but I think he is mistaken, seeing three of the bells are pre-Reformation and another is by R. Wiseman, date 1600. The treble is a 1723 bell, and the tenor has T.R. 1765, which indicates some Rudhall founding.

This firm in 1783 claimed that the family had been in business for 100 years and it continued for another 50 years until Thomas Mears bought up the foundry in 1837.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlesstone, Surrey.

RHYTHM BY FRONT BELLS

Dear Sir.—I am pleased to note from Mr. Buswell's recent letter that I am not, after all, in a minority of one in believing that the pace of ringing, at least in well-struck, rhythmical ringing, is set by the front bells and not the tenor.

It seems to me that the pace of ringing is established by the opening rounds and that the pace of these is set by the interval between the front bells, extending on higher numbers to the front 3 or 4. As Mr. Buswell says, an attempt by the tenor to set, e.g., a slow pace when the front bells are 'packing in close,' will have no other effect than to leave a gap between himself and the preceding bell—or in his 'clipping,' the next bell if he decides to ring at a faster pace than that set by the front bells.

Certainly the small bells, when in changes, 'ring round' the back ones, but when doing so they leave an exact interval in the compass already set by them from the first rounds.

I would not advance any theory as to the reason for the changes in pace which occur during the course of peals, or the responsibility for them. Here again, though, a slowing down or speeding up by the tenor alone would merely result in loss of rhythm and bad striking.—Yours faithfully,

A. BOYACK.

Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.

'F. AITCH'

Dear Sir.—If 'F. Aitch' is the man I think he is, then he speaks from experience, as, to my knowledge, he rang the tenor victoriously in contests in the Halifax and Barnsley areas for many years both previous to and after the 1939-1945 war.

Ring to tune, in my opinion, must be governed by the tenor man. He has the weight to handle, and, if a real 'beat' is to be accomplished, and all bells heard, then he (or she) must dictate the pace. This maxim certainly applies to the area that 'F. Aitch' mentions, one of whose judges at contests, I suspect, is the 'Professor.'

Finally, I'll back every word that 'F. Aitch' writes in regard to this matter, and so will all tenor men in and around Halifax and Barnsley.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR FARRAND.

Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne.

MANCHESTER'S CLAIM ON CUPID

Dear Sir.—I was interested to note your remark in Belfry Gossip in a recent issue concerning the engagement of two Manchester University ringers that 'the Bristol Cupid had moved to Manchester.' I think it would be truer to say that the Manchester Cupid just paid a fleeting visit to Bristol.

In the last year there have been four engagements within the Guild. Among these there are three ex-Ringing Masters, two ex-secretaries and the present secretary. However, we have not finished yet. Three other members of the Guild have got engaged to people outside the Guild. Two of these are ex-secretaries.

To finish off, another two ex-members who are also the trustees of the Guild got married last summer vacation.

This, I think you will agree, is a formidable record, so any prospective members be warned. Anyway, I would like to wish them all the best of luck for the future.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID BAKER.

committee member, M.U. Guild.

P.S.—I am still unattached.—D.B.

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VIEWS ON C.C. MEETING

CUT PROFIT MARGIN ADVOCATED

Dear Sir,—I would like to be one, doubtless of many, to congratulate you on the 'R.W.' of June 22nd. With its pictures of some of the 'old pals'—and some not so old—and its very full account of the Central Council meeting at Cardiff, all additional to the material of a normal issue, I am sure that many readers will agree that you have given us full value for this week's eightpence.

But I would like to refer to that part of your editorial which dealt with the publication's account and to put the other side of the picture. You suggest that 'a profit of £38 for a record year is inadequate, especially when it is remembered that the arduous job of seeing to the dispatch of thousands of copies is entirely honorary. Earlier you refer to the amazing increase in the sales of Central Council publications—no less than 25 per cent. above last year's record.'

The Council is proud that it has among its 'old pals' many who will work voluntarily all the year in order to produce and distribute these publications for the benefit of the Exercise. But would this 'amazing increase' have come about if the Council had agreed with your view that the profit was inadequate, and had run this side of its activities on business lines? The whole reason for the labour put into the publications by their authors, their collators, the librarian and, I am quite sure by Mr. and Mrs. Speed in the dispatch of the copies, is so that they can be sold cheaply enough to ensure the increased circulation and therefore the increased benefit to ringing generally.

To take a concrete example—the Beginner's Handbook could justifiably have been priced at 2s. a copy. Part of the first print of 5,000 would probably still be in stock, and financially the Council would not in the long run lose by it. But 'in stock' is not where the book does most good. The Council agreed to sell at one shilling, risking a slight loss on first printing for the sake of the beginners and instructors who were clearly demanding it. What has happened? A second print, much cheaper to obtain, of course, than the first, has been almost sold out, and I gather a third print is soon due. So in spite of itself the Council is making a profit at the lower selling price, and achieving its real object to a degree that is most gratifying.

If publications are to be put on a 'business basis' (a gross profit of 33½ per cent. is referred to) then I suggest that sales will fall off and the Council's object be so much the less successful. And, applying this business basis to both sides of the balance sheet, the gross profit will be reduced, first by Income Tax and then by increased costs for work which is now willingly done 'for free.' As one who has benefited, I am sure that the authors are amply repaid for their labours by getting into print for the good of ringing, and I believe, too, that this applies to all concerned. If and when the present distributors of our publications feel that they can no longer cope, they will not in vain ask the Council for help or relief, and as in the past there will be no lack of volunteers. Indeed, it would be grand to know that this work had grown so much that it had to be divided among several people.

So long as the Council has in its funds sufficient liquid assets to print needed books—and it has at present and will continue to have while books are sold at the present rate—then I suggest that its prime object in this sphere is the placing of its publications where they will do most good, and the smaller the profit margin the more likely is the achievement of this object.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

Ealing, Middx.

'DEAD WOOD'

Dear Sir,—Of anything useful and helpful to the good of church bellringers resulting from the Cardiff meeting has, to my mind, been greatly impaired by the hurtful and irrational remarks of your contributor under 'Something New,' front page, fourth paragraph, 'Ringing World,' dated June 22nd, 1962. To quote:—

'The ringer who confines his activities to Sunday ringing and an occasional practice, and has no desire to advance beyond Doubles or to go to meetings, cares nothing for the Central Council, "The Ringing World," or even his own Guild. It is to be regretted that each Association carries a percentage of such dead wood.'

For to pen such remarks let us hope that the writer was only temporarily overcome by his own exuberant and vindictive thoughts. What right-thinking ringer can agree that a person who rings regularly for Sunday service, be it only Doubles!, could be referred to as 'dead wood'?

It is not my desire or intention to misconstrue the wording of these presumed 'crimes.' I would say to all who have read them to read them again and pass your own judgment.—Yours faithfully,

HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

Darley Dale.

NOTE.—Nobody who conscientiously regularly rings for service, although he takes no interest in other ringing activities, can be regarded as 'dead wood' by eternal standards, but he has forgotten 'the pit from which he was dugged and the clay from which he was formed'; and if he fails to pass on his cunning his good work might well be nullified.—Ed.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—Some error seems to have crept into the report of Dr. Layton's motion re Christmas bells at Cardiff. I would be grateful to be allowed to correct the second paragraph of my remarks made in seconding the motion.

I said that I had written to the B.B.C. after the 1960 'Christmas Bells' programme to enquire why they had recorded the same instead of broadcasting 'live' as hitherto. The reply I received was to the effect that it was more convenient and less costly, but that they (the B.B.C.) did 'admit that there was some loss of atmosphere' about the programme. In my speech I further suggested that this latter observation seemed to be underlined by the Council's Broadcasting Committee's report that day which stated: 'The placing of microphones when recordings are being made in busy towns always presents a difficult problem for the engineers,' a problem which of course should not arise on a quiet Christmas morning.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Southbourne, Bournemouth.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL

Dear Sir,—I wish to compile a schedule of educational material regarding bellringing, with a view to wider circulation of such material.

Will readers who have any such material—films, film-strips, slides and the like—which they are prepared to loan to others, please let me have details so that I can include them in the schedule.

Literature which is regularly advertised in 'The Ringing World' will not, of course, appear on the schedule as all readers are already aware of its existence.—Yours, etc.,

N. CHADDOCK, Convener.

C.C. Education and Sunday Service Ringing Committee.

CENTRAL COUNCIL 'OLD PALS'

Dear Sir,—I quite agree with 'One of the Old Pals,' I too see no harm in taking advantage of an opportunity to gather together in various ringing activities, provided it is kept within reasonable limits. The C.C. spend two or three days ringing and only one day at work, during which time they hope to cram a pint into a half-pint bottle. The impression I gained whilst attending the Chelmsford meeting was one of great haste and confusion simply because there was so little time available in which to discuss more fully the work outstanding.

This year there were almost 40 apologies for absence, and I suspect that many of these were prevented from attending because of difficulty in getting time off work. I wonder how many absentees would or could have been present had the meeting been held on either the Saturday or Monday, or preferably both.

May I say in reply to S. Holmes, that his statistics seem rather fantastic, no doubt his calculations were made under extreme difficulties at this year's Council meeting. Nevertheless, what I do is irrelevant. I am not a member of the C.C. As for falling for the wiles of someone else, this is absurd. It has long been my opinion that a great deal of time is wasted at Council meetings.

It appears that I am not the only one with much to learn. The senility of his remarks makes one think that he has spent too long ringing Stedman and is incapable of digesting a little Bramble jelly. I can thoroughly recommend it. However, I was unaware that this gentleman was capable of such humour, which just goes to show that his bark is worse than his bite.—Yours faithfully,

F. R. SCOTT.

St. Mary's, Slough.

AUXILIARY LIGHTING

Dear Sir,—It was with real interest that I read the leader in the 'R.W.' dated June 15th re towers and lighting arrangements. Generally it is agreed that if lights fail during ringing the danger is very grave, and we at Yatton have experienced such a time.

For the small sum of about £2 to purchase four lamp holders, four small lamps, two spring switches, about 30ft. of blindcord, and some bell wire, an excellent independent lighting system can be installed. The two bell batteries required to work it cost about 3s. 6d. each and require renewing every three years on average.

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The light is sufficient to last at least for a quarter peal. Many visitors to our tower have seen and approved our installation.—Yours sincerely,

H. A. PRICE

Yatton, Bristol.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD WELL SUPPORTED A.G.M.

THE annual general meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held on June 2nd at Peterborough. During the morning the following bells were available: St. Mary's, Peterborough, Warmington, Elton, Wansford, Alwalton, Woodston and Stanground. A goodly number of ringers followed the route to Peterborough, where the Cathedral bells were open for inspection. Unfortunately these bells (5, tenor 30 cwt.) cannot be rung, due to the condition of the fabric of the west front, but they were, however, chimed prior to the service at 3 p.m.

The service was held in the main body of the Cathedral and was attended by approximately 250 ringers and friends. The precentor, Rev. P. C. Nicholson, conducted the Guild form of service, assisted by the Guild president, Canon G. F. Turner. The lesson was read by Mr. P. I. Chapman, Guild Master, and the address was given by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, the Rt. Rev. Cyril Eastaugh. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £10.

The service was followed by an excellent tea served by the Peterborough school meals service in the Eastholm Secondary Girls' School. About 180 members and friends attended the meeting, which was presided over by the Guild president. A list of member who had passed away during 1961 was read by the president, who made special reference to the late George W. Jeffs, who, until his death in November last, had been the Guild's general secretary and treasurer for many years. A minute's silence was then observed.

After the adoption of the minutes, the president introduced Mr. E. Billings, who had been appointed successor to Mr. G. W. Jeffs, by the committee until the A.G.M. for the purpose of preparing the accounts and the annual report. Quite a number of visitors were present in the company and the president gave them a warm welcome.

The Master, in his report, mentioned the death of George Jeffs, the general secretary, who left an indelible mark on the Guild: Charles W. Bird, a ringer at Kettering for almost 60 years; Harry Baxter, Kettering Branch secretary for many years; Horace M. Day, perhaps one of the greatest Minor conductors of all times. Northampton Borough Education Committee sponsored a class in ringing, in which 11 people were enrolled. Ten of these came from Milton Malsor and were complete newcomers. It was hoped that at the end of the 24-week course they would all be ringing Doubles competently.

The general secretary and treasurer reported that the number of peals rung (52) compared rather poorly with last year's record total of 109. New ventures had been a week-end course organised by the Central Council Education Committee at Knuston Hall, Irchester, and the holding of the Guild's first dinner and dance. The Guild's general account balance at £101 showed an increase of £17. The Bell Restoration Fund had a balance of £342; grants totalling £110 had been paid.

Mr. P. I. Chapman took the chair for the election of the president, to which Canon Turner was unanimously re-elected. Other officers elected were as follows: Master, Mr.

P. I. Chapman; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. Billings; auditor, Mr. H. Richardson; Central Council representatives for 1963-64 and 65, Messrs. P. I. Chapman, E. Billings, B. Austin and Miss S. R. Collins.

SUPPORT FOR APPEALS

Appeals for financial help had been received from Kilifi, Kenya, and Melbourne Cathedral, Australia, and on the proposition of Mr. G. F. Roome, seconded by Mrs. Collins, it was unanimously decided to send £20 to each of these causes.

Details of the Guild's second week-end course to be held at Knuston Hall, Irchester, on July 6th, 7th and 8th were given and it was agreed to hold the summer festival on September 1st at Easton Neston in the Towcester Branch. The secretary informed members that the annual dinner would once again be held in Northampton on October 20th and the venue for the A.G.M., 1963, was fixed as Wellingborough.

Mr. Brian Austin proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean of Peterborough for the use of the Cathedral for the service; to the Precentor for showing members the Cathedral bells and for conducting the service, and to the assistant organist for his services. Also to the Peterborough Education Authorities for their help in arranging the tea, to the Peterborough Branch secretary and committee for helping to arrange the meeting, and finally to all incumbents and captains of towers open for the use of the bells. The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. H. Richardson and appreciation was shown in the usual manner.

In addition to St. Mary's, Peterborough, Woodston and Stanground, the following were also available for ringing: St. John's, Peterborough, Fletton, Castor and All Saints', Stamford. Ringing continued at all these towers until 9 p.m., thus concluding a most enjoyable meeting.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' June 28th, 1912.

The Hampshire village of Clanfield, near Porchester, was in uproar one day last week when, owing to a disagreement, the Rector refused to allow a wedding to be celebrated in the church, and took charge of the keys. The marriage was solemnised in the next village, but some of the parishioners climbed into Clanfield belfry by means of ladders with a view to ringing the bells. The ropes broke, but, nothing daunted, the clappers were swung by hand, and the village constable was called in before the 'ringers' would desist.

JULY 5th, 1912

The King has subscribed £25 towards the restoration of the tower and bells of the ancient Portsmouth Church of St. Thomas a Becket. The church contains a ring of eight, tenor 27 cwt.

Mr. H. R. Cobbin, of St. Peter's company, Nottingham, an amateur swimmer of more than local fame, has just been elected to the committee of the Nottingham Forest Football Club.

TWO MORALS

Early one lovely summer's day I picked up a 'Ringing World' to choose a meeting. Right, here's one—Witton, one of Cheshire's famous Salt towns, a pleasant bus ride of about thirteen miles. We could stroll round the shops and market, then go up the hill about half a mile to St. Helen's Church.

All was quiet as we approached the church at 3.15 and my mate looked at me and asked: 'Are you sure it is this week, Bill?' A hurried look at 'The Ringing World' revealed that it is next week, June 9th. It had been advertised a week earlier than usual.

I could fill pages with what happened on the way home, how, while I was in the inquiry office, my mate waving frantically to tell me there was a bus leaving immediately, which I missed. The next one was not till 7.30, so we had to catch a bus to Hartford station and a train from there which got us bus home at six o'clock.

MORAL: Read your 'Ringing World' properly.

The following Saturday we set off to Witton again, and as we climbed through the churchyard, heard Ruben Sanders' bells going right merrily, then suddenly a mixture between rounds and stand, then one coming down alone—the work of a member of the Stay-Benders' Union? That stalwart of the Northwich Branch, Harry Parker, met us and reported that the tenor had cast her clapper, and in so doing had caught it between the bell and the iron frame. He was afraid that the cast iron frame was cracked, and I was asked to go up and investigate. Harry Parker's fear was confirmed. The split pin had come out of the castle nut, the thread of the clapper was stripped and badly bent, and had evidently been loose for a long time. I made suggestions for repairing the damage, but there could be no more ringing at Witton today.

It was decided that the service and tea should be at Witton, and Davenham should be open for evening ringing, with transport laid on. All those who went, and they included a galaxy of Bright Young Persons, thoroughly enjoyed the meeting.

Another MORAL: Keep your eyes on the nuts and bolts—and split pins—they are just as important as bearings and oil.

OWD-BATER.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The heavy ring of six at Blunham was not ideal for a hot June afternoon, but nevertheless there was quite a good attendance at St. James' Church for the Biggleswade District meeting on June 9th.

Mr. T. Harris played the organ for the service, which was conducted by the Rector, Rev. G. Edwards. One of the local ringers, Miss J. Harding, with other helpers, kindly provided tea in the Village Hall.

The business meeting followed, with Mr. L. Bywaters in the chair, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Eaton Socon on July 14th, in the evening.

Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m., with Mr. A. Smith acting as Ringing Master. The special methods were Kingston and Brentford Bob.

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CUM GRANO SALLIS

The Rev. W. G. Hargrave Thomas, Vicar of Needham Market, writing to 'The East Anglian Daily Times' regarding the Bishop of Dumwich's observations on ringers, states:

'Everybody who isn't a perfect fool knows quite well the habits of bell-ringers. My grandfather, Thomas Hargrave Thomas, of Cordworth, Warwickshire, told me how his rector, when ministering to a dying parishioner, inquired as to the latter's sins. The man replied that he had been a life-long chorister. At this the clergyman shook his head ominously. "And also I have been a bellringer." "Bellringer!" exclaimed the priest, "hurry-up, whatever you do, and repent, for we shall have extreme difficulty in getting you to heaven."

'It must be said that my dear grandparent had no particular love for parsons. Of his own parish minister his comment was, "A sweet man of prayer, but an awful liar!"'

The Rev. Hargrave Thomas concludes by asking readers to take his letter with 'a grain of salt' and so do we!

BATHEASTON BELLS, BATH

Dear Sir.—The bells at this church are ringable again, following the serious fire last January. New floors have been installed and the foundry have inspected all the bell fittings, etc.

Also ('R.W.', April 27th), my old friend R. Purnell states that the four bells at Combe Hay look ringable: the last time these bells were rung (this was by the Dunkerton ringers) the second or third fell out of the frame and took four tough men to lift it back into the bearings—so pending a restoration I should say they were best left alone.

Regarding Luckington (Wilts), the four are unsafe, but it is good to see someone taking interest in the 4-bell towers in these parts.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN LEE,
Bath Branch secretary.

Twerton, Bath.

ANOTHER EXPERIMENTER

Dear Sir,—Not so long ago, an article in 'The Ringing World' suggested that new ways and principles should be found for new methods.

An odd glance at my method does not uncover much light, but a closer examination will uncover some rather interesting facts. One is that the lead-ends come out in exactly the same order as in Plain Bob so, therefore, any touch of Plain Bob fits 'the method.' The only stipulation is that a bell in 4th place at a lead-end will have to make 'long fourths' at a bob or single. This method does not extend to Major, but it does to Royal. Here then is the method:—

1 2 3 4 5 6

2 1 3 4 6 5

2 3 1 6 4 5

3 2 1 6 5 4

3 1 2 5 6 4

1 3 2 5 4 6

1 3 5 2 6 4

If a line were to be drawn through the middle of a block, it would be seen that the front three plain hunt and the back three backwards hunt, until they make 2nds at the lead-end. The bobs and singles are as Plain Bob.—Yours sincerely,

NICHOLAS R. WEBBER.

The Lord Weymouth School,
Warminster.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Thomas Coram was held at St. Andrew's, Holborn Circus, on June 6th. He founded the Foundling Hospital in 1739 and was buried there. In 1926, his tomb was removed to Berkhamsted, and in March, 1962, his remains were reinterred in a new tomb at St. Andrew's Church. Immediately following the service a quarter peal was rung by London University Society.

BEDFORDSHIRE LADY
RINGER'S WEDDING

For seven years Miss Jill Mayes, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey W. Mayes, of 75, Broad Street, Clifton, Beds, has been a member of All Saints', Clifton, band. She has rung 37 peals, including several in Surprise methods. Her marriage took place at All Saints' Church on June 23rd to Mr. Peter Harris, of Great Baddow, Essex, who has recently taken up ringing and so far has rung a quarter on the treble.

The Rev. E. Hall officiated at the service. The bride wore a full length dress of white satin brocade, with a short veil held in place by a rose. Her cousins, the Misses Avril and Andrea Benny, were the bridesmaids, and Mr. J. A. Harris was best man to his brother.

The reception at Clifton Church Hall was followed by a honeymoon at Tenby. Their future home will be at Ipswich.

(Photo: G. W. Skevington.)

LAVENHAM'S 151st RINGING
ANNIVERSARY

Many ringers from far and near attended this annual gathering, including one who had attended each assembly since 1902, and whose father, grandfather and great-grandfather many times before him.

The number present was increased in the evening by members of the Ladies' Guild, who in the afternoon had held their District meeting at the nearby village of Preston St. Mary.

Places represented were Bury St. Edmunds, Bures, Buxhall, Clare, Earl's Soham, Felsham, Framlingham, Long Melford, Ipswich, Newton, Needham Market, Preston, Rougham, Sudbury, Sproughton, West Stow, Whepstead, Uxbridge (Middlesex), Trumpington (Cambs) and Hampstead.

Methods rung were Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, Superlative and London Surprise, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

S. H. S.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING
A CORRECTION

In our report of the Biographies Committee at the Central Council, we regret that we inadvertently misrepresented the remarks made by Mr. Harry Poyner. He said he preferred not to write his own biography, but would much rather leave it to his contemporaries.

SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—I send the following composition of Spliced London, Cambridge and Yorkshire, with the second never in 5ths or 6ths.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Although only five of the 16 towers were represented, there were approximately 40 ringers present at the inaugural meeting of the Bingham District, held on June 16th at the Church of St. John of Beverley, Whatton-in-the-Vale. The ringers were welcomed by the Rector, the Rt. Rev. A. M. Gelsthorpe, and following tea a service was conducted by the Rev. J. Pickworth Hutchenson, who also took the chair at the business meeting.

The objects of the new District were explained by Mr. W. Exton. Officers elected to serve for 1962 were: Chairman, Mr. J. D. Clarke (Whatton); hon. secretary, Miss Ruth Blackshaw (Holme Pierrepont); Ringing Master, Mr. J. B. Bennett (Radcliffe-on-Trent); committee, Messrs. C. Cross and T. G. Goodwin.

An encouraging sign was the election of ten new members, namely: Messrs. C. Cross, R. Larker, S. Marriott, A. and G. Morris (Bingham), H. Wakefield (Orston); Mrs. B. Exton, Misses M. Gaydon, S. Mitchell and C. Ward (Whatton).

Next meeting: Orston, July 14th; August meeting probably Colston Bassett.

Further ringing then took place at Bingham.

A DEVON CALL-CHANGE
FESTIVAL

At the annual festival of the Plympton Deanery of the Devonshire Association of Ringers, held at Egg Buckland on June 16th, the ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, by the kind invitation of the Association, entered a band for the 'rounds' and one for the 'rise, ring 60 call-changes, and lower.'

Two of the six ringers for the 'rounds' had to be beginners, and in this they were awarded a 'First' certificate, and in the changes a 'Fourth.' Eight teams competed in each section. The band which obtained the 'First' in the changes was Plympton St. Mary, who had as their treble-man Mr. W. G. Lavers, a vice-president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, whilst a member of the Emmanuel band was the chairman of the S.W. Branch of the Guild.

H. H. T.

ST. LAURENCE'S, READING

Whit Monday again, and what is left of the St. Laurence ringers, with the help of good friends, held their annual outing, arranged by Maurice and Jane Thurmott, late members of the tower. Our first town was Abingdon, where we rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters on the 'dear little ten,' then on to Witney for Stedman and Cambridge. Here for a few moments the older members of the party paused, remembering the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, late beloved Master of the O.D.G., who held his first curacy in this parish.

At Burford, with its unspoiled main street, good Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge were rung, and then to the Cotswold Arms for refreshment and a good luncheon.

The 'tit-bit' of the day was the glorious thatched village of Great Tew, with its wonderful church and good eight, in a most cathedral-like setting. Standard methods and Double Norwich were rung reasonably well; and then to Adderbury, where Brian White hadn't rung before but was looking forward to trying the tenor. So the foreman urged the band on to a fast course of Cambridge, and even Brian acknowledged that 2 hours 50 minutes for Major would have been over-fast on these hefty bells.

At Bicester, Jane and Maurice Thurmott entertained the party to tea, and this was much appreciated in preference to a café tea. In the tower we had, perhaps, our best ringing of the day. The easy going of the bells suited our ladies admirably.

The party included the Vicar, and some attended Communion in their own church before setting out. Ringing concluded at Bicester, and here a hymn was sung and prayers and the Blessing given by the Vicar. Thanks are accorded the organisers, Mrs. Catherall, incumbents and steeplekeepers. W.H.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Smith 1, M. Heyman (first of Minor 'inside') 2, C. Clarke 3, M. Horseman 4, M. Stone 5, D. Cobb (cond.) 6.

OUTINGS

CHRIST CHURCH, SWINDON

A cloudless sky and the prospects of a warm, sunny day heartened the Christ Church ringers and their friends on their annual outing on June 2nd. Much of the route was new and the scenery along the Hog's Back to Guildford, and from Newlands Corner down the hill to Shere, did much to prepare us for the enjoyable day ahead.

After coffee and ringing at Shere, lunch was taken at the old coaching inn, the White Horse Hotel, Dorking. Pat Cannon escorted us to Martin's, with its fine ring of 8. Betchworth, an attractive old village with many modern houses, was the next tower visited. Close by, a fete was in progress to raise money for the rehanging of the bells. St. Martin's, Epsom, a fairly light ring of ten, proved to be a bit difficult for some of the junior members. Tea had been arranged at 'Party Fare,' Epsom, and the doubts we had about catering for a party of 42 in so small an establishment were soon dispelled as plateful after plateful of freshly cut sandwiches and bread and butter, cakes and cups of tea were brought from the rear. It was a tea to be remembered.

At Walton-on-Thames, the last tower, the Vicar joined us in ringing on the eight. With juniors forming a fair proportion of the ringers, Cambridge Major was the only Surprise method rung. Good touches of Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were rung, with plenty of rounds for the learners.

In thanking Mr. Eric Sutton for making the arrangements, 'Doc' expressed the views of all that this was one of the best ever outings with good scenery, good food and pleasant ringing. R.L.

EAST RIDING RINGERS

With a rather ominous weather forecast, 37 ringers and friends from Sutton, Kirk Ella, Cottingham, Ferriby, Beverley, Howden and Walkington set out on their annual outing on Whit Monday. Sharow, the first tower, had the best kept and most orderly ringing chamber with an ingenious pulley system for opening the trapdoor entrance from the church below.

After lunch, Bedale provided a contrast; a great deal of attention was needed to ring the bells well. The tower was once used as a fortress against Scottish invaders, the staircase door having once been guarded with a portcullis, the slit for which still remains. The ringing chamber, once used as living quarters by the guards, showed remains of a fireplace.

Not until the bells were half-way up was the second clock hammer wire noticed at Middleham. When the chimes had been secured, some very good striking followed on these excellent bells.

A ring on the light six at East Witton preceded tea and ringing at Ripon. Grandsire Caters at the Cathedral may have been the best ring of the day. All the ringers seemed to manage these bells without trouble. The outing proved most successful, and the weather stayed fine. J.I.B.

Thanks For Happy Welcome

The party of Central Council members and friends who visited South West Wales after the meeting and rang three peals for the three different South Wales Societies, would like to thank all concerned for the happy welcome they received. In particular they were very pleased by the kindness of Mr. J. Arthur Hoare, who entertained them to tea, after the peal at Swansea. Owing to a sudden attack of lumbago, Ron Sharp was unable to stand in at Newton Nottage, so Mr. Trevor Roderick quickly got a lady treble ringer at an hour's notice.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.—On June 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. T. Beckwith 1, H. Webb 2, F. Claydon 3, B. Webb 4, H. W. Smith 5, R. C. Heazel 6, E. E. Davey 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8.

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A swarm of bees caused a minor disturbance during the wedding reception at the home of Miss Margaret E. Panton at Chelmsford. Guests had overflowed into the spacious garden and enjoyed handbell ringing, in which the bridegroom (Howard W. Egglestone) participated. The swarm was expertly taken by the bride's father. This caused much interest to the non-bee-keeping ringers, as was the handbell ringing to the non-ringing bee-keepers. Wedding presents included an ironing board from the ringers at Broomfield and Chelmsford.

The time taken in the peal of Major at Rotherham Parish Church (page 414) was 3 hours 31 minutes and not as published. Our correspondent regrets error.

Mr. C. W. Cooper, of Stourbridge, who is in his 76th year, rang the sixth in the quarter peal of Bob Major at Oldswinford on June 23rd. In the band were his two great-nephews, the brothers Fellows.

The eight bells of All Saints', Northallerton, are now back from Loughborough after recasting, and are being rehung. They were taken out last August during an extensive restoration of the church.

A good feature article appeared in 'The Leicester Evening Mail' of June 20th dealing with the under-17's in the South Wigston band. With the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Warwick, the remainder of the band are 17 or under. Mr. Warwick combines his duties of Ringing Master with those of choirmaster.

Are the bells at Brent Tor, where a peal has recently been rung, the highest above sea level in England? By a rough calculation, Mr. T. G. Myers thinks the bells are hung about 1,200 feet above sea level. The tower to challenge any such claim is in Derbyshire. It was a very pleasant surprise to the ringers when at the conclusion of the peal, the Rector, the Rev. R. J. Hearne, came into the church and congratulated the band on their splendid ringing.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. C. Donald Wheat, a former member of the band of St. Peter's, Bentley, Yorks, was ordained a deacon in Sheffield Cathedral on Trinity Sunday. For Parish Communion on June 24th a 720 (360 Plain Bob and 360 Grandsire) was rung by the local band as a compliment to Mr. Wheat, who has now taken up his appointment as curate at St. Paul's, Arbourthorne, Sheffield.

The peal of Grandsire Major at Twerton-on-Avon (page 434) was the first for the Bath and Wells Association.

We are asked to state that the 'tower' of St. Peter's, Woolton, took no part in the correspondence referred to on page 491.

The in memoriam peal to Mr. W. L. Duffield on June 4th was rung at Long Stratton, Norfolk, and not Bunwell as published on page 434. Our correspondent sends his apologies to all concerned.

Andrew Mayes, son of the Rev. H. L. Mayes, of Norton, rang in a touch of Bob Major at St. Albans Abbey for his father's ordination into the priesthood. Andrew had his first lesson in ringing at Norton just a year ago.

A welcome to our quarter peal columns is extended to the Llandoverly College Bell-ringing Society. The quarter rung at Llandin-gat Church was the first for all the band and first recorded for the present Society. And now for a peal!

We have pleasure in welcoming several new postal subscribers, as this issue is the first of the new quarter. (It is not too late to join now.) We have also lost one clerical reader as a protest against our front page article 'Eradicating a Smear.'

When the Duke of Edinburgh visited Aldeburgh for the festival, the bells of the parish church were rung by a team of ringers of whom seven of the eight were under 15 years of age. Our correspondent says that their striking was good under their captain, Mr. Jack Pilgrim.

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PEAL WEEK IN ESSEX

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COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

On Sat., June 16, 1962, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

JOE E. G. ROAST Treble	PETER J. EVES 5
ANDREW T. BECKWITH 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 6
ALAN R. SYDER 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 7
DONALD F. MURFET 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

On Sat., June 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

ALAN R. SYDER Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 5
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 6
PETER J. EVES 3	GEORGE E. THODAY 7
DONALD F. MURFET 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.

On Mon., June 18, 1962, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. Treble	ANDREW S. HUDSON 5
MARTYN L. T. JORDAN 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 6
RICHARD J. HARRISON 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 7
JOE E. G. ROAST 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.

On Tues., June 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. Treble	ALAN R. SYDER 5
CYRIL A. WRATTEN 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 6
*ANDREW S. HUDSON 3	MARTYN L. J. JORDAN 7
*JOE E. G. ROAST 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal in the method.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

On Wed., June 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 5
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN 6
*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH 3	*MARTYN L. J. JORDAN 7
*ANDREW S. HUDSON 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by MARTYN L. J. JORDAN.

* First peal in the method. First on tower bells as conductor.

MALDON, ESSEX.

On Thurs., June 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

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

RICHARD J. HARRISON .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 5
MARTYN L. J. JORDAN 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 6
ANDREW S. HUDSON 3	IAN R. PANTON 7
ALAN R. SYDER 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

THAXTED, ESSEX.

On Sat., June 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in E flat.

JOE E. G. ROAST Treble	*JAMES L. TOWLER 5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH 2	*MARTYN L. J. JORDAN 6
*ANDREW S. HUDSON 3	*IAN R. PANTON 7
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 6, 1962, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*JACQUELINE A. REASON Treble	F. CECIL MOGFORD 6
PATRICK J. BIRD 2	ANTONY R. KENCH 7
ALBERT M. TYLER 3	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON 8
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS 4	REGINALD G. HOOPER 9
*PETER BRIDLE 5	DON C. EXELL Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

* First peal on ten. † First of Stedman.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 9, 1962, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	*EDWARD W. COLLEY 6
*BERYL E. CAWSE 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 3	JOHN McDONALD 8
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
FREDERICK ROSS 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † 200th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., June 14, 1962, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES 6
BERYL CAWSE 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
*R. GEORGE MORRIS 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 8
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	JOHN McDONALD 9
FREDERICK ROSS 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* 200th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

SHEILA I. SMITH Treble	†ALAN S. SMITH 5
SHEILA PERCIVAL 2	PETER G. SMITH 6
ANTHONY H. SMITH 3	GEOFFREY W. MAYES 7
*ALEX SIMPSON 4	BRYAN F. SIMS Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

* First peal of Major. † 50th peal.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the present ring; also as a welcome to the Rev. J. H. Dommincy, recently inducted to the parish.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 4, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

*MICHAEL G. HOMANS .. Treble	RAYMOND W. SELBY 5
MICHAEL G. SELBY 2	*EDMUND J. R. HARTLEY 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 3	GERALD C. HEMMING 7
ARTHUR T. SHOREY 4	WILFRED BUSBY Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Coventry Cathedral dedication.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 4, 1962, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088

LLANFAIRPWLLGHYNGYLLGOGERERYCHWYRNDROBWLILL

ANTYSILIOGOGOGOCH SURPRISE MAJOR

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

RICHARD A. SHEKLETON .. Treble	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 2	*R. KINGSLEY MASON 6
A. JAMES POYNOR 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 75th peal. First in the method.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., June 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5312 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt.

*PAUL McEVILLY Treble	ANTHONY AGAR 5
*JOHN INSLEY 2	EDWARDS T. LLOYD 6
*JAMES INSLEY 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	JOHN McDONALD Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

* First peal on tower bells.

NEW METHOD

LLANFAIRPWLLGHYNGYLLGOGERERYCHWYRNDROBWLILL

ANTYSILIOGOGOGOCH SURPRISE MAJOR

x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 14 x 38.56.34.56.18. L.-e. 12. 1426

First rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, June 4th, 1962, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., June 16, 1962, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, containing 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 120 changes of method. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
JOHN McDONALD 2	†DAVID J. PURNELL 6
JOHN A. ANDERSON 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
*CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major. † First of Spiced Surprise Major in eight methods.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL.

A PEAL OF 5120 DROITWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in

C. GAY WILLIAMS Treble	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 5
MIKAELA ERIK 2	PAUL CATTERMOLLE 6
E. JANE LANGTON 3	DEREK E. SIBSON 7
DIANA M. LAWLESS 4	*JOHN C. EISEL Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (D.1). Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* 25th peal. First in the method by all the band, and for the Society.
Rung as a compliment to J. Michael Lakin and Ena Hollinshead on their engagement.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 18, 1962, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

RONALD C. NOON Treble	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL 6
*JAMES W. HAW 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 7). Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Wed., June 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 HERSHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

JOHN C. EISEL Treble	PAUL CATTERMOLLE 5
DIANA M. LAWLESS 2	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 6
MIKAELA ERIK 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 7
E. JANE LANGTON 4	DEREK E. SIBSON Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (C.5). Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
First peal in the method.

HERSHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

x 58 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 12 x 38 x 16 x 18. L.-e. 12.

4ths place bob. F.C.H. 24365.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CHARLES COLES Treble	JOHN E. CAMP 5
FREDERICK W. SODEN .. 2	BERTRAM J. COGGINS 6
EDGAR J. SMITH 3	F. JOHN NELSON 7
*BRIAN W. HALL 4	D. KAY ADKINS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.
* First peal of Cambridge.

BRISTOL.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkston variation. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

KENNETH J. RIDER Treble	MICHAEL J. HOBBS 5
PETER BRIDLE 2	PATRICK J. BIRD 6
ANTHONY R. KENCH 3	JAMES R. TAYLOR 7
F. CECIL MOGFORD 4	D. JOHN HUNT Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
First peal of mixed Kent and Oxford by all except the ringer of 6th.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, MILES PLATTING,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

EDNA M. POULTER Treble	JOHN O. FREEMAN 5
MRS. R. P. HOLLAND .. 2	MICHAEL FREEMAN 6
ROLAND F. ECCLES 3	WILLIAM H. RIDDLE 7
GILES B. THOMPSON 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by H. DAVID HOLLAND.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 5
CYRIL S. JARRETT 2	*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6
*MONTY W. GILBERT .. 3	ANDREW M. MACVE 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	MARTIN L. HOWE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

Rung as a 95th birthday compliment to Mr. E. S. Ruck, sole surviving founder member of the Association.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

*ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Treble	*THOMAS E. SONE 5
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6
*CYRIL S. JARRETT 3	*TREVOR A. CROSS 7
*MONTY W. GILBERT .. 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to June M. Lambert, daughter of the treble ringer. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

JOHN OULTRAM Treble	MICHAEL THOMPSON 5
SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. 2	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. 6
KENNETH EDWARDS 3	HAROLD WORRALL 7
JOHN RYDER 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
Rung as a first birthday compliment to Keith George Osborne, son of the ringer of the second. Tenor 12½ cwt.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.

ERIC EDMONDSON Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 5
PHILIP MEHEW 2	MICHAEL D. FROST 6
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 3	STANLEY HUCKLE 7
PETER J. COLES 4	GERALD PENNEY Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.
Rung in honour of the ordination of the Rev. H. L. Mayes at St. Albans on June 17th, 1962.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

CYRIL H. KINCH Treble	EDGAR J. SMITH 5
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 2	F. JOHN NELSON 6
ALAN R. PINK 3	FRANCIS A. WHITE 7
BRIAN R. WHITE 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. N. Macdonald Ramm, B.A., priest-in-charge of St. Martin and All Saints', and Miss Ruth Kilton, of Hampstead, who were married at St. John's Church, Hampstead, during the ringing of the peal.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

HAROLD S. PEACOCK Treble	*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 5
MIKAELA ERIK 2	JOHN C. EISEL 6
E. JANE LANGTON 3	DEREK E. SIBSON 7
DONALD F. MURFET 4	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 30). Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* 100th peal.

Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 25, 1962, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part ..	
*PEARL J. GIBSON Treble	JOHN W. BLACKWOOD .. 5
DONALD T. YOUNG 2	ERNEST E. GOSLING .. 6
A. LESLIE PEARSON .. 3	E. RUSSELL GOTHAM .. 7
†MARY F. CARR 4	GEORGE J. GIBBS Tenor

Conducted by E. RUSSELL GOTHAM.
* First peal. † First on eight, and in the method.

Rung to mark the visit to the borough this day of Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, when Her Majesty officially opened the new Town Hall.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

PEASENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., May 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

JACK PILGRIM Treble	C. JACK GIBSON 4
PETER S. BEDFORD 2	JOHN W. BLYTHE 5
JOHN MARJORAM 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

BROADWAS, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, viz.: 240 Plain Bob and 4,800 Grandsire.

Tenor 5 cwt.

JESSIE M. FOSTER Treble	ROY H. JONES 3
J. STUART KNIGHTON .. 2	ROBERT J. BAYLISS .. 4
FRED C. PUGH Tenor	

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to the grandmother of the conductor.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: (1) Grandsire, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Kennington, (4) April Day, (5) Seighford, (6) Old, (7) St. Smon, (8) St. Alban, (9) Eynsham, (10) Elford, (11) Cassington, (12) St. Martin, (13) St. Paul, (14) St. Leonard, (15) Austrey, (16) St. Peter, (17) Southrepps, (18) Reverse Canterbury, (19) Clifford's Pleasure, (20) Little Aston, (21) St. Columb, (22) St. Giles, (23) St. Nicholas, (24) St. Andrew, (25) Shareshill, (26) St. Thomas, (27) St. Miles, (28) Winchendon Place, (29) St. John, (30) Ryton, (31) St. Luke, (32) Plain Bob, (33) Kennington, (34) April Day, (35) Seighford, (36) Old, (37) Plain Bob, (38) Kennington, (39) April Day, (40) Seighford, (41) Old, (42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

*BRUCE D. SHILTON Treble	BRIAN C. LAW 4
†CAROL I. V. CORTON .. 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5
MICHAEL W. BROWN .. 3	†HERBERT NEEDHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. † First peal in as many methods. The conductor has circled the tower.

Rung for the Festival of Whitsuntide.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 6½ cwt.

*PHILIP A. BECKETT .. Treble	MICHAEL WILSHAW .. 4
JOHN BEARDMORE 2	M. KEITH SWINGWOOD .. 5
PAUL J. ATKINS 3	†WILLIAM WATKIN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL WILSHAW.

* First peal. † 40th peal.
Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Meakin, of Swynnerton.

PREES, SALOP.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 St. Clement's, 720 Oxford T.B., two 720's Kent T.B. and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

E. MARION KEY Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 4
*PETER MORRIS 2	E. RICHARD MORRIS .. 5
HECTOR BENNETT 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal in four methods.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CONWAY DELIGHT MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

ROSEMARY FLEMING .. Treble	GERALD PENNEY 4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
JOHN HILL 3	DAVID J. TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4
HILARY MUIRHEAD 2	JOHN G. GIPSON .. 5
*BRIAN HORRELL 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. Tenor

Conducted by HILARY MUIRHEAD.

* First peal.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., June 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Norwich, Beverley and Surfleet, and four of Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN W. BLACKWOOD .. Treble	*A. BRIAN SHINGLER .. 4
T. FELICITY WEBBER .. 2	PETER M. WILKINSON .. 5
M. JANE FOSTER 3	JOHN MANLEY Tenor

Conducted by PETER M. WILKINSON.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung as a compliment to Alison Scales and Brian Shingler on their engagement.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt.

GORDON WALFORD Treble	*GEOFFREY J. GAMMON .. 4
*IVOR G. HUGHES 2	DAVID T. NORTH .. 5
*CHARLES H. WEBBER .. 3	*CHARLES E. BAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID T. NORTH.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First of Stedman as conductor.

BRENTOR, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., June 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-DE-RUPE

(St. Michael-of-the-Rock).

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 5½ cwt.

*D. ROY BOULD Treble	THOMAS G. MYERS .. 3
†H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 2	A. WILLIAM MYERS .. 4
*WILLIAM G. LIVERS .. Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* 25th peal together. † First of Doubles. First on the bells.

CAMPTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four methods, viz.: Four extents Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, four Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob, 12 Plain Bob and 22 Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

KEVIN BARNES Treble	MARTIN MAJOR 3
RAYMOND J. FULLER .. 2	*ANTHONY H. SMITH .. 4
ALEX SIMPSON Tenor	

Conducted by ALEX SIMPSON.

* First peal of Doubles.

Rung by members of the Biggleswade District as a wedding compliment to Jill Mayes and Peter Harris; also as a birthday compliment to Miss V. Rix, of Arlesley.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JACK PILGRIM Treble	C. JACK GIBSON 4
RAYMOND PECK 2	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 5
JOHN MARJORAM 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Elizabeth Block, of Hasketon.

RISE, EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Beverley and District Society.)

On Sat., June 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 15 methods, viz.: Two extents each of Stedman, St. Miles, Winchendon Place, St. Giles, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Simeon and St. Albans, and four each of Southrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

*HAROLD F. GIBSON .. Treble	*RONALD DUCKER 3
*JANET I. PORTER 2	ANTHONY G. OSBORNE .. 4
ROBIN H. ROGERS Tenor	

Conducted by ROBIN H. ROGERS.

* First peal of Doubles. First on the bells.

A birthday compliment to Ronald Ducker.

STUDLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.
*GRAHAME STOCKS .. Treble RICHARD H. SPRAY .. 4
*JUNE SMITH .. 2 JOHN W. PERKINS .. 5
PERCY A. ORAM .. 3 *HAROLD CROOK .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. PERKINS.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung to commemorate the consecration of the Cathedral Church of St. Michael, Coventry, on May 25th, 1962.

ULVERSTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Treble JAMES E. BURLS .. 4
*NICHOLAS M. NEWBY, JUN. 2 KEITH NEWBY .. 5
W. THOMAS TURNER .. 3 ALAN CAPSTICK .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung to mark the golden wedding anniversary of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. J. S. Rimmer. Canon Rimmer has been Rector of Ulverston since 1916, and is an hon. vice-president of the Lancashire Association.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) London Bob, (2) Lytham Bob, (3) Hereward Bob, (4) College, (5) Wavertree, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Thelwall Bob and Childwall Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
FRANK TAYLOR .. Treble J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4
ALAN W. A. LEGGETT .. 2 EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3 CYRIL R. BURRELL .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT GLEBELANDS,

A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 1-2 GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 7-8
JOHN FREEMAN .. 3-4 JACK BRAY .. 9-10
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 5-6 JOHN WALDEN .. 11-12
Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society).

On Fri., June 22, 1962, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
IN THE BELFERY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods, being two extents each of St. Miles, Winchendon Place, St. John, St. Luke, Ryton, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Sharncliffe, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Little Aston, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old, Seighford, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor size 15 in C.
RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 1-2 DAVID F. MOORE .. 3-4

B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5-6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

(Stourbridge Grammar School Society.)

On Thurs., June 14, 1962, in 1 Hour and 24 Minutes,
AT 14, POPLAR ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES

Being two extents Plain Bob and 41 Grandsire. Tenor size 12 in F.
PETER L. BILL .. 1-2 MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 3-4
MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 5-6

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*THOMAS J. LOCK .. 1-2 CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 5-6
*GERALD PENNEY .. 3-4 *JOHN R. MAYNE .. 7-8
Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob on handbells.

OBITUARY

MR. L. T. TAYLOR

We regret to report the sudden death while at work of Mr. Leslie T. Taylor, of Wigtoft, Lincs, on June 25th.

The previous Friday he rang in a quarter peal at Sibsey for the induction of the Rev. I. W. S. Jones, Ph.D. Mr. Taylor, who was about 55 years of age, had been a ringer since leaving school, and was the popular Ringing Master of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. For a number of years he had been organiser of the Branch's annual outing.

MR. F. BERNARD DREW

A member of the Farningham tower of the Kent County Association, Mr. F. Bernard Drew died on June 28th. Mr. Drew was news editor of 'The Sunday Express' and was also a sidesman at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street. The funeral service was on Monday.

MR. JOHN TEI

Little Missenden ringers wish to express deep regret at the untimely death of John Tei, who had been a regular and enthusiastic member of the band for some two years before his illness made it impossible for him to continue.

As a mark of admiration and respect for John, a great Christian gentleman, the Little Missenden bells were rung muffled before and after his memorial service on June 22nd.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: F. Absalom 1, E. Drewitt 2, G. Hollifield 3, W. R. White 4, F. Messenger 5, B. R. White 6, H. C. White 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, H. White 10. For Confirmation.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

History was made at the monthly meeting of the Marlborough Branch at Chisledon on June 16th by the presence of the Master, the Rev. R. N. Longridge, Vicar of Bourton. This was the first time in the long annals of the Branch that a holder of that office had attended a Branch meeting.

Ringings preceded the Guild service, conducted by the Vicar, Canon S. W. A. Collins, who welcomed the assembly to the parish. Mr. W. Drewitt was the organist. Mrs. W. Court and her helpers provided the traditional lavish tea.

Mr. F. Read was elected to preside at the business meeting in the unavoidable absence of the chairman (Mr. G. Newman). Subject to permission, the next two meetings will be at Shalbourne and Everleigh respectively, and the September meeting (the annual outing) possibly to Weston-super-Mare. Thanks to the Vicar and ladies were expressed by the chairman.

Ringings then followed, under the direction of Mr. T. A. Palmer, hon. secretary and Branch Ringing Master.

W. A. E.

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTT'S LEIGH, ESSEX.—On June 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Evans 1, T. J. Samuelson 2, Christine Collett 3, E. G. Mould 4, J. A. Bennett 5, S. M. J. Young (cond.) 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lewsey 1, R. Rayfield (first 'inside') 2, D. Cork 3, J. C. Perrin 4, C. H. Macve 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Proctor (first quarter) 1, E. G. Swift 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, M. G. Swift (cond.) 4, Rosalind Hicks 5, P. E. Penrose (first quarter) 6. Rung on the Church's Open Day.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On June 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 3, E. J. Lockwood 4, H. Ivings 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong and birthday compliment to Mrs. E. J. Lockwood.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Castleman 1, M. Pole 2, G. A. Skinner 3, W. A. Skinner 4, P. Wells 5, C. Linch 6, R. Barrow (cond.) 7. For Evensong, after meeting short for Kent Major.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, R. H. Mills 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, P. Corderoy 5, Claude Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For Evensong.

BOURNE, Lincs.—On June 17th, 1,320 Surprise (Ipswich and Cambridge): F. French 1, Miss J. Larkinson (first quarter) 2, A. Scott 3, C. Wade (cond.) 4, A. Wade 5, H. E. Burrell 6. For Evensong, and also a tribute to Douglas Edwards, ringer at this church, who was ordained this day at Bury.

BRADSTONE, DEVON.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Kerslake Fice (first quarter) 1, W. C. Boucher 2, D. R. Bould (cond.) 3, J. Benoy 4, F. Wells 5, G. Frise (first quarter) 6.

BRAY, BERKS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Glass 1, Mrs. E. D. Poole 2, Doreen Hague 3, R. Blackler 4, A. Cross 5, E. D. Poole 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's visit to new Town Hall, Maidenhead. Also a 50th birthday compliment to treble ringer.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sangwins 1, J. Bowden 2, R. Pearce 3, E. Nunn 4, Miss M. Jennings 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, G. Jennings 7, C. Cholwill 8.

BRUMHAM, WILTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Coudrey 1, B. Hacker 2, R. Maundrell 3, D. Powney 4, R. Barry (cond.) 5, G. White 6. Rung for the birth of Graham Ernest, son of the ringer of fourth and Mrs. K. Powney.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jillian Outwaite 1, Hilary Martin 2, Pauline Fennell 3, D. L. Parker 4, J. C. Parker 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 6 and 8 covering): K. Manthorpe (first away from cover) 1, Jean F. Barnett 3, Sheila M. Dobbie 4, W. H. Dobbie 5, N. Stenhouse 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, Marilyn Peters 8. First quarter 6 and 8. For Confirmation service.

DUFFIELD, DERBYS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. F. Smallwood 1, D. Carlisle 2, H. Taylor 3, D. Astridge 4, D. Parkin 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6, G. Halls 7, R. Bullen 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Sprackling 1, P. Felton (first of Stedman Triples) 2, J. Harvey 3, L. Way 4, S. Croft 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, F. Bishop 8. For morning service.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.—On June 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. Rowe 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, M. Cubitt 3, J. Towers 4, T. Hawkins 5, R. Lee 6, D. Towers 7, T. Bailey (cond.) 8. For Hospital Sunday.

EWELL, SURREY.—On June 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Munday (first of Stedman) 1, Maureen Quincey 2, H. E. Good 3, R. C. Spittle 4, D. A. Carpenter 5, A. S. Besant 6, C. W. Munday (cond.) 7, P. Ford 8. For Evensong.

FARNWORTH with KEARSLEY, LANCS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Vincent 1, C. F. Sutcliffe 2, J. Mossop 3, J. Thornley 4, J. Ashcroft 5, A. Greenhalgh 6, G. Fothergill (cond.) 7, R. Holt 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Fred Watson, donor of the 4th bell. R.I.P.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Bibby jun. 1, S. Hough jun. 2, D. Maddocks 3, D. Vincent 4, T. P. Edwards (cond.) 5, J. Fielden 6, D. Mottershead 7, W. Allman 8.

HALEWOOD, LANCS.—On June 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: V. D. Jenner 1, G. H. Pullin 2, J. F. Grove 3, C. K. Cooper 4, K. Heskeith 5, E. C. Birkett 6, T. W. Heskeith 7, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 8. For the conductor's 21st birthday. Also on June 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. P. Edwards (cond.) 1, M. Simmons 2, T. Fitzgerald 3, D. Jenner 4, K. Heskeith 5, J. Robinson 6, T. Heskeith 7, F. Curry 8. For Evensong.

HANLEY, STAFFS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Wilshaw 1, R. J. Ballard 2, K. P. Jones 3, H. Dowler (first quarter) 4, J. Beardmore 5, M. K. Swingewood (cond.) 6. Rung for the St. John Society of Change Ringers.

HESSLE, E. YOKES.—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. S. Sharp (first of Minor) 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, R. H. Sharpe (first of Minor 'inside') 3, F. C. Hobson 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5, J. A. Singleton 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Trinity Sunday, June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Blackshaw 1, C. Froggott 2, R. Mills 3, M. W. Harrison 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. For Evensong, also for the christening of Barbara Ruth Heaps, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Heaps.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On June 22nd, 1,344 Bob Major: G. Seth 1, G. Hutchings 2, C. Gilbert 3, P. Inskip 4, L. Turner (cond.) 5, W. Izzard 6, R. Freeman 7, E. Freeman 8. For the birth of a second daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Izzard, both ringers at this church.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Cox (first quarter) 1, S. Royal (first of Doubles 'inside') 2, C. Royal (first as cond.) 3, J. Royal 4, P. Bourne 5, A. Butler (first quarter) 6. A farewell to treble ringer and a birthday compliment to second ringer. Also on June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Webb 1, S. Royal 2, C. Morris 3, J. Royal 4, C. Royal (cond.) 5, P. Merry 6. First Mixed Doubles 1 and 2. For flower service, and the christening of Stephen John Webb.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Hambleton 1, Mary Felce (first 'inside') 2, J. Felce 3, J. Payne (rung a quarter on every bell) 4, G. Dickens (cond.) 5, D. Trueman 6.

KIRK ELIA, E. YOKES.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lynda Dalton (first quarter) 1, M. J. Wilson (first 'inside') 2, K. Kirk 3, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 4, A. G. Osborne 5, I. N. Goldthorpe 6.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss K. Moore (first quarter) 1, A. J. Strathee 2, J. Paxton 3, P. G. Golder 4, R. G. Paxton 5, M. W. Fahey (cond.) 6.

LLANDOVERY, CARMARTHEN.—At Llandinog Church, on June 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. J. Owen (17) 1, B. S. Hancock (15) 2, J. H. Thomas (16) 3, M. W. Owen (18) 4, D. N. R. Hughes (16, cond.) 5, Mr. P. G. T. Lewis 6. First quarter for all. Rung for Evensong by members of the Llandoverly College Bellringing Society.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on June 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, A. H. Worboys 2, Miss V. Mephan 3, J. Carrott 4, F. G. Richardson 5, A. Grainger 6, J. Fowler 7, L. Melton 8, T. East 9, J. McPhail 10. For Matins.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on June 17th, 1,260 St. Vedast Bob Doubles: D. J. R. Martin 1, P. Catermole (cond.) 2, Gay Williams 3, M. P. Barton 4, J. C. Eisel 5, P. Bushell 6. First in method by all and on the bells. For Communion, Trinity Sunday.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire): T. C. Uden 1, Myrtle Cook 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, A. Lamb 4, G. Neilson 5, D. Gower 6. For Evensong.

NEWBURN, NORTHMBERLAND.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. Douglas 1, Miss D. A. Yeates 2, M. Maughan 3, Miss S. Scott 4, A. R. Patterson 5, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 6. For evening service.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Cook (first quarter) 1, E. Russell 2, W. Dunn 3, Mrs. F. Streeter 4, A. Streeter (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6. For Matins. Also on June 24th, 1,272 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: D. West 1, W. Dunn 2, Mrs. F. Streeter 3, G. Olliver 4, G. West 5, A. Streeter (cond.) 6. First of Spliced Treble Bob for all the band. For Matins.

ORMESBY, MIDDLESBOROUGH.—On June 14th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. Fitt (first quarter) 1, M. Bland 2, Mrs. L. Warrior 3, A. Woodall 4, P. Wishart 5, J. Roach 6, T. Cox 7, F. Hodgson (cond.) 8.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. Reeve 1, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 2, V. J. C. Dale 3, H. Smith 4, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 5, F. W. Blatch 6. A wedding compliment to Miss P. Y. Easter and R. C. Sculpher. Also on June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Reeve 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, Miss E. Mason 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Col. Sir Francis Whitmore, interred this day.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. Lightfoot 1, R. E. Tallis sen. 2, Linda M. Hughes 3, Susan Funnell 4, M. C. Hughes (cond.) 5, R. Houghton 6. A birthday compliment to Miss S. Funnell.

PEVENSEY, SUSSEX.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. B. Roberts (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Earl (first of Bob Doubles) 2, Janet Percy (first of Bob Doubles) 3, Christine Fuller 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5.

POTNEY, LONDON.—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): L. Allen 1, M. Uphill (first of Doubles as cond., age 14) 2, D. Brookes 3, B. Bull 4, B. Coatsworth 5. For Evensong.

REIGATE, SURREY.—At St. Mary Magdalene, on June 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Shelton 1, E. Talbot 2, W. Dunn 3, K. Games 4, A. Bull 5, W. Inwood 6, R. Talbot 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. Also on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. Streeter 1, J. W. Chapman 2, J. H. Euston 3, A. Streeter 4, K. Game 5, W. Dunn (first of Caters) 6, E. G. Talbot (cond.) 7, W. H. Inwood 8, A. T. Shelton 9, Joan Hanning 10.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hartless 1, Susan P. Edwards 2, Audrey J. Knight (cond.) 3, M. L. Northway 4, D. Greenlaw 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, H. J. Page 7, K. Deverill 8. A compliment to Mr. M. D. G. Northway and Miss Gladys D. Kitcher, who were married at Eling on June 16th.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,440 Trinity Sunday Treble Bob Minor: J. Watkins 1, Rita Stratford 2, Jennifer Stratford 3, L. Watkins 4, B. Burrows 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Matins.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Cowan 1, D. J. Goodman 2, Miss D. Wilson 3, Miss J. N. E. Chilton (first quarter as cond.) 4, Miss M. C. Petts 5. For Family Communion.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maryl R. Crosthwaite 1, Mrs. D. Richmond (first quarter) 2, Margaret Crosthwaite 3, C. Crosthwaite (cond.) 4, S. Anderton 5, W. K. Martin 6.

SHEDFIELD, HANTS.—On June 24th, 1,152 Grandsire Major: Jennifer Tyack (first quarter) 1, Susan E. Smith 2, Betty Daysh 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, B. Hullah 5, A. R. Carter 6, S. A. Scott 7, A. A. J. Buswell (first of Major as cond.) First in the method by all the band. Rung for Patronal Evensong, which also marks the centenary of the church school.

SHILPAKE, OXON.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. C. J. Murrell (first of Triples) 1, E. H. Smith 2, Miss R. Rich (first of Triples) 3, S. G. Scott 4, J. A. Cobb 5, F. G. Henbest 6, A. K. Street (cond.) 7, D. J. Baylis 8. In memoriam Miss Margaret Warner, for many years connected with this church.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 14th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. J. Glass 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, A. D. Barker 3, F. R. Scott 4, H. Oglesby 5, W. Birmingham 6, D. P. Hilling 7, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

SOUTHPORT, LANCS.—On June 4th, at Christ Church, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge and Yorkshire): E. Dickson 1, T. P. Edwards (cond.) 2, P. Buss 3, F. Pearson 4, T. Fitzgerald 5, R. Kendrick 6, P. Coxall 7, J. Ridyard 8. First of Spliced Surprise Major 3, 4 and 5.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. Clarke (cond.) 1, D. Miller 2, W. Smith 3, B. Wyde 4, M. Stone 5, B. Somerfield 6. First quarter in method 3 and 6.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On June 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Banister (first quarter) 1, Miss S. White 2, A. Kett 3, Miss T. Rose 4, Miss V. Cant 5, B. Matthews 6, L. North 7, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 8. First of Major 2, 3, 4 and 5. Rung for Confirmation.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On June 16th, in the belfry of St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: P. L. Bill 1—2, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 3—4, M. D. Fellows 5—6. By members of Stourbridge Grammar School Society.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On June 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Sangwin 1, Miss M. Jennings 2, Miss A. George 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Stacey 5, D. Jewell 6, S. Jenner 7, G. Jennings 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Vernon.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At Immanuel Church, on June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Williamson 1, K. Game 2, G. Pratt 3, M. Harbot 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, M. Williamson 6, A. Shelton 7, Miss J. Hanning 8. For Matins.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Boucher 1, G. Wheeler 2, M. Penney 3, Mrs. E. Sutton 4, Miss S. Little 5, R. Townsend 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. First of Triples for 1 and 2. For evening service. Also on May 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Wheeler 1, Miss S. Little 2, M. Penney 3, Dr. C. Roworth 4, R. Townsend 5, W. W. T. Daniel 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 3. Rung prior to Evensong on Ascension Day.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. R. Gotham 1, B. Impey 2, P. Phillips 3, Jennifer Reeve 4, E. R. Gotham 5, F. Corke 6, C. J. Aldridge (cond.) 7, F. Bedford 8. Rung to celebrate the engagements of Robert Spures and Julie Reeve, and Christopher J. Aldridge and Jennifer Reeve; also as birthday compliments to Jennifer Reeve and E. Russell Gotham.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): M. J. Young 1, C. A. Bull 2, Judith A. Harding 3, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 4, G. W. Elmes 5, R. W. Young 6. For Evensong on Trinity Sunday. Also on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Young 1, Judith A. Harding 2, C. M. Heawood 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, G. W. Elmes (first as cond.) 5, R. W. Young 6. For the ruby wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hiscock.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—On June 24th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Jean Sutton 1, Marjorie Webster 2, V. T. O. Boase 3, T. R. Humphreys 4, E. Jones 5, J. McCulloch (first as cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, during which a new west window was dedicated by the Bishop of Chester.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hourahine (first quarter) 1, Maureen White 2, K. Sansom 3, K. Tipper 4, K. Waller (first as cond.) 5, T. White 6.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Kercher 1, Mary White 2, D. Hughes 3, K. Waller 4, K. Sansom 5, K. Tipper 6, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 7, R. Stone 8. For Ascension Day.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.—On June 17th, 1,400 Plain Bob Triples: Susan Lane (first quarter) 1, D. Leach (50th quarter) 2, H. Colcombe 3, Joan Smith 4, A. Luxford 5, C. Webb 6, J. Martin (cond.) 7, E. Tyndale-Biscoe 8. Rung on the anniversary of the dedication of the Church of St. James, 1848.

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The Rev. E. B. Wood, of Leatherhead, is to be instituted as Vicar of Mapledurham on Saturday, July 21st, 6 p.m. Ringing from 5.15 p.m. Future address: The Vicarage, Mapledurham, Reading, Berks. Tel.: Kidmore End 2271. 532

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Wormingford, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea, please, to Mr. A. E. Leggett, The Dell, Wormingford, Colchester. 443

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Bushey Heath, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Morris, 7, Vega Road, Bushey Heath.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 472

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Darlington, Saturday, July 7th. Committee meeting 1.30 p.m.. St. Cuthbert's Church Hall. Service 4.30.. St. Cuthbert's. Tea 5.15, followed by general meeting, St. Cuthbert's Hall. Names for tea by July 4th to Mrs. R. Cooke, 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington. Towers available: Richmond (8) and Heighington (6), 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon; Darlington, St. John's (8), 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Holy Trinity (6) 2 to 3.30; St. Cuthbert's (8), 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., and after the meeting, 50th anniversary dinner, Saturday, October 27th. Applications for tickets (£1) may be made at or after this meeting to Mrs. E. A. Barnett, 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, Kent. Tickets, when ready, will be despatched to first 70 applicants. 434

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cottesmore (6), Saturday, July 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham. 476

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting at Crowland on July 7th. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea to M. J. Roberts, 3, Fulham Road, Peterborough, as soon as possible, please. 492

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SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 7th, North Collingham. Service 6 p.m., followed by ringing at South Scarle. Names for tea (at Collingham) to Mrs. B. N. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton Hospital, Newark. 441

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, July 7th, Winchester. Bells: Owslebury, 10.30 to 11.15 a.m.; Twyford, 11.15 a.m. to 12 noon; Winchester College, 12 to 12.45 p.m.; Winchester Cathedral, 12.45 to 2.15 and 7 to 8.30. General meeting, St. Maurice Hall, Colebrook Street, 2.45. Service in Cathedral 5.15 p.m., followed by tea in St. Maurice Hall. Notification is essential.—R. Roger Savory, Hon. Gen. Sec., 32, Thornbury Avenue, Shirley, Southampton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Dumbleton (6), Monday, July 9th, 7.30.—E. M. Bliss. 533

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Evening practice at Winscombe on Tuesday, July 10th, 7.30 start. Ringers and friends welcome.—H. Kingcott, Dis. Sec. 504

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham, Saturday, July 14th. Bells 2 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. Wm. Green, 28, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne.—J. W. Buxton. 516

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hinton Blewitt (5), Saturday, July 14th. Usual arrangements. Notify Mr. F. Andrews, Abbots Barn Farm, Hinton Blewitt, for tea.—E. Chivers. 506

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BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hutton Cranswick (6), Saturday, July 14th, from 2 p.m. Striking competition—draw for teams at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by previous Thursday to Rev. G. Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick, Driffield. 485

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Farndon, Saturday, July 14th (Eve of Rushbearing Festival), decorated churchyard. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea before Thursday, July 12th, please, to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester. 536

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Houghton-le-Spring. Saturday, July 14th. 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, July 11th, to Mr. W. F. Sheraton, 27, St. Aidan's Terrace, New Herrington, Houghton-le-Spring. 508

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Brockworth, Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names by Wednesday, July 11th, to R. Fry, 86, Boverton Drive, Brockworth, Glos. 529

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Monthly meeting at Bledington on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells from 6 p.m. onwards. Names for tea to L. C. Dowdeswell, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold. Tel.: Stow/Wold 350. 545

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Combined practice, Shalford (8), Saturday, July 14th, 6-9 p.m.—Miss E. Stevinson, Hon. Sec. 522

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Flamstead (6), July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead. 534

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Lenham, Saturday, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m., followed by service, tea and business. Tea supplied only for those who notify Mr. J. Manktelow, The Square, Lenham.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 467

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—A meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, July 11th. No name no tea.—Miss S. Beresford, 84, Park Road, Burgess Hill. 510

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 14th. Llangattock, Crickhowell, Brecks. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Also Llanelly (6) 2 to 3 p.m. Llanbedr (5) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Tea 2s. each. Names essential by July 11th, please.—J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 527

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Langdale, July 14th. 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., meeting to follow. Names to F. Birkett, Braegarth, Elterwater, near Ambleside.—N. M. Newby. 538

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Quarterly general meeting, Saturday, July 14th. Bells available: Gt. Glen (6) 2-3.30 p.m.; Foxton (6) 2.30-3.30; Kibworth (8) 2.30-4.25 and 6.30-8.30. Service, Kibworth, 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, St. Wilfrid's Hall, Kibworth, 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 12th to Mr. A. Martin, 6, Kimberley Road, Kibworth Beauchamp, Leicester. General committee meeting, July 11th, 7.45 p.m., St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 473

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fulney, Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 11th, to Mr. J. Braithwaite, 7, Marsh Road, Spalding. 462

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NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, July 14th. Broughton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 11th, to Mr. Harold Roberts, Post Office, Wetwood, Eccleshall.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 413

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Wing (6), Saturday, July 14th. 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Hall, Hon. Sec. 465

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 14th, Peasmore. Ringing at Beedon, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Peasmore, 3 to 4.30. Service at Peasmore 4.30. Ringing after meeting: Peasmore, till 8 p.m.; Brightwalton, 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 10th, to M. Rosier, Peasmore, Newbury. 477

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting, Great Tew, Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business. All welcome, but names for tea by Monday, July 9th, to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington, Oxford. 453

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Extraordinary General Meeting at Whitchurch on Saturday, July 14th. Names for tea to B. Malam, 13, Yardington, Whitchurch, by previous Wednesday. Ringing, service and tea at the usual times. Main business: (1) Grant to Stanton-on-Hine Heath; (2) Change of rule 3 dealing with non-resident life members. 539

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 14th, St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bells afterwards. Names for tea, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 493

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting, East Markham (8), Saturday, July 14th. Please bring own tea.—H. Denman. 511

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Orston, Saturday, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 489

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Egham, Saturday, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall. Egham bells after meeting. Names, please, to Mr. D. Parsons, Boswinger, Mount Lee, Egham, Surrey.—N. Steere, Asst. Sec. 482

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting on July 14th during afternoon at Shipley (6) from 3 p.m., and Itchingfield (5) available after tea which is at Itchingfield. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, by previous Wednesday, please. 521

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, East Meon, Saturday, July 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by July 11th to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash. 514

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Soberton, Saturday, July 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at the White Lion. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. Sturgess, 4, Potters Avenue, Fareham. 524

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Braintree, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 507

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HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and 6-bell prize contest, Liversedge, Saturday, July 21st. Entrance fee, 10s., to secretary by July 14th. For teas, please notify by July 14th B. M. Sheard, 16, New Street, Rawfolds, Cleckheaton.—A. Farrand, Sec. 466

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Rodmersham, Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea definitely not later than previous Wednesday, please, to W. R. Rees, Littlehayes, Highsted, Sittingbourne. 498

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Selling, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names, together with cash, please, by July 18th.—Mr. H. A. Kingsnorth, Woodside, Perry Wood, Selling, near Faversham. 531

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Billingborough, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 16th, to Mr. L. P. Wilson, 40, Grosvenor Road, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. Special methods: Plain Bob Major and Superlative.—F. G. Vickers. 535

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Broughton, near Brigg, Saturday, July 21st. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 490

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting, East Farleigh, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names to Secretary, Mrs. Pamela J. Osborne, 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 525

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Yardley Hastings, Saturday, July 21st. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to H. Wooding, Blackwells, Yardley Hastings, Northampton. 502

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Practice meeting, Peasenhall (6), 2.30 to 5 p.m., and Yoxford (6), 6.30 to 9 p.m., on Saturday, July 21st. Tea at Peasenhall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 18th, to Miss M. Branch, Fern Bank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 499

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cheriton, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 17th to D. B. Brown, 3, Moss Road, Winnall, Winchester. 523

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