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BENEVOLENCE, AND OTHERWISE

THE PLEA by Mr. D. E. R. Knights in "The Ringing World" of April 29th and the succeeding letters from Mr. E. A. Barnett and Miss Scott serve to remind us that from time to time serious thought is given to the possibility of co-operative assistance in the matters of tower maintenance and bell restoration, to be administered by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. As Mr. Barnett points out, this idea is by no means new, nor is it the only one that the Council has been asked to consider. In the very early days of the Council's existence there came, from time to time, suggestions for mutual aid for ringers, and the tentative explorations and gropings after some line of approach to a controlled Benevolent Fund were always brought to a standstill by the apparently insurmountable difficulties of administration. It was ordained that Mr. William Willson of Leicester should, just 60 years ago, raise the subject so earnestly, so vehemently, and so offensively, that not for many years did anyone give more attention to the matter.

In "The Bell News" of March 31st, 1906, Mr. Willson outlined a scheme for a Benevolent Fund to assist ringers out of work or in distress. It depended, in essence, on the assumption that twenty thousand ringers would consent to subscribe one penny per week, bringing in the sum of £83 to be available for distribution. The sum today seems ludicrous, but at the beginning of the century it was, of course, a substantial amount. The difficulties were acknowledged and fairly met by Mr. Willson, and the plan, as it stood, seemed worthy of examination.

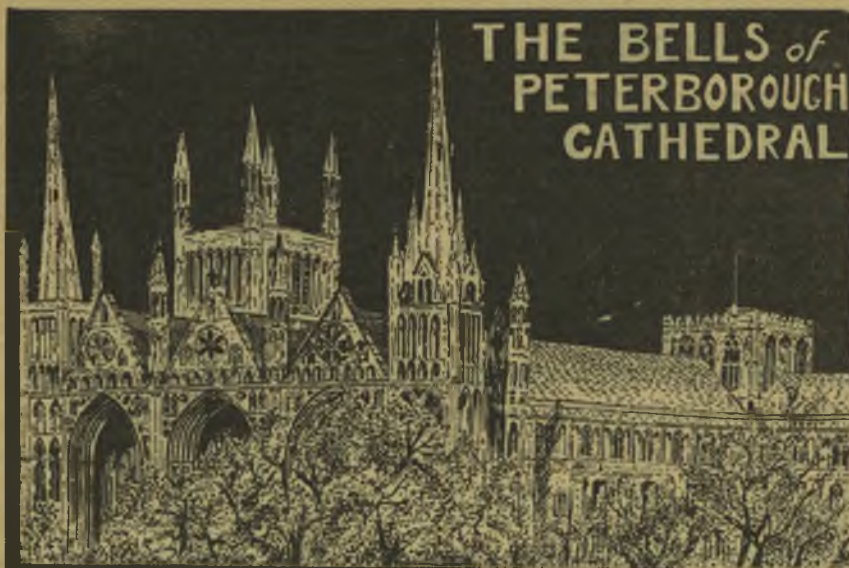
But alas! Mr Willson had destroyed his plan even as he launched it; for he prefaced his exposition with a violent attack on the Council as a body and on individuals by implication too strong to be ignored. His charge was that the ringers' parliament was spending too much of its time on useless theoretical polemics, and was degenerating into a group of faddists. "What profit is it," he writes, "whether bob leads start in the middle of nothing or end nowhere?"; or thus, "What gain is there to anyone or anything whether 'London' is marvellous or surprising?"; and so to this remarkable but far from conciliatory query: "Who but a fool would waste his time o'er the pedantic bores who make the annual meeting of the C.C. a dumping ground for their theoretical fads, and an exhaust valve for their superfluous oratory?" Then after presenting some examples of what he considered useless topics for argument he summed up thus: "This is the amalgamated wisdom

of a handful of dogmatic cranks who, in the words of a certain statesman 'intoxicated with the exuberance of their own verbosity', and their self-importance, have the colossal impudence—only equalled by their superlative conceit—to dictate to the ringers of England what they shall or shall not ring!"

Now allowing for all things—the enthusiasm Mr. Willson had for his cause, the well-known radical streak in his nature, the recklessness of his methods on occasions, and the accepted wearisomeness of some of the Council debates—it must be agreed that this language was not suited to the introduction of a serious motion nor a right and proper form in which to refer to the work of a number of educated and hard-working investigators. The essay brought forth (as was expected) a number of letters. Canon Papillon, Master of the Essex Association, in a quiet and measured letter, sympathised with the scheme but deplored the lack of civility in the method of approach. R. A. Daniell expressed astonishment that "a composition so unreasonable and illogical should appear above the signature of a person of his ability." And the sturdy John Jagger asked for an apology to the whole Council. The hardest hit appeared to be Mr. J. A. Trollope, leader of the Methods Committee, whose lengthy communication was devoted to a defence of the work of himself and his colleagues and to a counter-attack on Mr. Willson's knowledge and ability. The main contest in the weeks that followed was between Mr. Willson and Mr. Trollope, and the exchanges were far from courteous. With contributions from other members of the Exercise, such as J. F. Penning, W. Keeble and C. D. Potter, the correspondence continued vigorously for some weeks, conveying in the main surprise and regret at the quality of the language used in argument and counter-argument. It was well suited to Mr. Willson's fighting nature, and doubtless he enjoyed it to the full. But the cause he sought to promote was lost to sight, and by the middle of June the matter ended.

Cui bono? Why did this remarkably able Leicester gentleman launch such an amazing and unprovoked attack, he, who at that very time was writing so tender and heartfelt an appreciation of the deceased William Wakley? No one seemed to be any the better off for all the bitterness and ill-feeling aroused by the thrusts and counter-thrusts, and the only benefit was to "The Bell News", the circulation of which rose suddenly during this period of unrest. Have we here a clue to Mr. Willson's true motive?

E.C.S.



By TREVOR A. BEVIS

Should the tenor bell and parish church clock strike together, a death will occur in the Minster precincts. (Ancient Peterborough tradition.)

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EAST ANGLIA has four principal churches, Peterborough, Ely, Norwich and Bury St. Edmunds. Of these, one cathedral—actually a large church elevated to that position in recent years—Bury St. Edmunds, possesses a pealable ring of bells. From the centre of Norwich rises a slender spire crowning a Norman central tower, much reproduced by advertising agencies. The sturdy, unusual Norman tower at Bury St. Edmunds portrays a fraction of the magnificence attributed to the most influential abbey of mediæval England, at which was initiated the beginnings of Magna Carta. Ely probably cherishes the finest and most unusual towers, delicately rising above the Fens, adding lustre to a famous church, likened to a ship in full sail on a golden sea.

Peterborough's spirelets seem lost amid a symmetrical mixture of arches and gables, said to be the finest of their kind. Here on the edge of Fenland stands one of Europe's grandest Norman/Early English monuments, having its roots in the seventh century, within the meadow homestead anciently called Medehamstede. The cathedral owes its practically untouched appearance to Henry VIII. Despite callous events at the Dissolution, the King thought so much of Peterborough Minster that he made it a cathedral with a diocese, removing it from the gentle administration of John Chandler, the last abbot, "a man of peace who loved to sleep in a whole skin, and who desired to die in his nest."

The cathedral has known troublesome times. It was attacked by Danes, desecrated by that famous Fenland warrior, Hereward the Wake, and a generation later was burned to the ground. In 1117 John of Sais began the great edifice we now see, and it continued in its capacity as an abbey until the middle of the 16th century. Salient feature is the West Front, imparting to the beholder a sense of something both rare and exquisite. For seven centuries this remarkable frontage has presented a medley of song and poem in stone to those who enter beneath the massive and dignified portals.

HENRY PENN

Immediately to the rear of the left gabled archway rises a pinnacled tower containing five bells—all that is left of a noble ring of ten. The surviving bells were cast in 1709 by

Henry Penn, Peterborough's one and only bellfounder of note, who is thought to have had his premises on the east side of Bridge Street, adjacent to the River Nene. Penn had an unfortunate end. He suffered a seizure while mounting his horse at St. Ives, following his acquittal from the Assizes in connection with alleged inferior workmanship in the eight bells he had cast for that town. It has been recorded that Penn's death "was no loss; he was a vile man and gave trouble wheresoever he was concerned." Nevertheless he was generally a good founder.

The bells are inscribed:

(1) TE DECET HYMNVS RICH. RYNOLDS LLD. PRAEB. HENRY PENN FVSORE . 1709 (Dia. 39 ins., approx. 11 cwt.)

(2) PSALLAM DEO MEO QUAMDIV SVM BALL PRAEB . 1709 (Dia. 42 ins., approx. 12½ cwt.)

(3) MAGNIFICATE DOMINVM MECVM JOHN EVANS PRAEB . HENRY PENN FVSORE 1709 (Dia 45 ins., approx. 15½ cwt.)

(4) (This bell was recast in 1831.) A long list of names is inscribed, including that of Herbert Marsh, then Bishop of Peterborough. (Dia. 48 ins. approx. 19 cwt.)

(5) PACEM TE POSCIMVS OMNES CONCORDIE RES PARVAE CRESCVNT . 1709 RICHD. CVMBERLAND EPO (Dia. 56½ins., between 30 and 36 cwt.) (D)

INTERDICT AND BELLS

First mention of bells at the monastery was recorded in the early 13th century. Pope Gregory IX (1227-1241) granted bells to the monks of Peterborough. These were rung, in addition to usual offices, for anniversaries and obituaries of abbots. It is interesting to note that "whenever the country should be placed under an interdict the monks of Peterborough might sing their service to themselves within the church in a low voice, but with doors shut and without the ringing of a bell."

The bells were augmented in 1250, when Johannes Caletto—30th abbot—gave one to the Church, inscribed: JON DE CAVX ABBAS OSWALDO CONSECRAT HOC VAS

A few years later Richardus de London (later 32nd abbot) erected "the great steeple, wherein the bells hang," giving two bells which were named "Les Londres."

As required by authors of the Dissolution, an inventory of the cathedral's effects was made, dated November 30th, 1539, 31 of King Henry VIII. References to bells appear thus:

"In the Chappel of Low:

Item . . . 3 bells to ring in the Chappel. In the Infirmary Chappel.

Item . . . one little bell.

Item . . . in the two steeples of the Monastery at the Front, Bells 10, and in several other places of the Houses, Bells 4."

The writer would assume that the majority of the 10 bells mentioned in this inventory were contained within the north-west tower. Almost indiscernible from the main gateway, the south-west corner, 700 years old, is built upon unsettled foundations. A third stage was intended but was abandoned. It is doubtful whether more than two or three bells were hung in this tower, for it must be considered that additional weight would prove detrimental to the structure. Even so, cracks are still appearing in its walls, and strengthening rivets are splitting.

The four Infirmary bells were probably sold soon after the inventory had been taken, but the "grand ring of ten" was allowed to remain. Soldiers of the Commonwealth amused themselves during their stay in the city, but annoyed inhabitants by continually jangling the bells. It has been wrongly stated that Cromwell's men took down the clappers from the bells and sold them together with the brass plucked from the toms. The truth is this: the Cathedral bells being misused, inhabitants took away the clappers when convenient and hid them in the roof of the church on purpose to free their ears of irritating and frequently intrusive jangling.

Various items appertaining to the bells are recorded in the Accounts Book of Dean and Chapter, the following being a selection:

1548: To Smith for a Bell Clapper at the Cross Altar, 1d.

1629: Carpenter: To Mansfield Woodfyne, 8 daies worck abowte the repairing the bells, xiijs. viijd.

1665: 7 June. Given the ringers for ringing the Great Bells at the overthrow of the Dutch Fleet, 5s.

HEAVIER THAN EXETER BELLS?

Ten "great bells" continued to be rung until 1709, in which year they were removed. These bells arouse speculation, for they were evidently of ponderous proportions. It is sobering when one considers that a tunable ring of ten (tenor over 30 cwt.) was cast from the metal of four great bells with very little addition. The complete charge of founding, hanging, etc., was defrayed by parting with the six smaller bells—if one can call them small!—to the founder (Penn), who gave a benefaction of £50 towards adorning the high altar. It is quite probable that the weight of the original ten before 1709 exceeded that of the present ring of bells at Exeter Cathedral.

Penn's ring of ten occupied the north-west tower. They were rung for only a few years, fear being expressed by architects that vibrations endangered the West Front. In 1831 the ninth bell (present fourth), which had cracked, was recast, and on the 15th of April in that year the top five were taken down and sold to Dobson of Downham Market, Norfolk. It seems that Peterborough's loss was Lincolnshire's gain, for this founder of good repute is said to have cast a new ring of six bells from Peterborough's five, for Witham-on-the-Hill.

(To be continued)

THE LADIES' GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at St. James', Horsefair, Bristol, on June 11th, when members were delighted to welcome the president of the Guild, Mrs. J. King, and her husband.

In the absence of the Vicar the Guild service was conducted by Canon W. Kingsley Martin, who gave an unusual and memorable address. Although there was not a large gathering of members, several ladies were able to have their first attempt at Grandire and Stedman Caters on the pleasant ten. One new member was elected—Mrs. M. Jones, of Midsomer Norton.

The next quarterly meeting: Kelston, on September 10th: practice meetings, Colerne and Hemington on July 13th and August 15th respectively. M. de J.

LEICESTER GUILD HAS NEW SECRETARY

MR. BRIAN G. WARWICK, who for the past ten years has been general secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, did not seek re-election at the annual general meeting of the Guild on April 16th. There were two nominations for his successor—Messrs. J. E. Cooke, who obtained 42 votes, and A. J. Poyner, who had 62 and is now in office.

Ringling took place during the afternoon at St. Margaret's and the Cathedral. Evensong, conducted by the Provost of Leicester, with a sermon preached by the Bishop of Leicester, was held in the Cathedral. Tea prepared by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth and her helpers followed.

The president, Mr. B. S. Payne, opened the meeting and distributed seven certificates to new members. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting, held at Loughborough in February, were read, approved and signed.

COMING-OF-AGE PLANS

The hon. general secretary announced that for the "coming of age" of the Guild in 1967 there would be a ringing festival based at Derby on September 16th, 1967. A social evening was being arranged after the annual general meeting. The chief guest and speaker at the annual dinner on October 28th, 1967, would be the president of the Central Council, Canon Gilbert Thurlow.

The general report gave the Guild membership on December 31st as 540, but about 30 more had since paid their subscriptions. The February, 1965, quarterly meeting was well attended, and Mr. P. J. Staniforth showed the film he took whilst in America. The first Guild striking competition was held at Queniborough, Aylestone being adjudged winners. On May 22nd the "Ernest Morris Memorial Window" was dedicated at St. Margaret's, Leicester, by the Rev. Canon F. W. Pratt. The veterans' reunion was held at Coleorton on May 29th.

The treasurer's report showed that a loss of £8 18s. 2d. was suffered in the General Fund. The Bell Repair Fund, although making its biggest grant—one of £50 to Hathern—made a profit of £23 7s. 11d..

The peal secretary's report showed that the year's peal total was the smallest in the history of the Guild—only 95 peals being rung—90 peals less than in 1964. Although this was a reduction of nearly 50 per cent., the number of people (residents) taking part had only been reduced by 19 (123 as against 142). Only two people rang 25 peals or over for the Guild—Roland H. Cook (28) and Malcolm E. Wade (25)—as against ten the previous year.

These reports and the auditors' report were all adopted, and the election of five non-resident members and ten ringing members was confirmed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The president, B. S. Payne, vice-presidents, J. H. Cook and P. L. Taylor, treasurer, J. M. Jelley, peal secretary, R. H. Cook, were returned unopposed. Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth were elected as trustees. The retiring auditors—Miss S. E. Chesterton and Mr. W. J. Root—were re-elected.

The next quarterly meeting is to be held on July 9th at Market Harborough. After a few minor questions were dealt with the meeting was closed. Further ringing took place at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester.

A. J. P.

MORE ABOUT "UNRINGABLES"

DURING the Whitsun holidays it was decided to "take a look" at some alleged "UR's" along the Suffolk-Norfolk border. It was therefore on a bright and hot day that a small party left Bramford at 9.45 a.m. Elmham St. Margaret's was the first call. A key miraculously appeared from somewhere and the bell hangers went aloft. A reasonably clean belfry was found and a quick look showed little apparently wrong, apart from one or two decaying wheels and missing stays—enough to rule out any ringing immediately. Some attention now could save a major repair in this tower and the "experts" thought that these bells could be made fit to ring with some hard work.

A mile away was another five, Elmham St. Cross, a twice refusal to the writer as "unringable." Here the tower door stood open and again a clean belfry was found. A look here found excellent wheels, stays and bearings. The bells were rehung approximately 1900 and there is obviously little wrong except for one missing stay. A search of the village found a churchwarden who, after being there six years, had not heard the bells rung, so permission was readily given by him to ring. After a thorough oiling and splicing of one rope the bells were pulled up and found to go well and sound excellent—the experts even giving them a pealable rating.

Marking off St. Cross' in "Dove," something entirely different turned up—the miniature three (tenor 2-3 cwt.) at Ringsfield. Permission was given by the Rector to "do what we like and stay as long as we like." A 3-bell tower was a fresh experience for most of the party, so a pleasant half hour was spent here.

Looking up the map, Weybread appeared. Again permission was given to ring with a warning about the second rope slipping the wheel. A quick look at this unusual frame and fittings showed that the second stock had been repaired but the wheel was loose. However, little difficulty was found, but the bell needed "ringing."

Next on the list, Brockdish, a "twice refusal here as unringable," but in between the two refusals a peal was reported! However, a visit to the Rectory gave the same story. "unringable." The belfry being locked, nothing could be done, so a move was made to Scole. Here permission was given for a short ring as the new tenor had not yet been dedicated. This light six sounded and went excellently.

Further along came some different in weight at South Lopham. These bells were recently restored with a new tenor of 21 cwt. Permission was here given to ring, and these fine bells were enjoyed for half-an-hour before the local practice began.

Time was now getting short, so on the way back to Ipswich a call was made at Wyverstone (three bells). A quick look upstairs showed a mediæval "king post" frame for four bells. The three bells had obviously been rehung in the last 50 or 60 years, having excellent wheels, stocks, pulleys, etc. However, nothing could be done at that late hour so, putting this tower on the list for next time, food was the order and home.

During the day the Bramford Rector's son wrote up one hundred towers in Suffolk after only two years' ringing, and the writer brought his Suffolk total to 191, this including two threes and four fours.

URBAN W. WILDNEY.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, on June 12th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Yvonne Edwards 1, J. Pladdys 2, E. D. Elderkin 3, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 4, T. G. Pett 5. Rung by U.L.S.C.R.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION Change in Presidency

ARCHDEACON C. O. Ellison, who has been president of the Yorkshire Association for 19 years, resigned from this office at the annual general meeting at Ripon on April 30th. He was not able to be at the meeting, but in a letter of apology he wrote of the kindness and support he had received from the officers and members of the Association, and that he hoped to keep in touch with all his old friends in the future. Mr. J. A. Brown, the vice-president of the Northern District, spoke of the work the retiring president had done, and then declared Mr. Vernon Bottomley elected as the new president. Mr. Bottomley thanked members for the great honour he felt in being elected to this office.

Mr. W. E. Critchley was declared re-elected peal secretary for the next three years and Mrs. Jeanne Bottomley treasurer for one year.

The presentation of the report for 1965 was made briefly, since, as the president said, most members had it in their hands. There was no formal adoption of it, but any questions members wanted to ask about it might be put at the September meeting.

Four new members were elected: Miss Jean Moxon, of Wetherby; John Thomas, of St. Chad's, Headingley; Andrew Talbot-Ponsonby and Stuart Burns, of Leeds University.

REDRAFTING OF RULES

The secretary gave notice that he would propose the revision and redrafting of the rules, and the president reported that a sub-committee had been asked by the general committee to do this.

An invitation to hold the next meeting at Bridlington Priory on September 17th was gladly accepted, and it is hoped that there will be ringing at Nunburnholme and Flam-borough as well.

Mr. Arthur Bashforth gave some information about the Snowdon Dinner, which is to be held at the Catterick Bridge Hotel on October 15th. The secretary intimated that he would like the place and date of the 1967 Snowdon Dinner to be fixed in good time, so that details could go into the Ringers' Diary, so the Rev. F. Ross proposed that it be held in Hull or Beverley. The meeting was in favour of this proposal.

A vote of thanks to the cathedral authorities, to the incumbents of the churches visited and to the local organiser, Mr. Ted Hudson, was proposed by Mr. M. Thurmott and seconded by Mr. D. Smith.

The business in the cathedral library was followed by evening prayer in the choir and by tea in the Cathedral Hall, at which the Dean of Ripon was a welcome guest. Mr. H. Walker expressed the thanks of the company to the ladies who had so kindly and ably prepared tea.

Five 6-bell towers had been made available—as well as the fine ten and eight at Ripon and Sharow—and the 80 or so members present enjoyed ringing at them throughout the day.

13,440 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE

	W	M	H
S	—	2S	43625
	S	—	65324
—	—	2S	26354
2	—	2	53624
	—	—	63425
S	—	—	42365

Eleven times repeated. S for bob at Home, halfway and end.

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Letters to the Editor

"A PROFESSIONAL OPINION ON 'R.W.'"

Dear Sir,—I read with professional interest the tirade of criticism levelled at the general appearance and production of "The Ringing World." The suggestion, it is understood after analysis, materialises in the opinions: improve the presentation and the quality of contributions to the newspaper.

As a printer, I would like to congratulate Mr. White on his ability in dealing with material received, and the difficult and unenviable task of measuring-up and laying-out various articles and full-heads in a manner which, in my opinion, on the whole suits the size and character of "The Ringing World." The dimensions of this newspaper are such that little more can be achieved in the way of typographical art. Three columns are easily and quickly put together. Triple entries have not the flexibility of six or more columns. In any case, to include double and triple columns tapering into single column matter, with panels and the like, would involve a great deal of extra, vital time, viz.: in changing moulds on linotype machines. Type would take longer to make-up in formes. All this for the sake of, shall we say, dramatic presentation—virtually impossible in a paper this size—adds more to expense. That sort of thing is for larger papers—scope is obviously there.

A new front-page head design may improve the outer appearance, but the old design, I think, conveys just about everything in the career of a ringer. In any case it is not the head-design of a newspaper that sells. By way of some improvement generally, perhaps a more striking headline type could be employed, and standing blocks (art work) used, i.e., Readers' Views. All full-heads of large or medium size could begin with "drop" or double-line letter. Italic intermediate heads centred or flush-left would help break up matter; furthermore, reports of major importance might acquire more "colour" should first paragraph be set in black. Illustrations are, of course, desirable, and have a great selling potential, but photogravure and indeed all art-work is a very costly business.

A "brighter" newspaper is largely determined by quality of material received—not necessarily by printing on better quality news-reel. The tendency nowadays in modern newspaper production is to present news in bright, concise manner—the "snappier" the better—and not go on at great length. Local newspapers find that the inclusion of a youth page pays dividends—so do women's fashions! With regard to youth and "The Ringing World," perhaps a page written by young people for young people can be considered. It is a difficult proposition. Just how many in a meagre circulation like ours are interested in sending material other than reports of meetings, outings, peals, etc.? Precious few, by my experience. Contributors and correspondents do not like to see their work cut down.

We cannot hope to see a permanent reporter employed by our newspaper, nor can we expect to compete in well-displayed, organised competitions within its pages for new cars! One has to be dead crafty to sell anything nowadays—and that goes for newspapers, too! Perhaps the critics would like, in future, to put on their walking boots and tread over unexplored acres sniffing out news—just for the love of it. Minding other people's business is the life-blood of newspapers. That attitude is the essence of real journalism and ultimately breeds a brighter newspaper. Local correspondents are indispensable. But they perform their task with little or no knowledge of the

trials and tribulations of press work. One thing is certain, it is not possible to educate them to the required standards of a bright newspaper. Promises of news items are legion, but many are broken. Without unlimited financial resources and ample staff, it is unfair to expect our editor to achieve miracles in a newspaper which cannot even light my fire.

One suggestion: in an attempt to advertise "The Ringing World" to the fullest extent, a free mention should be made in every Annual Report and in other minor circulations pertaining to the ringing of bells.

To the Editor assistant and printers, thanks for the work achieved on very limited horizons.—Yours truly, TREVOR A. BEVIS.

March, Cambs.

ANOTHER EDITOR'S SUGGESTIONS

Dear Sir,—As the editor of a trade paper with a circulation of 6,000, I should like to pay tribute to the immense amount of work which you do to ensure the accuracy and comprehensiveness of "The Ringing World."

I fully appreciate the painstaking effort that must go into just checking the names in peals, and I can well imagine that, particularly for 24-page issues, you will have burned the midnight oil on many occasions.

Your biggest problem in any attempt to "brighten" (which I take mostly to mean more space and less type on each page) must be the limited number of firms you can approach for advertising. May I suggest that, following the debate at Bath, you now have a very strong case for greatly increasing your rates to regular advertisers? I know you would be loath to do this when they are probably already very generous, but if the result would be to increase circulation they would see the logic of it.

I disagree with Mr. Anderson when he forecasts that "The Ringing World" would be liable for the Selective Employment Tax. Printing and publishing are classified as manufacturing industries and you should therefore get full repayment plus the premium of 7s. 6d per week (These details have been published since Bath.—Ed.)

I am sure, however, that the best hope "The Ringing World" has is for readers to help increase the circulation, and if this were done it would allow room to experiment. If the Exercise really wants a better paper, ringers will respond by getting new readers. If they don't, they can't blame anyone but themselves.—Yours sincerely, B. W. ASHURST.

Fish Friars Review Ltd.,

Leeds.

WINCHESTER BOB CATERS

Dear Sir,—I note in "The Ringing World" (page 405) that the composition of Winchester Bob Caters, by A. J. House, used "3rds place under the treble after the lead-end" as bobs, as also used for Double Norwich Caters. But Winchester Bob has a "lead-end" 3rds place, as in Grandsire and Oxford Bob, so why not use normal "Grandsire" bobs? Perhaps there is some good technical reason for not doing so. Would Mr. House or someone please explain?

—Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY DODDS.

St. Albans.

DOUBLES COLLECTION INTEREST

Dear Sir,—In your reply to criticism of the "R.W." at the C.C. meeting, you stated that you had been seriously criticised for publishing the Collection of Doubles Methods as waste of space and of no interest to readers.

Well, there are readers and readers. If you have a cross-section of readers in any technical paper you have to have a cross-section of articles, as I know as a former editor of a regimental magazine.

As must happen, there is a great deal in the "R.W." which leaves me cold, and the greatest interest I have found as a 5- and 6-bell ringer (mainly) was the Collection of Doubles Variations. If I was so unfortunate as to have to go to hospital with a broken leg, the one thing I would take with me would be that collection, plenty of squared paper and a pencil! It is fascinating to write out the various ways by which the same results can be obtained.

Your critics have, I think, forgotten that there are little country towers struggling to progress beyond Grandsire or Plain Bob. What better interest could there be than to look up a method (variation) with a name associated with their district or perhaps even the name of their own church?

That I am not alone in thinking this collection well worth the space is seen in your peal columns, where increasing numbers of Doubles variations have been rung since your publication.

I might as well say that a whole page of 8- to 10-bell compositions (p. 405) is of no value. They are to me, and increasingly so in that they are each in a different "language." But I do not doubt that they are as fascinating to those who understand and can ring them as the Doubles are to me!

I wonder if you are right about the limitation of advertisements. After all, we all have to eat, to mention but one source of advertisement.—Yours, etc.

FROM A 6-BELL TOWER.

DABBLING IN COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—After reading the chapter on simple composition and proof in Wilfrid Wilson's book and that on "Changes on Eight Bells" in "Ropesight," I put pencil to paper and began to compose. I finally arrived at the appended peal of Plain Bob Major, which contains the sixth the extent each way in 5-6.

I wonder if any of your readers could confirm its originality, or else crush my newfound ego and name the original composer.—Yours sincerely, EDWARD C. STEELE.

Upper Clapton, E.

5,392 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Containing the sixth the extent each way in 5-6

23456	W	B	M	H	32564	W	M	H
54263	S	—	—	S	54326	S†	—	S
23465	—	—	—	S	32546	—	—	—
45362	—	—	—	S	45236	S	—	S
35264	—	—	—	S	32456	—	—	—

Repeat five times omitting calls W and B, and adding bobs at * in 2nd, 4th and last parts. This gives 32564.

Repeat five times omitting call M and calling bob for single at † in 1st part and adding singles at * in 1st and 4th parts for rounds.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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LETTERS—Continued

"UNFAIR CRITICISM" OF BATH AND WELLS A.G.M.

Dear Sir.—As the prime-mover in raising the issue referred to by R. Beale ("R.W.", p. 403), I consider that it is our duty to bring the true facts to those members of the Bath and Wells who were not at the A.G.M. Although I would not have acted as Mr. Massey did, I can only deplore this attack upon one whose considerable efforts on behalf of our Association are appreciated by a great number of our members.

George Massey acted correctly in bringing this matter firstly to the committee. He no doubt thought, as I would have done, that the Branch secretaries and the rest of the committee would have the pulse of their members on this subject. The committee, he found, were against the idea, so he dropped his resolution. He had also in mind that every tower would have to be circulated as a change of rule was envisaged, and he had in mind that the cost of this would not be warranted if, as he suspected, the members generally would not be in favour. That the committee did not be the feelings of quite a number of members is a pity, but it certainly isn't Mr. Massey's fault.

In levelling adverse criticism at the peal secretary, Mr. Beale points out that Taunton Branch were expecting some action at the last A.G.M. Why then was there not a resolution from the Taunton Branch that this matter be placed on the agenda if the feeling was so strong? And why, when I got up to raise the issue, was I not supported by a mass of Taunton members all eagerly waiting to voice their opinions? If indeed they intended to raise the issue at all they were leaving it a bit late in the meeting to do so.

So really, Mr. Beale, even when all the facts are known, your adverse criticism of a most democratic worker is unfair, and as you weren't there and did not have the facts it is most unwarranted.

Now here is something that is worth thinking about: a proposition from the floor, correctly seconded, that this matter be discussed at the 1967 A.G.M. was not accepted by the chairman, although it was in order under Rule 11 which allows four weeks' notice for intended alterations to rules. The proposition allowed a year's notice, which should have been long enough. Now I wonder why we are having so much difficulty over this?—Yours sincerely,

M. HEYMANN.

Bath, Somerset.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Eastern District

Ringling at the Eastern District meeting at Benington (8) on Saturday, June 11th, ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, and this was followed by tea in the Church Hall.

Mr. Peter Searles, the District secretary, opened the meeting by welcoming the county president, Mr. Kenneth Dunstan, who kindly took the chair. New members elected were Miss B. Bagguley (Hertford) and Mr. R. Falder (Aston).

Next meeting, July 9th at Aston (6).

B.J.W.F.

A German Girl's Comments on a Ringing Tour

Mr. M. King, of Wentworth, Yorks, writes:—

Recently I have received an account of a German girl's experiences in the Easter tour undertaken by bellringers of the St. John's College, York, Society. This was during Easter Week in Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire. She writes:—

When I accepted the invitation of one of the members of the St. John's College Bellringing Society to accompany them on this year's ringing tour, I did not know what I was letting myself into. Being a foreigner, I was entirely strange to the sort of bellringing practised in England. Of course, our church towers have bells too, but usually it is a single one to indicate the time. So I was most surprised to learn that there are towers with six, eight or even 12 bells. When I first ascended to a ringing chamber I wondered why the ropes were so thick: it was only afterwards that I learned that the big and heavy bells wanted strong ropes. The sallies puzzled me too; I soon realised that they were not for fancy but to protect the ringer's palms. I noticed that they usually had the union jack's colours—red, white and blue. Was it only accidental? I don't think so.

I had the opportunity of admiring the belfry at York Minster and at Powick. I was duly impressed by the enormous size of the bells and their wheels and the deafening sound they produced when rung. Ever afterwards I was horrified by the thought of what would happen if the stay broke. I imagined the ringer being pulled up into the belfry. That is why I never dared to touch a rope—I only sat watching the ringers. Thus I had time to study the wooden boards on the walls which told about the number of changes being rung and the people who did it. I was surprised to learn that the pieces of "music" were composed especially for the sake of bellringing.

I had heard quite a number of new words as well, like "peal," "quarter peal," tenor, treble, sally, etc., which are, of course, very confusing and maddening for a foreigner. By the time I had discovered their meaning and got used to them the tour was almost over.

I can't recall all the 23 towers, but some of them I still remember, for example:—

St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.—Here I was rather uncertain about the bellringers as it was the first tower.

Harborne.—I couldn't understand why one of them shouted at his friends. I didn't think he was kind!

Grimley.—A local ringer told us that the tenor had been cast in 1483.

Hanbury.—I admired the tower made of red sandstone.

Bewdley.—Here I first experienced a "rocking" tower. I expected it to collapse sooner or later, and though I told myself not to be silly, I persuaded my friend to leave and fled downstairs, petrified.

Badsey.—where a polythene curtain separated the ringing chamber from the church. "We look like ten bellringers in a polythene bag!"

The church which impressed me most was **Pershore Abbey**. It is beautifully situated in

the middle of a soft, fragrant lawn. There was no ringing chamber, only a sort of cage at the top of the tower. Here I almost fainted when I looked down.

St. Mary the Virgin, Cheltenham.—Here, after having joined a morning prayer, we found 12 lovely bells.

I also remember **St. Mary, Elmley Castle**, where one of the ringers got a terrible shock when her bell had no stay, thus causing it to pull the rope swiftly upwards.

The only thing I disliked about bellringing was the temperature in the ringing chambers. By the time the ringers had finished I was frozen stiff, and I could not help thinking that your churches should have overhead heaters to keep the chill away. The weather did not help matters, constant gusts of wind and sleet were followed by frost and several inches of snow. Unfortunately the minibus carrying us around broke down in the snow at Bishop's Cleeve, so we rode in draughty country buses from tower to tower.

These were, however, the only drawbacks of our tour. The company of the bellringers was very enjoyable—they were somehow different from other people. I have often wondered if bellringing was only a hobby for them or if they practised it for the honour of God. I noticed that some of them sacrificed every minute of their spare time. They neglected everything else and strove for perfection.

At the moment I am listening to a tape-recording of church bells and handbells which one of the ringers kindly sent me, and I have looked at photographs of the towers we visited, recalling in my memory the perhaps most peculiar but very enjoyable week I had in England.

I even hope to be able to accompany the ringers on next year's Easter tour.

BIRGIT HOFFMANN.

Dortmund-Aplerbeck,
West Germany.

UNION BOB

Dear Sir.—Our Society has recently been ringing a variety of Doubles methods, and we are rather puzzled at the use of the term "Bob" for the calling in the method known as Union Bob in the C.C. Collection of Doubles Methods and in the 1966 Ringers' Diary. The calling changes the position of just two bells (those in 4/5) with work which is essentially the same as that done at a single in Stedman Doubles. We grant that Union is not a principle and that the call causes the same places to be made as it does in Plain Bob Doubles—but there the coursing order of three bells is altered.

Mr. W. G. Wilson, in his excellent book on change-ringing, gives straightforward reasons why the call in Stedman Doubles must be a single: surely the same reasoning should be used to make the call in Union a single.—Yours sincerely,

PHILIP J. DANIEL

(Hon. Sec., Shebbear College Society).

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ANZAB Annual Meeting—Bill Pitcher New President

THE fifth Annual Festival of Ringing of the Australia and New Zealand Association was held in Sydney on the holiday week-end of June 11th-13th. It was well attended and for the second year running representatives of five member branches were present. Apart from the host ringers of New South Wales, there were 22 from Victoria, three from South Australia, two from Tasmania and one from Western Australia. In addition we had the pleasure of the attendance of three ringers from St. John's, Brisbane, as well as three from Canberra and one from Armidale. This Bath in miniature was once again a resounding success, and the task of organising a meeting spread out over the eight ringable Sydney towers, not exactly close together, must have presented many problems to the hosts; but so well was it done that this was not evident.

For many visitors, the start of the week-end's ringing on the steel bells at St. Jude's, Randwick, was in the nature of a tower grab, as until last June they had been silent for about four years. The first touch contained representatives from all five branches and required three attempts, due to the clapper of the third showing a marked tendency to whisk the second's rope out of sight. Another first for many was on the new Taylor ten at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, where all enjoyed the bells and the well-appointed ringing room. For those who had not been to Sydney before, a brief ring at St. Benedict's, with a mellow-sounding but almost-impossible-to-ring six, completed a full bag of eight. Any Sydney meeting is more or less a travelling one, and we should not like to have to count the miles driven by the hosts in transporting ringers between the city, Randwick, Burwood, Darling Point, Parramatta and Turramurra. It was all obligingly done and provided opportunity for uninterrupted talk, gossip or whatever.

THE COUNCIL MEETING

The Council meeting followed an excellent dinner at Julie's Restaurant in the city on Saturday evening. Julie's is not exactly expansive, and after the meal the 51 diners had to vacate the dining room for the street while tables were removed and the chairs rearranged. The meeting was chaired by Hervey Bagot, at the end of his presidential term, and showed the same tendency as in the past to get bogged down in procedural wrangles. A committee was established to examine the constitution, and perhaps in future years more time can be devoted to other matters. The Badge Committee was instructed to go ahead with production and badges should soon be available at 75c. A discussion on publicity produced some good ideas. The treasurer reported a healthy state in the finances, though the "Ringing Towers" report, while revealing a steady circulation of over 200 copies, showed a slight loss (14c.) and it was decided to raise the subscription rates slightly. The "Ringing Towers" Committee was congratulated on its work.

In his president's report, Hervey Bagot commented that the past year had been an exciting one for A.N.Z.A.B. and for ringing, and instanced the visit of the Great Adventure II party. He went on to stress that good, tuneful bell music should be the constant aim and that the achievement of this required enthusiasm, discipline and attention to detail. The election produced more changes than in previous years and the office-holders for 1966-67 are largely South Australians. Bill Pitcher is the new president as well as continuing as editor of "Ringing Towers" and as peal secretary. Richard Jolly succeeds Graeme Heyes as secretary and has Philippa Lamphee as his assistant. Ken Minchinton remains the treasurer. The venue for the next festival and Council meeting is Ballarat/Bendigo in June, 1967.

The formalities dispatched, ringing was resumed for the remainder of the week-end. A barbecue had been arranged for the Monday

afternoon, but the skies opened on Sunday night while some 80 ringers and friends were enjoying a very convivial cruise in Sydney Harbour aboard a small ferry, and as it was still raining on Monday morning the outdoor activities were abandoned and the afternoon profitably spent at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Everyone got their share of ringing during the festival, and varied teams and a variety of methods added to the enjoyment—from rounds to Stedman Caters, through the Grandsire and Plain Bob families from 5 to 10 bells, with some Surprise Major ringing in the shape of Cambridge, Yorkshire (an excellent half course) and Bristol (a rather muddy 3-lead touch). One quarter peal was rung—Plain Bob Minor at Parramatta, half-muffled in memory of a previous Rector of All Saints'.

ALAN R. PINK'S WHITSUN TOUR

THE record Whitsun traffic made some of the party late for the evening meal at our headquarters on Friday, May 27th, among them Giles Shedden and Ron Russ. The headquarters, in Southbourne, Bournemouth, could cater for our meals, but some members of the party had to be billeted out, including Alan himself. Jim Linnell was later sampling the local brew and sea air, in the company of Chris Clarke and Herbert Alexander, when at an uncomfortably late hour he realised Alan's overnight case was still locked in the boot of his car! We heard next morning that those billeted out had received a pretty frigid reception from their landlady in the small hours.

At the first tower, Hampreston, Dorset, on the Saturday, we were joined by Christine and Alan Baldock with Chris Rowson from Abingdon. Hampreston Church is noted more for the magnificent waggon roof of the nave, which has stood since the 14th century, than for its bells, a rather nondescript six. They served to loosen us up for Ringwood, however, where Bill Cheater met us and made enough for Bristol on this fine octave. Ron Marlow met us at Fordingbridge, but there were only enough of us to ring some College Exercise on the back six. The occupants of the "long distance" car arrived somewhat breathless with only 15 minutes' ringing time left ascending the stairs to shouts for a band to lower. The excuse this time was that it had taken them over half an hour to find the car at Ringwood!

Fortified by a good lunch at the Crown Hotel, Fordingbridge, we enjoyed an hour on the rather noisy eight at Cranborne, where among other things Superlative and Double Bob were rung. Wimborne St. Giles' bells were also noisy, but with plenty of music. Our "Car Park Exercise" band were late again. They had apparently been trying to ring the stuff at a ruined church down the road, though whether by design or navigational error we never did establish. Alan, however, was very pleased with the course of Ashted we rang after he chalked it up on the clock case, and we then set sail for Wimborne Minster. The further assistance of Bill Cheater and others enabled us to ring Cambridge Royal on the fine ten. After Herbert Alexander had called a 287 of Grandsire Caters, Noel Waite was collected from Bournemouth Station, and we dined at headquarters. Then it was time for the entire party to descend on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price's house in Fisherman's Avenue. The handbells Fred brought from Len Stilwell were given an airing, their somewhat suspect "W.D." markings being the work of William Dunn, circa 1820.

DENSE SUNDAY TRAFFIC

Sunday morning ringing was at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and St. James', Poole, though at the latter, despite Reg Rex joining us for the rest of the tour, we didn't muster enough for changes on the ten. After lunch at Wareham any ideas about seeing something of

COMPETITION

The large contingent from Victoria enabled the Joyner Cup for Interstate Ringers to be competed for. New South Wales won the first round with some good Minor at Turramurra, but Victoria evened the score the next day with some excellent Stedman Triples at St. Andrew's. In the deciding ring at Burwood on Monday morning the Victorian touch of Stedman broke down, and the cup is thus retained by New South Wales.

Again the annual gathering of ringers from the scattered towers of Australia has resulted in a week-end of enthusiastic ringing in a most friendly atmosphere. The success of the meeting is a tribute to the planning of the Sydney ringers, and the visitors offer them their thanks and appreciation. W. B. P.

the Isle of Purbeck during free time in the afternoon were put paid to by the dense traffic, so we contented ourselves with viewing the effigy of Lawrence of Arabia in St. Martin's, and strolling on the banks of the River Frome in the warm sunshine. A very pleasant hour was spent on the bells of Lady St. Mary, Wareham, where London was rung with the help of John Blackwood. Evening service ringing was at Christchurch, where we ploughed through a course of Bob Maximus.

Traffic on the Whit Monday morning was strangely thin as we made our way to Lymington. Here disaster was narrowly averted when someone discovered there were two people upstairs mending the clock. Despite our severely curtailed ringing time a course of Lincolnshire was scored before moving to Milford-on-Sea.

After lunch in Lyndhurst, the narrow, spiral staircase at Sheffield English caused the more portly members of the band, including our worthy organiser, a little difficulty. We found Lockerley bells very loud in the ringing chamber, but produced some good ringing, the highlight of which was a touch of spliced Plain and Double Bob. St. Mary's, Twyford, came next, and the tour finished in Winchester. As the Cathedral bells were not available, Dr. J. E. Spice kindly arranged for us to have a short ring on the six at the College.

A feature of this tour had been some good rises and falls, a part of our ringing that we tend to pay too little attention to. The party extends thanks to Alan for the arrangements, and to all those Hants and Dorset ringers and incumbents who played their part so well. R. K. R.

OBITUARY

MR. A. WESTCOTT

The news of the death of Mr. Alfred Westcott on June 7th came as a shock to all who knew him. Although he had done very little ringing since the last war, he was well remembered by all who had been associated with him.

There were at least 120 people present at the funeral service, which was held in the Church of Charles with St. Matthias, Plymouth, and was conducted by Preb. J. G. Byrnell, Rural Dean of Plymouth.

Among those present were former colleagues from the Plymouth Co-operative Society and a number of old age pensioners. Mr. Westcott was the treasurer of Plymouth Co-operative Old Age Pensioners' Association.

The ringers were represented by Messrs. T. G. Myers (Plymouth, St. Andrew's), G. Godard, W. Collier, H. H. Thomas, J. H. N. Rogers, the Rev. Eric Hayman (Emmanuel, Plymouth).

Preb. Byrnell spoke of Mr. Westcott's life as a Christian and of his great association with Charles Church, Plymouth, being the last captain of the ringers before the church was destroyed by enemy action in 1941.

S. SIMS.



MAYOR HAS HANDBELL LESSON.—When the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies held their festival at Beverley Minster, the Mayor and Mayoress of Beverley (Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leak) attended the service. Afterwards the Beverley and District Society gave a handbell demonstration that so appealed to the Mayor that he had a lesson! In "The Yorkshire Post" picture, which we reproduce with their kind permission, are, from left to right: Mr. Graham Smith, Mr. Charles Hobson, the Mayoress, Mr. Ronald Ducker, Beverley and District Society Ringing Master, the Mayor and Mr. Keith Goldthorpe. Report on page 374.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

THE warm, close weather made ringing an effort on the ten at Hatfield for the St. Albans District meeting on June 18th. The standard of ringing was surprisingly good, considering there were comparatively few members present. Some good Stedman and Erin Caters and Kent Royal were enjoyed. A service was held at 4.30 p.m., but it was very poorly attended. Tea was held in the small hall opposite.

Mr. Geoffrey Dodds was elected to the chair for the business meeting. Mr. D. J. Smith and Miss M. Smith, of Hatfield, were elected new members. A quick discussion of the successful practice meeting held at Essendon followed. The next practice meeting is to be at Harpenden on Wednesday, July 6th.

Mr. Dodds, as Central Council representative, gave the District an outline of the decisions of the Central Council at their A.G.M. Mrs. Amy Coburn, on behalf of the District, wished the secretary, Mr. Roger Brown, and his wife well in their new house in Harpenden.

Next meeting, South and North Mymms, July 16th. The Ringing Master, Mr. Gerald Penney has copies available of Hertfordshire Surprise Major, the special method for the meeting. J. A. F.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Mrs. V. Stone 1, J. Ford (first in more than one method) 2, C. Clarke (cond.) 3, E. Ford 4, M. Stone 5, W. Burland 6.

SS. MICHAEL AND PAUL, BATH

Widely-varying rings in Wiltshire and Hampshire were tried during the annual outing of SS. Michael and Paul's, Bath, and their friends on June 18th.

There was a disappointment at Pewsey, the first tower, where we could not obtain the tower key. A compensation was the fine-toned, slow-turning ring at Collingbourne-Kingston (6), where Stedman went well. The light bells of Thruxton (6) were turned well to Minor. Whichurch's ground floor ring provided the first eight of the day. Afterwards at Andover (8) ringing consisted of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Major.

Most of the ringers, at tea time, visited the steam traction engine rally near Andover, which resulted in some arriving late at Wotton. On the light ring with a very good tone Oxford Bob Minor, Stedman and a ladies' touch of Grandsire went well. The last tower was at Stockbridge (light 6, 7½ cwt.), where the tenor dropped quite surprisingly. The bells were not considered musical, but Kent, Stedman and an unconduted touch of Grandsire were enjoyed.

The incumbents and Mr. G. J. Hawkins, who arranged the outing, which unfortunately he was unable to attend due to a back injury, are sincerely thanked. D. C. H.

OUTING

CORSTON, BATH

Assembling at Chipping Campden on May 21st, Corston, Bath, ringers with friends from Twerton and Chew Magna had an enjoyable outing in Gloucestershire villages. Good use was made of Chipping Campden bells, and Moreton-in-the-Marsh bells proved much to their liking. A picnic lunch followed in the garden of a convenient hostelry before going to the picturesque villages of Lower and Upper Slaughter.

Bourton-on-the-Water provided an attraction for non-ringers, and the journey was through lanes to Great Barrington, where the easy-going six were duly appreciated. During a roadside picnic tea there was an exhibition of formation flying by jets from the Central Flying School at Rissington. Ringing concluded at Northleach, where the bells were much admired.

SANDY, BEDS.—On June 9th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Miss J. Cook 1, Mrs. R. Davey 2, Mrs. J. Ashton 3, J. R. Hough 4, C. J. Blain 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The ringer of the tenor in the quarter peal at Milverton on May 23rd was R. M. B. Cullen and not as printed.

Christchurch, New Zealand, is in the news this week with a quarter of Plain Bob Major, which was the first in the method in Major for the conductor, Mr. C. H. Ward.

Among the four first pealers at Longparish, Hants, on June 8th, were 14-year-old Philip Taylor and his father. It was a first peal attempt for both of them.

Protests have been ventilated in "The Kent Messenger" concerning the recent Saturday afternoon peal at Tenterden which greatly disturbed patients at St. Augustine's Hospital.

"It was noted with great delight two weeks ago that once again Bill Hibbert is ringing on the 'back-end'," writes D. Jewell, of Combe Martin, Devon. "After this fine performance, I feel sure that the 7th at Pilton will no longer be a problem for us in October."

Kent School, which has been very quiet concerning ringing performances, sends us a half peal of Grandsire Doubles. This is certified by Mr. Jeffrey Scott Nicholl, chairman of the Kent School Bellringers' Guild. Congratulations.

The list of members who had retired from the Central Council (page 372) should have included the name of Mr. Ernest J. Ladd, who retired last March after six years' service. His successor as representative of the East Grinstead and District Guild is Mr. B. E. Jeffrey.

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DEDICATION OF EASTHAMPSTEAD BELLS

A LARGE gathering took place at Easthampstead Parish Church on the afternoon of June 11th to witness the dedication of the recast augmented bells.

The Bishop of Oxford preached at the service and congratulated the local band for the work they had done both physically and in the organisation of financing the project.

The collection, teas, on-the-spot donations and raffia for "Change Ringing" by W. G. Wilson (won by Mr. A. J. N. Rance) brought in a further £50 to the bell fund.

Tea and ringing until 8.45 p.m. completed the day—altogether too short to enable adequate renewals of friendship—but a day which will stand out in the memories of all who helped in making it possible—support without which the countryside of Berkshire would be deprived of the beauty of this delightful light octave.

After a year of silence the local band rang the first quarter on the new bells on Sunday, June 12th. The first peal was scored on Monday, June 13th, by local members and representatives of Branch, Guild and donors.

DEDICATED PIONEERS

Canon Gilbert Thurlow in an address given at Hollesley, Suffolk, on June 11th, referred to the dedication at Easthampstead as follows: "I received this week a kind invitation to the dedication of the rehung bells, now eight, at Easthampstead today. I'd gladly have gone all the way to Berkshire, if your invitation had not been accepted long before. You see, the triumph at Easthampstead today is the triumph of dedicated pioneers, people of courage and imagination.

"I think only a very few months ago Easthampstead ringers discussed with their P.C.C. the need to rehang their bells and increase them to eight. The P.C.C. replied, 'All right, you ringers, get on with it!' and they did! Whilst too many other parishes find it difficult to raise the money, or can't be bothered, or take the amazing line that somehow the right and proper support of other church activities somehow exonerates them from their responsibility to their bells, whilst occasionally one hears of parishes which even try to convert to other purposes money given specifically for rehang bells for ringing, the dedicated pioneers of Easthampstead and their many friends have raised the large sum needed in a very short time because they really believed it was worth while."

SHEBBEAR SETS DEVON GUILD A NEW RECORD

Shebbear College Society must now be among the leading school ringing societies in the country. Their latest achievement is a peal of 14 Doubles methods at Langtree, Devon, on June 12th, which is the greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, the first for the Society and the first peal on the bells.

Mr. J. L. Queen informs us that Mr. D. J. Roberts, general secretary of the Devonshire Guild, confirmed that the peal set a new record for the Guild. The striking was of a consistently high standard throughout and came as a result of several weeks' hard practice at the methods involved, including unsuccessful quarter peal attempts in some of the methods.

A HANDBELL HALF-CENTURY

A milestone of achievement took place at 68, Warwick Avenue, Coventry, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens, on June 15th. That day marked the 50th anniversary of the first handbell peal on 12 in Birmingham, and also that Mr. Perrens, who was ringing 3-4 and conducting, rang his first on handbells in the same composition of Stedman Cinques. We feel certain that his very many friends will join us in congratulating the Central Council librarian on being spared to participate in such an anniversary.

CENTRAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCES

Mr. E. Billings, secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, who was responsible for the most successful local arrangements of the Central Council meeting at Northampton, has called our attention to the injustice done to that meeting by the inaccurate attendance figure given on page 388. The true position regarding attendances at recent Council meetings has been:—

1961	Stoke-on-Trent	147
1962	Cardiff	134
1963	Great Yarmouth	145
1964	Truro	145
1965	Northampton	154
1966	Bath	158

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY GUILD

At our last A.G.M. our retiring Ringing Master suggested that we should tour a few local towers and close the outing with a meal, an idea which was realised this term. The quarter peal attempted at Bray of 11 Doubles methods, called by R. A. Vere Hodge, failed as three leads were lost due to lights fusing.

When the rest of the party arrived two experts went on to Blessington to adjust and splice ropes! Most of the ringers depended on three long-lived cars for transport. Even Aloycus, a renowned old lady, made the hazardous ascent over the Wicklow Mountains. Only one car required pushing.

After the triumph of ringing two 120's of Plain Bob Minor at Blessington, even the fittest of us welcomed the dinner at the neighbouring hotel. At the end of the handbell session which followed, several ringers proposed that this outing should be an annual event.

H. H.

CANADIAN HANDBELL FESTIVAL

The first Canadian handbell festival was held at Yorkminster, Ontario, at the end of April, promoted by Mrs. Vera Diamond, of Willowdale, Ontario. She directs the Diamond Handbell Choir, the only Canadian membership in the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers; the choir has had the privilege of playing for many churches and clubs throughout Metro, Toronto. Seven visiting handbell choirs participated in the festival, the sacred concert being held at Yorkminster United Church. As the outcome of the festival it was decided to form a Canadian Chapter of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers and Mrs. Diamond has been elected the Chapter's first chairman. Recently she received ten additional bells, completing a three-octave chromatic set.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TENOR

Dedicating the tenor at Scole, Norfolk, which completed the ring to six, on June 14th, Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, emphasised the importance of the tenor bell.

"You might," he said, "think it hardly worth while having a special service to dedicate the new tenor bell, especially as you have had a triumphant service of dedication of the new bells here quite recently. But there is a very good reason for taking all this trouble over your new tenor, not only because it is the largest and the heaviest and most important bell in the tower, but for a greater reason.

"The tenor is the bell which gives the key of the whole ring. It is the completion of the music. We are familiar with the expression 'keynote.' We say that a speech or a meeting or a celebration had a certain keynote—a keynote of triumph or sorrow or unity or whatever we felt about it.

"It was felt here that the keynote of the ring was not good enough, so the whole ring was, so to speak, incomplete, irritatingly incomplete. The five new bells sounded A, G, F, E, D, beautifully with all the resources of modern tuning. Then came C, not good enough, spoiling the completion of the music, giving a feeling that the climax was a disappointment instead of a triumph. And now you have the triumph of knowing that the keynote of your bells is complete, perfect and satisfying."

A HEREFORD BROADCAST

Listeners to the Midland Region programme "Midlands Today" on June 6th heard a recording of the bells of St. Margaret's, Wellington, Herefordshire, preceding an interview with Frederick Sharpe, who was talking about his forthcoming book, "The Church Bells of Herefordshire." At the same time listeners to the Welsh Home Service heard Mr. Sharpe discussing his recent book, "The Church Bells of Cardiganshire." Both programmes were recorded in the ringing chamber of St. Margaret's during a day visit to Herefordshire on June 4th.

Thanks are due to the Vicar, the Rev. W. P. Johns, for granting permission for the recording at a moment's notice, and to the local ringers—Christine and Angela, Julie and her father—who were called upon at teatime to make up a band to ring the bells.

The programme was repeated on June 15th. Mr. Sharpe is shortly to record another programme which will be heard in the Home Service in the near future. G. T. C.

SIXTY YEARS AFTER

Thursday, June 9th, was the diamond jubilee of the eight bells at Anstey, Leics, after previously having a very bad-toned, bad-going ring of five bells. One of only two surviving members of the band which rang the first peal on the eight in 1906, Mr. Edward W. Jackson stood outside and listened for almost the entire length of the jubilee peal and afterwards had a ring himself, his first since going to live in Canada 55 years ago.

Mr. G. Dodds points out regarding his question at the Central Council meeting as to the republishing of out-of-print publications (page 392) that the method he suggested was by use of Xerox, which is cheaper than ordinary printing.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

LOXTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sun., June 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Grandsire, St. Clement's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southrepps and Kennington, and two of Plain Bob.

*†Christopher Avery .. Treble	Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B flat.
Christopher J. Royal .. 2	Ronald J. Snack .. 4
John S. Walton .. 3	†P. John Hall .. 5
	C. Barrie Dove .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

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

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

17 Course Block reduced. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp

*Reginald Walls .. Treble	Jack Bailey .. 5
†Geoffrey Bridges .. 2	*Clive Thrower .. 6
*Kevin Betesta .. 3	David Walklate .. 7
*John Dean .. 4	David Friend .. Tenor

Conducted by David Walklate.

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

MATLOCK, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Fri., June 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

Minnie I. Foskett .. Treble	Timothy Wylie .. 5
Donald G. Clift .. 2	Burley P. Morris .. 6
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith .. 3	Richard A. Inglis .. 7
*Peter Taylor .. 4	David J. Llewellyn .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.

* First peal of Bob Major.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(Shebbear College Society.)

LANGTREE Devon.—At the Parish Church.

On Sun., June 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 14 methods/variations—3 extents each of Union Bob, Stedman, Shipway's Place Bob, Antelope, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, St. Remigius' Bob, St. Osmund's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*William M. Taylor .. Treble	†‡David J. Ley .. 4
†Philip J. Daniel .. 2	John L. Queen .. 5
Roger J. Gay .. 3	*Wesley J. Moore .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger J. Gay.

* First peal attempt. † First of Doubles. ‡ First "inside." First peal on the bells. First as conductor in more than one method. Greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild, in the county, by the Society and by all the band.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. the Queen, and as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., June 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Donald G. Clift .. Treble	David J. Llewellyn .. 7
John E. Anderson .. 2	Eric N. Harrison .. 8
Michael Maughan .. 3	John Hartless .. 9
Philip N. Tubbs .. 4	Ronald N. Marlow .. 10
George S. Deas .. 5	Robert C. Kippin .. 11
Frank L. Harris .. 6	Brian J. Luff .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS Mary and Michael.

On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

Arthur G. Mason .. Treble	John J. Gipson .. 5
Claudia A. Critchley .. 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
Eric Edmondson .. 3	Frederick J. Cullum .. 7
Herbert E. Audsley .. 4	Frank E. Haynes .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

Rung in honour of the wedding of David S. Osenton and Margaret Nurse, who were married this day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT WALTHAM Essex.—At the Church of SS Mary and Lawrence

On Sat. May 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

*Keith W. Brown .. Treble	Christopher K. Cooper .. 5
Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	Peter S. Bennett .. 6
Yvonne A. Murray .. 3	Peter G. Brown .. 7
Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4	James L. Towler .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.

* First peal of Major

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, Shrub End.

On Sat. June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Lesley Ward .. Treble	Herbert M. McArthur .. 4
Neil V. Avis .. 2	*Roy Stephenson .. 5
*Derek W. Bloyce .. 3	Adrian G. Semken .. Tenor

Conducted by Adrian G. Semken.

* First peal. † First "inside."

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch

On Sat. June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 70 methods, comprising 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnesbury, Benington Bristol, Cherwell, Chester Claybrooke, Cray, Deben, Derwent, Dublin, Eastcote, Elford Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Maulden, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northolt, Painswick, Ramsey Rutland, Scawthorpe, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative Thorne Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, and 64 changes each of Cambridge, Campsall, Falmouth, Hanbury, Hitchin, Pudsey, Radlett, Richmond Tring, Watford and Warwickshire, and 32 changes each of Bicester, Coddensham, Conisbrough, Dartford, Dorchester, Fordham, Framley Hendon, Highgate Kettering, Lincoln, Malmesbury, Northwood, Otley, Pyrford, Quinton, Shenley, Stoke, Umberlade and Xavier with 158 changes of method.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Maurice A. New .. Treble	James R. Taylor .. 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Brian Bladen .. 6
Michael J. Hobbs .. 3	Edward R. Venn .. 7
Anthony R. Peake .. 4	*Peter Bridle .. Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* 100th peal for the Gloucester and Bristol Association. The greatest number of Surprise and Major methods yet rung to a peal.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

*Aileen E. McAteer .. Treble	*William A. Patterson .. 5
*Rosemary Thompson .. 2	*Gerald D. Brown .. 6
*Maud Austin .. 3	*John Lindsay .. 7
Harry Brown .. 4	John T. Dunwoody .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., June 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Peter S. Muchlinski .. Treble	John W. Smith .. 5
Arthur G. Mason .. 2	Tony Lewis .. 6
Frederick J. Cullum .. 3	D. Paul Smith .. 7
Herbert E. Audsley .. 4	*Ian H. Oram .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* "Circled the tower" twice.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to David Osenton and Margaret Nurse, to be married the following day at Long Sutton, Lincolnshire.

EYNSFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Peter S. Muchlinski .. Treble	Ian H. Oram .. 5
*Tony Lewis .. 2	Arthur S. Richards .. 6
Richard G. Crosland .. 3	Ralph Bird .. 7
Doris E. Colgate .. 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal in the method "inside." First on the bells since re-hanging.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
On Mon., June 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt.			
*Martin Green	Treble	Shirley Burton	6
John M. Jelley	2	Brian S. Chapman	7
J. Martin Thorley	3	Herrick B. Bowley	8
Richard Prime	4	E. Alan Jacques	9
*Howard Palmer	5	William J. Root	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

* First peal of Royal.

Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.

ANSTEY, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary,
On Thurs., June 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.			
A. Maxwell Lindsey	Treble	Roland H. Cook	5
Martin Green	2	David G. Wilford	6
G. Barry Brown	3	William A. Lacey	7
Howard C. Palmer	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Rung on the diamond jubilee of the eight bells (1906).

Conducted by William A. Lacey.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARLAXTON, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Peter,
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.			
Being seven extents called differently.			
Graham D. Thompson	Treble	Thomas A. Relf	4
Leonard G. Thompson	2	John F. Pearson	5
Fred W. Pinchbeck	3	Louis Wilders	Tenor

Conducted by Louis Wilders.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to the wife of the Rev. C. G. C. Robertson on her departure to America to visit their daughter.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

WESTMINSTER.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes,
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E.			
Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	Timothy G. Pett	6
Roger D. Bailey	2	Edward F. P. Bryant	7
Yvonne Edwards	3	Richard O. Humphries	8
Anthony H. Smith	4	Martin C. Faulkes	9
Michael W. Coleman	5	*Roger W. Powell	Tenor

Composed by F. Nolan Golden.

* First peal of Stedman.

Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant

RADLETT, Hertfordshire.—At Christ Church,
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 3 cwt. 16 lb. in G.			
Being seven extents in the following seven methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Double Oxford C.B., (3) Oxford B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's C.B., (6) Cambridge S., (7) Plain Bob.			
David L. Cawley	Treble	John Q. Pladdys	4
Timothy G. Pett	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	5
Edward D. Elderkin	3	Roger D. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

First peal on the bells in more than one method.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary,
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstan's four-part.

Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb. in E.			
Robert C. Kippin	Treble	Maurice G. Ingram	5
Frederick R. Scott	2	J. Keith Ward	6
*Mary G. Gage	3	David P. Hilling	7
Roger A. Gage	4	*John A. Elliott	Tenor

* First peal.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWAFFHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.			
Sidney Marshall	Treble	George P. Adams	5
*Rev. M. C. C. Melville	2	Kevin S. Hohl	6
Robin Shipp	3	Leslie F. Bailey	7
Shelagh R. Collins	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

* 10th tower for a peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COOKHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.			
In seven methods, comprising 576 Yorkshire, 640 Bristol and 768 each of Cambridge, London, Pudsey, Rutland and Superlative with 142 changes of method.			
Frederick R. Scott	Treble	William H. Jackson	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	J. Keith Ward	6
Gibson Jackson	3	David P. Hilling	7
Ronald F. Diserens	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

EASTHAMPTSTEAD, Berkshire.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Mary Magdalene

On Mon., June 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 9 lb. in C.			
Charles H. Kippin	Treble	Alan R. Pink	5
Sandra L. Goodship	2	Bernard C. Castle	6
Joan A. Rance	3	Arthur J. N. Rance	7
Stanley G. Scott	4	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Frank C. Price.

First peal on the bells, which were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford on June 11th.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the church.

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.			
Being seven extents.			
*Reginald J. Foster	Treble	Maurice G. Ingram	4
David P. Hilling	2	Frank W. Lewis	5
Beryl R. Simpson	3	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

* First peal on six bells. The conductor has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARKET DRAYTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary,
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.			
*William J. Chester	Treble	Graham C. Paul	5
James Linnell	2	Alan A. Paul	6
†Raymond A. Vickers	3	*Charles E. Truman	7
Barry E. Saunders	4	George W. Holland	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce.

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* 50th peal together. † First in the method.

EDITH WESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt.			
Christopher J. Groome	Treble	Ronald Russell	4
*Lionel Atton	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
J. Charles Hudson	3	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal. The conductor has now "completed the circle." Rung on the 122nd anniversary of the birth of Jasper Whitfield Snowden.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., June 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.			
David J. Purnell	Treble	Graham C. Paul	7
Martin D. Fellows	2	Edward W. Colley	8
Maryl R. Crossthaite	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	Michael J. Fellows	10
John C. Eisel	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
George E. Fearn	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., June 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.			
Maryl R. Crossthaite	Treble	John C. Eisel	7
Roderick W. Pipe	2	Edward W. Colley	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	Clifford A. Barron	9
John R. Insley	4	Martin D. Fellows	10
Michael J. Fellows	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
George E. Fearn	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Wed., June 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Richard J. Parker Treble	*Clifford A. Barron 5
Norman J. Goodman 2	Roderick W. Pipe 6
John R. Insley 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
*David J. Purnell 4	*George E. Fearn Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Guild.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
HAGLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., June 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*Stanley W. Illidge Treble	Richard B. Dorrington 5
Edward R. Fairbrother 2	Elizabeth Timmins 6
W. George Page 3	Philip R. Johnson 7
†Christine Slater 4	Philip G. K. Davies Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal of Major. † First on eight bells.

ALVELEY, Salop.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Christine Slater Treble	Philip R. Johnson 4
Edward R. Fairbrother 2	Philip G. K. Davies 5
Elizabeth Timmins 3	Richard B. Dorrington Tenor

Conducted by Richard B. Dorrington.
* First peal in two methods First peal as conductor.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Geoffrey H. Pullin Treble	*Michael J. Bew 6
Cecil W. Pipe 2	J. Barry Pickup 7
*Catherine M. Powell 3	*Peter M. Adcock 8
*Angela M. Wright 4	Roderick W. Pipe 9
Lawrence R. Pizze 5	David E. House Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

HINTLESHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Ronald W. Stewart Treble	E. James Lockwood 4
Jennifer M. Andrews 2	Lawrence R. Pizze 5
*Simon Christian 3	Neville F. Whittell Tenor

Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.
* Most methods "inside" to a peal of Minor

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
CURDRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in D.

Kathleen E. Fletcher Treble	*Jeffrey L. Cloughton 5
*Catharine J. Maundrell 2	*John W. Blackwood 6
*David Wilson 3	John Hartless 7
Philip N. Tubbs 4	Ronald N. Marlow Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* First peal in the method. First in method as conductor.
A compliment to Gordon Benfield and Mary Lowe, who were married this day in Winchester Cathedral.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thurstans' 5-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*Janice M. Hurst Treble	†Richard H. Youdale 5
*Barry R. M. Johnson 2	J. Ashmore Dodd 6
†Catharine J. Maundrell 3	William G. Young 7
†Richard L. Underwood 4	†Terry C. Holland Tenor

Conducted by J. Ashmore Dodd.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples. First as conductor.

LONGPARISH, Hants.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., June 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 7 cwt.

*William Furness Treble	*Philip Taylor (14) 4
*Robert Crocker 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
Frank R. Tonge 3	*Charles Taylor Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal.

BURITON, Hants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*Elizabeth M. Whittom .. Treble	*Andrew P. Reeves 4
Kay J. Tremear 2	David M. Hughes 5
Keith Sansom 3	R. Brian Walton Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Walton.
* First peal attempt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., June 16, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Ronald H. Dove Treble	Kenneth B. Sissons 5
James S. Webb 2	*Robin Brown 6
Susan Jackson 3	*C. Barrie Dove 7
Allan Sheppard 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in the method.

SHELLEY, Yorkshire.—At Emmanuel Church.
On Fri., June 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in 13 methods: (1) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Capel T.B., (2) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Ockley T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Iris Lemare Treble	Peter Carbutt 4
Elizabeth Peace 2	David S. Johnson 5
Trevor Tarbatt 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
Rung to welcome David Edward Corby, and also as a wedding compliment to Joan Dunn-Birch and Rodney Pagdin.

CROFTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*Margaret White Treble	Irvin Slack 4
Patricia Lockwood 2	Ian North 5
Alan Clifton 3	Rodney Stephenson Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.
* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At "Bombay," 24, Ridge Crescent.
Hawk Green.

On Wed., June 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-Part. Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall 1-2	†Gerald Moorhouse 5-6
*Robert B. Smith (cond.) 3-4	†Alan Scholfield 7-8

* 700th peal. † First of Grandsire Triples "in hand." † First of Grandsire and of Triples.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
COVENTRY.—At 68, Warwick Avenue.
On Wed., June 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.

Ernest Sibley 1-2	Hubert E. Ashley 7-8
Frank W. Perrens 3-4	Geoffrey Pratt 9-10
Paul K. Williamson 5-6	Hubert G. Summers 11-12

Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens

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HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James,

On Fri., June 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Maud Austin 1-2 | John T. Dunwoody 5-6
John Palmer 3-4 | John Lindsay 7-8

Composed by M. Bangham. Conducted by John Lindsay.

First peal of Major as conductor.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James,

On Fri., May 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor size 14 in D.

*†Maud Austin 1-2 | *John T. Dunwoody 5-6
*†John Lindsay 3-4 | *John Palmer 7-8

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

*First peal of Plain Bob Triples "in hand." †25th handbell peal together. ‡175th peal.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. COVENTRY.—At 68, Warwick Avenue.

On Wed., June 15, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 15 in C.

Ernest Sibley 1-2 | Hubert E. Ashley 7-8
Frank W. Perrens 3-4 | Geoffrey Pratt 9-10

Paul K. Williamson 5-6 | Hubert G. Summers 11-12

Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first handbell peal on 12 in Birmingham.

The ringer of 3-4 rang his first on handbells in the same composition of Stedman Cinques, rung on June 15th, 1916.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—At 3, Honington Crescent.

On Wed., June 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

In six methods, comprising Wellington Little Court, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Little Bob and Plain Bob, with 299 changes of method.

Geoffrey R. Parker 1-2 | A. Robin Heppenstall 5-6
Margaret A. Parker 3-4 | George E. Fearn 7-8

Jack L. Millhouse 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by George E. Fearn.

Each course rung W, R, D, G, L, P.

First peal of Spliced Royal in six methods by all the band and for the Guild.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At Hadleigh, The Avenue.

On Tues., June 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker 1-2 | Frank G. Bloomfield 5-6
Gwen I. Bloomfield 3-4 | Jack L. Millhouse 7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

(in 70 Methods)

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Arranged by Stephen J. Ivin.

23456 M W H

45236 — — Malmes. Umber. Wem.
24536 — — Ben. Quinton. Barnes.
52436 — — Hendon. Trow. Shenley
43526 — — Highgate. Lincs. Xavier.
54326 — — Thorne. Ald. Wordsworth.
35426 — — Uxb. Bicester. Camp.
42356 — — Shore. Lang. Scawthorpe.
63254 — — Elf Sup. Vauxhall.
26354 — — Chester. Kettering. Clay.
32654 — — Ram. Lincoln. East.

56423 — — London. Apsley. Less.
42563 — — Ick. Yorks. Northolt.
35264 — — Lind. Cher. Rut.

34562 2 — Der. Bristol. Dart. Conis. [Glos.
45362 — 3 2 Stock. Jers. Cray. Stoke. Dublin. Northwood. New
23564 — — Deben. Minsmere. Mauld.
56234 — — Fordham. Tring. Wem.

25634 — — Ben. Hitchin. Barns.
62534 — — Hanbury. Trow. Rad.
53624 — — Wat. Lincs. Falmouth.
65324 — — Thorne. Ald. Words.
36524 — — Uxb. Pains. Camp.
52364 — — Shore. Lang. Scaw.
43265 — — Elf Sups. Vauxhall.
24365 — — Chest. Warwicks. Clay.
32465 — — Rams. Puds. East.

36245 A. A.

35642 2 — Der. Bristol. Dorch. Codden. [Glos.
56342 — 3 2 Stock. Jers. Cray. Camb. Dublin. Richmond. New
23645 — — Deben. Mins. Mauld.
64235 — — Framley. Tring. Wem.

34256 B. B.

36452 2 — Der. Bristol. Pyrford. Otley. [Glos.
64352 — 3 2 Stock. Jers. Cray. Camb. Dublin. Richmond. New
23456 — — Deben. Mins. Maulden.

Contains 96 each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnesbury, Benington, Bristol, Cherwell, Chester, Claybrooke, Cray, Deben, Derwent, Dublin, Eastcote, Elford, Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Maulden, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northolt, Painswick, Ramsey, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative, Thorne, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, 64 each of Cambridge, Campsall, Falmouth, Hanbury, Hitchin, Pudsey, Radlett, Richmond, Tring, Watford and Warwickshire, and 32 each of Bicester, Coddenham, Conisbrough, Dartford, Dorchester, Fordham, Framley, Hendon, Highgate, Kettering, Lincoln, Malmesbury, Northwood, Otley, Pyrford, Quinton, Shenley, Stoke, Umberslade and Xavier, with 158 changes of method.

QUARTER PEALS

EASTHAMPTSTEAD, BERKS.—On June 12th, 1,504 Plain Bob Major: F. C. Price (cond.) 1, S. L. Goodship 2, Joan A. Rance 3, S. G. Scott 4, A. J. N. Rance 5, C. W. Bailey 6, W. R. Churchill 7, J. E. Chilcott 8. First of Major 6 and 7. First quarter on the augmented bells. For Evenson.

EDMONTON, MIDDY.—On June 12th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Jacquie Hedges 1, Beryl Platt 2, Gloria Simpson (first of T.B.) 3, Teresa Langdon 4, Trudy Newcombe 5, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 6. For Hospital Sunday Evenson.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On May 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. E. Morris 1, Miss F. Munt 2, Mrs. J. Morris 3, Mrs. R. Davey 4, E. J. Thoday 5, A. J. Davey 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, G. W. Henson 8. For morning service. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Munt 1, J. I. Reed 2, Mrs. J. Wells 3, Mrs. R. Davey 4, Miss J. Davey 5, P. E. Wells 6, A. J. Davey (cond.) 7, G. W. Henson 8. Rung for the wedding of Trevor John Upchurch and Jacqueline Megan Morris, with best wishes. Both rung on the middle six.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: D. Sears 1, C. Hagger 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, C. Meakes (first of Grandshire "inside") 4, S. Smith 5, W. Avery 6. For Evenson. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: C. Meakes 1, Mrs. G. Hazell 2, K. Seymour 3, C. Hagger 4, W. Avery 5, R. Hazell (cond.) 6. For Evenson.

LONDON.—At St. Anne's, Brookfield, on Trinity Sunday: Doreen Deverell 1, J. M. Payton 2, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 3, J. T. O'Dell 4, P. G. Foote 5, R. D. Bailey 6. A welcome to the ministry to all ordained this day and in particular to David Hinge, a new curate at St. Anne's, and Ian Z. Ogilvie, a former member of the band.

LYDIARD MILICENT, WILTS.—On June 11th, 1,224 London Surprise Minor: D. Dancy 1, P. Tomba 2, B. Bladon 3, A. R. Peake (cond.) 4, D. J. Carr 5, M. A. New 6. First of London Minor by all except 3 and 4.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. R. Wratton 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Evenson.

MADRON, CORNWALL.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: J. Troon 1, Mrs. R. White 2, Miss N. Cadey 3, W. A. White 4, G. Taysom (cond.) 5, T. Poynter 6. A compliment to Mr. Francis Monk, lay reader and headmaster of Madron School, ordained deacon at Truro Cathedral on Trinity Sunday.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (eleven methods): Julie Hopkins 1, J. G. Edgson 2, P. M. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Anne Risby (first quarter) 6. A 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: B. G. Key (cond.) 1, Mrs. G. Rowley 2, L. Walley 3, G. A. Moore 4, E. Young 5, Mrs. M. Simms 6, W. H. Harris 7, Miss E. Timmins 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Young, on their 30th wedding anniversary.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 11th, 1,272 Norwich S. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Carol Cousins 2, Amanda Powell 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. A wedding compliment to Mary Taylor and John Faircloth. Also on June 12th, 1,344 Annable's London S. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Wendy Wallace 2, Amanda Powell 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in method 2 and 3. For Matins, and as a birthday compliment to Margaret Godfrey.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): Miss M. Wilkinson 1, D. Ellidson (cond.) 2, Miss V. Jones 3, Miss B. Shaw (first "inside") 4, C. Wright 5, R. Nash 6, C. Nash 7, D. Knewstubb 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 7. In honour of the 102nd birthday of Mrs. Elizabeth Fulcher, great aunt of the tenor ringer, who lives in the parish.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's, on May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. Martin 1, T. Newlands 2, J. Collard 3, D. Reynolds 4, F. J. Sampson 5, J. R. Taylor 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, Miss G. M. Hussey 8. BRISTOL.—At SS. Philip and Jacob's, on June 12th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: T. Hemmings 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, D. Powney 3, G. King (first quarter) 4, R. J. Bowden (cond.) 5, J. Hillman 6.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Louise Cockerton (first quarter) 1, F. Williams 2, D. A. Wills (cond.) 3, F. D. Mack 4, A. R. Williams 5, A. E. Knight 6.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: S. Wells 1, W. White 2, Mrs. P. Aplin 3, L. F. Cox 4, C. J. Garlick 5, G. W. Bishop 6, J. H. Napper (cond.) 7, B. Wheeler 8. For the Dedication Festival.

HALF PEAL

KENT, CONNECTICUT, U.S.A.—At Kent School, on May 13th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: D. de Ganahl 1, G. Kee 2, W. Budd 3, C. Newton 4, J. Nicholl (cond.) 5, J. Conolley 6.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Knowles (first quarter) 1, P. Jones 2, D. Kerley 3, George Kerley 4, Geoffrey Kerley 5, J. Clatworthy 6. First quarter on the bells with the tenor rung in. Rung on the occasion of the church service of the High Constable of Miskin Higher (Mr. H. Noel Thomas).

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Leigh 1, E. Chapman 2, C. Clarke (cond.) 3, A. Leigh 4, G. Burge 5, F. Ashman 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. A farewell compliment to the Rev. J. C. Russell. Also on June 11th, 1,428 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. B. Bindon 1, K. E. Beale 2, L. H. Ancott 3, J. E. Brewer 4, H. Churchill 5, R. F. Arcott 6, A. H. Reed (cond.) 7, R. M. B. Cullen 8. First in method for all the band. Rung for H.M. the Queen's official birthday and Commonwealth Day.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On June 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Helen E. Gilbert 1, Rosemarie A. Frith 2, Marion R. Pantion 3, P. J. Gibson 4, P. S. Bennett 5, I. R. Pantion (cond.) 6. First in the method for all except 5 and 6.

CARDIGAN, CARDS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. P. Griffiths 1, D. J. Morgan (first "inside") 2, A. F. Walters (cond.) 5, Mrs. Jean Thomas 4, R. Pateman 5, B. Griffiths 6. To mark the centenary this day of the local paper, "The Cardigan and Tivyside Advertiser."

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Brentnall 1, W. J. Atkins 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, P. H. Walters (first in two methods) 4, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 5, C. J. Harpley 6. For Confirmation.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.—At the Cathedral, on May 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. N. Dunn 1, Mrs. R. Barber (first quarter) 2, Miss C. Mascfield (Australia, first of P.B. Major) 3, J. H. Gardner 4, N. F. Reeve 5, G. N. Sloan 6, R. G. T. Bennett 7, C. H. Ward (first of P.B. Major as cond.) 8.

COBHAM, SURREY.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Catharine Parlett (first quarter) 1, Marian Randall (first quarter) 2, A. F. Wren 3, W. R. Hayward 4, W. E. Matthews 5, A. W. Holden (cond.) 6. For the official birthday of H.M. the Queen.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTANTIS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Cheryl Paul (first quarter) 1, J. Linnell 2, Daphne Webb 3, B. E. Saunders 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5, A. A. Paul 6.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On May 20th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Slade 1, M. Lush 2, H. Slade 3, M. M. Godley 4, R. H. Duke 5, T. F. Collins 6, E. H. Arney (cond.) 7, G. J. Goringe 8. A thanksgiving for the restoration work on the church and tower.

DORNEY, BUCKS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda Jackman 1, S. Hare 2, G. R. Shedden 3, W. Birmingham 4, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 5, R. Hare 6. First quarter 1 and 2. Rung for the dedication of a new stained glass window by the Bishop of Buckingham.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Suzanne Carrick (first quarter) 1, R. H. Roberts (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth Banks 3, R. Allinson 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, T. Matcham 6. Conductor's 50th quarter.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On June 6th, 1,320 8-Spliced Plain Major: Rosemary J. Palmer 1—2, Janet I. Rogers 3—4, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 5—6, R. H. Rogers (100th quarter) 7—8. First of 8-spliced by all.

HERTFORD.—On May 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. J. W. Folley 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, D. Digby 3, P. M. F. Seales 4, R. A. Cochrane 5, J. Kemp 6, E. Edmondson 7, G. Penney (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3 and 4. For the annual Diocesan Eucharist.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On June 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. J. M. Marsh (first Doubles) 1, R. D. Marsh 2, W. G. Marsh (first as cond.) 3, R. Blackshaw and D. Barker 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On May 29th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: W. Ransom 1, Mrs. R. Davey 2, D. G. Papworth 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6. Also on June 12th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: W. Ransom (cond.) 1, Mrs. R. Davey 2, W. Papworth 3, G. L. Goodyer 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDD.—On May 8th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Frances Dodds 1, Carol Blagdon 2, M. P. Thomas 3, H. R. Blagdon 4, Joyce Dodds 5, G. Dodds 6, R. J. Collis 7, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 8, H. W. Rogers 9, I. C. Cooper 10. Also on June 5th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: June Creak 1, Carol Blagdon 2, P. Felton (cond.) 3, H. Blagdon 4, Kathleen Parr 5, Olive Rogers 6, I. Cooper 7, R. Collis 8, H. Rogers 9, C. Rogers 10. Also on June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Felton (first quarter) 1, R. Collis 2, Kathleen Parr 3, Olive Rogers 4, June Creak 5, C. Richards 6, H. Rogers (cond.) 7, P. Felton 8.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Fairs 1, F. Whiterod 2, A. Hunwick 3, J. Papworth 4, C. Burton (cond.) 5, E. Coulson 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial Alfred May, sidesman and honorary member, Essex Association.

LEIGH, LANC.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret E. Fort 1, Valerie E. Watts 2, P. Gregory 3, D. Makin-Taylor (first "inside") 4, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 5, J. P. Leigh (first quarter) 6. For the Ecumenical Rally.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Smith 1, R. Mitchell 2, Louise Evans (first "inside") 3, Diane Presdee 4, L. Floyd (cond.) 5, A. Presdee (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of David Pratt and George Pearce.

LANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on June 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Pauline Blish-Cheesman 1, Diana Chapman 2, Gillian M. Brearley 3, D. B. Williams 4, M. A. Gilbey (first of Surprise Major) 5, J. T. Parsons 6, M. G. R. Zobel 7, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 8. Rung by the U.B.S.C.R. to celebrate the end of term.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Gillian Heywood 1, K. Richards (first "inside") 2, Mrs. C. Evans 3, W. J. Harris 4, J. Astbury (cond.) 5, K. Heywood (first quarter) 6, Rev. G. T. Heywood 7, Rev. T. O. Evans 8. Rung to mark the awarding of the M.B.E. to Mr. W. J. Harris, ringier of the fourth.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. P. Parker (first quarter) 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 3, D. R. Fallick (first "inside") 4, J. Hartless 5, W. R. Gilks 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on May 22nd, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: D. E. Cobb (cond.) 1, A. M. Faulkner 2, M. C. Austin 3, C. G. Wright 4, D. Ellisdon 5, A. J. Slade 6, I. L. Dear 7, K. Warner 8, D. A. Hewitt 9, F. V. Gant 10. For Evensong. Also at St. Clement Danes', on June 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, R. R. Churchill (first of Stedman) 3, E. D. Elderkin 4, T. G. Pett 5, J. Pladdys 6, A. E. Bagworth 7, R. D. Bailey 8. Rung by U.L.S.C.R.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas', on June 12th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Miss M. A. Welch 1, S. K. Thompson 2, R. E. Bureby 3, J. P. Coad 4, R. A. Yeates 5, A. P. Foster (cond.) 6.

PURTON, WILTS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Richards 1, P. Tomes 2, D. Dancy 3, G. W. Land 4, D. J. Carr (cond.) 5, M. A. New 6.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On June 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. H. Coatsworth 1, C. F. Mew (cond.) 2, Alison M. Mann 3, A. R. Millidge 4, B. J. Bull 5, G. Reynolds 6, N. R. Waite 7, D. C. Brookes 8. An engagement compliment to Brian Coatsworth and Patricia Randall, of Norwich, and formerly of Kingston, Surrey.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Knepe 1, K. G. Game (cond.) 2, Joan Hanning 3, W. Dunn 4, A. T. Shelton 5, W. Inwood 6, C. Dawes 7, Angela Hughes (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On June 14th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Wood 1, T. Hollis (first quarter) 2, R. Harper (first "inside") 3, Mrs. E. Chaddock 4, A. Holroyd 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, D. Nichols 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8.

SAMLESBURY, LANC.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Clayton 1, Miss P. Gardner 2, A. Gardner 3, Mrs. G. Clayton 4, D. H. McCormick (cond.) 5, R. Barnes 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 4.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Guest 1, B. Holland (cond.) 2, J. Seager 3, W. Holland 4, L. Smith 5, D. Holland 6, H. O. Chaddock 7, A. Friskney 8. For the Queen's birthday.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On June 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, G. E. Fearn 2, V. W. Rigg 3, Merryn Hutchings 4, Pamela M. Turner 5, H. H. Fearn 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, P. D. Warren 8, C. W. Bragg 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong. Also on June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret A. Busby (first quarter) 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Verona Naylor 2, Merryn Hutchings 4, E. J. Cole 5, J. W. Belsaw 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, A. Crabtree 8. For evening service.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Whit Sunday, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: B. V. Butler 1, Diane Hickman 2, Joy Butler 3, Patricia Pitfield 4, Mrs. M. Francis 5, C. J. Batler 6, T. H. Francis (cond.) 7, A. Jackson 8, M. J. Butler 9, J. Pitfield 10. First on ten 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8. A welcome back to the tower of the captain, John R. Faithfull, also for a 16th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Bellew (first of Minor) 1, D. Bentley 2, Miss E. Brocklehurst 3, S. Bendle 4, Mrs. J. Gray 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Bissat 1, M. Crowell 2, C. Mutton 3, Mrs. M. E. Egglestone 4, H. Heard 5, H. Stacey 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 8. First quarter Bob Major at first attempt 2 and 3.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Perkins 1, F. James 2, G. Stock 3, D. French 4, J. Perkins (cond.) 5, R. Sutor 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Knight. Also on June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. Stock 1, D. French 2, G. Stock 3, R. Spray 4, J. Perkins 5, M. White (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to R. Spray and D. French.

SWINDON.—At St. Mark's, on April 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: E. Sutton 1, Mrs. J. Minchin 2, D. J. Carr (first of Major as cond.) 3, Miss S. Little 4, P. Tombs 5, P. Minchin 6, D. Dancy 7, M. A. New 8. First of Major 5 and 7. For Confirmation.

SWINDON.—At Christ Church, on May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Sutton 1, Miss J. Davidge (first as cond.) 2, R. Hulme 3, Mrs. E. Jaques (first of Triples "inside") 4, M. Scowen 5, W. Merritt 6, M. Stanley 7, P. Tombs 8. To celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Hulme and the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. M. West.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. G. Cater 1, R. Cater 2, Miss A. Johnson 3, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 4, T. Tarbait 5, D. Barker 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Fullbrook 1, H. V. Booker 2, H. White 3, J. P. White 4, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 5, K. Leach 6. A tribute to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mulford, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On June 12th, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: C. Gibbs 1, K. G. Weeks 2, D. M. Smith 3, W. Lampard 4, B. K. Lewis 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. First in the method 1, 2, 3 and 4. For Patronal Festival.

WASHINGTON, U.S.A.—At the National Cathedral, on May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Quilla Roth 1, Betsey Proctor 2, Ann Gardner 3, Diana Wriggins 4, Christine Kelsey 5, Rick Dirksen (cond.) 6. First quarter in method 3, 4 and 5. Rung half-muffled for Memorial Day.

WILLESDEN, MIDD.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. R. Bird 1, Valerie E. Ware (first as cond.) 2, Elsie Lankester 3, E. H. Kilby 4, A. Cutler 5, D. T. C. Smith 6. First of Minor 1 and 2.

WIMBORNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Shute 1, Maureen A. Bishop 2, R. E. Groves 3, E. A. Bishop 4, C. Burt 5, G. C. Grant (cond.) 6, L. J. Lockyer 7, M. Jenkins 8.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): F. Williams (first in three methods) 1, D. A. Wills 2, H. L. Crisp 3, G. West 4, F. D. Mack (cond.) 5, A. E. Knight 6. For Evensong. Also on June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. Colton 1, F. Williams 2, D. A. Wills 3, H. L. Crisp 4, C. D. Yates 5, G. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. First of Plain Bob Triples 1 and 5. For Evensong.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pauline Parkyns (first quarter) 1, Lynn Walker (first quarter) 2, D. Divall 3, A. Lewry 4, J. Warner 5, R. Osborn 6, E. Ladd (cond.) 7, E. Parkyns (first quarter) 8.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Weeks 1, M. Clark 2, S. Cole 3, Jean Parsons 4, P. Gardner 5, J. Ewered 6, R. Cole (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8.

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MISCELLANEOUS

EXTON, RUTLAND.—Saturday, July 9th. Ringing on 6 bells between 2.30 and 8.30 p.m. Garden fete and caravan rally in grounds of Earl of Gainsborough's home. 9346

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—Ringers' Sunday on July 10th at Gaywood Parish Church. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing for Evensong and ringers' service at 6.30 p.m. Preacher the Rev. Canon A. G. G. Thurlow. All ringers and wives welcome. Numbers for tea, as soon as possible, to Mr. C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 9398

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GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A Cambridge and Stedman practice will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Newton St. Cyres, 7-9 p.m.—G. Skinner. 9404

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—There are still a few vacancies for the ringing week-end at Moor Park, Farnham, July 15th-17th. Any ringer interested please contact P. Smart, Okemead, Hutton Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hants. 9419

OPPORTUNITY to ring quarter peal at Southleigh (8), Oxfordshire, July 23rd, 2.30 p.m., owing to local ringing tour. Either complete band or four ringers to complete existing band. Write E. Patching, 19, The Close, Common Road, Northleigh, Witney. 9388

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Special evening meeting, Sibthorpe, Friday, July 8th. Bells (4) 7-8 p.m. Thanksgiving service for bell restoration 8-8.30. Collection for church restoration. Good attendance appreciated.—B. N. Reed. 9399

UNIVERSITY OF WALES ASSOCIATION.—Summer Tour, August 18th-24th. H.Q. at Wimborne Minster, Dorset. Freshers especially welcome. Details from Miss H. Essen, 50, Wensleydale Road, Hampton, Middlesex. 9416

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting at Old Cleeve (8 bells) at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 2nd. 9423

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting, Ilmington, on July 2nd, 3-5, followed by service. Alderminster, 6.30-8.30, starting with very short business meeting. Own tea arrangements; beautiful countryside. Advance warning: Next meeting, Burton Dassett, August 13th.—P. S. Bennett 9353

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Magdalen, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9368

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The final of the striking competition will be held at Mistley on Saturday, July 2nd, commencing at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. Honeywood, 27, Harwich Road, Mistley, Manningtree, by Thursday, please.—H. Turner, Deputy Master. 9322

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Quarterly business meeting to be held at Wickwar, July 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Minors, Quarry House Farm The Quarry, Cam, Glos. 9385

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District — Knebworth, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to A. A. Peters, 17, Milestone Road, Knebworth, by previous Thursday. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 9349

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, July 2nd, Elstree (6), 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 9359

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Ribchester on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—Brian Tomlinson, Sec 9381

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 2nd. Service 11 a.m. Meeting 12 noon. Luncheon 1.30. Application for tickets (8s. each), accompanied by remittance, must reach Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough. A list of towers on receipt of s.a.e by Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxburrow Road, Radley.—Miss M. R. Cross. 9328

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, Oxendon, July 2nd. Names to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 9384

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Knowle July 2nd. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea: G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 9357

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District).—Joint half-day outing on Saturday, July 2nd, by private cars. Towers arranged as follows: Epworth (Lincs) (8) 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Gainsborough (Lincs) (8) 3.30-5 p.m.; St. Giles', Lincoln (8) 6 p.m.-7.15 p.m.; Tuxford (Notts) (8) 7.30 p.m.-9 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements in Lincoln.—Andrew King (Wentworth Vicarage, Rotherham) and Donald Beach (17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Notts), Hon. Secs. 9298

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 2nd, Ruddington. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 9376

SUFFOLK GUILD (North-East District) and **NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Eastern Branch).—Joint ringing meeting at Beccles on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea

to Mr. R. W. Bickers, 6, Ballygate Street, Beccles, Suffolk. Barsham bells (5) also available.—T. N. J. B. and N. P. J. C. 9305

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District. —Ringing meeting, Rougham (6), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., meeting follows. Please do help the tea caterers by sending names for tea to Mr. L. Wright, Horringer Road Stores, Bury St. Edmunds. 9371

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Quarterly meeting on July 2nd. Ringing at Walton-on-Thames 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Oatlands Park. Surprise ringers, look up Watford. Names for tea to Mr. D. Miseldine, 44, Garden Road, Walton-on-Thames. — B. Bull, Asst. Sec. 9371

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Evening practice meeting, Saturday, July 2nd, at SS. Mary the Virgin and Andrew, Fletching. Bells 6-9 p.m. — E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 9342

GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE

Ringers' Service

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, July 4th, at 7 p.m. 9419

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

— Manchester Branch. — Special 12-bell practice at Manchester Town Hall on Wednesday, July 6th. Ringing 6-9 p.m. All welcome. 9411

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Royston, near Barnsley, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring food.—J. W. Buxton, Hon. Sec. 9415

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Radstock (6), Saturday, July 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. F. Carter, 39, New Bath Road, Radstock. 9422

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. —Meeting at Sandy (6) on Saturday, July 9th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Fleming, 106, Dunstable Street, Ampt-hill, essential by 6th. Tel. 3131. 9422

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting at Scalby (6) and Scarborough (8), Saturday, July 9th. Bells: Scalby 2 p.m.-4 p.m.; Scarborough 3.45 p.m.-8.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. King, The Cottage, Manor Farm, Muston, Filey, by previous Wednesday. 9343

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — Meeting at St. Michael's, Houghton-le-Spring, on Saturday, July 9th. Please send names for tea to Mr. W. F. Sheraton, 27, St. Aidan's Terrace, New Herrington, Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham, not later than Wednesday, July 6th. 9425

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Slaugham on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing at Turner's Hill 6.45-8.30 p.m.—B. E. J. 9394

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch. —Meeting at Oaksey, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon. 9406

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District. —Meeting Chertsey (not Old Woking), Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea following. Names to Rev G. S. Archibald, The Vicarage, Chertsey. 9394

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch. —Evening practice, Claverley, July 9th. Bells (8) 6-8 p.m.—Joan Bennett. 9421

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. —Redbourne, July 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourne. 9410

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. —Quarterly meeting at Lenham, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss D. Groves, 50, Heather Drive, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 9369

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — Meeting at Shore (Littleborough) on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Lee, 12, Hodder Avenue, Shore, Littleborough, by Wednesday, 6th, please. — G. Cheetham. 9391

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Market Harborough, July 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Binley, 32a, Coventry Road, Market Harborough, by July 6th. Great Oxenden (5) and Great Bowden (6) bells 3 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. General Committee meeting June 29th, Church House, 7.45 p.m.—A. J. Poynter, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9344

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Lutton, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. R. G. Butler, Victoria House, Lutton, Spalding, Lincs, by Tuesday previous. —K. R. Davey, Hon. Sec. 9402

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Meeting, July 9th, at Lower Machen. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Willetts, Oakleigh, Chatham, Machen, Mon. 9377

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Saturday, July 9th. Christ the Saviour's, Ealing Broadway, W.5, 3.30-5 p.m.; St. Mary's, South Faling Road, W.5, 6.30-8 p.m. Own tea. No business.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 9418

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Monthly practice for Western Deaneries at Mattishall, 3 p.m.-6 p.m., July 9th. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring own food, but tea provided. Garveston 6 p.m.-8 p.m.—L. Kelly. 9348

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—A.G.M. Banbury (10), Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45. Names for tea to C. F. Herbert, 2, Beesley Road, Banbury, by Tuesday, 5th. 9389

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. —Quarterly meeting, Shabington, Saturday, July 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon, by Wednesday, July 6th. 9409

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Whilton, Saturday, July 9th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Haynes, Whilton, Daventry, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 9401

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Swanage on July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. and 6.30-8. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Fuller, 21, Bonfield Avenue, Swanage, by July 7th. 9401

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Montgomery on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing after tea till 8 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Rev. C. M. Semper, The Rectory, Montgomery, by Thursday, July 7th. —E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9413

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

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Tea at 5.15 p.m. at St. Martin's, followed by business meeting.

Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15, by July 7th. 9336

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District).—Joint meeting July 9th. Great Wakering (6), 2.30 to 3.15 p.m. Prittlewell (10), 3 p.m. Service, Prittlewell, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell. 9337

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Bingham District. —Meeting, Gedding, July 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Dawson, 33, Cambridge Street, Carlton, Notts, by Wednesday previous. 9337

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District. —Meeting, at Staunton (5), Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Staunton Hall. Names essential to Mrs. B. N. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton, Newark. 9400

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. —Striking competition to be held at Thakeham (6) on Saturday, July 9th, starting at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Service at 6 p.m. General ringing after the contest. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 9417

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District. —Quarterly meeting, East Tytherley, July 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing till 9. Mottisfont bells (5) 2.45-4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. T. H. Francis, 41, Bassett Green Close, Southampton. 9314

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. —Monthly practice, Cassington, July 13th. 7 p.m.—Ted Patching. 9419

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea important by July 13th. Committee meeting at Five Burges, Coventry, on July 8th at 8 p.m.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 9427

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Minster Abbey, Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Leworthy, 20, Marian Avenue, Minster, Sheppey, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton. 9397

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — Meeting at Marsham Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. H. F. Carter, Clovelly Buxton Road, Aylsham, Norwich NOR O7Y.—C Bird, Hon. Sec. 9382

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting Puddletown, Saturday, July 16th Bells (6) 2.30 Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. C. J. Knight, 43, High Street, Puddletown, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous 9386

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Sherborne St. John, Saturday, July 16th Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30 Tea 5.15. Monk Sherborne bells after tea Names for tea to Mr. J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, July 12th. 9392

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Little Bardow on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting Ringing after tea at Danbury (6) until 8.30 Names for tea to I. R. Pantou, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (S7827). 9424

LATE NOTICES

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Stapleford and Little Shelford, Saturday, July 9th. Stapleford (6) 3, followed by service at 4.30. Tea 5, Little Shelford Church Hall. Bells (6) after meeting. —B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 9430

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District. — Evening meeting, Saturday, July 9th, Burwell (8). Bells from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Stedman and Double Norwich. 9433

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at Killamarsh on July 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh, Sheffield. Special methods: Double Oxford and London S. Minor.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 9430

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Aston, Saturday, July 9th, 5.30–8.30.—P. M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec. 9434

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NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Draycott on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Shelley, Cresswell Farm, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent, by Wednesday previous. —D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 9431

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