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THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER & PAUL, EYE, SUFFOLK

OUR COVER PICTURE

S.S. Peter and Paul's, Eye, Suffolk

By GEORGE W. PIPE

A FINE church with an even finer tower, SS. Peter and Paul's, Eye, belongs to that small but handsome group which includes Bungay, Laxfield, Redenhall (Norfolk), Dedham (Essex) and to a lesser degree Woodbridge. Their feature—all 100 feet high or more with those flint-panelled, "rounded" buttresses, and in the case of Eye richly embellished on the west front. In this ancient municipal borough, successively recorded as Aye, Eia, Haye, Ewya and Eya, we have evidence of the wealth and influence of John de la Pole, Duke of Suffolk. He and his wife were undoubtedly the chief contributors to the cost of the tower, built about 1465, and carved on the southern battlements we find the arms of this nobleman. Here we have the East Anglian Perpendicular style reaching its zenith, and happily inside the tower we need not be disappointed either.

First, a belfry of great character. Heavily beamed, with the walls covered with historic peal boards and famous names. Eye, of course, was the home of George Day and Sons, the well-known bellhangers of the 19th century, a business founded on a wheelwrights and joiners' in the late 1700s. It was no doubt for this reason that a great deal of ringing took place here just before the turn of the century; in fact, of the 106 peals recorded at Eye to date, 62 were rung in the years 1882-1914. And

what a gallery of names! Washbrook, Robinson, Pitstow, Hounslow, Coleridge, Pye, Souter, Motts and many others. What wouldn't I give to hear that band ring Double Norwich on the bells!

Neither did the Days restrict themselves to the workshops, as a verse in the belfry testifies.

"The tenor was rung Ah! just the way
By our faithful friend, young Mr. Day
Who said 'my friends it is my aim
This peal to help you all to gain'."

Canon Raven, the bell historian, knew this tower well too, and another peal board records his passing in 1906.

The bells themselves are an old-fashioned mellow eight (tenor 19½ cwt. in D. They are the third or fourth eight in Suffolk in origin, a typically "mixed bag" with a fine 15th century Brayer seventh. Through the efforts and inspiration of Claude Rush, who almost single-handed raised £1,700, the ring was restored in 1962 and the tenor recast by Mears and Stainbank. She used to weigh the traditional "twenty-four hundred" and in more enlightened times came down to 22 and 21 cwt. Alas and alack, she tipped the Whitechapel scales at 18 cwt. 100 lb., happily discovered long after Jimmy Washbrook rang her!

The town, the church and the belfry are all worth a visit in this very delightful part of Suffolk.

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COMMENT

ARE UMPIRES NECESSARY? — By Anon

THERE are peal compositions available for some methods to which the criterion may be applied that certain mistakes in the calling will not become apparent. In Stedman Triples one such composition is given below; there are bobs and either one or three singles in blocks of six in 58 out of the total 60 courses when the observation bell, the 7th, is "in the slow," the same course-end will be obtained wherever the singles are called but the course may be false. The composition, which is more interesting to ring than it appears, was successfully rung at Edgbaston, Birmingham, on July 10th, when an umpire checked that all the calls were called and made in the correct sixes. In the previous three attempts, rung during the summer of 1967, there was no umpire but the conductor became conscious that he might fail to recognise an error of the type described.

In some popular compositions of Spliced Surprise Major, notably those using Cambridge type methods only or on the three-lead course plan using either Rutland or London in the 1st and 3rd leads, it is possible for the conductor, of even the greatest experience and highest integrity, to call the wrong method, never to realise his mistake because the same lead-head is produced whichever method is rung, and complete a false peal. One eminent composer/conductor has remarked that he is loath to attempt these compositions for this

reason. At next year's meeting the Council, when debating the current review of rules, may consider that where practicable there should be umpires for normal length peals on tower bells when compositions of this nature are being attempted. There is a precedent for this in that the Central Council has for many years recommended that there should be umpires for all handbell peals.

One of the celebrated early peals of Stedman Triples, the second ever rung, was that of Henry Cooper, first rung on June 5th, 1819, at Shifnal, Shropshire, conducted by Cooper himself from the manuscript. It contained 582 calls including two special "turning singles" at the part-ends. The composition is printed in the early edition of Snowdon's "Stedman" (page 120) but as printed it is false, probably through an error in copying from an indistinct manuscript. However, the course-ends give a true peal in two equal parts with 580 ordinary bobs and singles, with the 7th undisturbed throughout. The late Mr. Joseph W. Parker of Sunderland corrected and rearranged the peal and this was first rung at Gateshead on November 5th, 1932, conducted by William H. Barber from the 4th. Two members of that band are still alive—John Anderson and William J. Davidson, both of Newcastle upon Tyne.

(Ref. "Ringing World," November 4th and 18th, 1932.)

5,040 STEDMAN TRIPLES Composed by HENRY COOPER Arranged by JOSEPH W. PARKER												
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624315	S	-	-	S	-	-	-	S	-	S		
346125	S	-	-	-	-	-	S	S	-	S		
163245	S	-	-	-	-	-	S	S	-	S		
231465	S	S	-	S	-	-	S	S	-	S		
412536	-	-	-	-	-	-	S	S	-	S		
524613		S	-	-	-	-	-	S	-	S		
645123	S	-	-	-	S	-	-	S	-	S		
156243	S	S	-	-	-	-	-	S	S	-		
261453	S	-	-	-	-	-	S	S	-	S		
412563	S	-	-	S	-	-	-	S	-	S		
524316	-	-	-	-	-	-	S	S	-	S		
345621		-	-	S	-	-	-	S	-	S		
653241	S	-	-	-	-	-	S	S	-	S		
236451	S	S	-	-	-	-	-	S	-	S		
462531	S	-	-	-	-	-	S	S	-	S		
524361	S	-	-	-	S	-	-	S	-	S		
345126	-	-	-	-	-	-	S	S	-	S		
153642		S	-	S	-	-	S	S	-	S		
631452	S	-	-	-	-	-	S	S	-	S		
416532	S	-	-	-	-	-	S	S	-	S		
564312	S	-	-	-	-	-	S	S	-	S		
345162	S	-	-	-	-	-	S	S	-	S		
153246	-	-	-	-	-	-	S	S	-	S		
231654		-	-	-	-	S	-	S	-	S		
612534	S	-	-	-	S	-	-	S	-	S		
526314	S	-	-	-	S	-	-	S	-	S		
365124	S	-	-	-	-	-	S	S	-	S		
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Repeat.
Contains 354 bobs and 226 singles.

LADIES GUILD A.G.M.

FURTHER THOUGHTS ON DISBANDING DISTRICTS

THE sun shone on the ladies for their annual meeting at St. Albans on July 6th, when some 46 members (with about 30 supporters of the other sex) gathered at St. Peter's. They came from South Wales and Kent, Lancashire and Devon, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and the Central District around London, and it was a great pleasure to renew old friendships, meet some who were pioneers in the movement 40 to 50 years ago, and make new friends among the keen and able younger ringers.

The service at 11.30 was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. H. W. A. Bradley, who, after welcoming us and complimenting us on our singing, gave us an address spiced with humour and vivid illustrations. Among the great gifts and possibilities with which we were born, he said, one we had developed was that we had learned to ring; we had learned to work in a team, and we played an important part in the work of the Church, which was a team of teams. Women have to be tactful and understanding, and often can bring into a tower something of those qualities. But it must not stop there. "If you have learned something from your tower—self-control, discipline, tact—if you leave it upstairs it will be a great loss to the Church, the nation, the world. We have seeds which can bear much fruit—it will be a pity if we keep them in the packet!"

A very well arranged buffet lunch was then served in St. Peter's Hall by Mrs. Darvill and the local ladies, after which the gentlemen went to ring at St. Peter's and the Abbey, while the ladies held their 48th annual general meeting.

The president, Mrs. Jacqueline King, took the chair, supported by Miss Doris Colgate (general secretary) and Miss Joan Beresford (treasurer). The minutes of the last meeting, held at Lincoln, were read and confirmed. It was agreed that the very full account of this meeting, printed in "The Ringing World," should be stuck in the minute book as a record. Mr. T. W. White's presence at that meeting was recalled with pleasure. Two new members were elected—Miss Carol Parkhurst, of St. Stephen's, who had given some of the visitors a warm welcome that morning and rang with them, and Miss Linda Saunders, of North Mymms.

THE NEW PRESIDENT

Only one nomination had been received for the office of president, and Mrs. E. Parfrey, chairman of the Western District, was declared elected. As she took the chair from Mrs. King she voiced the thanks of all to her for her good work for the Guild during her three years of office. Again only one nomination was received for the office of secretary. It was unthinkable that we should have anyone but Miss Doris Colgate, and there was general satisfaction that she was willing to continue in office; and the same was the case with Miss Joan Beresford and Mrs. Slade, the treasurer and auditor. Four nominations had been received for the three Central Council representatives, but Mrs. Parfrey withdrew her name, saying she felt we could not be better represented than by Miss Beresford, Miss Colgate and Mrs. Staniforth.

The hon. treasurer then gave her report, which she regretted had not yet been audited or circulated owing to late receipts from two Districts. To date, expenses amounted to £47 5s. 10d., income £48 8s. 9d., an excess of income over expenditure of £1 2s. 11d. Fifty more badges had been purchased and 28 sold during the year, showing a small profit; on the other hand eight had been lost. In the balance sheet £188 1s. 10d. was brought forward at the beginning of 1967 and £187 14s. 9d. carried forward at December 31st.

The hon. treasurer, continuing, gave a warning that the number of life members



THE NEW PRESIDENT

Mrs. Bette Parfrey, of 18, Meadlands, Corston, Bath, is the new president of the Ladies' Guild. She was born in Bath in 1930 and educated at the City of Bath Girls' School. At the age of 15 she learned to ring and joined the Ladies' Guild in 1948. She succeeded Miss N. G. Williams as secretary of the Western District and later served as vice-president for two terms of office—a total of nine years.

Mrs. Parfrey married Harold in 1951 and spent a very happy 17 years until his death last March. There are three children—June (15), Judith (11) and David (8). The girls ring and David can handle a bell. Recently Mrs. Parfrey succeeded her husband as tower master at Corston. So far she has rung 25 peals, most of them being for the Bath and Wells Association.

Throughout her life Mrs. Parfrey has been closely connected with the Church, having served for 21 years in the choir, group leader of the Young Wives for eight years and a member of the P.C.C. She is also interested in church floral arrangement.

"I feel most sincerely that ringers are part of the whole body of the Church and are privileged to be able to bear witness to their faith in the tower," she writes to "The Ringing World."

was gradually dropping and this would have an adverse effect on finance. Miss Beresford moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet. She further proposed that the date of March 31st should be set for District subscriptions to be paid in to the treasurer, and after a little discussion this was passed.

MIDLAND DISTRICT PROPOSAL

Mrs. Jill Staniforth then put forward a proposition by the Midland District: "That all Districts of the Ladies' Guild be disbanded as from December 31st of this year. One meeting to be held on the first Saturday of July in the form of a week-end ringing festival. In areas where ladies wish to meet at other times of the year, this may take place in the form of practice meetings." As a corollary, an alteration was proposed to Rule 4, putting the governing of the Guild into the hands of a reconstituted committee. This had only been circulated shortly before the meeting, and not all Districts had had the opportunity of discussing it with their members, so that some only heard of it for the first time at this

meeting. Each District representative was asked to give her area's views.

The Western District, while they had great sympathy with the Midland, did not agree entirely and would prefer to hold their meetings; if there are elected officers in each District there is more chance of holding the members together. Lincolnshire District: Mrs. Richardson thought they would lose most of the members, especially from the rural districts, if there were no District meetings. Kent would also prefer to keep on as they are. South Wales had not had a meeting to discuss it, but the committee members had all written to Mrs. King strongly against it, and asked for at least a year's notice to think about it. Mrs. Hooton, for the Central District, sympathised with the Midland, having difficulty in keeping meetings going with a large area. Devon said succinctly: If the Districts go, then interest will go and the Guild will go. Mrs. Percy reported Sussex had a meeting the previous week; opinion was divided. They pointed out that it was going to be difficult and expensive for them to attend the annual general meeting in the north-west next year, and if this motion were carried a whole year or perhaps two would pass without their being able to attend a single Ladies' Guild meeting. The North-Western District proposed that 12 months should be allowed for the members to think about the suggestion. Mrs. Parfrey summed up by saying there was great divergence between the Districts: some were flourishing, other secretaries found it very hard going.

The amendment was proposed and seconded: "That the matter should be deferred until the annual general meeting next year for further thought," and this was carried by a large majority. Secretaries were asked to think really seriously about this and seek the opinion of their members, and send the reactions to Miss Colgate.

Next year's annual general meeting should be held in the N.W. District. After some discussion as to what form it should take it was decided to revert to the previous plan, with the committee meeting at 1 o'clock, towers open until the service at 3, tea at 4, followed by the meeting, and then towers open until about 8 p.m.—no dinner, but more time for ringing. Mrs. Andrew said she hoped to arrange this at Manchester. The 1970 annual meeting should be held in Kent, Sussex or the southern area.

Miss Colgate had displayed on the table a fine replica of the badge in the form of a wooden plaque, formerly belonging to the West Midland District, given by Miss Stella Hughes, who is now in South Africa. This was much admired. She also had there for anyone to read an excellent article written by Mrs. King in "The Western Mail." Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for allowing the Guild the use of his church, the bells and all the amenities, and for his sermon, which would be long remembered, to Miss Ware for the arrangements for the dinner, to Mrs. Darvill for the lunch, and to the incumbents and steeplekeepers.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The summer meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch was held at Cleobury Mortimer, where the church is well known for its "twisted" spire, on July 6th. Beneath this spire the tower contains a pleasing ring of six bells, which was put to good use by the small number of ringers present. Tea was kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. A. Osbaldiston, of the local band, and Mrs. Oldroyd, wife of the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Oldroyd, who took the service. Fine weather added to the enjoyment of the meeting at this unspoilt country town.

J. B.

BELL FALLS AT EAST BERGHOLT, SUFFOLK

By CLAUDE RUSH

ACCORDING to a report in "The East Anglian Daily Times" of July 19th, the second bell of the ring of five at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, East Bergholt, Suffolk, fell from its bearings to the bottom of the pit during ringing practice on July 18th. It seems that Paul Scott, of Manor Cottage, East Bergholt, was ringing the bell at the time—they had been ringing for about five minutes.

The news item includes a photograph showing the bell lying on its side in the pit, with Paul Scott, Bill Brooks, Ken Fayes (all ringers), and Walter Crisp (conductor) standing by. Walter said that he had had 38 years' experience of East Bergholt bells and had not known such an incident before. All ringing has been stopped for the time being. There were about 100 visitors at the church when the bell fell—it is a church and district that attracts many visitors, as it is in "Constable's Country."

Anyone who has no knowledge of the ring of bells there might think that there is no particular interest in this incident, but East Bergholt's bells are unique—nowhere else are bells hung for full-circle ringing like these are.

LEGENDS OVER TOWER

One might say that the church has no tower. This would be incorrect. White's "Directory of Suffolk" of 1883 gives the height of the

tower as 14 feet, the sums of money given towards the rebuilding of it being insufficient for its completion. Legend has it that several attempts to build it were frustrated by direct influence of the Evil Spirit so the work was given up in despair. Another tradition is that Cardinal Wolsey, who was born at nearby Ipswich, took much interest in the building of the church and that his fall from power put a stop to the work. He had promised to build a tower for this church and it was begun in 1525. Wolsey died in 1530 and nothing has been added to the tower work since.

So a wooden cage to take the bells was erected in the churchyard about this time, and this is the cage in which the bell fell a few days ago. There had been a cage—perhaps the same cage—in another part of the churchyard in the 15th century. It has been said that the Squire was annoyed by the sound of bells, so the cage was put where it is now so that the church itself came between the Squire and the bells, and thus the sound, for him, was reduced.

The bells form a heavy ring of five. The old treble was by Richardus Bowler and dated 1601; it weighed about 8 cwt. But the present treble is a Queen Victoria jubilee bell, 1887, by Warners, and hung by George Day and Son, Eye, Suffolk: it weighs about 12 cwt.

The second, Gabriel, was cast about 1450, is of about 12½ cwt. and is the bell which fell.

The third is by Richardus Bowler (Colchester) 1601; reputed weight nearly 15 cwt.

The fourth, by Christopher Hodgson in 1688, is about 19 cwt.

The tenor, by John Stephens (Norwich) was cast in 1727 and its reputed weight is 25 cwt.

It would be wrong to say there are no ropes to these bells—ropes are used for chiming. But full-circle ringing is done without ropes or wheels, and the bells present a curious sight when set "up" with only themselves showing above the frame.

RINGING TECHNIQUE

To raise them the ringers stand on a platform—a shelf—beside the bells and first push the headstocks this way, then that, until the bells swing high enough for the ringers to push the bells themselves, their hands first on or about the soundbows and then, as the bells get higher still, on the lips themselves, where real control then begins, to the extent of setting the bells in the proper "up" position.

Ringling is normally by call—one might say "nod"—changes (remember the noise!), but on St. George's Day, 1821, 120 changes of singles were rung by Samuel Orris sen. (conductor) 1, William Bird 2, T. Stollery 3, Thomas Orris 4, Samuel Orris jun. tenor.

Recently an appeal has been made for funds for the repair and maintenance of the bell-cage, but the Vicar, the Rev. H. R. Chisnell, will now be glad of additional financial help because of the recent incident and consequent extra expense. Quite a large sum is needed.

COVENTRY GUILD'S FIRST STRIKING CONTEST

As a result of the decision at the Guild annual general meeting held on April 20th last, a striking competition took place at St. Nicholas' Church, Warwick, on July 6th. Eight teams entered, being four from the Coventry Branch and four from the Warwick Branch. As this was the first meeting of its kind organised by the Guild, it was very much of an experiment. The time table was slightly disorganised by the late arrival of some of the bands. The first band to ring set a good standard with Cambridge Minor, followed by two bands ringing Bob Minor, three Grandsire Doubles, and call changes and one round.

The judges were Mr. Alan Bridges, of Derby, and Miss S. Ruddlesden, of Culworth: the third judge was indisposed and unable to attend. Bands were given choice of method. The principle applied was one minute penalty free, and nine minutes under penalty. This allowed 216 of Minor and 210 of Grandsire, which filled the time allotted very well.

Kenilworth proved to be the winners with 20 faults, Allesley were second with 27 and Chilvers Coton third with 28. The standard of striking was very good and those taking part seemed to have a lot of pleasure and enlightenment in judging the others' bands' striking.

Undoubtedly the organising committee learned quite a lot from this effort. First, that the date was a bad choice, being so near the holidays and many bands were depleted for that reason and unable to compete. Those who

had not taken part had an opportunity to ring before the service. St. Nicholas' band provided the tea, and after the presentation of certificates by the president to the winning bands further ringing took place at St. Mary's until 8 p.m.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION INCREASES SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Shropshire Association held its annual general meeting at Shrewsbury on July 13th, with ringing during the afternoon at St. Mary's (10) and in the evening at St. Chad's (12).

The service at St. Mary's was conducted by the Vicar, Preb. E. E. F. Walters, who joined us afterwards for tea in the Church Hall, but unfortunately was unable to remain for the business meeting. Tea was served by the Shrewsbury lady ringers and ringers' wives.

At the business meeting the Ringing Master, Mr. P. J. Evans, expressed disappointment at the poor attendance, only 33 sitting down to tea, and especially at the small number of resident members present. The treasurer, Mr. M. J. Orman, presented his report, which showed a loss of £18, and the statement was adopted.

The following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. P. J. Evans; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. R. E. Morris; secretary, Mr. E. F. Willcox; treasurer, Mr. M. J. A. Orman; trustees, Messrs. F. G. Beddow and A. E. G. Owen; auditor, Mr. F. C. A. Bennett; Central Council representative, Mr. E. F. Willcox.

A motion was carried to raise the annual subscription for resident members from 3s. to

4s., and the fee for non-resident life members from 5s. to 10s. The meeting also decided to send a donation of £1 10s. to "The Ringing World."

Mr. F. C. A. Bennett, who took the chair, closed the meeting by thanking all concerned for the arrangements. P. J. E.

TWO BRANCHES MEET FOR HARDY FESTIVAL

Appropriately, a joint meeting of the Dorchester and Wimborne Branches was held at Dorchester on July 13th, during the period of the Thomas Hardy Festival. The Guild service in St. Peter's Church was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn, with Mr. Harvey Easton as organist. Mr. Richard Duke, captain of St. Peter's ringers, read the lessons.

Tea was provided for 44 ringers, Canon E. B. Brooks, Branch vice-chairman, presided at the brief business meeting and welcomed ringers from the two Branches and visitors from North and West Dorset. Nine ringers from Bradford Peverell and two from St. Peter's, Dorchester, were elected members of the Salisbury Guild.

Ringling took place at St. Peter's Church and at Fordington St. George under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. E. H. Amey, and Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. B. Kear.

Towers represented were St. John's, Bournemouth, Bradford Peverell, Canford, Cattistock, Charminster, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Evershot, Fordington St. George, Milborne St. Andrew, Morden, Poole, Preston, Ringwood, Swanage, Wareham, Wyke Regis and Yetminster.

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AFTERTHOUGHTS ON BELLS AND BELLRINGING

BY THE LATE PETER LAFLIN

Not a catalogue of peals. Nothing in strict chronological order. A reminiscence here and there. Having reached an age when most of my ringing experience must be behind me, an attempt to size up what it has all amounted to in my case.

P. Laflin, 1965.

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1.—FOREWORD

This following conglomeration of thoughts on the differing aspects connected with bells and bellringing in general is not put forward with the idea that any of them should be regarded as the only way of looking at the subject, but is roughly as it has occurred to me to see them.

Born in Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk, and leaving this village for Debenham at the age of six, when my father changed his job, I cannot truly say that I remember the six bells at Stoke. Yet when later on at Debenham, upon hearing the back six bells there being rung, I can clearly remember exclaiming "Stoke bells!" And this must mark my first real acquaintance with them or any other bells.

However, at 13 years I gradually became aware of the regular practice on Monday nights at Debenham, and the ringing which always welcomed our procession from Sunday School to church on Sunday mornings. At this time I had been in the choir for a few years and had ample opportunities to see the ringers at work, the ringing being done from the ground floor.

Briefly then, at 13, and having left day school (this was in 1903), I frequently talked with William J. Groom, who was at that time the Vicar's gardener and lived quite close to our home. William had noticed that I was often "hanging round" the tower door on practice nights, and quite suddenly, in the abrupt Suffolk way, asked me if I wanted to learn to ring. This was my entry into a field of mental and physical enjoyment that has been my chief hobby and relaxation up to the present time. Bill Groom soon taught me to pull a bell, and with the help of others in a short time I was initiated into the mysteries.

William C. Rumsey, William Grimes, Alfred W. Grimes, George Rowe (senior and junior), George Rumsey, James G. Rumsey, William Ruffles, Percival Woods were all members of the Debenham band at that time. William Groom, W. C. Rumsey and W. Grimes taking turns at conducting and teaching. There were a number of learners, including Harry Perry, Bertie C. Ellis and myself. The above names, in addition to the Wightman family from Cretingham, made up an area band of ringers who became quite notable for their performances, at least locally, and such as myself were worked into the scheme as capabilities and opportunity allowed.

I should not omit the name of John Brady, a blind man, who nevertheless took part in 11 peals despite never having seen a bell rope; his splendid hearing made him a first-class striker and, I might add, critic; his ear was infallible.

Having given this short history to account for my commencement, I now hope to present some of the impressions gained over a long period of years on different aspects of bells and bellringing as they have appeared to me.



THE LATE PETER LAFLIN

2.—LEARNERS AND LEARNING

This depends to a great extent upon the teachers, although some learners, not many, seem to need little prompting once they have mastered the preliminaries of rope handling and proper control of the bell. These usually turn out to be the enthusiasts. Others, by far the greater number, need to be coaxed along, as it were, and more gently treated until confidence is gained. Some soon leave the scene, either unnerved by a too abrupt teacher or more likely because they discover that what they thought was going to be easy turns out to be more difficult than suspected, and therefore not for them. This class of learner, however, was more often than not persuaded to come forward without himself or herself having any particular liking for bells, and came forward more for curiosity than any real desire to learn.

A few are quite enthusiastic over the excitement of rope handling, being allowed to raise and cease a bell, and even to round ringing; but when called upon to get down to pencil and paper to learn how the bells work together are liable to lose interest. It is only a very patient and persuasive teacher who can pull such a one over this stumbling block until sufficient progress has been made to capture the learner's real interest. It is safe to say that at this point many have been lost to the Exercise.

For those who remain, if the band itself is progressive, an interest unfolds that will keep the learner going until the main difficulties of ropesight and of hearing one's own bell amongst the others is overcome; plain hunting is mastered, dodging and making places is recognised. By that time, other things such as work and good health permitting, the learner will become a useful ringer.

In rope handling, some use the left hand above the right and some the right above the left, the former being called a left-handed but I have not heard this spoken of ringer, the latter a right-handed ringer; to any extent of late years. It makes no difference anyway and is best left to the learner, as either way may be natural to him. I have noticed, however, that most learners are put to the right-handed way, and so in teaching

some scores of youngsters to handle a rope I have done that unless the learner seems to have a feeling for the other or left-handed way. Being able to ring a bell myself either with left or right hand at the top, I have found no difficulty in adjusting my teaching to the learner's preference; in ringing myself I generally adopt the left-handed way as it was always my preference. The main thing to insist on is that the learner shall "keep a tight rope," that is, not necessarily pull too hard but to take the rope right down from the backstroke and to let the rope draw the hands up from the sally pull. Ringing with a slack rope floors more youngsters in the early stages than anything else.

As it is not my intention to write a treatise on bell handling I will now leave this subject, although it might come up again in discussing other aspects of the craft. Today, 1965, and for a few years now, there has been a College of Campanology, various courses have been run, all of which cover the subject of ringing from rope handling to composition. This is done in such a thorough manner that those who attend them can hardly fail to become expert from the learning stage onwards.

(To be continued)

THE TREBLE BOB PRINCIPLE

By D. C. JACKSON

VARIOUS inquiries have recently been made in the columns of "The Ringing World" concerning methods on the Treble Bob principle. Amongst other things, these comments indicate that it is not widely realised that Minor methods in which the treble follows a path which we call Treble Bob hunt are officially classified into four groups. These are:

- (1) Treble Bob.
- (2) Thirds Place Delight.
- (3) Fourths Place Delight.
- (4) Surprise.

There is no justifiable reason for listing these four groups in any order of complexity, nor is there any special credit in ringing one group, e.g. Surprise, in preference to another, e.g. Treble Bob. Indeed certain methods in the Surprise group are much easier to ring than those in the other groups. The only difference between these groups lies in the fourth and eighth figures of the place notation.

e.g. Mendip Treble Bob:

36, x, 34, 16, x, 12, x, 16, x, 14, x, 56. 2nda.

All T.B. methods have identical places here.

London Thirds Place Delight:

x, 34, x, 16, x, 12, x, 36, x, 12, x, 36. 2nds.

All 3rds P.D. methods have identical places here.

York Fourths Place Delight:

x, 36, x, 14, x, 12, x, 16, x, 12, x, 36. 6ths.

All 4ths P.D. methods have identical places here.

Cambridge Surprise:

x, 36, x, 14, x, 12, x, 36, x, 14, x, 36. 2nda.

All S methods have identical places here.

Thus there is little justification in our peal recorders annually listing Surprise peals as a category separate from other methods.

More specifically, Mr. Poole, in his letter ("Ringing World," 2,985, page 522), appears to have confused the place notation of the following:

Ely Thirds Place Delight:

x, 36, x, 16, x, 12, x, 36, x, 12, x, 36. 2nda.

Whetton-in-the-Vale Thirds Place Delight:

x, 36, x, 16, x, 12, x, 36, x, 12, x, 36. 2nda.

Letters to the Editor

RINGING AT EXPO SUSSEX '68

Dear Sir,—No doubt better scribes than I will be writing of the wonderful ringing exhibition at the recent Expo Sussex, and the success which crowned the hours of work and inspiration on the part of Mr. Elphick and his helpers.

May I add my personal praise to those concerned with the thankless task of organising the ringing at the Expo belfry? The programmed touches of the day, all performed in public and on unusual bells, must have been quite a headache to achieve without treading on anyone's corns. When these were completed, the tower was opened to the hordes of tower-grabbers and stay-benders, myself included, each of whom had travelled vast distances or had some other reason for preferential treatment. Growing impatience and the odd case of jumping the queue were dealt with by the gentlemen in charge with tact at a time when their reserves of energy must have been severely strained.

The pleasure given to me and to the youngsters present by a few minutes' ringing might be some small measure of reward to them.

ANON.

MISS BELLRINGER

Dear Sir,—I think that if anything is to be done about this matter—and I feel that most of the Exercise think so—then it ought to be done at Guild or Branch level by the towers within the Guild or Branch.

They could each select a girl whom they think should grace the pages of "The Ringing World" and send her photograph in clothing or swim-suit to the Editor. By publishing a different photograph each week most of the Exercise would be satisfied and the pages of our journal brightened considerably.—Yours sincerely,

GRAHAM COLBORNE.

Reading.

P.S.—The Editor is wrong in his note (page 542) when he said someone had a grudge against Miss Sadowska. The letter was written purely in fun and not by myself, incidentally.—G.C.

"RATHER MISERLY"

Dear Sir,—I feel I must take up the cudgels against your correspondent, Mr. Hector C. Bird ("Ringing World," July 19th, 1968).

He apparently thinks that one shilling is too much to pay for this excellent weekly paper—and yet at the same time suggests that one penny per rope for peal ringers is a small amount (the price of half a pint, he says). What is his argument? I fully agree with him in regard to the peal fee—and in fact I would suggest that this is at least doubled, but to expect a paper such as "The Ringing World," with its wealth of news and its excellent cover pictures, to be sold at less than one shilling in these days of high printing costs, etc., etc., shows a lack of enthusiasm for the Exercise and, to my mind, a narrowness of outlook and a rather miserly attitude. Maybe my own enthusiasm for bellringing, inadapted as I am, unfortunately, tends to colour my views on such matters, so I guess I should apologise to Mr. Bird if I have criticised him unjustly.—Yours sincerely,

G. EDMANDS.

Chilvers Coton, near Nuneaton.

THE DOUBLES DECISIONS or APRIL DAY AND ALL THAT

Dear Sir,—You Central Council chaps at Worcester have made a proper mess of the rules about Doubles methods and variations for us ordinary ringers. It seems that the majority of members were blinded by the pseudo-science of the vociferous few, who have persuaded the Council to use, one might say, an enormous hammer to crack the tiniest of nuts. There is much sense in the decision to separate methods from variations in peal reports, but the loss of identity of some of the popular simple variations is unjustifiable and unwise. It hits at and discourages the average Doubles ringer who knows and cares nothing about spliced ringing but wants his April Day or Clifford's Pleasure and other glamorous names, and will have little effect on the handful of multi-Doubles whiz-kids who are clever enough to find their own loopholes in the rules.

We in Somerset like to ring variations such as April Day, and it is the height of pedantry to suggest that this variation is spliced Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob. I would have more sympathy for the argument that Reverse St. Bartholomew is but a special case of April Day (or vice versa) with three calls and one plain lead in each part of the extent. Reverse St. Bartholomew has now belatedly and conveniently received the accolade of acceptance and publication by the Central Council after many years of being despised as "undesirable," as readers of the preface to the "Collection of Doubles Methods" will know.

If we are to accept half-lead splicing, and if the privilege of antiquity suggested in your footnote to Mr. Cattermole's letter is correct, we must be logical and admit that all the Grandsire Doubles we now ring is spliced Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew. After all, Grandsire Doubles can well manage with an alternative to its "modern" single, and by your reasoning there is more Reverse St. Bartholomew than Grandsire in four of our normal extents of Grandsire Doubles. I know that the motion approved by the Central Council dealt specifically with variations, but the question of half-lead splicing is an entirely separate issue. It is a pity that Mr. Blagrove did not do his homework on past Central Council Decisions before instead of after the Worcester meeting, but if he is correct in saying that splicing at the half-lead is an old Decision, and many will find this surprising, then it must apply to both methods and variations alike.

If it is ridiculous to interfere with our traditional Grandsire Doubles and other methods similarly affected, then it is equally ridiculous to spoil our pleasure by interfering with any of the simple variations. Think again, Central Council—and give us back our April Days.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Frome, Somerset.

THE PEAL AT INVERNESS

Dear Sir,—It was my party that rang the peal at Inverness in 1962, referred to by your contributor "M. P." on page 574. but we have no wish to remain anonymous as we did not break the ladder leading to the tower roof. Perhaps M. P. would like to withdraw the veil from his own anonymity and either apologise for his hurtful accusation or state the grounds upon which it is based.—Yours faithfully,

R. G. LEALE.

Hampton, Middlesex.

CORRECTING WEIGHTS

Dear Sir,—Despite Mr. Amos's remarks (page 543), I should have thought that the weight of a bell can be assessed fairly closely from its diameter at the lip when taken in conjunction with its strike note.

It is a significant point that the two light tenors which Mr. Amos mentions as being 46 inches—Wootton and Claybrooke—have both been reduced in weight, and perhaps lowered in pitch also, by retuning, whereas his heavy example—St. Edmund's, Northampton—has not. Wootton and Claybrooke tenors are not the same note, as Mr. Amos states, but are almost a semitone apart (Wootton E flat/D and Claybrooke E flat/E). Wootton's tone is what one might expect from such a thin bell but the Claybrooke tenor, on the other hand, is a lovely bell and belongs to a lovely ring. (These opinions are not just mine.)

Regarding the weight of the Oakham tenor, surely this bell weighed 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. when originally cast with the others in 1911, but was increased to 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. at a subsequent recasting. (Gillett and Johnston's weights.)

Whilst writing may I also respectfully correct the Rev. J. G. M. Scott? Poughill (Devon) is not a Taylor ring (page 543 again); the tenor was added and the bells were tuned and rehung in a new frame and fittings by Gillett and Johnston in 1947.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Twickenham.

PAYMENT FOR WEDDINGS

Dear Sir,—To my mind the fee paid for ringing at a wedding is a quite legitimate payment for a service given and not "sheer avarice" as suggested by Mr. G. Robinson ("Ringing World," page 562). Members of a band of ringers give up their leisure time, and in some cases their working hours, in order to give this service and should receive an appropriate fee.

It is my experience that most bands take (for the sake of argument) 5s. per head and put the remainder into their belfry fund; very often it is the only income. I have known individual ringers to protest that they do not wish to accept a fee, but there is nothing to stop them placing their fee into the church funds. This would please Mr. Robinson.

He goes on to say that there is no compulsion for anyone to ring at weddings. Isn't this exactly what captains of struggling bands up and down the country are up against? To have such a "law" such as he suggests would deprive them of the only incentive that they can offer to muster a full side and provide the best possible ringing.

Ringers who had intended to go somewhere else on a Saturday afternoon would not like to change their plans with absolutely no compensation. The ringing for a wedding might only take half an hour at the outside, but it can completely upset an afternoon.

If Mr. Robinson wants an axe to grind, let him start on the standard of ringing for weddings, as in a lot of cases the duration and standard leave a lot to be desired when considering the fee paid.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID M. HUGHES.

Liss, Hants.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Letters—continued

RINGING FOR WEDDINGS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Robinson's letter regarding payment for weddings, published in your issue of July 19th, seems to me quite fallacious. If he is saying that ringers ought to be paid to ring for weddings but should then donate the proceeds to the church, this is purely a matter for the individual conscience, and Mr. Robinson is at liberty to do this if he wishes.

To imply that choirmen and organists all do this seems doubtful, to say the least. To suggest further that those who believe the labourer is worthy of his hire when employed by an individual to ring for his wedding (for an amount which in all too many cases has remained static for donkeys' years) will be unwilling to donate their ability when employed by the church to ring for services is unrealistic. Mr. Robinson seems to have met ringers who ring for money only. I know plenty of ringers but I don't know any like that.

As for the statement that because there is no compulsion upon anyone to ring for weddings therefore there is no valid argument in favour of his being paid, I hope my boss doesn't wake up to the fact that there is no compulsion upon me to work.—Yours faithfully,

M. M. LEWIS.

Farnborough, Hants.

Dear Sir,—I feel I must offer a reply to Mr. G. Robinson's letter ("Ringing World," page 562), headed "Payment for Weddings."

Mr. Robinson obviously comes from a tower with plenty of ringers, many of whom have nothing to do on Saturdays.

Our own tower has been struggling to remain in existence for three years. Often I have to ask ringers from neighbouring towers to help out. They have to come several miles either by car or by public transport and the small amount they receive helps to pay for this transport. Our ringers receive 10s., 7s. 6d. of which they keep, the remainder goes to tower funds.

Our own young band very often have other things to do on Saturdays, although they all enjoy ringing. The sum of 7s. 6d. helps to persuade them to give up an hour or so to come and ring.

I believe, therefore, that payment for weddings is essential. Incidentally, if Mr. Robinson does know any ringers who ring "just for the money," perhaps he should drop a casual hint and tell them they will not get rich very quickly.—Yours sincerely,

PETER J. PRIVETT.

Horsell, Woking.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Chertsey District

Poor weather probably contributed to the low attendance at the Chertsey District meeting held at East Molesey on July 13th. However, ringing in the afternoon ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor under the direction of the District Ringing Master, Mr. D. Parsons. The Guild form of service (with the congregation in the choir stalls) was taken by the Vicar of West Molesey, the Rev. John Yeend.

A sumptuous tea, provided by the local Parish Council, preceded the short business meeting held in the Church Hall. It was decided to circulate a questionnaire to find out about the number of learners in the District, with a view to making Guild meetings more acceptable to them. Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

P. J. P.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS — No. 39



JOHN INESON
(Yorkshire Association)

John Ineson is a choirboy at Dewsbury and, in response to the Central Council recruiting leaflet displayed in the vestry, he presented himself in the belfry and adjusted

his age slightly to the recruiting sergeant. He was in fact just gone nine years of age as against his "nearly ten." Progress in the early stages was naturally rather slow because of John's extreme youth (even though the tenor is only 13 cwt., the lightest bell is nearly five cwt.), but thoroughness has produced a good handler, good enough to demonstrate to many who have been taught to handle subsequently.

John rang his first 720 before his tenth birthday and became one of the youngest to qualify for the Yorkshire Association. Since then he has made rapid strides in method ringing and is now ringing Cambridge Major. His first peal was on Easter Day this year, when he rang the treble to Double Norwich, and this was followed two days later by Plain Bob Major on an "inside" bell. He had no blisters, evidence of hands being put to good and proper use. More recently, but still before his 11th birthday, John scored a peal of Stedman Triples at the first attempt. This was at Cleckheaton, where he has attended, week after week, and given very effective assistance to senior Dewsbury ringers teaching a new band. On several occasions he has rung solidly through the whole hour and a half practice when needed. This calls for a great deal of mental and physical stamina from one so young.

The keenness and dedication of this youngster is a fine example to his elders. On Christmas Eve his duties involved his being in church over ten hours. He has a remarkable record of attendance and punctuality, and his enthusiasm has spread through his family—his father and younger brother have become ringers.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION Frome Branch

It was a pity that relatively few members attended the summer meeting of the Frome Branch on July 13th at the Rev. A. G. Durston's tower, at Hemington. Ted Chivers was again muttering that we ought to consider cancelling this summer meeting, and he may well be right. The Rev. and Mrs. Durston and Jennifer and helpers provided a very nice tea for double the attendance and then, to embarrass us further, refused to accept anything towards the cost. We are all extremely grateful to them for their kindness.

The church service was most interesting. Providing a sort of one-man band, the Rev. A. G. Durston conducted the service, played the organ and sang with the rest of us.

Members rang methods they were capable of, like London, and some they were not capable of, which are called New Bob Doubles. These come in several variations, some of which come round and some which do not. To put the record right once and for all, when the Ringing Master says the 5th comes down first, he means the 5th comes down first later on to the front before the 4th. He does not mean the 5th comes down first straight away before the 4th. This simple explanation should help members!

LEYTONSTONE, E.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss S. Porter (first quarter) 1, D. Wright 2, G. Walker (first Triples) 3, C. Hughes 4, A. White 5, K. Warner 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, F. Akers 8, For Patronal Festival service.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Witney and Woodstock Branch Outing

The Branch outing on July 13th was to Northants. The first tower was at Wootton, where the five bells were put to good use for 45 minutes. After the pleasing six at Dallington came St. Peter's, Northampton, where the eight bells were all cast in 1739 by the same founder. A peal board of 1897 had the unusual footnote that it was the first peal on the bells for 157 years!

After lunch a variety of methods was rung at Long Buckby and the party were intrigued by Weedon Bec Church, which is set between a viaduct and an aqueduct. Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major were successfully rung on these good bells.

Tea at Towcester, and then Pattishall, where the Vicar gave the party a warm welcome and entertained with a recital on the exceptionally fine organ. The day's ringing ended at Towcester, where Cambridge Surprise did eventually come round, but despite this the ringing was enjoyed. The usual social evening was at Brackley.

Grateful thanks go to the driver, Alan Cornish, who rang at the towers visited and was a great help, especially at eight-bell towers. Thanks also to incumbents and tower captains.

E. R. V.

MANCHESTER, LANCs.—On July 7th, at Brookfield Unitarian Church, Gorton, 1,298 Cambridge S. Minor: R. Bennett (first quarter) 1, P. A. Etchers 2, A. Riley (first in method) 3, J. Jennings 4, R. M. Edwards 5, J. Brannan (cond.) 6. Rung for the Rose Queen's coronation.

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A CORNER FROM WALES

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD A.G.M.

THE holding of the annual festival at Knighton on July 6th was really a missionary enterprise and was successful in persuading the ringers at St. Edward's Church to join the Guild. Ringing also took place at Presteigne.

The Vicar (the Rev. I. R. Luther Thomas) conducted the service and preached, and the Archdeacon of Brecon (the Ven. D. G. Wilkinson) read the lesson. Over 60 sat down to tea in the Church Hall, served by the Mothers' Union.

The Archdeacon presided at the meeting and gave a special welcome to the many young people present. He apologised for the absence of the Bishop. The meeting stood in silence to the memory of Messrs. Jack Bloxham, John Vaughan and W. Davies, who had died since the last meeting.

The Archdeacon then presented the shield and certificates won in this year's competition: Main—1 Cadoxton, 2 Newton Nottage, 3 Sketty; Supplementary Class—Glasbury.

The accounts were presented by Mr. Stan Edwards, who proposed that a further £40 from the Bell Restoration Fund be invested in Defence Bonds. This was carried, an amendment by Mr. Trevor Roderick, that it remain on deposit where it would bring in more interest, being defeated. The peal performance for the year was poor, only seven being recorded.

A NEW MASTER

Mr. Don Leach was the only nominee for the office of Master and was elected. Re-elections were: Hon. secretary, Mr. J. A. Hoare; treasurer, Mr. E. J. Morris; auditor, Mr. S. Edwards; Central Council representative, Mr. G. I. Lewis.

A notice of motion to review the working of the Guild and to draft a new constitution or set of rules to be presented to each District annual general meeting and then passed at the 1969 annual general meeting was proposed by Mr. J. Hodgetts and seconded by Miss C. Randall and was carried after discussion.

OUTINGS

Luton Ringers Visit Norfolk

For their annual outing on July 6th the Luton Parish Church ringers, with a number of old and valued friends, visited Yarmouth.

The long journey outwards was broken at Wymondham, but even this was a long hop (about 85 miles), and one found oneself wondering how long such a trip would have taken a century ago!

Readers of Charles Dickens will recall the return from London to Dotheboys Hall of Mr. Wackford Squeers and how he found it necessary to get out at every coaching inn to "stretch his legs," an exercise he was prone to take in the public bar, and how the colour of his nose spoke of the great benefit he derived!

However, in our luxurious modern coach the miles were eaten up as if by magic, and here we were at the beautiful old Abbey Church of Wymondham almost before we realised we had left home. Mr. Tooke conducted us to the belfry and soon the bells were going nicely to Bristol Surprise Major and Stedman Caters.

Another 30 miles and we were at Yarmouth, where most of the party were able to spend several hours on the beach, whilst others made the short trip to Winterton to sample the six bells at that isolated seaside place. Other joys were to follow, for Yarmouth has many attractions which the average visitor never sees, and we found 12 of them in the tower of the stately Parish Church of St. Nicholas.

Here Mr. Newstead made us very welcome and the bells were a real joy to ring, but perhaps Bristol on the back eight sounded best. For the matter of refreshment, during the day

cussion. The committee to carry this out consists of the Master and hon. secretary, Miss Randall, Messrs. Hodgetts, Edwards, M. R. Thomas and Eric Smith. The committee was also asked to consider dates of District meetings which would enable young members to attend more easily.

The hon. secretary in his report regretted that membership was stationary; there were many towers not represented at the meeting and also without ringers, which was of major concern to the Guild. The report was adopted, and the Archdeacon, from the chair, proposed that appreciation of Mr. Hoare's services should be recorded in the minutes.

The invitation to hold the 1969 ringing competition at Talgarth was accepted and also that the 1969 annual general meeting be held at St. Mary's Swansea. Two new members from Brecon, one from Swansea and the band at Knighton were elected.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Monmouth Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association held a most enjoyable meeting at Grosmont on July 13th, and some 50 ringers gathered to try out this newly rehung ring of six bells.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. W. M'Adam, who told some interesting stories of various restorations done to the 13th century church throughout the ages. The Rev. Ivor J. Richards, Rural Dean of Raglan, read the lesson.

A high tea was served in what the people of this tiny village call their "town hall." Mrs. M'Adams and her helpers were sincerely thanked on behalf of the visitors by Mr. Reuben Clench.

The business meeting was held in the church and members were sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Fred Hannington, who was in Cardiff Royal Infirmary. Mr. and Mrs. Alan Paton, of Mitcheldean, were elected new members, and mention was made of the next meeting, to be held at Matheron on October 12th. The six bells at Skenfrith were also available during the day.

everyone had fended for himself, but the evening meal was a different matter and an excellent dinner was served at Cambridge, making a satisfactory conclusion to a splendid day's outing.

No words can express our appreciation of the kindness shown to us by the Vicars of Wymondham, Winterton and Great Yarmouth or our gratitude to the local ringers. Thanks also to our organiser, Basil Hulatt, and our driver, whose co-operation was wonderful.

Bredgar's First Outing

July 13th was the first real opportunity Bredgar (Kent) ringers had to ring bells other than their own, so they set out at 10.30 a.m., determined to make a good job of ringing at some of the local towers. After visiting Bobbing and Milton Regis, in Sittingbourne, they went on to Minster in the Isle of Sheppey. A picnic lunch and some doubtful splashing in the sea followed and then on to Eastchurch to ring after the induction service of the new Vicar.

A superb tea, very generously provided by the Minster ringers, was attacked and duly demolished, after which ringing took place on the pretty little six at Queenborough, where with the help of Minster friends 120 each of Bob and Grandsire Doubles was managed. All were loath to leave the Queenborough bells, as these were the favourites of the day.

At Tunstall it was quickly realised the differences between ringing on six and eight. It was a tired but happy party that arrived home.

As yet, Bredgar has call change ringers: they would like to thank all those who enabled them to gain such valuable experience, especially the Vicars of churches visited, and also the mini-bus driver.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

The July meeting of the Guild was held at Balcombe on the 13th. After ringing from 4 o'clock till 5.30 p.m. members had a picnic tea in their cars owing to the inclement weather. At 6.30 the service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. May, who gave an enlightening history of the church instead of an address.

The meeting was held in the church. The chairman announced that arrangements had been made for the meeting on August 10th to be at Rotherfield. The September meeting on the 14th will be at Hever and will be combined with a stoolball match between two teams from within the Guild. The trophy will be a pin of beer, the only stipulation being that it must be consumed on the field of play. If it should rain this will probably be replaced by a darts match in the Village Hall.

Names will be collected by Mr. C. A. Bassett for the outing on October 12th, starting next month.

Thanks were given to the incumbent for taking the service and for the use of the bells, and to Eric Knapp for making the arrangements. George Fry and Coral Spiller were congratulated on their engagement. R. J. E.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The Ashford District meeting at Hythe on July 20th will rank as important in the annals of the Kent County Association, as a decision was taken to augment the Newchurch bells from five to six as the John Willis Memorial.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and the service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon E. A. Newman. The fine organ was played by Miss Anne Barber, and Mr. R. A. Birch read the lesson. A splendid tea for the 80 people present, representing 22 towers, was arranged in the Parish Hall by the local ringers, and the business meeting was mainly devoted to the John Willis Memorial. A vote of thanks to the workers of the day was proposed by Mr. W. Bayne, of Mersham.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m. and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major.

Loughborough Foundry Visited

Castor, Peterborough, bellringers, accompanied by visitors from Glinton, Thornhaugh and Wansford, left at 8.30 a.m. on July 16th for their annual summer outing, which was spent in the Loughborough district.

The first stop was at the bellfoundry, where we were shown around and told how bells were made and finished in their various stages. Ringing on the foundry campanile bells followed until lunch at the Three Nuns.

The afternoon programme started at Hathern, where rounds and call changes were rung by our young and inexperienced ringers. At Copt Oak (6), where ringing was enjoyed by all, and at Markfield several Minor methods were attempted, assisted by two ringers from the village. Non-ringers were entertained here on the village green by Morris dancers from Gloucester.

After tea we visited Desford, where the ropes unfortunately were much too low. Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton, thanks to the invitation of the Kirkby tower captain, completed the evening ringing.

To tower captains and incumbents we extend our sincere thanks; also to the organisers and Mr. Hill, the coach driver. F. O.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT. — On July 1st, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Mary Munt 1, P. C. Sinden 2, Pamela A. Court 3, R. A. Birch 4, K. Butler (cond.) 5.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Alton, Staffs, on June 29th, was Rowan S. Bradley and not Richard S. Bradley, as inadvertently submitted.

The composition of Stedman Caters on page 576 contains a misprint. The single at 16 in the middle of the ten-course block A should be two bobs.—Richard Inglis.

Mr. P. Amos complains that a misprint appeared in his article on the weights of tenors. That of Exton tenor should be 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb., the weight passed on to him by Messrs. Taylors after they had rehung the bells.

Will correspondents please note that April Day is not a variation but is Spliced Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Similarly, both Clifford's Pleasure and Northrepps are Reverse Canterbury and Reverse St. Bartholomew.—F. T. B.

The Dean of Chester's article on bellhouses (July 19th): The Cathedral Church of St. Edmundsbury is St. James' and not St. Mary's, which is a parish church. There was originally a third church, St. Margaret's, within the Abbey precincts but of this nothing remains.—C. W. Hancock.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Helen's Church, on July 13th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: Kirsty Grant 1, D. C. Henderson 2, J. R. Rowson 3, J. R. Poole (O.A.) 4, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 5, C. I. Rowson (O.A.) 6. For Founder's Day service.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Sunday, July 14th, 1,260 Plain Minor (11 methods): L. P. Halling (O.A.) 1, D. C. Henderson 2, J. R. Poole (O.A.) 3, J. R. Rowson 4, A. K. P. Poole 5, C. I. Rowson (O.A.) (cond.) 6. For leavers' service. Both by the Abingdon School S.C.R.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On July 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Williamson 1, Angela Quick 2, D. Elly 3, G. S. Morris 4, H. G. Keeley 5, M. Hiller 6, F. Knight 7, R. Keeley (cond.) 8.

BARNES, SURREY.—On July 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. Boulter (first quarter) 1, Mary Knight 2, M. Rigby 3, A. Long 4, N. Edwards 5, J. R. Ketteringham (cond.) 6.

BARRINGTON, SOM.—On July 15th, 1,440 St. Clement's College Bob Minor: M. R. Anscomb 1, M. A. Anscomb 2, J. Cornelius 3, G. H. Baldam 4, R. F. Anscomb 5, K. E. Beale (cond.) 6. First in method by all the band. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On July 7th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): Anne Barber 1, K. Butler 2, Pamela Court 3, A. Binstead 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, R. A. Birch (cond.) 6. To mark the birth of a granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. Eastmead.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On July 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. T. Owens 1, Mrs. M. Marsh 2, P. A. Williams 3, J. Owen 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, M. J. Pryor 6, A. E. Marsh 7, C. P. Quartley 8. A compliment to John Owen who is on a visit from Canada.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Bob Doubles (five methods): G. F. Oliver 1, G. Davis 2, R. W. Spencer 3, F. E. Simey 4, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 5. Birthday compliments to ringers of 1, 4, 5, and also as a farewell to Sara Woolley, who is leaving the district.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On June 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Susan Palmer (first quarter) 1, Mary Roast 2, E. G. Roast 3, R. J. W. Housden 4, T. Spurgeon 5, P. J. Came 6, Yvonne Murray 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8. Also on July 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. E. G. Roast 1, Christine Murray 2, Mary Roast 3, E. G. Roast 4, P. J. Came 5, Yvonne Murray 6, T. Spurgeon 7, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 8. Both rung for Evensong.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On July 3rd, 1,296 Surprise Minor (five methods): June Sinfeld 1, W. Ayre 2, D. Redfearn 3, F. M. Byrne 4, J. R. Mayne 5, J. W. Sinfeld (cond.) 6. After meeting short for a peal attempt.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): R. P. Wood 1, Miss R. A. Hartley 2, Mrs. K. A. Marriott 3, B. G. North 4, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 5, A. D. Norman 6. First in two methods 2, 6. For Founder's Day at the Abbey School, Elstow.

QUARTER PEALS

ELING, HANTS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Anne Buchanan 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, J. Hardem (cond.) 3, T. Matcham 4, B. M. Mackrell 5, R. Buchanan 6. Rung before the induction of Rev. Charles Clisby Green, Vicar.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): P. Anger 1, C. I. J. Pearce (cond.) 2, J. Sawyer 3, F. Butler 4, C. R. Miles 5, J. Moore 6, A. White 7, D. Woodley (first quarter) 8. For evening service and a 65th birthday compliment to James Moore.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: L. Ainger 1, B. Howard 2, S. Waters 3, W. Barrett 4, H. Carter 5, L. J. Clark (cond.) 6, D. Symonds 7, J. Lyons 8. Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of the father of the ringer of the 5th, Mr. H. Carter.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On July 10th, 1,232 Plain Bob Major: R. O'Neill 1, Judith J. Gilbert 2, D. Kelly 3, J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 4, J. S. Seager 5, F. W. Cardwell 6, G. Pilkington 7, R. Farnsworth 8. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Mrs. M. Wells 1, D. Jordan 2, J. Blond 3, H. Wells 4, N. Pollock (first quarter) 5, R. Blond (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8. For Evensong.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On June 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Brenda I. Cox (first Surprise) 1, R. P. Wood 2, H. C. Weaver 3, H. D. Butter 4, C. J. Champion (cond.) 5, R. M. Cox (first Surprise) 6. Also on June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Brenda 1, Cox 1, R. M. Cox 2, H. W. Clark 3, H. D. Butler 4, C. J. Champion 5, H. C. Weaver (cond.) 6.

HELSTON, CORNWALL.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Gay Meyrick 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts 2, R. P. Pearce 3, A. J. Davidson 4, T. J. Bell 5, F. M. Bowers 6, C. G. Bryant (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8. A birthday compliment to Harry Williams, the tower captain.

HILTON, DORSET.—On May 18th, 1,440 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor: T. F. Collins (cond.) 1, R. A. Bryant 2, P. R. Board 3, R. C. A. Philpott 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, R. N. Marlow 6.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On July 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara J. Duck 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. Carveth 3, A. Locke 4, T. J. Bell (first of Minor as cond.) 5, A. J. Davidson 6.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On July 14th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): D. E. B. Reed 1, Carol Thompson 2, H. P. Thompson 3, R. Young 4, A. C. Walker (cond., 50th quarter) 5, Isabel Appleton 6. First in four methods 2 and 4. For Evensong.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Bailey 1, T. Wright (first as cond.) 2, W. Avery 3, C. Hagger 4, C. Meakes 5, R. Meakes 6.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Foster (first attempt) 1, K. Lucas 2, G. Gray 3, D. Stott 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, L. Foster 6. For morning service.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Ballam 1, P. Goodwin 2, C. Nunn 3, M. Brown 4, R. Palmer (cond.) 5, A. Barber 6. Rung for the Church Flower Festival.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On July 6th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: D. Willis 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, C. Kortwright 3, L. Childs 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Carol Hedges 1, Joan Cheney 2, P. M. Edgson 3, J. G. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Anne Rigby 6. For Wake Sunday.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's Church, Jesmond, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Karen Arnold (first quarter) 1, May Graham 2, Joy Askew 3, S. Pardoe 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, J. Pardoe 6. For Evensong.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: W. Thatcher 1, R. A. Vickers 2, R. W. Yates (cond.) 3, C. Gough 4, W. A. Yates 5, A. Thatcher 6. Rung for Padbury Feast. Also on June 31st, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: W. Thatcher 1, F. Vickers 2, R. W. Yates (cond.) 3, C. Gough 4, R. A. Vickers 5, A. Thatcher 6.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On July 10th, 1,272 London Surprise Minor: R. A. Bryant (first Surprise) 1, T. E. Marks (first in method) 2, D. S. Beaufoy 3, F. Priddle 4, F. G. Sandy (first in method) 5, T. F. Collins (first Surprise as cond.) 6.

PUDDLETOWN, DORSET.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. J. Mears 1, T. F. Collins 2, R. A. Bryant 3, P. R. Board 4, C. W. Tidwell 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On July 14th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Josephine R. Patterson 1, Julie S. Armstrong 2, Rev. M. S. Hart 3, K. J. Ryder 4, C. F. Mew 5, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 6. For Evensong and to mark the baptism of Robert James Waite, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Waite.

RANDWICK, N.S.W.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandshire and Plain Bob): Margaret Dugdale 1, E. Blanch 2, Carol Adams 3, J. Sheehy 4, W. Watson (cond.) 5, B. Adams 6. Rung as a farewell to Mr. J. Kneale, retiring vergar of St. Jude's Church.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Stott (first Minor) 1, W. Ward 2, F. May 3, J. Worboys 4, A. House 5, P. Fleckney (cond.) 6. Also on July 14th, 1,260 College Triples: Kevin Lucas (aged 9, first on eight) 1, P. Fleckney 2, Janet Hallett 3, G. Lucas 4, T. Sharp 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House 7, J. Worboys 8. First in method 2, 3, 4 and 5.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On May 9th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Minor: Louise Harvey 1, S. Sage 2, J. D. Smith 3, P. S. Oliver 4, A. Sharples 5, D. Mothershead (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the retirement of Mr. Albert Ford after many years' service as vergar at this church.

WOOTTON, OXON.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Deborah Jerrams (first quarter) 1, E. R. Venn (cond.) 2, A. E. Hicks 3, P. J. Heritage 4, D. Floyd 5, W. W. Franklin 6.

WORCESTER.—On May 11th, 1,320 Bob Minor: Rosemary Tailby 1-2, D. G. Franklin 3-4, L. J. Haines (cond.) 5-6. First Minor "in hand" by all.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Found in the "Wren's Nest," a peacock blue chiffon scarf.

"Ringing in U.S.A. is definitely there to stay and is getting stronger day by day." — Frank C. Price's impression after his last tour.

William Butler, of 26, Barfield Road, Thatcham, Berks, will be pleased to hear from any other Williams who are interested in a name peal.

The two sons of the Rev. H. G. Mitchell, Rector of Fulbeck, Lincs—Stephen (15) and Martin (18)—rang their first peal at Fulbeck Parish Church on June 29th. The conductor was Mr. James H. Musson, who had the pleasure of shepherding another first-pealer—William King—on a very enjoyable occasion.

Some 23 teams are expected to take part in the third annual rally of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain at Ecclesfield Comprehensive School, near Sheffield. A committee meeting is to be held at 1.45 p.m., when it is hoped that one representative from each registered team will be present.

A legacy has been left to St. Cuthbert's C. of E. Church, Prospect, South Australia, for a ring of bells. Inquiries are being made in England.

Mr. Tom Goodyer, after his very successful peal (our with "Wratten's Wringers," has been spending a week with Mr. G. W. Pipe at Ipswich.

Would any Geoffreys interested in ringing an all-Geoffreys peal of Surprise Royal please contact Geoffrey R. Drew, Monsal, Bredon, Tewkesbury, Glos. Information re preferences of method, place and time would be helpful.

Irate reader: "Surely you are paid to print peals, and not your opinions," after the Editor had altered a footnote. We are informed by the Records Committee that official "longest lengths" do not start until 6.720 changes.

Mr. Jim Hedgcock writes pointing out that the peal of 5,184 Plain Bob Minimus rung at Alkham, Kent (page 568) was the record length of Minimus yet rung to a peal. Will the peal secretary of the Kent County Association please note for record purposes.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

RECORD LENGTH OF MAXIMUS "IN HAND"

The greatest number of changes to a peal on 12 handbells was rung at Marple, Cheshire, on July 6th, when 13,140 Kent Treble Bob Maximus (Cam variation) was rung in 7 hours and 32 minutes. The peal was arranged and conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

136 DOUBLES PEAL WELCOME

A new record in Doubles methods for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild was established by Mr. Derek C. Jackson at Binstead on July 13th, when 136 variations were rung. The occasion was to welcome the Rev. C. Edwards to the parish. The new incumbent listened to the last 14 hours of the peal from his garden and finally entered the belfry when "Stand" had been called to find out "what ringers were like after such a feat of endurance." Meanwhile Mrs. Edwards had prepared a truly magnificent feast for the band in the Vicarage and they cannot thank her enough for such splendid hospitality.

It had originally been planned to achieve 150 variations. Mr. Jackson, however, writes explaining how his hopes had been thwarted by Amendment 3 of the motion passed by the Central Council, which he states "indicates that we must now ring all 16 of the Grandshire-Antelope-Norwich variations in full, and that eight extents are no longer acceptable."

It was on May 1st that Mr. Edwards, of Testwood Parish, was inducted to Binstead. Then six members of Totton Grammar School Ringing Society, together with over 100 members of the congregation, travelled to Binstead for the service. Unfortunately an attempted quarter of May Day Doubles came to grief in the tenth extent, and the peal on July 13th was one of welcome.

ASHFORD GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

On July 6th the 23 cwt. eight at Ashford, Kent, were rung for the Founder's Day service of the Ashford High School for Girls by a band consisting of seven pupils of the school and one staff member. This was the first time for several years that a band from the school had rung for this service. The ringing had been organised by the staff member, Mrs. Jennifer Manger. The girls normally ring for Sunday services at various churches in and around Ashford.

PROGRESS AT BURGESS HILL

It was a red letter day for the band at St. John the Evangelist's, Burgess Hill, on July 14th when they rang a quarter peal for the dedication of the new daughter church of St. Edward by the Bishop of Chichester.

Ringing was by the regular Sunday service band with the exception of the conductor, Mr. Ken Knight, a former member, who now lives at Chichester. Three members rang their first quarter and one of them, Miss A. Lloyd, came in at the last minute and proved to be very efficient on the treble.

This was the first quarter peal on the bells for about three and a half years and says much for the hard work of the captain, Mr. D. Anderson, who has now plenty of learners. Thanks are also due to Mr. Ken Knight for his help on this and other occasions.

The bells are now out of action until about Christmas as they are being overhauled and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who installed them in 1904.

NEW GUILD SECRETARIES—No. 3



At this year's annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association Mr. Alan R. Baldock, of Westham, Pevensey, was elected general secretary in succession to Mr. R. H. Percy, who had held the post for 15 years.

A Sussex man, Mr. Baldock was born at Eastbourne in 1943 and from an early age has been connected with St. Mary's Church, having joined the choir in 1952. He was taught to handle a bell there by his eldest brother, Leslie, and the basic principles of change ringing were expounded to him by Mr. Harold Reynolds, the present captain of St. Mary's band.

Alan's first peal was Cambridge Major, to which he rang the treble at Steyning in 1961. It was conducted by Mr. Derek Sibson, the present secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Alan joined the Society in 1962, and his present peal total is 84, of which he has conducted 39.

In 1961 Mr. Roy Fuller restarted the band at Westham and it was through attending their practices that Alan met his future wife, Mr. Fuller's daughter Christine, and eventually married her in 1965. In 1966 the Fullers moved to Swanage, Dorset, and the choice of captain at Westham fell on Alan. Christine and Alan have now a baby daughter, Rachel, who was born in May this year.

Among the offices Alan has held is Ringing Master of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association, to which he was appointed in 1963. He has now graduated to the hon. general secretaryship, and the best wishes of many friends accompany him as he tackles the varied problems facing this big Association.

DETAILS WANTED

Dear Sir,—Perhaps one of the members of the Records Committee would care to explain how they came to accept the peal of 12,480 Pudsey S. Major rung at Loughborough on November 11th, 1967, conducted by R. J. Parker. No notice was given of this peal and the composition has not subsequently been published.—Yours faithfully,
Wheathampstead, BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

There was a big muster for the annual general meeting held at Adelaide starting on Saturday, June 8th. Upon arrival at St. Peter's Cathedral all were presented with little bell-name tags and beautifully printed programmes.

Ringing continued at the Cathedral until lunch time and in the afternoon at the City Hall and St. Andrew's, Walkerville. The City Hall has lost its personality. The "cage" wall has been removed, as have all the shelves round the sides. There is not much improvement in the bells.

At 5.30 p.m. the members assembled at the Mayoral Parlour at Walkerville, where Paul Evans' father, who is this year's Mayor, held a reception. An hour later the convoy of cars departed for the Marian Hotel, Mitchell Park, where a formal dinner was held.

On Sunday the bells of the Cathedral and Walkerville were manned for the service meeting, which started at 11.15 a.m. and was adjourned at 1.30 for a substantial lunch laid on by Mary Devonshire and the other South Australian girls and ringers' wives. Proceedings eventually finished at 3 p.m. with Jack Roper still president, R. Jolly secretary and Ken Minchinton treasurer. Tony Mann has the job of peal recorder and Ralph Clarke is "Ringing Times" editor.

Quarter peals were gained and lost at Walkerville and St. Peter's prior to evening service. Then all crowded into Richard Jolly's lounge for the evening. On the Monday eight strong men and true managed to score a quarter of Bob Major at the City Hall. Then up to the National Park for an excellent barbecue, which has become a tradition of A.N.Z.A.B. gatherings. J.M.

A SOMERSET WEDDING

Miss Susan Griffin was married by her father, the Rev. W. G. Griffin, at Angersleigh, Somerset, on July 20th, to Mr. Richard T. Smith, who formerly rang at All Saints', Newport. The five bells at Angersleigh were rung merrily for this happy occasion, the ringers including the Bainham family from Newport.

It was the first meeting for four years of the bridegroom with John Cornelius and Chris Bainham; the last time they met was when they were on tour with the University of Wales Society in 1964.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the St. Albans District on July 20th was held at St. Michael's (8) in the afternoon and the Abbey (12) in the evening. At the business meeting after tea in the Abbey Institute Mr. Bert Johnson took the chair.

Everyone was reminded of the barbecue to be held at St. Michael's on September 7th (tickets 5s. each). The next District meeting will be at Kimpton on August 17th. A new scheme will be in operation then; due to the number of people sitting around at six-bell meetings, six-bell quarter peals are going to be tried the same afternoon. So for the first six to arrive at Kimpton there will probably be another tower arranged with a view to getting someone through something new during the afternoon.

The final figure raised by the Wheathampstead sponsored walk in aid of their bell fund was £132.

A vote of thanks went to the Abbey girls for the excellent tea, the Vicar of St. Michael's for the service, Bob Hardy for playing the organ, and the Dean for the evening ringing.

WRATTEN'S "WRINGERS" PEAL TOUR**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sun., July 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Anthony J. Cox Treble	Thomas W. Goodyer .. 6
Alan F. Scholfield 2	Howard W. Egglestone .. 7
Antony R. Kench 3	Peter Bridle 8
Diana M. Bridle 4	George E. Thoday 9
Cyril A. Wratten 5	D. John Hunt Tenor

Arranged by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., July 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Howard W. Egglestone .. Treble	D. John Hunt 5
Diana M. Bridle 2	Michael J. Platt 6
Peter Bridle 3	Antony R. Kench 7
Anthony J. Cox 4	Cyril A. Wratten Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Antony R. Kench.

CHEADLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., July 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

Anthony J. Cox Treble	George T. Cousins 5
*Michael J. Platt 2	D. John Hunt 6
Antony R. Kench 3	George E. Thoday 7
*Thomas W. Goodyer 4	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal in the method.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Tues., July 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDESY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Cyril A. Wratten Treble	George T. Cousins 5
George E. Thoday 2	Howard W. Egglestone .. 6
Michael J. Platt 3	Thomas W. Goodyer .. 7
Diana M. Bridle 4	Peter Bridle Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pistow. Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.

NEW MILLS, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Tues., July 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

George E. Thoday Treble	Peter Bridle 5
Michael J. Platt 2	Cyril A. Wratten 6
Anthony J. Cox 3	Thomas W. Goodyer .. 7
Diana M. Bridle 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by Maurice Hodgson. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

GAWSWORTH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Wed., July 10, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Cyril A. Wratten Treble	*Peter Bridle 5
*Anthony J. Cox 2	Howard W. Egglestone .. 6
*Michael J. Platt 3	Robert B. Smith 7
*Thomas W. Goodyer 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by Maurice Hodgson. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal in the method.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Thurs., July 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 MELBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

D. John Hunt Treble	George T. Cousins 5
George E. Thoday 2	Cyril A. Wratten 6
Anthony J. Cox 3	Thomas W. Goodyer .. 7
Howard W. Egglestone .. 4	Peter Bridle Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 6th, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.**

On Thurs., July 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Peter Bridle Treble	Michael J. Platt 5
Diana M. Bridle 2	Cyril A. Wratten 6
Anthony J. Cox 3	D. John Hunt 7
George E. Thoday 4	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., July 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

George T. Cousins Treble	Cyril A. Wratten 5
Robert B. Smith 2	D. John Hunt 6
*Diana M. Bridle 3	Michael J. Platt 7
Peter Bridle 4	*Thomas W. Goodyer .. Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal in the method.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—In the belfry of All Saints' Church.

On Fri., July 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5160 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Cam variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Howard W. Egglestone .. 1-2	Robert B. Smith 5-6
Thomas W. Goodyer .. 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse 7-8

Cyril A. Wratten 9-10

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal on ten bells "in hand."

TUNSTALL, Staffordshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Diana M. Bridle Treble	D. John Hunt 5
George E. Thoday 2	Thomas W. Goodyer .. 6
George T. Cousins 3	Michael J. Platt 7
Anthony J. Cox 4	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

ECCLESHALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G sharp.

Anthony J. Cox Treble	D. John Hunt 5
*Diana M. Bridle 2	Michael J. Platt 6
Howard W. Egglestone .. 3	Peter Bridle 7
Cyril A. Wratten 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 100th peal.

OTHER PEALS**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb.

Andrew J. Corby Treble	Christopher H. Rogers .. 6
*Michael J. Uphill 2	Alan E. Bagworth 7
*Nigel Thomson 3	Alan R. Patterson 8
William T. Cook 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. 9
David A. H. Bennett 5	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WEST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Martin of Tours.

On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Raymond P. Selway .. Treble	Frederick G. Sandy 5
Gilbert W. Rendell 2	Derek S. Beaufoy 6
Trevor E. Marks 3	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 7
*Mervyn A. Arscott 4	Keith E. Beale Tenor

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss D. L. C. Legget, of West Coker, and Mr. R. Parker, of High Ham, married earlier at the church.

BATH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul.

On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

Alan Tubb Treble	Richard J. Bowden 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Edgar T. Skipsey 6
George J. Hawkins 3	D. John Hunt 7
Alan F. Lee 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MARKBURY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, viz.: (1-4) Grandsire, (5-6) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (7-10) St. Martin, (11-14) St. Simon, (15-22) Rev. Canterbury Pl., (23-26) Southrepps, (27-32) Plain Bob, (33-38) Kennington, (39-42) April Day.

Victor S. Bowering .. Treble	Robert Perry 4
*Peter J. W. Hardwick .. 2	Alan C. Perry 5
*Alan J. Coombs 3	Albert F. Butt Tenor

Conducted by Alan C. Perry.

* First peal "inside."
Rung for Confirmation service.

LUCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., July 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Mervyn R. Arscott .. Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott 4
Frederick C. Arscott .. 2	Leslie H. Arscott 5
Adrian F. Arscott 3	Keith E. Beale Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

First peal on the six bells.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker.

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

On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of York, Durham, Wells, London, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

*Geoffrey Hebdon .. Treble	Walter S. Rice 4
Roy W. Rice 2	David G. Massey 5
Peter J. England 3	George W. Massey Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. Most methods to a peal on the bells. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B flat.

PORLOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Dubricius.

On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 10 methods/variations: (1-3) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (4-6) Northrepps, (7-10) Plain Bob, (11-13) April Day, (14-16) Kennington, (17-21) April Day, (22-25) Grandsire, (26-28) Southrepps, (29-31) Clifford's Pleasure, (32-42) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

Frederick C. Arscott .. Treble	Robert Parker 4
*Mrs. D. Lesley J. Parker .. 2	Keith E. Beale 5
Mervyn A. Arscott 3	Mervyn R. Arscott Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT BUDWORTH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Geoffrey Gardner .. Treble .. F. John Nelson 5
Sidney Hough 2 .. Alan Sharples 6
Timothy Wylie 3 .. Denis Mottershead 7
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 4 .. Neil D. Lomas Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
Rung to the memory of Peter Laffin, of Stockport.

GRAPPENHALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Norman Sherratt .. Treble .. Timothy Wylie 5
Susan Davis 2 .. Kenneth R. Davenport .. 6
Derrick Davenport 3 .. F. John Nelson 7
Eric Roughley 4 .. Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

SANDBACH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's .. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.
Gerald Parsons .. Treble .. Roland W. Morant 5
Felicity Ashford 2 .. David J. Midgley 6
Peter A. Slight 3 .. Ivor R. Nichols 7
*Christine Johnson 4 .. Denis A. Frith Tenor

Arranged by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* First peal of Cambridge.

HOAR CROSS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Angels.

On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., seven different 720's. Tenor 28 cwt.
David J. Midgley .. Treble .. Raymond J. Ballard 4
Felicity Ashford 2 .. David J. Danby 5
John Hall 3 .. Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

LOWER PEOVER, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

*Gerald Cooper .. Treble	*Ronald F. Andrew 4
†Stuart Courts 2	Arthur Whiting 5
†Stuart I. Bamforth 3	Lawrence J. Haines Tenor

Conducted by Lawrence J. Haines.

* First peal of Minor and in more than one method. † First "inside." ‡ First peal. First on six bells and in more than one method as conductor. Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

BLOXHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of Our Lady of Bloxham.

On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in C sharp.

Ian D. Thompson .. Treble	Geoffrey Pratt 5
Peter C. Randall 2	Hubert E. Ashley 6
L. Michael Callow 3	Ernest J. Gower 7
Ian C. Maycock 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins. Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mrs. F. E. Tustian, who, celebrating her 95th birthday, is the oldest inhabitant of the village.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHEEN, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob, with seven different callings and no 65's at backstroke.

Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

*Ann M. Smith .. Treble	Burley P. Morris 4
Susan E. Davis 2	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith .. 5
Susan E. Thompson .. 3	A Colin Banton Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STREIHAM, Cambs.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Mon., July 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 77 lb. in G.

Richard P. Turnill .. Treble	Donald F. Murfet 4
Brian B. Hullah 2	Keith R. Davey 5
Alan M. Barber 3	Arthur Yarrow Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

TOLLESBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 7½ cwt.
*Robert W. Leavett .. Treble .. *Brian J. Vaughan 5
*Neil V. Avis 2 .. Walter Arnold 6
*Peter G. Pitt 3 .. Frank B. Lufkin 7
*Vivian A. P. Cross 4 .. †Alan W. G. Palmer Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., July 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Oxford and Double Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Court Bob, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
John P. Loveless .. Treble .. Adrian G. Semken 4
Peter G. Pitt 2 .. Frank B. Lufkin 5
Walter Arnold 3 .. James L. Towler Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

LITTLE WALTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Westminster, (2) Nether-seale, (3) Chester, (4) London, (5) Bourne, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Susan Rothera .. Treble	Joe E. G. Roast 4
Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	James L. Towler 5
Yvonne A. Murray 3	Peter G. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Bourne, (2) York, (3) London, (4) Beverley, (5) Ipswich, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

Peter G. Pitt .. Treble	Walter Arnold 4
*Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	*James L. Towler 5
Yvonne A. Murray 3	Peter G. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.

* 50th peal together. Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Peter J. Munday Treble	Roy D. Mills 5
Louise M. Slater 2	Frederick D. Ellis 6
Adrienne Gibson 3	John C. Slater 7
Alan D. Elsmore 4	Noel J. Diserens Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

Rung by the Society of Roving Ringers with best wishes to Sally Parrott for her forthcoming marriage (July 26th) to Paul Forbes-Harper.
Tenor 19 cwt.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Great St. Andrew.

On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Peter T. Dale Treble	John E. Ewer 5
Julia A. Fellows 2	Kenneth J. Darvill 6
*Heather Y. Darvill 3	A. Stephen Taylor 7
George H. Austin 4	Andrew W. R. Wilby Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Andrew W. R. Wilby.

* First peal. Tenor 10 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Lucile M. Corby Treble	Richard Hayes 5
Judith M. Corby 2	Peter S. Muchlinski 6
Derek Slater 3	Tony Lewis 7
John A. Howard 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

WROTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

Martin L. Howe Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg 5
Olive D. Tester 2	Trevor A. Cross 6
John A. Howard 3	Michael H. O'Callaghan 7
Derek Slater 4	D. Paul Smith Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook

Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.

TURNER'S HILL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Leonard the Confessor.

On Sun., July 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,184 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F sharp.

Lucile M. Corby Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski 5
Tony Lewis 2	John A. Howard 6
*Derek Slater 3	Richard Hayes 7
Judith M. Corby 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First touch of spliced. 500th peal as conductor.

Rung on the 27th anniversary of the wedding of Flt.-Lt. and Mrs. A. H. Hayes, parents of the ringer of the 7th.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., July 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Holt's Original.	Peter M. Wilkinson 5
Martin L. Howe Treble	Thomas Cullingworth 6
Arthur G. Mason 2	Peter S. Muchlinski 7
Trevor A. Cross 3	E. Ivan Parkin Tenor
Simon A. B. Wigg 4	

Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SADDLEWORTH, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Margaret Wright Treble	Frank Osbaldiston 5
*Patricia A. Etchells 2	Christine Andrew 6
Derek Yates 3	Christopher L. D. Munday 7
Peter Malloch 4	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed by B. D. Price.

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

* First peal of Major in the method.

Tenor 11 cwt.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher L. D. Munday.

WALKDEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sun., July 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5,056 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in E.

*Roger Barnes Treble	*A. John Illingworth 5
*Neil T. E. Burnett 2	*R. Keith Lister 6
*Roy Jolley 3	John Ashcroft 7
*Dennis H. McCormick 4	*James E. Andrews Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by James E. Andrews.

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

Rung as a farewell compliment to the Vicar of Walkden, the Rev. P. Chalmers, who is shortly to take up a new appointment at the Church of the Holy Innocents, Fallowfield.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHETSTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., July 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,200 Southrepps variation, 1,200 Plain Bob, 600 Reverse Canterbury, 1,200 Reverse Canterbury, and Reverse St. Bartholomew, 600 Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew and 240 Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Richard A. Cobley Treble	Nigel R. Ellway 4
Brian C. Law 2	Maurice R. A. Kirk 5
Rupert A. Clarke 3	Herbert Needham Tenor

Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.

Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer and wishing him a happy retirement.

LEIRE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., July 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

Christopher M. Sturgess .. Treble	William Johnson 4
J. Harry Dove 2	Robin A. Gilliver 5
Brian L. Burrows 3	K. Paul Gilliver Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dove on their silver wedding anniversary.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

FULBECK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 18 extents of Plain Bob, 16 of Grandsire (ten callings) and four 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Stephen J. Mitchell Treble	*William King 4
Harry Barnes 2	James H. Musson 5
*Martin F. Mitchell 3	John F. Wright Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First peal and first attempt.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's daughter, Beverley.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANGYNWYD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Cynwyd.

On Mon., July 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Plain Bob, three 240's and 34 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

D. R. Lynn Jones Treble	Harold Preece 4
Thomas E. Hiddins 2	D. Walford Davies 5
William T. Petty 3	Donald Bryant Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Benjamin T. Davies, father of the ringer of the 5th, parish organist and bellringer for 60 years.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., July 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Joseph W. Cotton Treble	Frank Chambers 5
W. John V. Conduct 2	Arthur E. Rowley 6
Gordon H. Lane 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
E. Frederick Gobey 4	Roland Beniston Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce.

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

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THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SILVERDALE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Fri., July 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Norman Sherratt Treble	John Hall 5
Caroline Stewart 2	David J. Danby 6
*Patricia Mills 3	†Raymond J. Ballard .. 7
Mandi McCallion 4	David J. Midgley Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.

* First peal of Surprise Major "inside." † 150th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Lesley Kinston.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., June 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Frank W. Lewis Treble	Jeffrey L. Claughton .. . 5
Joan A. Rance 2	Arthur J. N. Rance .. . 6
Susanne Sargeant 3	Frank C. Price 7
Alan H. Long 4	Stanley G. Scott Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Frank C. Price.

Rung in memoriam and as a humble tribute to the life and work of Senator Robert Francis Kennedy.

CHECKENDON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Harold W. Dunsden Treble	James P. Blond 5
Robert B. Blond 2	John H. Napper 6
Harry E. Wells 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Reginald W. Rex 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Sir. A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

First peal on the bells since the addition of two trebles in February, 1968.

Rung as a welcome to Charlotte Jayne Hendry, and a retirement compliment to Nolan Golden, married at this church in August, 1936. The conductor called a quarter peal here on that day.

HURST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Violet N. Castle Treble	†Douglas K. Whitlock .. . 5
*Alan R. Pink 2	§Walter G. Knight 6
Sara K. D. Woolley 3	Bernard C. Castle 7
†Pam E. Gough 4	Anthony K. Fortin Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* 900th peal. † First peal § First of Major "inside." § 25th peal.

GREAT COXWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sun., July 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 21 extents of Plain Bob (four callings).

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Robert J. Crocker Treble	Robin J. Collis 3
Philip G. Taylor 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 4

A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal on the bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEENE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., July 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*Rona Eagle Treble	Ronald Russell 4
Mary Coleman 2	Murray A. Coleman 5
Barry R. Care 3	Stephen B. Bell Tenor

Conducted by Stephen B. Bell.

* First peal First of Minor as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to June Read, and also to the conductor

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

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

On Thurs., June 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

James W. Belshaw Treble	John R. Insley 6
Susan E. Smith 2	George E. Fearn 7
Richard J. Tibbetts 3	Norman J. Goodman .. . 8
Maurice F. Edwards 4	Roderick W. Pipe 9
Peter J. England 5	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe. (No. 1.)

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.

On Wed., July 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt 14 lb. in G.

Susan E. Smith Treble	Clifford A. Barron 5
James W. Belshaw 2	Henry H. Fearn 6
Stephen W. Barton 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Maurice F. Edwards 4	John H. Lindon Tenor

Composed by Henry Cooper. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

Arranged by Joseph W. Parker. Umpired by Richard J. Tibbetts.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARSOP, Notts.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul

On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

Herbert T. Rooke Treble	*David A. Whetton 4
*Linda M. Wilkinson 2	Brynley A. Richards .. . 5
John A. Coates 3	Frank Cooke Tenor

Conducted by Brynley A. Richards.

* First peal of London. The ringer of the 4th has now "circled the tower."

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Tues., July 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

*Harold Stevenson Treble	A. Harry Hawcroft 4
†Katherine Burchnall .. . 2	†F. William Midwinter .. . 5
†Grace Burchnall 3	Harold Denman Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

* First peal in seven methods † 50th peal together.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., July 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Ipswich S., (2) Double Court, (3) Cambridge S., (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Robert E. Lester Treble	Neville F. Whittell 4
Roger L. K. Whittell 2	Robert J. Southgate 5
Hubert A. Mitson 3	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey .. Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey.

Rung to celebrate the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lester, and the 20th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mitson

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Mon., July 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,088 Yorkshire, 1,280 New Cambridge and 2,720 Rutland, with 78 changes of method and all the work.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Jean Osbon Treble	John Howard 5
Edgar R. Rapley 2	David D. Smith 6
Derek Slater 3	*Ian Wickens 7
*Roger Osbon 4	George Francis Tenor

Composed by John L. Morris. Conducted by George Francis.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major. First of Spiced Surprise Major as conductor.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, Glam.—At the Church of St. Catwg.

On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

*John Hodgetts Treble	Gwyn I. Lewis 4
Edmund J. Morris 2	†Lawrence Hanney 5
Alwyn R. Lewis 3	David Culpin Tenor

Conducted by Alwyn R. Lewis.

* First peal. † First "inside." First of Plain Bob Doubles by all and also for the Guild.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWLYN EAST, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Newlyn.

On Wed., July 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*H. Gay J. Meyrick Treble	Arthur F. Burley 4
†Robert Peel Pearce 2	Timothy J. Bell 5
Alan Carveth 3	Anthony J. Davidson .. Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Thurs., July 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5052 STEDMAN CATERS

*†Deborah N. Maggs .. Treble	Richard H. Youdale 6
Thomas H. Francis 2	Maurice J. Butler 7
David J. Forder 3	Kenneth S. B. Croft 8
Michael J. Thomas 4	R. Roger Savory 9
†Stephen Kirby 5	Edward W. Colley Tenor

Composed by R. A. G. Inglis. Conducted by Thomas H. Francis.
* First peal on ten bells † First in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Butler for their 25th wedding anniversary. Tenor 9 cwt. 44 lb. in G.

RINGWOOD, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in E.

Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	*Timothy F. Collins 5
Jean L. Kimber 2	Ernest J. Ladd 6
G. William Critchley .. 3	Stewart F. Kimber 7
Ronald N. Marlow 4	Frederick E. Collins .. Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal of Yorkshire

EAST TYTHERLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., July 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation of Thurstans' four-part.

*Katharine J. Maundrell .. Treble	*J. Ashmore Dodd 5
*Richard Green 2	*Ross G. W. Robertson .. 6
William T. Perrins 3	Frederick E. Collins .. 7
*Michael J. Church 4	Richard H. Youdale .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

BINSTEAD, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in F.

136 variations.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in F.
Trevor Matchem Treble	Lionel D. Smith 4
Elizabeth A. Banks 2	Derek C. Jackson 5
Susan V. Banks 3	*David R. Follick Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.

* First peal. Largest number of Doubles variations rung for the Guild.

Rung to welcome the Rev. C. Edwards to the Parish of Binstead.

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Kent, Childwall and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A.

J. Ashmore Dodd Treble	†Barry R. M. Johnson .. 4
*Anthony J. Mason 2	Peter Henry 5
Richard Green 3	Richard H. Youdale .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard H. Youdale.

* Most Minor methods "inside." † Most Minor methods.

Rung as a farewell to Barry Johnson, who is leaving the district after five years at Winchester College.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., June 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

John N. Linton Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts 5
J. Alan Ainsworth 2	Stephen W. Barton 6
Susan E. Smith 3	Robert Edwards 7
*Christopher I. Rowson .. 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* First peal of London. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

STOKE PRIOR, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels.

On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Morley P. Tobin Treble	Raymond Smith 5
Arthur V. Pearson 2	Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 6
Clifford J. Skidmore .. 3	Arthur C. Berry 7
Robert Edwards 4	Gerald C. Hemming Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., July 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F sharp.

John N. Linton Treble	James W. Belshaw 5
Michael J. Fellows 2	Stephen W. Barton 6
Susan E. Smith 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Robert Edwards 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch)

BEBINGTON, Cheshire.—At 14, Highcroft Avenue.

On Fri., July 19, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 17 in A.

*Keith J. Walpole 1-2	*†N. David Lane 7-8
†Eric J. Gilbert 3-4	*Robert Peers 9-10
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 5-6	*F. Leslie Coventry .. 11-12

Arranged by Robert Peers from a composition by R. B. Smith.

Conducted by F. Leslie Coventry.

* First peal on 12 bells. † Completes peals of Plain Bob on handbells from Minor to Maximus. ‡ 25th peal. First peal of Maximus "in hand" by all the band and for the Wirral Branch.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 40, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.

On Thurs., July 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

*Alan McFall 1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6
Robert B. Smith 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse 7-8
Alan F. Scholfield 9-10	

Composed by Andrew Hudson. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Stedman "inside" on handbells. First of Stedman Caters "in hand" as conductor. Tenor size 17 in A.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RISLEY, Derbyshire.—At 85, Derby Road.

On Thurs., July 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL

Denis R. Carlisle 1-2	David J. Marshall 5-6
*Gordon A. Halls 3-4	*David W. Friend 7-8
Simon Humphrey 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* First peal of Royal "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., July 12, 1968, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Hereward, Double Court, College, St. Clement's College, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 10 in A.

Joseph Whalley 1-2	Mary W. Whalley 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6	

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., July 19, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley 1-2	Mary W. Whalley 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6	

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.

On Tues., July 16, 1968, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant 1-2	Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3-4
Jeffrey L. Claughton 5-6	

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At 30, Methly Drive.

On Tues., July 2, 1968, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Ronald J. Snack 1-2	*Suzanne J. Withers 3-4
Ronald R. Warford (cond.) 5-6	

* First peal "in hand." Tenor size 10 in A.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At 5, Toronto Place.

On Sun., July 7, 1968, in 2 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 10 in A.

Margaret Warford 1-2	Ronald J. Snack 3-4
Ronald R. Warford (cond.) 5-6	

First peal in two Minor methods "in hand" by all.

NON-ASSOCIATION

PETERBOROUGH, New Hampshire, U.S.A.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nichols, jun.,

Orchard Hill Road.

On Fri., May 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in F flat

*Joan Hutchinson (U.S.A.) 1-2	Frank C. Price (G.B.) .. 5-6
Tom Goodyer (Australia) 3-4	*Golfrey Davies (G.B.) .. 7-8

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Frank C. Price.
* First peal. † First on the tenors. Believed to be the first peal in the State of New Hampshire.

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GOLDEN WEDDING

ELLIOTT.—Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Elliott, of Kelvedon, Colchester, who were married on August 3rd, 1918, at Christ Church, Clapham. 4446

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

REED.—The address of Mr. F. Reed is now 10, Douglas Close, Stanmore, Middlesex. 4422

ROWSON. — The address of Christopher Rowson is now 80, Lambourne Drive, Cox Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire (Maidenhead 23098) in addition to Northcourt Lodge, Oxford Road, Abingdon, Berkshire (Abingdon 136) and, during University term, High Hall, Church Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. 4438

PERSONAL

"And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be the servant of all."—St. Mark x. 44.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—All correspondence and communications, etc., should now be sent to Mr. G. K. Austin, 4, Coppice Crescent, Huyton, Liverpool. 4453

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Evening meeting, Cardington (8) Saturday, August 3rd, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. St. Paul's, Bedford (10), from 6.15 p.m. to 7.30.—C. M. Payne. 4457

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Butlers Marston, Saturday, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing until 8 p.m. Kineton bells will also be open from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. only. All welcome. Names for tea to R. W. Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam, please. 4405

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Evening meeting at Willingham on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Cumberland Bob and Lightfoot Surprise. 4406

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Evening meeting, Barkway (8) on Saturday, August 3rd, 5.30-8.30.—Mrs. C. A. Agg. Dis. Sec. 4380

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Practice meeting, Harrow Weald (8), August 3rd, 6.30 p.m. Please bring deposits for outing. (10s.).—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 4420

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch) and PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Towcester Branch).—Joint meeting at Wicken (8), August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea to B. R. Eglesfield, 7, York Road, Stony Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks, by Tuesday previous.—B. R. Eglesfield, W. A. Yates, Hon. Secs. 4419

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Heytesbury (6), Saturday, August 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Waite, 41, High Street, Heytesbury, near Warminster. 4423

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wentworth (6) on August 3rd. Ringing 3 to 4.20 and after tea till 8.30. Tea in Mechanics Institute (near church). Names for tea to M. King, Wentworth Vicarage, Wentworth.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 4407

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting at Rusper (not Lindfield), August 3rd. Bells 3.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting, followed by evening ringing. Names for tea to Mr. Moorey, The Old Farmhouse, Morris Farm, Holbrook, Horsham, Sussex (Tel. Horsham 62937) as early as possible, please. — Jean Osborn Hon. Div. Sec. 4410

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District. — Festival, Saturday, August 3rd. Ringing tour (private cars) starting from Ringwood (8) 10.30 a.m. Tea, Priory Church Hall, 5.30 p.m. (3s.) Priory bells (12) evening. Please notify for tea.—Arthur Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Tel. 44101. 4424

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Surprise Major practice meeting at All Saints', Leicester, on Monday, August 5th, 7.30 p.m. Variety of methods. Beginners (surprise) welcome.—Ron Hughes. 4352

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice at Hillingdon on Monday, August 5th, at 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 4379

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, August 5th, at 7 p.m. 4440

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Practice meeting at St. Mary's Church (6), Oulton, on Tuesday, August 6th, 7-9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 4458

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice at Farmborough (6), Wednesday, August 7th, 7.30 p.m. Members' friends and supporters will be welcome.—B. J. 4429

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Special practice (ladies only), Otley, Suffolk (6), Friday, August 9th, 7-9 p.m. All members support, please.—J. Lester, Dis. Sec. 4432

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Horringer (8) on Friday evening, August 9th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 4436

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead on Saturday, August 10th, at 7 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 4455

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—An evening meeting will be held at Arlesey (6) on Saturday, August 10th. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. Everyone made welcome.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 4435

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern and Central Districts.—Joint meeting at Brancepeth on August 10th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Please bring a picnic tea. 4434

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rotherfield (8), Saturday, August 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service. Evening ringing 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. S. Morris, Rotherfield Post Office, Crowborough, Sussex, by August 9th. Names for the annual outing on October 12th to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex, please. 4411

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, August 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 4445

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, North Nibley (6), Saturday, August 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Chamberlain, Strangeways, Millend, North Nibley, Dursley, Glos. by Wednesday, August 7th. 4456

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, August 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss J. Collins, Sands Cottage, Leigh Lane, Farnham.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 4384

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), August 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourn. 4437

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Ulverston on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. V. Martin, 21, Oubas Hill, Ulverston.—T. F. Metcalfe. 4439

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Whitworth on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—G. Cheetham. 4427

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Rothley, on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Kitching, 42, Mountsorrel Lane, Rothley, by Wednesday, August 7th. 4431

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Hale, Saturday, August 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—G. K. A. 4452

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting at Badby (6), Saturday, August 10th. Tea 4.30. Names to Mrs. J. Webb, Branch Sec., by Monday previous. Regret no names, no tea. 4443

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at High Ercall (8), Saturday, August 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea to Mr. T. Breeze, 5, Cleveland Avenue, High Ercall, Wellington, Salop. by Wednesday, August 7th. 4441

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Cropwell Bishop, August 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening. Langar. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 4442

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Framlingham on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Foresters' Hall. Names for tea to Mr. W. E. Maulden, 14, Market Hill, Framlingham, by Wednesday, August 7th.—T. N. J. B. 4428

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening practice at St. Leonard's, Streatham (8) on Saturday, August 10th, at 7 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 4396

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Pulborough and Billingshurst on Saturday, August 10th. Pulborough (8) at 2.30 p.m. Meeting in Pulborough belfry at 4. Service at Pulborough at 4.30. Regret no arrangements for tea. Billingshurst (8) at 6.30 until 8.30.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 4450

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION Southern District

The August meeting will be held on August 17th, joint with the BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY, in the Shelley area.

Ringling programme:

New Mill	10.45-12.00 noon
Shelley	2.30-5.00 p.m.
Silkstone	6.30-7.30 p.m.
Barnsley	7.00-9.00 p.m.

Names for tea to Mr. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, by Wednesday, August 14th. No names, no tea.
J. Seager, Secretary. 4459

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting at Repton on Saturday, August 24th. Start 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 4398

THE LADIES' GUILD

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Further ringing took place at various towers until 6 p.m., when some 70 members and friends assembled at Mayflower Place, Hertingfordbury, for dinner. Mrs. E. Parfrey presided and Mr. David King acted as toastmaster.

The toast of "The Church" was proposed by Mrs. Jacqueline King with that poetry of voice and language which seems to come more naturally to the Welsh than to the rest of us, and the response by the Rev. A. Bradley held everyone's interest as he described the origin of ringing. This differed considerably from the usual version given in textbooks, but was much more humorous (and, as belittled the occasion, gave far more credit than is usually attributed to the female sex).

The toast of "The Ladies' Guild" was proposed by Mr. R. Hardy, who in the course of a light-hearted speech said that he was not going to give the ladies a pat on the back, although he was probably expected to, because the fact that the Guild had existed for 50 years and had met in strength there that evening was a greater tribute than he could pay.

When the newly-elected president rose to reply she was greeted with an ovation which was not only a personal tribute but also an expression of everyone's sympathy. During the day some of us had heard that her husband had known before he died that her name had been submitted by several Districts for the office of president, and how proud of her and the family he would have been for the gallant and courageous way they had carried everyone with them throughout the day.

Mrs. Parfrey said how much the Ladies' Guild meant to her personally, and the opportunities it gave members to meet each other as the venue for the annual general meeting moved around the country—last year at Lincoln, this year at St. Albans, next year Manchester. She also paid tribute to the older members, several of whom had been present during the day, and two of whom, Mrs. E. Mitchell and Mrs. A. Richardson, were at the dinner. Mrs. Parfrey then thanked those who had done so much to make the day a success—the Rev. A. Bradley for the service and his speech that evening, Miss Ware, who had arranged the dinner, Mrs. Darvill and her helpers for the lunch, and the Central District secretary, Mrs. J. Hooton, for all the arrangements for the meeting and the ringing.

Miss Valerie Ware welcomed the visitors, especially the Rev. and Mrs. A. Bradley. She also had a special word for the "supporters," who, in the Central District anyway, not only rang the heavier bells at meetings but also did the washing-up while the ladies held their business meeting.

Mr. J. Bramley, who replied to the toast, cast an anxious eye in the direction of the kitchen lest the supporters were expected to wash-up that evening.

The room was then cleared and dancing continued until a late hour, with a short interval, when two of the "supporters" gave a most delightful and entertaining puppet show.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting, Beaumaris, Anglesey, Saturday, September 7th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, by previous Saturday. 4444

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will take place at Grantham on Saturday, September 21st. The business meeting will be held at 2.30 p.m. in the Divisional Headquarters of the Lincolnshire Constabulary. The dinner will be at the George Hotel, Grantham (price 17s. 6d.) at 6.45 p.m. Orders by September 14th, please. Ringing arrangements from Arthur Pearce (Secretary), 197 Wythenshawe Road, Manchester 23. 4433

DATE TOUCHES

HEDON, E. YORKS.—On May 25th, 1968 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Whittaker 1, Miss L. Sherwood 2, Miss I. Piper 3, J. L. Birdsall 4, J. M. Brook 5, R. H. Jordan 6, R. R. Horton 7, R. A. Bradley (longest length as cond.) 8. First date touch of Major for all.

TETBURY, GLOS.—On July 14th, 1968 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. E. Bell 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 2, C. J. Bell 3, E. G. Mould 4, S. Poole 5, D. R. Livsey 6, P. D. Wenham 7, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 14th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Macve 1, Penny Cocks 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Amanda Powell 4, Carol Cousins (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Matins.

BARROW, SUFFOLK.—On July 15th, 720 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Wells 1, C. R. Nunn 2, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 3, R. J. Stannard 4, A. F. Ballam 5. Rung for a rural deanery service.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On July 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Baldry 1, N. Rogers 2, Wendy Ellis 3, A. Ellis (cond.) 4, J. Rampley 5, H. Archer 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the Rev. W. Fayle Parr, Rector of Benhall with Sternfield.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Coe 1, A. Churchard 2, D. Cooper 3, L. D. Shaw (cond.) 4, J. K. Walton 5, H. Wagstaffe 6.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann P. Lloyd 1, Susan M. Merritt 2, W. E. Hubbard 3, D. S. Anderson 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, C. R. Squires 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3. In honour of the dedication of the new Daughter Church of St. Edward, leaving the district.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. King 1, Carol Gosling 2, Diane Wickens 3, A. J. Ede 4, E. Brazier 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6. Rung for the Church Flower Festival held over the week-end.

COMBE, OXON.—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): Sharon Newell (first quarter) 1, P. J. Heritage 2, E. R. Venn (cond.) 3, A. E. Hicks 4, D. Floyd 5, W. W. Franklin 6.

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On July 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. O. J. Beal 1, F. R. Searle 2, C. Roberts 3, P. Jackson 4, H. Gardner 5, N. J. Chesson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

EPPEING UPLAND, ESSEX.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (all the calls singles): Glynis E. Perry 1, Susan F. Thomas (first Minor "inside") 2, P. W. Dickinson 3, Laura M. Grindrod 4, J. E. Murfitt 5, P. M. Cuckson (first Minor as cond.) 6.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Rose of England T.B. and P.B. Minor: Catherine A. Roberts 1, Susan V. Banks 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, L. D. Smith 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Allinson 6. Rung prior to the knighting of Sir Alec Rose, of Portsmouth.

HATHERN, LEICS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Lester 1, D. Swift 2, Miss B. Johns 3, C. Woods 4, A. Fletcher 5, J. Tickle (cond.) 6, T. Harris 7, H. Harris 8. For Patronal Festival.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Piper 1, E. Baker 2, A. H. Kemp 3, T. Relf 4, E. West (first in method) 5, P. Harrison 6, S. G. Waters 7, D. West 8. Conducted by W. Gorrings.

HESSETT, SUFFOLK.—On June 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Derek Rose 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose (cond.) 3, L. Nice 4, M. J. Rose 5. For the Flower Festival.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—At St. John's, on July 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. A. Fardon 1, Ruby Myllys 2, J. Walters (first Stedman) 3, Claudia Critchley 4, A. M. Stacey 5, G. W. Critchley 6, A. R. G. Twinn (cond.) 7, F. W. Goodfellow 8. For Evensong.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On July 13th, 1,320 Doubles (11 var. of Grandsire): Kathryn R. Pearce (first on treble) 1, A. Locke 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, T. J. Bell 4, T. R. Hart 5, R. P. Pearce 6.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. Barker 1, P. Brentnall 2, J. Naysmith 3, K. D. Waples 4, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 5, B. M. Barker 6. For Evensong, with best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Picton on leaving for Pulborough.

QUARTER PEALS

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On July 14th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): B. J. Stone (cond.) 1, Bryony P. Moorby 2, J. P. Hull 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. D. Collin 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6. For Holy Communion.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On July 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jennie Brown 1, Freda Cannon 2, Barbara Leigh 3, G. Clarke 4, R. A. Grant 5, M. J. Young 6, D. G. H. Hollis (cond.) 7, C. P. Starbuck 8. For Flower and Music Festival Evensong, marking 1,050 years since the foundation of the Church of St. Mary, Lewisham.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Linott (first quarter) 1, Gillian Read 2, J. A. Read (first "inside") 3, T. S. Bowles 4, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 5, M. Cass 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ST. CLEMENT, CORNWALL.—On July 14th, 1,272 Single Court Minimus: Anne Pearce 1, T. J. Bell 2, R. P. Pearce 3, A. J. Davidson 4. First in the method for all the band.

SELLINDGE, KENT.—On June 16th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Anne Barber 1, B. Johnson 2, P. C. Sinden 3, E. Clifton 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty Tomlin 1, H. Baker 2, Margaret Jenner (first Triples) 3, Freda Tomlin 4, B. Johnson 5, H. Deacon 6, D. Manger (cond.) 7, R. Mitchell 8. For Confirmation.

SWANMORE, HANTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. R. Crook (first quarter) 1, R. J. Latham 2, A. M. Donaldson 3, R. W. T. Slack 4, B. R. M. Johnson (cond.) 5, A. J. Mason 6. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

SWINDON VILLAGE, GLOS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. J. Smith (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Barter 2, D. M. Brooks 3, R. Liddel 4, M. L. Maggs (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to 1 and 2.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Miss V. Ballard 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, Miss W. E. Marriott 3, W. W. T. Daniell 4, Mrs. E. Jaques 5, E. Sutton 6, R. Hulme 7, P. Spackman 8, M. Stanley (cond.) 9, M. Sutton 10. A farewell to Rev. B. Banks on appointment as curate at Halesowen, and as a birthday compliment to Miss W. E. Marriott.

TERLING, ESSEX.—On July 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Charlotte Sterk (first Treble Bob) 1, Susan Rothera 2, Josephine Quilter 3, K. W. Brown 4, P. J. Rothera 5, P. G. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. A. Lepper.

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UPTON-UPON-SEVERN, WORCS.—On July 11th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B.M.: J. E. Lawrence 1, D. Price 2, A. Jop 3, G. E. Edwards 4, P. Young 5, J. Clements 6, G. Drew 7, R. G. Morris (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

WATERMOOR, Cirencester, GLOS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Pl. Doubles: R. W. Collins 1, D. R. Pope 2, R. K. Williams (cond.) 3, E. C. R. Biggs 4, S. B. Bell 5, F. Lawrence 6. Rung in memoriam Mr. Ronald Goss, churchwarden.

DOINGS IN DEVON

Comments have been going around at Devon competitions which make it seem that this series is proving useful, so we hope that it may be able to continue. One feature of the competitions in July was the appearance of a method-ringing band all the way from Seend, Wiltshire, at the Down St. Mary Shield competition. It sounds as though they found that call change ringing was not quite as easy as it looks, but they made history and we hope that their example may be followed in the future. Swymbridge won the shield with 22 faults, followed by Cheriton Fitzpaine (not recently among the leaders) with 35, and a band from Black Torrington makes us hopeful that ringing may be picking up there, too. Down St. Mary entered a band containing four of their girl ringers.

August will give visitors two competitions in perfect surroundings for an afternoon in the country. On August 3rd the Bill Miners Cup will be competed for at Widescombe-in-the-Moor—it was given by Bill, not in memory of him; he wanted a Bill Miners cup and, being Bill, he was not going to miss any of the fun so he gave it in plenty of time to see and hear it rung, we hope, for many years to come. On the 24th is the Meavy Cup competition, and if you have been to Devon and have not been to Meavy you have missed one of the most delightful things in the county. The oak on the village green is one of the oldest trees in the kingdom—and looks old enough for Noah to have sat under. The church is a gem, the Royal Oak is a real old country pub and there is a first-rate six to listen to.

A lot of nonsense still seems to be talked about relations between call change and method ringers. One story we heard last month may help to scotch it. The Emmanuel, Plymouth, band had three weddings in one day to ring for and could not man the tower for all of them. Plymstock, the current six-bell champions of the call change world, heard of their predicament and came in to help them out. Call change ringers welcome any ringers in their towers: the only things they do not like are bad striking and being regarded as backward yokels.

J. G. M. S.

OBITUARY

MRS. MAY W. TEAGUE

The death took place in her home in Woodston, Hunts, on July 14th, of Mrs. May Teague, aged 85 years. Formerly Mrs. Datson, it is by this name that Mrs. Teague will be remembered by a number of Woodston's early lady ringers who have now moved to various other districts. Only recently did failing health bring an end to Mrs. Teague's services as bell-ringer and P.C.C. member, it being over 50 years since her ringing began.

The funeral was on July 17th, and on the previous evening a half-muffled quarter peal was rung after the body had been brought to lie in the church. J. M. R.

MR. ALBERT J. HUGHES

Mr. W. Cathall, hon. secretary of the North Wales Association, writes that he understood the funeral of Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, was on June 29th. Mr. Hughes did most of his ringing in the Bradford and Birmingham areas and returned to North Wales after his retirement from the railway.

Mr. Cathall believes that Albert was a founder of the North Wales Association but of late he had not done much ringing on account of ill-health. His last peal was 5,056 Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Pulford, Cheshire, on June 23rd, 1951, for the North Wales Association.

A LONE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS IN AMERICA

MARCH 15th dawned a little cloudy, drear and cold as the Pilgrim set out on his trip. Having been duly delivered at the Victoria Air Terminal early in the morning and gone through the process of booking in, a small coffee party and a small briefing, he boarded at Heathrow a V.C. 10, together with 70 others from various firms (not connected with ringing), in a special small trade mission to the U.S.A. and Canada.

At that time, being a little nervous of air flight, there were some moments of trepidation until the aircraft had finally settled on its journey, which commenced at 11.20 a.m. It was soon obvious that a good time was to be had by all and things were to be done on a grand scale. After a sumptuous lunch followed by other fortifications, the Pilgrim began to feel that perhaps life wasn't so bad after all!

The plane landed at Boston, Mass., at 12.30 p.m. (What happened to the six hours?) in a temperature of 30 degrees after passing over the mouth of the still frozen St. Lawrence and the also frozen river at Boston. The pattern, however, was soon to change as within a few hours the temperature soared into the 60's.

MET BRITISH AMBASSADOR

After being transported to the hotel came a very short period for rest and cleaning up, followed by a somewhat longer briefing on American customs and business, together with the schedule for the next few days. The party was then whisked to the residence of the Consul-General to meet the British Ambassador and a reception with further fortification.

The first ringing connection came with the arrival of Geoffrey Davies, late of Birmingham and now of Brandeis University, who escorted T. P. to supper to meet the family and the first encounter with an American ringer in the shape of Joan Hutchinson. Having, however, nearly fallen asleep at 11.30 p.m. (it was, after all, 5.30 a.m. in England), it was a case of home to bed.

Saturday, after more briefings and business meetings, saw the visit to the first tower, at Hingham. The bells are a Mears ten (about 21 cwt.) hung in a slender brick campanile, and after seeing the bells, whilst no ringing took place, T.P. had his first taste of American hospitality, which was to be a pattern for the weeks to come. Here due to the vast and untiring efforts of David Gifford, Gene Gardner and others, an almost derelict ring had been made ringable and a keen band started with the assistance of Geoff and Doctor Tudor Morris from Swansea. The bells are by no means easy to ring but bad "go" was easily outweighed by the keen enthusiasm—a tower and band well worthy of assistance from any visiting ringers. At present there are also Nigel and Margaret Bearne from Kent, who are rendering yeoman service. In the evening came a "pizza" party, where it seemed that the whole village had turned up (was it really jam and pilchards?).

Sunday saw a visit to the tower at Perkins Institute, another Mears eight still obviously ringable, but not now rung due to local opposition and other reasons not printable.

RADIO BROADCAST

Monday saw the opening of an exhibition and the first business of the tour—this also was to set a pattern. During the lunch hour the two foundry representatives took part in a radio programme broadcast from the hotel dining room, at the invitation of a well-known local celebrity, where, between mouthfuls of steak and commercials, many questions were answered on bells and bellfounding. One or two political questions were popped in and answered according to their merits—e.g. "Who do you favour, Kennedy or McCarthy?" to be answered with . . . "I'm sorry, I don't know anything about baseball." (Crunch.)

Monday evening saw a visit to the famous (?) Durgin's Park Restaurant, where T.P. was



MR. W. A. THEOBALD

This was not the Pilgrim's first visit to America. In 1928 he left school and ran away to sea, and sailed in three ships of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company during a period of 12 months.

He learned to ring at Portsmouth, and was working at Salisbury when the ban was lifted and took part in the ringing at St. Thomas' Church. In 1944 he became secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, offices he held for little more than a year.

In 1947 he joined the staff of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry as a bellhanger and has worked on many famous bells. He has rung in 1,300 towers and scored about 350 peals (conducted about 75).

amazed to see a lady eating a "beef" chop, also to see the look on a colleague's face at the gargantuan size of the pork chops, and to hear the waitress comment "Wassa marrer wid jew?" to which was added further comment, on being told it was too much to eat, "Ja wanna doggie bag?"

The take-off for Atlanta, Georgia, was at night; how beautiful is the sight of a lighted city viewed from the air, most were like lighted jewels. Here again briefings, meetings, visits, exhibition and interviews with potential customers, followed by a literally "flying" visit to Charleston, South Carolina.

Here, due to an earthquake which had caused the tower to settle several inches, and a frame on stilts too high in the tower, ringing is impossible and the bells are "clocked" electrically. Seven wheels still remain but the tenor wheel had been removed to make way for a ladder to the spire above. These bells have had a chequered career: cast by the Whitechapel Foundry in 1764, they were brought back to England during the War of Independence and later returned and rehung locally. On removal again, during the Civil War, they were destroyed by fire and later recast again at Whitechapel in 1865.

WASHINGTON'S EXAMPLE

Next, on to Washington, where, there being no exhibition, Pilgrim was able to pay a visit to the Cathedral for some ringing on the Mears ten. Here again was an example of the limitless enthusiasm of the American ringers. To coin an Americanism "Boy! Are Rick, Jack and the girls good!" Good ringing, loads of enthusiasm, a well-controlled belfry and, above all, a high standard of ringing which could well set an example for some British towers. Ringing was half-muffled, and what a glorious sound.

Here also Pilgrim had his first example of the American ability to learn quickly, which was to show up again and again in other quarters. Quite obviously our American friends have a different, mental approach to ringing and their concentration seems to be much greater. Here also to meet Rick's father, Wayne Dirksen, who Pilgrim had the pleasure of teaching to handle a bell while in England.

After a few days it was on to St. Louis, with temperatures soaring up into the 80's. No bells here as yet, or at Minneapolis, the next stop. At the latter came the contact by telephone with Daniel Robbins, the carillonneur at the Rockefeller Chapel at Chicago, followed by an invitation to visit the Mitchell tower.

CHICAGO PROSPECTS

As Pilgrim virtually had to fly over Chicago to reach Montreal, he took advantage of this and, having been met at the airport by an English ringer, was duly delivered at the tower to inspect the bells and meet the local ringers. Here is a Whitechapel ten in a steel frame, built, however, on a massive wooden bridge to carry the weight lower in a rather thin tower; ringing is difficult, the back bells never being rung. However, here again difficult conditions were countered by great enthusiasm and hospitality. These people would be grateful for any help by visiting ringers. Ringing, at least during semesters, is at Saturday lunchtime and any visitor is advised to contact Daniel Robbins, c/o Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, Chicago University, Chicago, Illinois; they will be assured of a great welcome. Pilgrim found them most cheerful and hospitable, and his stay all too brief, but including a look at the wonderful Gillett carillon and to hear the majestic back four rung electrically.

On to Montreal for the annual exhibition and business trips. Here attempts to contact ringing towers drew a blank. Montreal bells are now rung electrically, and Quebec towers at the moment are having a lean time. Pilgrim had been to Montreal some 35 years before but attempts to recognise old haunts drew a blank due to the great changes in the city. It was amusing to see the look on a coach driver's face during a sightseeing tour, when told during a talk on the bells of Notre Dame, Montreal, "You had better be right because we have a man from the firm that insured them aboard." Finally came the day to say farewell to the main party, who were returning to England whilst Pilgrim carried on to the chief object of his visit, to install the eight at Smith College, Northampton, Mass., already described in another article.

The first leg was to Boston, where Pilgrim was met by Joan Hutchinson and whisked into the city for a short stay before going on. Due to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King things were a bit grim, but a quick enjoyable visit to Hingham was made, this time for a short ring. (To be continued)

METHOD EXTENSION 10

The naming of Kegworth Surprise Royal effectively prevented Leatherhead Surprise Major from extending through Royal to Maximus and Kegworth becomes a parent method in its own right. The method which would have been Leatherhead Surprise Maximus, the Static extension, need not become Kegworth Surprise Maximus! All method group (f).

Kegworth Royal. lh2—50—14—56—
36.14—14.50.14—14.50.14—14.5hl.

Maximus.
(Static A/W).
lh2—5t—14—56—36.14—14.5t.14—
14.5t.14—14.5t.14—14.5hl.

(Expanding A/T).
lh2—5t—14—56—36—78—58.16—
16.7t.16—16.7t.16—16.7hl.

(Expanding B/T).
lh2—5t—14—56—36.14.78.14.58.16—
16.7t.16—16.7t.16—16.7hl.
G. DODDS.

COMPOSITIONS

1,968 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Arranged by D. A. CHAPMAN
23456 W B M H

52364	—	2	
32465	—	3	
63254	—	—	
32456	—	3 (BBS)	"A"
53264	—	—	
23456	—	—	"A"

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64352	1	1
62453	2	1
62534	2	2
65324	1	2
23564	2	2

Twice repeated.
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(Six Methods)
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54632	—	—	R C L
36245	—	(3)	R Y L (Cl. Cl.)
24365	—	—	L Li R

Repeat 11 times. Add S at 1½ in first course of 1st and 7th parts or at 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th 9th and 11th parts.

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