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TOWER SNATCHING

A somewhat derisive or contemptuous term is 'tower-snatching.' Who invented it we know not, but is there an enthusiastic ringer who will not confess that in his heart of hearts he is a 'tower-snatcher'? When the thrill of entering a new ringing chamber is lost to the individual then it might truly be said that his initial keenness as a ringer has evaporated. With what sense of expectancy does the newcomer climb the stairs of a strange belfry, for no two ringing chambers are identical. Some are palatial with rich apportionments; at the other end of the scale are those meagre boxlike chambers with barely sufficient room to handle the ropes, telling their own story of architects who knew nothing of bells and their ringing.

Charles Morgan in one of his essays writes of the power of the Abbey Church to refresh the spirit of private men; to which he adds 'a power the more gracious because it is shared by much humbler churches, each in its own manner and degree.' These visits to other churches are more than 'the bleak catalogue of photography.' They have something vital to give that develops the spiritual ego. There are some ringers to whom the grandeur of architecture makes but a fleeting impression, but they gain their sense of satisfaction through the peal of a bell by means of a bell rope. To them the bell is something living; a rope to them is as a rein to a horseman, and by its perfect handling that sense of mastery is secured. Each tower and its bells bring a fresh experience, a new delight and in itself a refreshment of the spirit.

In tower-snatching as in most things there are specialists. We know of some who delight in measuring their prowess by the tenors they have turned in. To them a sense of physical delight is an added pleasure. The weights and peculiarities, if any, of the 'go' are recorded with care. No one can deny that there is not something awe-inspiring to see a massive tenor revolving and to hear and almost to feel the vibration of a deep note which is frequently mellowed by age. Such a memory is constant, and the opportunity to ring such a bell by, say, the tenor enthusiasts, is one to be snatched at.

Then there is the spiritual experience of such visits. Ringing chambers react differently. Some we have visited are desolate and uncared for. Forelorn, they create a consciousness of not being part of the real life of the Church; no loving hands have swept them clean, and there is no joy in assembling in such a chamber Sunday by Sunday. There are others like a museum with

the walls covered with peal boards giving messages of emulation to all who ring there of those giants of the Exercise who performed in bygone days. Finally the great joy of going into a belfry where evidence of loving care and attention is everywhere. The ropes in good condition, the same pride taken in keeping clean the furniture and other appertionments as in the body of the church itself. It is indeed the unsaid sermon; the consciousness of the consecrated building is very real; the visitor feels that something far greater than snatching a tower has been achieved. Presence exists in such a room, built up and hallowed by men and women who let all strangers know:—

We love the place, O God,
Wherein Thine honour dwells;
The joy of Thine abode
All earthly joy excels.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

JOHN PHILLIPS 1	...Treble	JOHN A. WAUGH 7
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 2		GEORGE E. FEARN 8
HERBERT LANGDON 3		FREDK. E. COLLINS 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4		THOMAS G. MYERS 10
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5		RICHARD F. DEAL 11
DANIEL D. COOPER 6		ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

TEN BELL PEALS

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)
On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

*HERBERT JILLINGS 1	...Treble	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 6
HOBART E. SMITH 2		†LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
HARRY R. ROPER 3		GEORGE A. FLEMING 8
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN... 4		CECIL W. PIPE 9
FRANK L. FISHER 5		LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WM. J. G. BROWN.
* First peal of Royal. † 300th Surprise peal.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDK. A. SALTER 1	...Treble	FRANK BROWN 6
GEORGE PADGETT 2		FRANK BRADLEY 7
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3		J. ALFRED BARRATT 8
REGINALD A. ALEY 4		T. VERNON JENNISON ... 9
KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 5		RICHARD BOWLER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. ALFRED BARRATT.
To commemorate 50 years' service as a ringer at this church by Mr. H. R. Cobbin (Ringing Master 1912-40).

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT GRANTA TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF 1	...Treble	REGINALD A. ALEY 6
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2		W. NEVILLE BROWN ... 7
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 3		J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 8
FRANK W. BROWN 4		T. VERNON JENNISON ... 9
JOSEPH A. FENTON 5		FREDK. A. SALTER Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE.
First peal of 'Granta' Royal by all except the conductor, and his first on tower bells.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL 6040, CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 1	...Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 6
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2		*JOHN S. WALTON 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 3		ALBERT WALKER 8
DOROTHY C. BEAMISH ... 4		FRANK E. HAYNES 9
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 5		WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal of Royal.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

NOLAN GOLDEN 1	...Treble	*LESLIE W. HOUGHTON... 6
WALTER C. MEDLER 2		CLAUDE COUSINS 7
ERNEST H. MASTIN 3		CECIL V. EBBERSON 8
*N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY 4		GEORGE SAYER 9
WALLACE W. COUSINS... 5		WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

KENNETH L. BROWN 1	...Treble	REV. C. CAREW COX 5
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 2		J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 6
ALICK CUTLER 3		FREDERICK A. FINCH ... 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4		LEONARD H. BOWLER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
Rung in celebration of the Association's jubilee.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Kettering Branch.)
On Thurs., June 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN SHATFORD 1	...Treble	†BRIAN AUSTIN 5
†BRIAN S. COPE 2		BURLEY P. MORRIS 6
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON 3		PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 7
†MISS ENID WALKLATE... 4		GEOFFREY E. WATSON... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. E. WATSON.
* First peal on eight. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

EILEEN H. BASTOW 1	...Treble	JOHN H. GARTSIDE 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2		PETER CROOK 6
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 3		FRED DUNKERLEY 7
STEPHEN L. PARRY 4		RICHARD BENSON Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
AL OF PAINSWICK COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 74lb. in G.

CEDRIC CURSON 1	...Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 5
HENRY TOOKE 2		CECIL V. EBBERSON 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3		ARTHUR G. BASON 7
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 4		GEORGE SAYER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association. Composition contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 and the 7568's and 7468's at course-ends.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.		Tenor 15½ cwt.	
*MRS. OLIVE C. VANN ... Treble	†F. JOHN STIMSON ...	5	
WILLIAM J. VANN ... 2	ERNEST W. TIPLER ...	6	
A. JOHN TIMSON ... 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON ...	7	
†DENNIS J. PITSTOW ... 4	*RONALD W. GIBBONS ... Tenor		

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
MARGARET D. PILCHER ... Treble	ERNEST A. JURD ...	5	
MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN ... 2	FREDK. W. BURNETT ...	6	
HAROLD A. NOBES ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ...	7	
ARTHUR H. FISHER ... 4	STANLEY E. COOK ... Tenor		

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Transposition.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
CLEMENT GLENN ... Treble	HARRY NEWTON ...	5	
HARRY C. WALTERS ... 2	SIDNEY BRIGGS ...	6	
BERNARD MOODY ... 3	DENNIS ROE ...	7	
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 4	FRED NEWTON ... Tenor		

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*FREDK. G. BEDDOW ... Treble	*CLIFFORD BARRON ...	5	
†JOHN F. BUTLER ... 2	WILLIAM A. FARMER ...	6	
A. EDWARD REEVES ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	7	
F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor		

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST V. CHESTERTON Treble	*FRANK BAILESS ...	5	
*GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 2	JOSEPH W. LAWRENCE ...	6	
T. HENRY WRIGHT ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ...	7	
†BRIAN W. NEWTON ... 4	ERNEST E. PICKERING ... Tenor		

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 100th peal. † First peal. † First peal of Major. A silver wedding peal for the conductor. First peal in the method for the Guild.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

*RAYMOND LYDSTER... Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR ...	5	
CHARLES H. WEBB ... 2	GEORGE GARDNER ...	6	
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 3	JOHN THOMPSON ...	7	
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor		

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by L. TREVOR.

* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to R. Lydster.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

H. VON DER HEYDE ... Treble	†C. JOHN DICKINSON ...	5	
BETTY SPICE ... 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	6	
*FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ...	7	
JAMES HIGGINS ... 4	*WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor		

Composed and Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

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

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 8lb. in F.

*ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... Treble	KENNETH S. B. CROFT... 5		
†EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 6		
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7		
*ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 4	*JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor		

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.		Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.	
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... Treble	THOMAS HEMMING ...	5	
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ...	6	
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ...	7	
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor		

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

RUSSELL W. CURSON ... Treble	HENRY TOOKE ...	5	
*ROBERT C. FRANCIS ... 2	CHARLES H. MOORE ...	6	
CEDRIC CURSON ... 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ...	7	
RAYMOND G. LOFTY ... 4	GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... Tenor		

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth and to celebrate the birth of a granddaughter to tenor ringer.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., June 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MISS BETTY BROWN ... Treble	KENNETH S. B. CROFT... 5		
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 6		
*JACK F. HODSON ... 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 7		
JOHN FREEMAN ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor		

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of London.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On June 22nd, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. E. Lankester 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, E. Lankester 3, Miss Vera Look 4, M. Hodgson 5, A. Cutler 6, H. Kilby 7, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 8.
ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On June 22nd, 1,280 Little Bob Major: Miss M. D. Pilcher (first quarter of Major) 1, E. A. Jurd 2, A. D. Mills 3, S. E. Cook 4, H. A. Nobes 5, P. H. Speck 6, J. H. Hunt 7, P. W. Burnett (conductor) 8.



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SIX BELL PEALS

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*PETER BAKER Treble	JAMES ATTWOOD 4
†IVOR POULTER 2	FRANCIS MILES 5
*EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER ATTWOOD.

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

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Hull, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Court. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

ERIC SMITH Treble	STANLEY MURPHY 4
FRANK WARRINGTON ... 2	CLAUDE GIMBLETT 5
WILFRED YOUNG 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 20, 1947, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS MOLLY NEWTON ... Treble	RAYMOND G. CARLTON... 4
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD... 3	EDWARD S. RUCK Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday and 68th year as a ringer of the conductor.

KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 of Plain Bob, 600 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 4,440 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*PHILIP POWLES Treble	JOHN D. ROCK 4
F. PETER ROCK 2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS... 5
LESLIE EVANS 3	†ROBERT JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal, aged 14 years. † First peal.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denys.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Court, Double Court, Primrose Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JAMES H. MUSSON ... Treble	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 4
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	JOHN G. AMES 5
GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 3	CYRIL WANDER Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

TERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents: (1) Hereward, Double Oxford, Plain and Double Bob; (2) College Bob and St. Clement's; (3) Oxford Bob and Single Court; (4) Childwall and Thelwall; (5) Double Court; (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; and (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM BUCKINGHAM ... Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4
*ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	CECIL V. EBBEREON ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in 14 methods. First in 14 methods on the bells.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): A. Bellamy 1, F. Stubbs 2, H. Richardson 3, A. Gibbs 4, F. E. Whitmore 5, W. Copperwheat (conductor) 6. First 720 Kent inside by 4th ringer.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Faith,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Double Oxford and Plain Bob; (3) Double Court and College Bob; (4) Double Bob and Plain Bob; (5) St. Clement's; (6) Oxford Bob; and (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*CHARLES F. TOVELL ... Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4
CLAUDE COUSINS 2	*EDWARD GREENACRE ... 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in nine methods. First peal in nine methods on the bells.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 5½ cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	MARGARET RIDYARD ... 4
JAMES TAYLOR 2	ERIC SUMNER 5
*JACK SUMNER 3	NORMAN HEAPS Tenor

Conducted by N. HEAPS.

* First peal.

EASTWELL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

HILDRED S. WICKENS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 4
PERCY PAGE 2	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEP 5
*LAURENCE T. POPE ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor in the method by all. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. E. S. Ruck, of Willesborough.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Martin and All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 1-2	BETTY SPICE 5-6
WILFRID F. MORETON ... 3-4	*WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7-8

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

* First peal 'in hand.'

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., June 17, 1947, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

At 28, PATRICIA AVENUE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (4 callings), one 240 Morris' arrangement Grandsire, 28 six-scores Grandsire (10 callings).

TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 1-2	ERIC F. SPEAKE 3-4
ALBERT D. COLLINS 5-6	

Conducted by TREVOR REYNOLDS.

First peal as conductor.

OXFORD

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., June 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At St. John-the-Baptist College.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*JAMES E. BUCKLEY ... 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5-6
BETTY SPICE 3-4	PETER C. WRIGHT 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (C.C.C. No. 36).
Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

* First peal. First peal on handbells and of Major as conductor.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At 32, RUSKIN AVENUE.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 1-2	JOHN FREEMAN 5-6
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3-4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7-8

HAROLD MARCON 9-10
Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by K. S. B. CROFT.

QUARTER PEALS

BATTERSEA, LONDON. — At St. Mary's Church on June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Howard 1, R. Cropley 2, Miss E. Cropley (first quarter) 3, F. Bush 4, W. Coe 5, E. Dodds 6, A. Williams (conductor) 7, E. Beauchamp (first quarter) 8.

CHERTSEY, SURREY. — On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Shorter 1, Mrs. V. Lathbury 2, R. Andrews 3, R. Lathbury 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, W. Goldstone 6, J. B. Hesse (composer and conductor) 7, T. Warden 8.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS. — On June 23rd, at All Saints', 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Derek Gibbons 1, James F. Clarke 2, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 3, Margaret Beamish 4, Arthur H. Beamish 5, Leonard Trevor (conductor) 6, James Draycott 7, Harry Harris 8, John Thompson 9, John E. S. Moreton 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters by ringers of 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. First quarter as conductor. First quarter on the bells since augmentation.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS. — At St. John the Baptist's on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Lewis (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Jackson 2, E. Marshall 3, H. Arbin 4, W. Vince 5, G. Herbert 6, C. Ward (conductor) 7, W. Langley 8.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON. — On June 22nd at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, C. Pothecary 2, F. A. Barker 3, A. W. Coles (conductor) 4, R. Charge 5, G. A. Parsons 6, J. G. Nash 7, A. Warren 8.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX. — On June 22nd, at the Church of St. Dunstan, 1,200 Stedman Doubles: F. Corke (conductor) 1, W. H. Coles 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, H. W. Impey 4, T. G. Bannister 5, P. Woodyear 6. Also on same date 1,440 Bob Minor: T. G. Bannister 1, P. Woodyear 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, F. Corke 4, W. H. Coles 5, H. W. Impey 6. Conducted by ringers of 1 and 5 respectively, each calling a 720. First in the method by P. Woodyear.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET. — On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Pugsley 1, S. Wyburn (first of Stedman) 2, G. Maidment 3, F. A. Adams 4, H. W. Lloyd 5, I. Farmer (conductor) 6, A. R. Tudball 7, J. Haydon 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT. — At St. John's Church on June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Hamilton (first quarter) 1, P. G. Parrott 2, F. Morris (first inside) 3, R. G. Long 4, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 5, J. E. Warner 6, F. C. Shorter 7, R. E. Last 8.

HOLYWOOD, N. IRELAND. — On June 17th, at the Church of SS. Philip and James, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Dunwoody 1, J. Edgar 2, N. Savage 3, F. E. Dukes 4, A. E. McGrath 5, H. Brown 6, J. T. Dunwoody (first quarter as conductor) 7, G. C. Galbraith (first quarter) 8.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET. — On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Yeo 1, N. Yeo 2, G. Yeo 3, Mrs. G. Symonds 4, E. Abrahams 5, H. Price 6, D. Yeo (first quarter as conductor) 7, E. Gillett (first quarter) 8. Rung as a farewell to E. Gillett.

LONDON. — At St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, on June 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, E. Pryor 2, A. F. Lancaster 3, R. Newman 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT. — On June 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Warnett, sen. 1, E. Jones 2, J. Bennett 3, P. Andre 4, W. Packer 5, S. Ball (first quarter as conductor) 6, H. Warnett, jun. 7, R. Boyce 8.

LEICESTER. — At All Saints' on June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Ward 1, J. Bennett 2, A. Cattell 3, J. Ward 4, A. Cattell (conductor) 5, C. Cattell 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

LEICESTER. — On June 22nd, at St. Margaret's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Morris 1, Mavis Whitehead 2, T. Bent 3, W. Tanser 4, J. Bramley 5, G. Olliffe 6, E. Morris 7, E. Whitehead 8. Rung to mark the silver wedding of the conductor, Ernest Morris.

LEYTONSTONE, LONDON. — On June 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise: E. E. Holman 1, A. W. Brighton 2, E. W. Firbank 3, A. Prior 4, H. T. Wilson 5, F. W. Housden 6, E. V. Blake 7, E. D. Smith (conductor) 8.

LEYTON, LONDON. — At the Parish Church of St. Mary on June 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss A. Castle (first in method) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, C. Hughes 4, N. G. Hollingworth (first in method) 5, C. Ottley 6, A. W. J. Appleton 7, J. Bullock 8.

MONKS ELIGH, SUFFOLK. — On June 25th, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Whymark 1, I. Emery 2, R. Chambers 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, F. A. Poulson 5, L. Pryke 6. A birthday compliment to I. Emery (aged 76), who comes from Bromley, Kent.

PLYMPTON, DEVON. — On June 25th, at St. Maurice's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. J. Farnham 1, G. W. Lavers 2, R. A. Southwood 3, D. G. Rice 4, W. G. Lavers (conductor) 5, D. H. May 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 and on the bells since recasting in 1936.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX. — On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. T. A. Russell 1, J. Lyddon (first on inside bell) 2, Miss L. R. E. Martin (first quarter) 3, L. W. Rogers 4, C. Brasier 5, A. F. Lewry (conductor) 6, E. S. J. Hatcher 7, F. Hammond 8.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON. — On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Smith 1, R. Woodley 2, R. Teed 3, H. Dyer 4, P. Davis 5, J. W. Cornford (conductor) 6, R. Pike 7, T. Fouracre 8.

SOWTON, DEVON. — On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Dunster 1, W. Seldon 2, A. G. Betts 3, E. E. Retter 4, A. Tapley 5, A. J. C. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (conductor) 7, C. R. Sandford 8.

TURVEY, BEDS. — On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Cockings 1, G. Ingram 2, C. R. Steed 3, W. Male 4, R. C. Chapman 5, F. C. Lyne 6, V. B. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. Kinchen 8.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON. — At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hartley 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, J. B. Ford 3, C. M. Meyer 4, P. N. Bond 5, P. A. Carter 6, A. D. Barker (conductor) 7, C. Bartlett 8. Rung to open the centenary celebrations of St. Stephen's, Westminster.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

We frequently receive quarter-peals from Australia. Now South Africa enters the lists with the following: On June 7th, at the Church of St. Mary, Woodstock, Cape Town, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Riley 1, V. Meyer 2, A. Collins 3, H. Milford 4, J. Wood (conductor) 5, H. Meyer 6. A welcome addition.

By calling a peal of Minor in seven methods from the treble at Maulden, Beds, Mr. C. E. Jeffries has conducted a peal from each bell in the tower. Mr. Andrew G. Sinfield has completed the circle three times.

Heavy holiday traffic across to the Isle of Wight made traveling difficult for the Winchester and Portsmouth meeting at Newport on Saturday. Two enthusiasts from Guildford reached the Island too late to find the main party or participate in the ringing.

Our editorial on insurance has resulted in our attention being called to a Bellringers' Insurance Scheme issued by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office, Ltd., aimed at covering ringing accidents. The premium is 1s. per ringer, minimum 10s. per tower.

Mr. J. C. Newman has completed 50 years as a ringer and steeplekeeper at Feering, Essex. On June 23rd, 1,264 Bob Major was rung in honour of the occasion by J. C. Newman 1, S. Fisher 2, W. Arnold (conductor) 3, J. Papworth 4, H. Nicholls 5, J. Elliott 6, C. Burton 7, F. Fludder 8.

We have received from Mr. E. Weatherby, Los Angeles, copies of Drayton Surprise Minor to Maximus, Drayton variation of Superlative Surprise Royal and Maximus, Drayton variation Bristol Surprise Royal and Maximus, Drayton variation London Surprise Royal and Maximus. These copies have been placed in the library of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and those interested should apply for details to Mr. A. C. Hazelden, hon. librarian, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Recently at 4 p.m. a certain ringer who answers to the name of 'Jack,' after ringing the 6th at St. Paul's, walked into a milk bar in Fleet Street, accompanied by another ringer, and, to the consternation of the young lady behind the counter, said, 'Two pints of bitter, please, miss.'

Truro Cathedral's bells are to be broadcast for about one minute next Sunday evening.

From 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m., the bells of Saffron Walden were kept going on June 28th, the 324th anniversary of Great Ringing Day. The Vicar (the Rev. R. M. Sinker) preached at the service. Next year, being the 325th anniversary special arrangements will be made to celebrate another quarter century of the Society.

Readers will be pleased to hear that Mr. W. F. Judge is progressing well after his operation and was discharged from the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, on Wednesday. He is hoping to attend the Guild Festival.

To reach their century of peals this week—Mr. George A. Newton, with a peal of Little Bob Major at Earl Shilton, Leicestershire, and Mr. William Critchley, at St. Chad's, Birmingham. Congratulations!

About 40 years ago Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, rang in his father's (the late Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen.) 100th peal as conductor. On July 5th he took part in his son's 100th peal as conductor, when he called Carter's odd bob one-part. Has any ringer any recollection of a like incident?

When the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Guild met at Deeping St. Nicholas on June 28th it was decided to make a donation of £20 from the general fund to the Rupert Richardson Memorial Fund. The closing date for subscriptions to the fund was fixed for the last Saturday in September.

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London Surprise Record

A LINCOLNSHIRE ATTEMPT.

Mr. John Freeman, of Lincoln, writes giving notice that on August Bank Holiday, August 4th, an attempt will be made by members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild to ring 14,144 changes of London Surprise Major at Heydour, Lincs.

The composition, by the Rev. H. Law James, is 32 changes longer than the present London Surprise Major record length, and is appended:

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ASHFORD DISTRICT HONOUR MR. RUCK.

Over forty members and friends attended the meeting at Willesborough on June 21st, arranged in honour of Mr. E. S. Ruck's 80th birthday. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. W. Loughborough), who in his address paid tribute to Mr. Ruck's work for the church during such a long period of 63 years. A full choir attended, with Mr. J. Ruck at the organ.

Tea was served at the Church Hall, kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. Ruck. At its conclusion Mr. C. W. Everett presented Mr. Ruck with an umbrella and fountain pen from the district members. Mr. A. Battin said they were all proud of Mr. Ruck, he being the only surviving foundation member of the Association, and congratulated him on conducting a peal of Minor the previous evening.

Ringer Who Was Mayor

DEATH OF MR. J. HEMMING.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association has lost an outstanding personality by the death of Mr. James Hemming, a former Mayor of Evesham, on June 23rd, aged 74. Throughout a busy life he retained a love of bellringing.

A market gardener at Hampton, he was a member of the Parish Council from 1904 until the parish was incorporated in the Borough of Evesham in April, 1933. He was then elected an Alderman of Evesham and held this office until 1945. He was Mayor in 1941-42 and also a borough magistrate.

As a ringer Mr. Hemming will be recalled for the 25 years' service he rendered as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association. On his retirement he was presented with a grandfather clock with Westminster chimes. Until ill-health intervened he was Ringing Master of Evesham Bell Tower, in which capacity his services will be greatly missed. His widow shares her bereavement with three sons and three daughters.



THE LATE MR. JAMES HEMMING

The Mayor and members of the Corporation attended in robes at the funeral service at Hampton on June 26th. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Hampton (the Rev. V. F. Honniball) and the Vicar of Evesham (Canon T. Charles Jones), in a tribute to his memory, said: 'He was a man of his word, who always had true regard for the interests of the people, and service was to him a kind of rent which he paid for the privilege of living in this world. He had paid it unstintingly.'

The bearers were members of the Hampton band of change ringers: Mr. S. Davis, Cclr. E. A. Andrews, Mr. P. Mills and Mr. W. Newman.

Representatives of ringing associations present included Mr. A. A. Checketts and Mr. H. A. Plumb (Evesham Bell Tower Guild), the Rev. T. Lloyd (Norton and Lenchwick), Mr. O. Attwood (Bredons Norton), Mr. John Hall, jun., and Mr. J. C. Perkins (Bretforfen), Mr. J. W. Heath (Willersey), Mr. Frank Jones (Badsey), Mr. R. Geden (Southern branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association), Mr. L. W. G. Morris (general secretary, Yorkshire Association), Mr. W. C. Dowding (St. Martin's Guild).

A peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Evesham Bell Tower on the day of the funeral with the bells half-muffled in memory of and in gratitude for his life and work.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

DAVENTRY BRANCH VISIT FORMER MASTER.

On June 21st, a party of members of the Daventry Branch journeyed to Somerset to visit the Rev. and Mrs. Powell at their home at East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under-Ham.

An early start was made, and while the driver was steering a course through the beautiful countryside to Bath, members of the party were endeavouring to steer handbells through courses of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

During the hour and half stay in Bath lunch was partaken, and then on to Queen Camel, there to be met by the Rev. and Mrs. Powell, who had arranged for ringing the beautiful toned and heavy ring of six.

At East Stoke Lodge, where light refreshments were generously provided, a pleasant ceremony took place, a cheque and autograph album being presented to the Rev. and Mrs. Powell from branch members as a mark of appreciation of their work in the branch during their 13 years' stay at Staverton.

The five bells at Stoke Church were then rung to various methods until it was time to move on to Martock. The eight bells there were soon in motion and several touches were brought round before tea, which was had at the nearby Church Hall.

After thanks had been accorded to everyone who had helped to make the tour so successful, a start for home was made at 7 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Thirty-three members and friends from Angmering, Arundel, Chichester, Ewell, Felpham, Lymminster, Storrington, Walberton and West Grinstead attended the June quarterly meeting of the Western Division at Felpham.

The Association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Manners), and Miss Manners was the organist. At the business meeting the Divisional C.C. representative reported on the recent meeting at Exeter, and ringers from Chichester, Goring, Lymminster and Westbourne were elected members. Steyning was suggested for the September quarterly meeting, and Easebourne (August) and Fittleworth (October) for practice meetings.

The Vicar and organist were thanked for their help towards making the meeting a success, and their appearance with the ringers during the ringing until the lowering of the bells brought many expressions of appreciation.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTH DORSET BRANCH.

The summer meeting at Hazelbury Bryan attracted an attendance of 32 members. The Guild service was taken by the Rector (the Rev. J. Munro), and the Rev. A. C. Easan read the lesson. Tea followed at the Rectory.

At the business meeting the vice-chairman (the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards) referred to a recent loss to the Guild through the death of Mr. E. J. Rowe, of Stourton, an old member and a keen change ringer, who so long as his health permitted rarely missed a meeting. Members stood in silence.

Mention was made of the increased rate of subscriptions from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d., which would take effect in the coming year. Mr. F. Priddle, of Stalbridge, was elected a ringing member. Ringing also took place at Okeford Fitzpaine.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth.

Southwell Diocesan Guild

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM.

An interesting ceremony preceded the peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Peter's on June 22nd, when about 30 ringers and church officers met in the vestry, where Mr. H. R. Cobbin was the recipient of a double presentation to mark his 50 years' service to the church.

After a few introductory remarks by the Rector, the Rev. T. A. Lee, Mr. J. A. Barratt (Deputy Ringing Master) presented Mr. Cobbin with an illuminated address from the ringers, and Mr. F. Trevitt (organist), on behalf of the church officers, presented him with a silver cream jug.

Both speakers emphasised the fact that this was something more than a mere 50 years' membership of the tower, Mr. Barratt pointing out that apart from his many years as Ringing Master, Mr. Cobbin had also been responsible for several sets of ropes, for the augmentation of the peal from eight to ten, and for the recent rehanging on ball bearings throughout.

Mr. Trevitt supplemented this with the information that they had many times to thank 'Bob' Cobbin for his timely help in difficult moments.

Mr. Cobbin, in reply, thanked one and all for their kind remarks, and expressed his one regret that time had left its mark and he could not now climb the stairs as before. He had been barred by his doctor from doing this now for some months, but had received permission to make the ascent again that day, and hoped to be able to continue for some time to come.

It is pleasing to record that his attempted ascent was successful, as was also the touch of Grandsire Caters in which he took part.

AT BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS.

Barnby-in-the-Willows—remote from noise and bustle, and somewhat inaccessible—attracted a small company of ringers from a fairly wide area on June 21st. The gathering included that well-known personality, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen. Indeed, since the Newark Branch was formed, this stout-hearted veteran has attended meetings frequently, setting an example that could well be emulated.

The light ring was put to good use during the afternoon and evening. The ladies were agreeably entertained by the Vicar and Gillian, and were intrigued by the remarkable pew heads, which include a perfect Punch and Judy.

The next meeting will be at North and South Collingham on September 20th, if permission is granted, and the secretary was instructed to invite the Lincoln Diocesan Guild to participate in a joint meeting there as was done in the past when the old North Notts Association held sway in this area.

NORTH STAFFORD ASSOCIATION VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH.

Four buses were engaged to take the 146 ringers and friends on the association's outing to the Loughborough Bell Foundry on June 14th, and no fewer than 22 towers were represented in the party.

Arriving at the foundry at 11 a.m., the party was welcomed by Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mr. A. Fidler, who escorted them through the works and explained in detail the various aspects of bell making. Some enjoyed a ring on the light peal in the foundry.

An excellent lunch was served at the Boys' Club Sports Room, the Vicar of Dilhorne, Staffs, presiding. Ringing in the afternoon was enjoyed at Dathern, Shepshid and Loughborough Parish Church. When the company reassembled at tea thanks were expressed to Messrs. W. Carnwell (secretary) and R. S. Anderson for arranging the outing, and to Mr. P. Taylor and Mr. Fidler. The party arrived home at about 10.30 p.m.

Midland Counties Guild

OVERSEAL MEETING.

The handy ring of eight at Overseal, a 1914-18 war memorial, was tested by about 25 members of the Midland Counties Guild on June 14th. Ringing was kept going at intervals from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., and although no great variety of methods were rung, good practice was put in by the younger members.

The Rev. J. Bryant conducted the Guild form of service, and after extending a welcome to the members, delivered an interesting address.

Immediately after tea in the C. of E. Schools, Mr. W. H. Curson presided over the business meeting, at which Mr. W. Darby, of Lullington, was elected a member. It was decided to accept the invitation of the Loughborough District of Leicester Diocesan Guild to a joint meeting at Castle Donington on July 12th, and the summer meeting of the Guild to be held at Hoar Cross on July 26th.

The secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) was thanked for his account of the Central Council meeting at Exeter, and the meeting closed with Miss G. Inwood proposing and Miss J. Cochrane seconding a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting, despite the weather, so enjoyable.

TICKNALL MEETING.

Despite many counter attractions, about 25 members representing 14 towers were present at the meeting at Ticknall. Mr. W. H. Curson presided and two new honorary members—Mr. T. Kirby, Overseal, and Mr. W. Noble, Ticknall—were elected. Thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. J. G. Pope, and to the ladies who prepared cups of tea were voiced by Mr. J. H. Brittan, seconded by Miss Jill Cochrane.

Touches were brought round in the following methods: Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman, Grandsire and Canterbury Pleasure Doubles.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY.

When the branch held its annual meeting at Shipton-under-Kirkwood they received words of congratulation from the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Master) and Mr. W. Hibbert (Guild secretary). A grant of 3 gns. was made to the General Guild Funds. The officers were re-elected, and Chipping Norton selected for the next annual meeting.

DEATH OF MR. E. G. HEATH

For over 50 years a ringer at S. Nicolas', Guildford, Mr. Edward George ('Charlie') Heath died on June 28th, aged 75. For many years he was tower secretary and about two years ago he was compelled to resign the post due to health reasons, being no longer able to climb the belfry stairs. His kindly nature endeared him to many.

The funeral was at S. Nicolas' Church on July 1st, and in the evening members of his old company and friends rang half-muffled touches as a token of respect. He leaves a wife and daughter.

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Beverley and District Society

JOINT MEETING WITH SELBY SOCIETY.

Fifty members from 15 different towers attended this joint meeting at Market Weighton on June 14th and they received a cordial welcome from the Vicar (the Rev. Massingberd Mundy) and Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw.

A well-struck touch of Stedman preceded the service, conducted by the Vicar. During the singing of the psalm and immediately after the words, 'Praise Him on the loud cymbals, two members from each Society joined in ringing a touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells. Mr. Frank Wilkinson, 50 years a churchwarden and ringer, read the lesson.

The historic church was explained to the members by Mr. J. V. Harwood, author of 'Market Weighton, its early history and church,' who was heartily thanked.

A splendid tea was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. G. F. Williams (president) was in the chair, supported by Mr. F. Dales (vice-president), Mr. Clem Glenn (Ringing Master), Mr. H. S. Fox and Mr. A. E. Sellers (hon. secretary) representing the Beverley District, and Messrs. H. Morley, T. Foster, F. Terry and E. Thorley representing Selby District. In his message of welcome the President expressed the hope that this combined meeting would become an annual event.

Attention was called to the annual meeting of the Beverley Society at Beverley on July 12th, and arrangements for the August and September meetings were left to the committee.

Acknowledging a vote of thanks moved by Mr. H. S. Fox and seconded by Mr. T. Foster, the Vicar said a move was on foot to have the bells recast and an addition of two more to complete the octave. This announcement was received with much satisfaction and the hope was expressed that this would soon be accomplished.

Other people thanked included Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, the local company and the ladies for the tea and the most efficient arrangements. There was keen competition for the ropes at the evening's ringing, and apart from the standard methods, Cambridge Surprise was rung.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual shield contest was held at Royston on June 14th, when seven bands competed. The result of the draw and the ringing was as follows:—

	Faults	Penalties	Total
1 Friezland ...	45	0	45
2 Liversedge ...	40	0	40
3 Silkstone ...	110	0	Rung out
4 Sandal ...	94	0	94
5 Darfield ...	199	20	219
6 Shelley ...	56	5	61
7 Cawthorne ...	107	4	Rung out

Silkstone rang Plain Bob and Shelley Violet Treble Bob; the others rang Oxford Treble Bob. The test piece was 600 changes, and Mr. H. Chant, Felkirk, and Mr. H. Roberts acted as judges. Liversedge were declared the winners and hold the shield for twelve months.

The weather was rather unkind, but, nevertheless, it was a good contest and a most enjoyable afternoon, nearly 100 being present.

SURREY ASSOCIATION MEETING AT CHERTSEY.

More than 50 ringers attended the North-Western District meeting at Chertsey on June 21st to sample these fine old bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. The fifth bell, cast in 1370, is the origin of the poem, 'Curfew must not ring to-night.' At the service the Rev. C. L. Holthouse gave the address and also extended a warm welcome to the ringers. Tea followed.

Mr. F. Collins (Ringing Master) presided at the business meeting, when Mr. F. Sangwin, Borden, Cornwall, and Miss Lawrence, Alverdon, Suffolk, were elected life members. Wimbledon was voted for the next meeting on September 27th.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Council's Duty

TO GIVE THE EXERCISE A CLEAR VISION.

Dear Sir,—I have just read Mr. Smallwood's letter, and I am afraid that my first impression was that good taste was entirely absent from the context, although the two words were frequently used in the phraseology.

Surely, when such a matter is brought up at a Council meeting, it would have been the correct procedure to get down to business and not side-track the issue, whatever the result might have been. This case could easily have been settled by diplomatic action in half an hour.

I do not know how many members agreed with Mr. Smallwood's remarks that 'they were bored by the laboured presentation of the case,' but it seems to me that when a person consents to serve on the Central Council it is his duty to concentrate to the best of his ability on the affairs of the Council and to give his unbiased decision when he is called upon to cast his vote.

The Council were not asked to decide whether the performance was a stunt or not; that is, of course, a purely personal affair. If, after careful consideration, the rules had been revised to state definitely that peals of the description under review would not be officially counted, I think everyone would have been satisfied.

After all, the primary object of the annual Council meeting is to make decisions, so that the Exercise may have a clear vision of modern requirements. If loopholes are discovered—and with rules that are not modernised this must be expected—it is the duty of the Central Council to provide the necessary legislation to meet the circumstances.

I sincerely hope that, in future, if the Council find a disagreeable subject on the agenda, they will really get down to tackling it, cast aside all personal bias, and give the Exercise the lead which it has the right to expect from its governing body.—Yours faithfully,
F. W. HOUSDEN.

Wanstead, E.11.

'GUILLOTINE'

Dear Sir,—I do not wish to discuss the drift of Mr. Smallwood's letter on the above in your last issue of 'The Ringing World,' but would like to point out I and other members of our Guild think the third paragraph of that letter, especially the last two lines, is very bad taste and a slur on one of our young and clever exponents of our art. To make a statement such as this on any one, I would say, 'First know your man.'

Having been closely associated with many of our expert committee-men on the Council for over fifty years, I hope I may be forgiven for any remarks I have made on behalf of one of our honoured colleagues.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

1, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh.

NOT FIRST CLASS PERFORMANCE.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Felstead appeals. 'We must be logical and fair to all.' May it not be asked in what way the Central Council has not been so? If Hammond, during the Australian tour, had scored 200 against a country 15, would that score count in the first class averages? The Basingstoke 'peal' appears to have been a 5,000 of Major rung with a covering bell. Surely this 'peal' is not Major nor does it conform to the accepted rules of the Exercise for 'first class' performances. What name would Mr. Felstead propose that his performance should have?
F. C. SMALE.
Okehampton.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS. — On May 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Ridgway 1, A. N. Wood 2, T. Roberts 3, G. Holland 4, W. Yates 5, F. Case 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, G. Foddy 8.

Film Ringing

Dear Sir,—Readers of 'The Ringing World' are indebted to Mr. H. Goodenough for drawing attention to the excellent English film, 'Green Fingers.'

The sound of Whitby Abbey bells is introduced early in the picture. 'Have you seen the ringing? It's very interesting,' says the old fisherman, as he conducts his friend up the 199 steps of the Abbey.

Interesting it certainly proves to be. The old tenor-man (who incidentally appears to be ringing the treble all the time) is obviously the veriest tyro. He makes a brave show, but to keep his bell up and in place is quite beyond his powers. Standing well back, one foot thrust forward, he does manage to catch the tuffing, and even sets up at the end of the touch.

Did I notice a faintly perceptible appearance of surprise and relief at this success, and was there an accomplice perched high above to grab the rope and hold it taut as it ascended? The actor's fumbling attempt at tying up the rope lasts so long that the camera tires and the scene is cut.

This inexperience in such an experienced old ringer is happily and rather uncannily not reflected at all in the sound of the ringing, which is a pleasure to listen to throughout. The end of the touch is ragged, half the bells failing to set up, but in that there is no inconsistency.

We are told that this actor had less than an hour's tuition in the handling of a bell-rope; great praise should therefore be accorded him for his level playing of this part.

Although the ringing sequences are short and merely incidental to the plot, it does seem to me that a little more time might usefully have been given to making sure of the details. They were so nearly right.

However, to the layman these inaccuracies will not be evident, a fact doubtless well realised by the director of the film, who knows his job and does it well.

'Green Fingers' will not do our Exercise any harm. See it if it comes your way. It is beautifully photographed, has a good story and is very well acted. I enjoyed every minute of it.
J. E. B.

POPULARISING RINGING

Dear Sir,—Our local Women's Institute approached me in an effort to obtain a handbell demonstration to be given at their garden fete. I was successful in getting Stedman H. Symonds, Ernest W. Pye, Edwin Jennings and Albert Catterwell.

The excellent entertainment provided has done much to further public interest in campanology locally, and I afterwards received several requests for a repeat performance. My four fellow ringers came free of charge, and I wish to extend my very sincere thanks to them.

If all petty differences can be discussed and then cremated, what a wonderful spirit of comradeship would exist in our world of ringing. I am acquainted with some Grade A ringers who are allowing their gift from God to rot away because of some minor dispute.

To these four gentlemen who live for bells and all they stand for again my thanks.—Fraternally yours,
LESLIE MILLS.
Bures, Suffolk.

A CROSSWORD CLUE

Dear Sir.—Those of your readers who did not notice it may be interested to know that the 'Times' crossword puzzle of June 24th contained the clue, 'A slip of the tongue would be heard by a multitude in his case.' The solution was 'Bellringer.'

This is, I think, an indication that the general public is not quite so indifferent to bad striking as many change ringers seem to think.—Yours faithfully,
Tiverton, Devon. E. J. TAYLOR.

Norfolk Imperial Bob Major

Dear Sir,—With reference to the method published as Norfolk Imperial Bob Major, surely the figures would be better if arranged as follows:—

12345678

- 21436587
- 24163857
- 42618375
- 24681357
- 24863175
- 42836715
- 24387651
- 23478561
- 32745816
- 23754186
- 23571468
- 32517486
- 23154768
- 21345678
- 12436587
- 14263857

14235678 B

12435678 S

i.e., without the 3rd and 4th lying still at the start and in the 14th and 15th row of the plain lead. In the method as published the 4th place bell at the bob has to be four blows at one place (best avoidable).

I might say I got the figures out as above some time ago, and while on the subject I also sent some figures of a method on the lengthening lead plan to 'The Ringing World' some 26 or 27 years ago, which were published as Netherton Complex Major under my name, and this method has since been rung as Coslany Court Bob Major.

I believe the first plain major method on the lengthening lead plan was published by the late Gabriel Lindoff and he called it Dublin Complex. As these methods are on a different plan to Court methods, etc., I think Complex is a more suitable definition of this class of method. By the way, these methods are more difficult to ring than Surprise (or are they?).—Yours,
ALFRED DAVIES.

Netherton, Worcestershire.

JAMES HEMMING MEMORIAL

Dear Sir,—A scheme is in hand to install a complete new peal of eight at St. Andrew's, Hampton, Worcestershire, the church with which the late Mr. James Hemming was associated and where he worshipped all his life. With his death, a suggestion has been made that one of the new bells should be provided by his friends in memory of his years of unselfish work for the community, and a happy note is struck here in the fact that the suggestion first came from a non-ringer. The committee responsible has given immediate approval, and I have been asked to give publicity to it through 'The Ringing World.' This is in no sense a widespread appeal, but there are many ringers up and down the country who knew him intimately and who received kindness and courtesy from him. Should any of these wish to associate themselves with the provision of this memorial bell, donations should be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Bell Fund, Mr. F. Emstone, 80, Pershore Road, Hampton, Evesham, Worcestershire, marking them 'J. Hemming Memorial.'—Yours faithfully,

J. D. JOHNSON, Gen. Sec.,

Worcestershire Association.

Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

A TENOR'S YEAR'S WORK

Dear Sir,—It may be of interest to readers, particularly those who have visited our tower, to know that the meter operated by our tenor, and so recording the number of changes rung on the bells, has at the end of the first year reached a total of 80,885.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN ALSOP.

Ebbw Vale, Mon.

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BIRTHS

REED.—On June 18th, 1947, at 32, Scotter Road, Bishopstoke, Hants, to Alice (née Scott), wife of Reginald A. Reed, a sister for Katharine (Diana Jane). 1631

PEARSON.—On July 3rd, 1947, at Hillbury Nursing Home, Trowbridge, Wilts, to Aileen (née Laurence), wife of Norman Pearson, Vicarage Cottage, Warminster, a sister for Eve (Katharine). 1667

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The permanent address of Mr. James George is now Heather View, Rossmore Road, Parkstone, Dorsetshire. 1590

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—200th Anniversary celebrations, Sat., July 12th. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Mary's, Lambeth (8), 10.30 to 12 noon; Southwark Cathedral (12), 1 to 3.30; St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), 3.30 to 4.45; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10), 3.45 to 4.45; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 3.45 to 4.45. Special service St. Martin's-in-the-

Fields, 5.15. Dinner at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6.30.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 1596

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Oxford, Sat., July 12th. Service Christ Church Cathedral 11. Meeting 12 noon. Luncheon 1.30. No ticket, no lunch. Ringing before service, and as June 27th.—W. Hibbert. 1649

ESSEX ASSN. — North-Eastern Division.—Meeting Colchester (St. Leonard's), Sat., July 12th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., Wood View, Thorington. 1586

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Balcombe (8), July 12th, 3. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lake, 4, Barnfield Cottages, Balcombe.—C. A. Bassett. 1622

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Alton and Petersfield District). — Quarterly meeting Bentworth (5), July 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnysbrooke, Brooke Lane, Warsash, Hants. 1642

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. — South and West District.—Next meeting St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, July 12th. Service and tea after. Names to Mr. W. M. Bedford, 52, Greenway, Uxbridge.—J. E. Lewis Cockey (Perivale 5320). 1625

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Birling (8) July 12th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone. 1589

SALISBURY GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Martin, Sat., July 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food. Damerham bells also available.—J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 1612

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Burghclere, July 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names to Rev. C. Legard, Burghclere Rectory.—F. S. H. Marle. 1655

COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Sat., July 12th, 3. Ringing St. Dunstan's, Stepney. Meeting on Aug. 9th at the Campanile, Chichester, to commemorate the mastership in 1747 of John Hardham, tobacconist, of Fleet Street, and a native of Chichester. Names by July 21st, please, to A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 1672

SALISBURY DIO. GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Dedication of new ring of 6 (war memorial) at Martinstown, near Dorchester, Sun., July 13th, 3.30. Ringing for dedication and evensong only. Meeting following Sat., July 19th; particulars later.—J. H. Hayne, Abbotsbury. 1623

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Glaston Deanery.—Meeting Street, Sat., July 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Notify tea Tuesday, 15th.—W. H. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 1629

LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.—General meeting Kibworth (8), not Market Harborough, July 19th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting King Richard 5. Names by July 15th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 1637

YORKSHIRE ASSN. — Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Goole on Sat., July 19th. Bells (8) available from 2. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Schools (1s. 9d. each) to those who notify Mr. C. Hill, 120, Westhill Street, Goole, by July 17th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1644

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting Catherington, Sat., July 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea before July 12th.—J. H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 1630

PETERBOROUGH DIO. GUILD.—Kettering District. — Quarterly meeting Rothwell (8), Sat., July 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea by Tues., July 15th.—G. Watson, 31, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 1616

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Martinstown, Sat., July 19th. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Please bring own food. Buses from Weymouth via Dorchester, 2, 3.30, 5.40, returning 5.45, 8.55.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 1653

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Practice, Washington (6), July 19th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by 16th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 1654

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting Stratford-on-Avon, July 19th. Bells available 3. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30, followed by business in belfry. Names for tea to C. R. Steed, 10, Avon Crescent, Stratford-on-Avon, by 17th.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 1656

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bridgwater Deanery. — Quarterly meeting Enmore (6), July 19th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 1664

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting Great Budworth, Sat., July 19th. Cups of tea provided.—D. C. Osborn, Hon. Sec. 1666

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Meeting arranged for Gateshead, Sat., July 19th, cancelled.—Frank Ainsley, Dis. Sec. 1662

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting Tichmarsh, July 19th; from 2.30. Tea if you send by July 15th to G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 1669

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Great Barford and Blunham on Sat., July 19th. Bells at 3. Tea at Great Barford at 5. Blunham after tea.—C. J. Ball, Sandy. 1671

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Joint meeting with Yorkshire Association (Eastern District), Goole, July 19th. Bells 2. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 9d. Notify C. Hill, 120, Weatherill Street, Goole, by July 17th. 1673

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN. — Northern Branch.—Chaddesley Corbett, Sat., July 19th, 3-p.m. Tea 5.30. —Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1674

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting Staplehurst (8), July 19th, 3. Names for tea to me by July 16th.—R. Tappenden, Sec., Gun Green, Hawkhurst, Kent. 1675

BATH AND WELLS DIO. ASSN. —Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting Chew Magna, July 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1677

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—Next meeting Flixton, Sat., July 19th, 3.30. Cups of tea provided.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 1678

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — N.E. Branch.—Meeting Huntsham, July 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Conveyance from Tiverton, Town Hall, 2.30. Names, please.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 1689

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Quarterly meeting Bakewell, July 19th. Bells 3. Committee 3.45. For tea, please notify Wm. Alexander, Stanton View, Bakewell, by the 16th.—W. Lancaster, Hon. Sec. 1684

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. —Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxton (8), Sat., July 19th. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin. 1688

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Annes, Sat., July 19th. Bells 3. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 1685

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Wotton Branch. — Stinchcombe (6), July 19th, 3. Service 4.30. Names by July 15th for tea to John W. Adshead, Hon. Sec., Police Station, Falfield, Gos. 1683

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting Crondall (6), Sat., July 19th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to C. W. Denyer, 15, Holly Road, Aldershot, by July 17th.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Sec. 1682

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting Frampton-on-Seven, July 19th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15; bring own food. Notify by 10th.—W. H. Harris, 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Gloucester. 1680

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury Branch.—Meeting Long Melford (8), Sat., July 19th, 3. Business in belfry 5. Own arrangements for tea; cafes locally. Bus from Sudbury every 15 minutes.—A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 1679

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. — Cheltenham Branch. — Special meeting, July 26th, at Cheltenham Parish Church, for presentation to W. Yeend, by Rev. Hope, at 8 p.m. Bells available 6.30. Quarterpeal attempt 5.—C. Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Gloucester. 1661

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Lewisham District.—Meeting Shoreham, Sat., July 26th, 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea (2s.) by Tuesday, July 22nd, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 1659

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Chertsey District. — Hersham (8), Sat., July 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notification for tea to W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham, by July 23rd.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 1660

OXFORD GUILD.—S. Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting. — Letsworth, Oxon (6), Sat., July 26th, at 2.45. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by July 22nd to H. Badger, Dis. Sec., 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 1657

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting Margate, Sat., July 26th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea must reach Mr. A. J. Dadds, 130, Byron Avenue, Margate, by Sat., July 19th.—B. J. Lack, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1658

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. —Elloe Deanery Branch.—Practice meeting Surfleet, July 26th. Bells 2.30 (Plain Bob and Stedman). Names to Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, by July 19th. 1670

LADIES' GUILD AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—Joint meeting Monhen Hadley, Sat., July 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea. Names essential for tea by previous Wednesday.—Mrs. E. E. Davis and T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs., 57, Hollwasy Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 1676

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District. — Meeting Helmsley (8), Sat., July 26th. Names for tea to Mr. F. S. Ricketts, Church Street, Helmsley, Yorks, by Thurs., July 24th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1690

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Cary Branch.—Meeting Horsington (6), July 26th. Service 4.30. Number for tea by 21st.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat. 1687

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Andover bells rededicated, July 30th. Service 4.15. Tea, Church Institute 5.15. Names to E. P. Woolgrove, 9, Mead Hedges, Andover, by 26th. 1686

UNIVERSITIES ASSN.—Owing to difficulties of accommodation there will be no ringing week this year.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 1668

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD WIRRAL BRANCH.

A record gathering of 83 ringers and friends was present at St. Nicholas', Burton, on June 21st. (The previous best was 76 at Capenhurst in 1923.) Fourteen of Wirral Branch's 18 towers were represented, together with friends from the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association.

Ringling ranged from rounds to London Surprise, and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Tyndale), who also gave the address. A picnic tea was afterwards enjoyed at the Village Institute.

Mr. J. Cooke presided at the business meeting and requested the company to stand as a silent tribute to the late Mr. W. Wilcox, a life member of the Guild, who died a fortnight previously. He had been Ringing Master of the branch, but had retired from active ringing in 1951.

Next meeting will be held at Oxton on July 19th.

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