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TRADITION

This week the thought uppermost in the Exercise is the bi-centenary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. There was a memorable gathering in London on Saturday to pay tribute to the contribution the Cumberlands have made towards the advancement of our art. What was indeed striking was the number of young people present, recruits of this ancient society, who are endeavouring to capture some of the tradition associated with the Cumberlands. Tradition is not a thing to be ignored; it is a priceless asset inasmuch as it invariably sets a standard.

Associated with the formation of the Cumberlands is a wealth of legend of the connection of the ringers of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, with the victor of Culloden. Mr. J. Armiger Trollope describes in 'College Youths' as a pretty little tale the story of how, as the Duke passed by St. Leonard's Church on his return, he was welcomed by a merry peal, which so pleased him that he sent and congratulated the ringers and presented them with the medal which is still worn by the Master. To show their gratitude the ringers altered their name to that of the Royal Cumberland Youths. Mr. Trollope adds that the society was not founded until September 6th, 1747, and, according to contemporary newspapers, when the Duke returned he did not come by the old North Road nor through the City, but went straight to Kensington to report to the King.

There is no question that the Duke was a popular figure in London, and nowhere more so than among the Spitalfield weavers. Mr. Trollope, however, expresses grave doubts whether the Duke had any interest in bells or ringing, as is shown by his attitude at Carlisle in 1745, when his army attempted to confiscate the bells of the cathedral as 'a perquisite to the train of artillery.' Be that as it may, the word Cumberlands is an honoured one among ringers and the society has attracted into its ranks men who have been outstanding personalities.

The days of animosity between the College Youths and the Cumberlands are now gone. Both societies have capable and experienced leaders and draw their membership from the territorial associations. There is a school of thought which argues that the territorial associations should be all-sufficing, but the pull of tradition is strong, and these societies—the College Youths and the Cumberlands—who are the Alma Mater of much of the performance ringing, have a rightful and legitimate place among ringing associations. In a sense they are the Oxford and

Cambridge of ringing, each rejoicing in its individuality and exclusiveness. The view of Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council, that it is an excellent thing that there should be this exclusive rivalry, is one generally accepted.

Tradition is of value in two ways. It weaves an air of romance and there is a sense of elation in being the direct descendants of those giants of our art and being responsible for carrying on the torch. The second is in the matter of example. Those feats of past years have to be emulated, if not surpassed, if the tradition of the society is to be worthily upheld. In the matter of performance the Cumberlands and College Youths have to look to their laurels in face of the challenge from Birmingham, Leicester and Lincolnshire. Of late years the Cumberlands have given particular heed to the matter of recruiting in attracting to their ranks young ringers of promise; it is the only way they will be able to maintain that rivalry with the Ancient Society of College Youths.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., July 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*CYRIL WARD Treble	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	ARTHUR T. LOWMAN ... 8
JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 3	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 9
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 4	JOHN WALDEN 10
JOHN FREEMAN 5	HERBERT LOWMAN 11
JACK F. HODSON 6	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
* First peal on twelve bells. Rung in honour of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Lincoln on the occasion of the Royal Show.

TEN BELL PEALS

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., June 23, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Treble	*BARNABAS G. KEY ... 6
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2	†DAVID HINGLEY 7
TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 3	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 8
HOWARD HOWELL ... 4	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 5	JOHN LUCK Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by G. W. HUGHES.
* 150th peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters 'inside.' Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. H. C. Perks, organist at the church for over 50 years.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

ALEC CAIRNS Treble	HERBERT LUDKIN 6
FRANK REYNOLDS 2	*SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 7
FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... 3	ALBERT FORD 8
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	RICHARD BENSON 9
WILLIAM PYE 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON No. 13 C.C.C. Conducted by A. FORD.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;
Tenor 31½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN... Treble	FRANK SADLER 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 2	*HARRY A. PLUMB 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3	VINCENT A. HEMMING... 8
JOHN HALL 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 9
RALPH HARRIS 5	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of and gratitude for the life and work of James Hemming.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

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

On Mon., June 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

LEONARD TUFFREY ... Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.
* 100th peal. Rung for the 106th anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral.

EWHRUST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 25, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

*ERIC T. LEE Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... 2	*HAROLD A. MAY 6
GEORGE L. GROVER ... 3	NELSON E. ELLIOTT ... 7
*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First of Yorkshire on the bells.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. CURSON ... Treble	*ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 5
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 2	NEVILLE HOLLAND ... 6.
FREDERICK WILSHAW ... 3	*GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 7
JOHN G. CARTLEDGE ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.
* First peal in the method.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation of Middleton's.

*RAYMOND P. WOOD ... Treble	†HAROLD F. WOOD ... 5
CECIL H. WOOD 2	SYDNEY M. BAILEY ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 7
FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 4	JOHN H. HUNT Tenor

Composed by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* 50th peal. † First peal of Surprise.



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ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY HOVERD 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
ALFRED G. HILL 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	PHILIP A. CORBY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.
The conductor's 150th peal on the bells.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. MEERS ... <i>Treble</i>	ALLAN SHORT 5
MADÉLINE M. LYON 2	GEORGE F. SWANN 6
KENNETH S. B. CROFT 3	FRED PRICE 7
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON... .. 4	FRANK MORGAN <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FOSTER ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 5
JILL POOLE 2	ALFRED BALLARD 6
PETER J. STANFORTH 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung for the induction of the Rev. J. R. Stevens to the living of Kirklington. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON, LANCS.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

LESTER L. GRAY ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER ALLMAN 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS 2	ERIC J. GILBERT 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	*THOMAS ROGERS 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of London.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

*GEORGE BEACH ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK BRAITHWAITE ... 5
FRANCIS W. DALE 2	THOMAS SOUTHWICK 6
CLEMENT GLENN 3	+BERT SUTTON 7
HAROLD ROBSON 4	*HERBERT SUTTON <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal. + First peal in the method. A compliment to the Vicar, Canon G. F. Townley, on his preferment to the Archdeaconry of York.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*RICHARD RIPPINGALE ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST W. PYE 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 3	ROBERT YOUNG 7
*RALPH BIRD 4	CHARLES H. SMITH <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Triples. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. H. Smith.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

HERBERT G. ANDREWS <i>Treble</i>	EDWIN J. LINDLEY 5
*JOHN DAVY 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 7
NORMAN V. HARDING 4	HAROLD A. MAY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First touch of Major in the method.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD H. BOWLER 5
DEREK R. JUDD 2	TONY PRICE 6
KENNETH L. BROWN 3	GEORGE W. MORRIS 7
JACK KING 4	FREDK. A. FINCH <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDK. A. FINCH.
A farewell to the Rector, the Rev. H. W. Reindorp, who is leaving the parish.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

MRS. J. BRAY ... <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES THORLEY 5
*JAMES THORLEY 2	*LESLIE M. WOODHEAD... .. 6
*J. MARTIN THORLEY 3	*ERNEST J. PADGETT 7
*THOMAS D. LEASK 4	JACK BRAY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ARTHUR GIBBS ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY RICHARDSON 5
ARTHUR BELLAMY 2	STANLEY G. ROBINSON 6
WALTER COPPERWHEAT 3	CHARLES M. WHITNEY 7
BURLEY P. MORRIS 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WM. J. WHITMORE.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE ... <i>Treble</i>	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... .. 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER 6
H. JAMES TURNER 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Composition C.C. Collection 39a. Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

CECIL R. LONGHURST ... <i>Treble</i>	SYDNEY M. BAILEY 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	ALBERT E. LAKER 6
ERNEST TREAGUS 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal of Little Oxford Bob Major.

CARDIFF.—On June 24th, at St. John's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. W. Heath 1, J. Worrall 2, F. Hannington 3, L. Hulbert 4, J. Davies 5, W. Richards 6, W. Dare 7, A. Rowley 8, W. Coombes (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. G. Betts 1, W. Seldon 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, F. E. Retter 4, J. Arbury 5, A. J. C. Holway (first inside) 6, G. F. Retter (conductor) 7, J. Salwar 8.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 30, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*†MARGARET D. PILCHER <i>Treble</i>	*HAROLD A. NOBES ... 5
*ERNEST A. JUKD ... 2	*PHILIP H. SPECK ... 6
*AUBREY D. MILLS ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
*STANLEY E. COOK ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. H. LEWIS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. Rung for the induction of Canon Windsor Roberts.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Wed., July 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN & LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WALTER ALLWOOD ... <i>Treble</i>	TOM BROTHWELL ... 5
G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 6
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 3	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 7
JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.
First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob by all the band and for the Association. Rung as a tribute to the many men of Sheffield who gave their lives in the Battle of the Somme on July 1st, 1916.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

REV. E. S. POWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	*MISS MAUD CLARKE ... 5
MRS. POWELL ... 2	WALTER H. POOLE ... 6
*MISS FREDA POOLE ... 3	HERBERT W. PEARCE ... 7
*TREVOR E. MARKS ... 4	WILLIAM E. TURNER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Arranged and Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal of Major.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF ERITH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

JACK F. HODSON ... <i>Treble</i>	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 5
NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... 2	GORDON BENFIELD ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	CYRIL WARD ... 7
HAROLD MARCON ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
First peal in the method for all the band and for the Guild. Rung on the occasion of the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester to the Royal Show at Lincoln.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat, July 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.	A. JAMES GLASS ... 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... <i>Treble</i>	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 6
TONY PRICE ... 2	RICHARD E. PRICE ... 7
G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 3	NORMAN V. HARDING ... <i>Tenor</i>
ERNEST E. GOSLING ... 4	

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung in honour of H.R.H. the Princess Elizabeth receiving the Freedom of Windsor.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*HARRY W. HOWARD ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 3	†GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 7
†ERIC J. GILBERT ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Bristol.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5824 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE W. CREASEY ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JOHN WALDEN ... 6
KENNETH W. MAYER ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 4	JOHN FREEMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. H L JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's Odd Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
JAMES E. BAILEY ... 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

100th peal as conductor. G. V. Murphy's 200th for the Association.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

WALTER SOUTHGATE ... <i>Treble</i>	RONALD G. BUGG ... 5
GEORGE W. MOSS ... 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 6
ERNEST H. SCARFE ... 3	GEORGE A. WATERMAN ... 7
EDWARD E. DAVEY ... 4	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
The first peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... <i>Treble</i>	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 5
ERIC A. DENCH ... 2	H. WALTER SMITH ... 6
ALBERT WIFFIN ... 3	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS ... 7
RONALD SUCKLING ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted PHILIP A. CORBY.

A 50th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ERIC T. LEE ... <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 2	HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)
On Sun., July 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRADLEY <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD RAMSBOTHAM ... 5
*MISS RUTH BRADLEY ... 2	JAMES BLACKBURN ... 6
JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 3	JOHN CHARNOCK ... 7
THOMAS BARKER ... 4	ARTHUR HATCH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN CHARNOCK.

* First peal. A farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. Maurice H. Garner, who is leaving on preferment to Weymouth.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD A. MAY ... 5
FRANK BLONDELL ... 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

SIX BELL PEALS

DODFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 10 six-scores Old Doubles (3 callings), 10 six-scores Plain Bob (4 callings), 10 six-scores April Day (3 callings), 1 Morris' Arrangement 240 Grandsire, 10 six-scores Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 14 cwt.

VICTOR A. PERRY... <i>Treble</i>	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... 4
JAMES H. WEBB ... 2	ERIC NOBLES ... 5
*ERNEST G. ORLAND ... 3	STANLEY M. RUDDLESDEN <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Doubles on working bell. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the re-dedication of the bells on June 24th, 1847.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed. June 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. BIBBY ... <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 4
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 5
*WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* 50th peal. First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except conductor. First peal of Cambridge Minor on the bells.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10½ cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES <i>Treble</i>	C. HENRY HARDING ... 4
RONALD J. SHARP ... 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5
CYRIL PRINDEVILLE ... 3	BRIAN SIMMS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

CHURCHDOWN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eighteen 120's of Grandsire, four 240's each of Pitman's and Morris' and eight of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 14 cwt.

RONALD WRIGHT ... <i>Treble</i>	† JOHN WHITING ... 4
LESLIE BARRY ... 2	† IVOR WHITING ... 5
*WILLIAM SIDWELL ... 3	PATRICK ALLEN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

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

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS. — On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Lewis 1, Miss P. Jackson 2, E. Marshall 3, C. Ward (conductor) 4, W. Vince 5, G. Herbert 6, W. Langley 7, F. Smerdon (first quarter) 8.

CASSINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

BETTY SPICE ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 4
JAMES HIGGINS ... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 5
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 3	EDWIN G. MOORE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band.

HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES F. HATCHLEY <i>Treble</i>	DAVID TARGETT ... 4
FRANK J. HAZZARD ... 2	EDWARD CHIVERS ... 5
RONALD G. BECK ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE,

The ringer of the 2nd is totally blind.

PRIORS MARSTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES H. WEBB ... <i>Treble</i>	VICTOR A. PERRY ... 4
*STANLEY M. RUDDLESDEN ... 2	*SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... 5
†FREDK. W. HUTT ... 3	†WILLIAM T. STEEL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal.

WEST DERRY, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Single and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT ... <i>Treble</i>	THOS. W. HAMMOND ... 4
HARRY HANCOCK ... 2	THOS. S. HORRIDGE ... 5
FRED WOODWARD ... 3	WM. RAWSTHORNE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOS. S. HORRIDGE.

Rung for the centenary of the above church.

WENDRON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDRON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 20 lb.

*A. JAMES VINCENT <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. SANDERS ... 4
*MISS MARION L. LIDGEY ... 2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 5
*MISS JOAN E. WITHEY ... 3	*DOUGLAS J. WHEAR ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by the REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, APOSTLE AND MARTYR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK ... <i>Treble</i>	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 4
*FREDK. R. HARRIS ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5
E. PETER ROCK ... 3	LESLIE EVANS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Leslie Evans has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

PAULTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor.

*GEORGE CLARE ... <i>Treble</i>	†FREDK. SAVAGE ... 4
†ALEC MUNDY ... 2	†EDWARD CHIVERS ... 5
RONALD G. BECK ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

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

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

*MISS NANCY M. EVANS <i>Treble</i> ...	MISS D. C. OSBORN ...	4
ALBERT H. BOOTH ... 2	*DAVID SMITH ...	5
HARRY W. HOWARD ... 3	*A. GORDON LAWRENCE <i>Tenor</i> ...	

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

* First peal in four methods. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the wife of the Rev. J. M. Lloyd, Rector.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being the extent each of Norwich, London, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 10½ cwt.

BRIAN SIMS <i>Treble</i> ...	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	C. HENRY HARDING ...	5
RONALD J. SHARP 3	*CYRIL PRINDEVILLE ...	6

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First Surprise peal.

STANDLAKE, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt. (approx.).

GORDON COSTAR <i>Treble</i> ...	THOMAS W. BOND ...	4
*MISS LOTTIE PIMM ... 2	HENRY C. FARMER ...	5
BERTRAM D. COSTAR ... 3	BERTIE R. JOHNSON ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by HENRY C. FARMER.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor. A welcome to the Rev. B. J. Wigan, M.A., after his induction to the living the previous day.

CHISELDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Marlborough Branch.)

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM E. FARMER ... <i>Treble</i> ...	WILLIAM E. COURT ...	4
B. H. THOMPSON ... 2	WILLIAM A. FARMER ...	5
*SEWARD C. ARCHER ... 3	*CYRIL C. WILLIAMS ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since augmentation to six, and by local band.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Capel, two of Sandal, and one each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MISS MAVIS BOTHAM ... <i>Treble</i> ...	†ERIC SIMPSON ...	4
MISS YVONNE BOTHAM ... 2	JAMES A. MILNER ...	5
STANLEY ARDEN 3	ARTHUR HIBBERT ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' In honour of the coming of age of Miss Yvonne Botham and Miss Frances M. Lafin.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLYTBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

J. RIMMER <i>Treble</i> ...	W. CORE ...	4
MISS M. RIDYARD 2	R. CRITCHLEY ...	5
J. RIDYARD 3	A. MAWDSLEY ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.

Rung to celebrate the christening of the Rector's granddaughter.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On June 25th at All Souls' Church, 1,260 Grandire Triples: R. Parkinson 1, E. Webster 2, J. Kay 3, J. W. Kay 4, E. Ford 5, A. Critchley 6, C. Brownlow (conductor) 7, J. McGreavy 8. First quarter for 1, 6 and 8. Rung for the wedding of A. Johnson, a local ringier.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor-size 15 in C.

*MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 1-2	BETTY SEICE ...	5-6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 3-4	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	7-8
*†FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 9-10		

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

* First peal on ten handbells. † First peal of Royal.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sun., June 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Bob, two of Court Bob and three of Plain Bob.

TREVOR REYNOLDS 1-2	ALBERT D. COLLINS ...	3-4
ERIC E. SPEAKE 5-6		
Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.		

First peal in three Minor methods 'in hand' by all and for the Society.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., June 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

IN ST. MARTIN'S RINGING ROOM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

FRANK E. PERVIN 1-2	PERCY J. JOHNSON ...	5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN ...	7-8
GEORGE E. FEARN 9-10		

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Referee: Albert Walker.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS', CHILVERS COTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

LEONARD TREVOR 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	5-6
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 3-4	*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal 'in hand.'

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Mon., June 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF SPICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in 105 methods:—

- (1) Beeston, Melandra, Leesowe, Pevelin, Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald, Barham Delight, Waterford, Berwyn and Mendip Treble Bob.
- (2) Langton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Benington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Poynton, Chelford, Denton, Bigby, Elsham, Bassingham, Dunholme Alliance and Bastow Little Court.
- (3) Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Sharnbrook, Ellacombe, Buxton, Iver, Wordsley, Lamberhurst, Harmondsworth, Bramfield Alliance, Crayford Little Court and Little Bob.
- (4) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Hull and Bourne Surprise.
- (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
- (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Nonbury, Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Watf. Donolter and Pontefract Delight.
- (7) Windermere, Fredsham, Killarney, Horsmonden, Ennerdale, Cumberland, Lytham, Thelwall, London Bob, Double Oxford, Waver-tree, Childwall, College, St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse, Double and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	3-4
JACK BRAY 5-6		
Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.		

Witness: Albert Lambkin.

215 changes of method. 50 bobs and 36 singles. The extent of regular and symmetrical methods that can be rung in seven true extents, as known at present. Extents 1, 3, 4, 5 are by A. G. Driver, and 2, 6 and 7 by C. K. Lewis.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At 26, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*THOMAS J. LOCK ... 1-2 | EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5-6
 CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 3-4 | EDWIN BARNETT ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

* First peal on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At St. PETER'S HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 17 in A.

BRUCE B. ROGERS ... 1-2 | ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 5-6
 MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 3-4 | *FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* 50th handbell peal.

HOVE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At 18, SECOND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. R. G. CROSS ... 1-2 | R. GORDON CROSS ... 5-6
 FRANK H. HICKS ... 3-4 | *EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

* First Major handbell peal away from trebles.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

In St. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor size 17 in A.

CHARLES MARSHALL ... 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
 WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Specially rung to mark the 80th birthday of Josiah Morris.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

In St. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor size 17 in A.

*TOM W. SHEPPARD ... 1-2 | CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
 WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 3-4 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At 5, MONKSWOOD AVENUE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH ... 1-2 | WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 5-6

BETTY SPICE ... 3-4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8

Composed by J. Cox. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2 | HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6
 JILL POOLE ... 3-4 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First Surprise peal on handbells.

BRISTOL.—On June 28th, at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss A. Brown 1, A. L. Gale 2, L. C. O. Warren 3, E. J. Brown (conductor) 4, T. Harris 5, W. Parker 6, J. Carman 7, R. C. Seager 8.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Giles' on June 28th, for the induction of the Rev. P. D. B. Miller, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Kearvell (first quarter on tower bells) 1, A. Diserens (conductor) 2, R. G. Burton (first quarter) 3, A. Wiggins 4, A. Bailey 5, L. Osborne 6, H. Osborne 7, V. Cherrill (first quarter) 8.

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to ring, and now at the age of 69 he has rung
his first peal.

The immortal trio—Mr. and Mrs. J. Bray
and George E. Feirn—have reached their ob-
jective of 105 methods in hand. Congratulations
will be sent from all over the country to
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special resolution of congratulation to Mrs.
Bray at Manchester.

The peal record at St. John's, Erith, for
1947 reads: 12 attempts, 11 peals, 10 methods
(Superlative, Eardley, Yorkshire, Belgrave,
Belvedere, Pudsey, London, Cambridge,
Ipswich, Bristol 2), 7 conductors.

An attempt to ring the first peal of Major
on the steel bells at St. Clement's, Hastings,
came to grief on July 5th after 2 hours and
50 minutes through the tenor rope fraying out
on the wheel. Mr. A. Pat Cannon reports that
the bells did not go too well.

The composition of Mr. Ernest Morris of
Stedman Cinques rung at Lincoln Cathedral
on July 2nd has the bells in the Tittums and
handstroke Home positions at alternate course-
ends throughout the peal.

In honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. Josiah
Morris, a peal 'in hand' was rung in St.
Margaret's belfry on July 1st. Mr. Morris,
who was born at Weymouth, is at present
spending a holiday with his younger son
George. He rang his first peal at Lough-
borough Parish Church over 50 years ago and
took part in the record peal of Double Norwich
Major at South Wigston in 1904, of which he
and Thomas H. Taffender are the only sur-
vivors. Since his 75th birthday he has rung
close on 80 peals.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of St. Peter's
Cathedral, Adelaide, were
opened by a band of
ringers from Sydney. Ringers of St. Paul's
Cathedral, Melbourne, who had rung peals in
England and Australia, were very disappointed
in not being invited to attend.

Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln
Diocesan Guild, informs us that no closing
date for subscriptions to the Rupert Richard-
son Memorial Fund has been fixed. The date
mentioned in Belfry Gossip last week ap-
parently refers to the Elloe Deaneries Branch.

Another veteran recorded this week is Mr. J.
Holme, who on his 83rd birthday (June 13th)
rang at St. John's, Silverdale, Lancs, a date
touch, being 960 Kent Treble Bob, 960 Oxford
Treble Bob, 27 Plain Bob. The ringers were
A. F. Housley 1, T. Dobson 2, J. Holme 3,
D. Holden 4, G. Lockwood 5, W. Bolton (con-
ductor) 6. Mr. Holme has now completed 66
years in the belfry and is a regular attendant.

When the Rev. Malcolm Melville took a copy
of 'The Ringing World' into the office of 'The
Times of Malta' to show that their photograph
of Lija bells being dedicated had been duly
acknowledged, the news editor said: 'Oh yes,
'The Ringing World.' I've seen that paper
several times. It gets about the world a bit.'
Apparently he is a friend of Robert Robinson,
a ringer from Portsmouth, who is now master
of a tug at Malta.

The East Norfolk Branch meeting at Norton
Subcourse has been postponed until August 9th
and is not on July 26th as stated in our issue
of July 4th.

Early accounts of the Oxford Guild Festival
last Saturday indicate that the attendance sur-
passed all previous gatherings. One enthusiast
informed us that he rang in every tower that
was open, but he would not have achieved it
without a first class hustle. His rival was the
man from Wrington, Somerset, who rang one
less. Tower snatching with a vengeance!

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CUMBERLANDS CELEBRATE THEIR BI-CENTENARY

MEMORABLE GATHERING OLD LEGENDS RECALLED CENTRAL COUNCIL'S PRESIDENT AND MORE VARIETY IN HIGHER NUMBER PEALS CONCERN OVER ST. MARTIN'S STEEPLE

THE high regard with which the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths is held within the Exercise was manifested on Saturday, when the 200th anniversary dinner was held at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn. Tributes were paid to the great contribution the Cumberlands had made to the advancement of ringing by Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, and by other speakers.

It was a memorable day for Mr. G. H. Cross, the veteran Master, and his officers. During the day the bells of St. Mary's, Lambeth, Southwark Cathedral, St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. Margaret's, Westminster, were available. The sudden death of the Rev. Eric Loveday, Vicar of St. Martin's, prevented these historic bells, which for years have been associated with the Cumberlands, being used.

Evensong at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was attended by the company, and the Rev. Kennedy Bell, who officiated at the service, extended a welcome to the 80 members of the Society present. Handbells were rung during the service in the vestry.

THE COMPANY.

The arrangements for the dinner left nothing to be desired. The Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) presided, and supporting him on the top table were Mrs. Cross, the Rev. H. Cecil (St. Leonard's, Shoreditch), the Rev. A. Taylor (St. Bride's) and Dr. A. B. Perry (St. Martin's-in-the-Fields), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (secretary of the Central Council), Mr. G. W. Cecil (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) and Mr. T. W. White (Editor of 'The Ringing World').

The company included two past masters, Mr. C. J. Matthews and Mr. J. Parker, Mr. G. W. Steere (hon. secretary and treasurer), Mr. T. G. Bevan (senior steward) and Mrs. Bevan, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne (junior steward) and Mrs. Hawthorne, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild).

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. W. Ayre, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. C. Snowden, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kirkby, Mr. and Mrs. H. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Harrington, Mesdames J. R. Hawkins, J. D. Matthews, F. Smith, C. J. Matthews, E. E. Davis, the Misses H. Snowden, A. E. Arkell, J. Britten, M. Lidbetter, D. Lidbetter, J. Mattinson, D. Townsend, B. Frost, A. Holden, S. E. Harris, P. Holmes, Radley and D. Colgate.

Dr. E. L. Taylor, Dr. Stedman Poole, Messrs. F. C. W. Knight, P. Bond, N. Harding, E. Barnett, P. Page, F. J. Russell, H. W. Russell, A. A. Hughes, A. V. Good, W. C. Hughes, E. Upton, G. Goodship, E. A. Young, W. T. Cook, J. S. Hawkins, G. Radley, W. J. Robinson, A. Pearmain, T. Fox, J. F. Smallwood, E. W. Furbank, G. A. Sparks, E. Dodds, G. Dodds, D. Charnley, A. G. Williams, A. Ball, E. J. Beer, S. Sandford, H. R. French, B. Lufkin, C. Vessey, G. Carter, P. Gray, W. R. Winterton, T. H. Francis, W. Bottrill, J. Bennett, D. Cooper, F. W. Garner and J. A. Geerts.

After the loyal toast the Chairman announced the passing of the Rev. Eric Loveday, suddenly in Australia. The company stood as a silent tribute to his memory.

The secretary read apologies and these included messages from Mr. George Williams, now over 91, who joined the Society in 1885, Mr. E. Keable, who was in hospital at Colchester, Arthur Hughes, Major Satow (in Austria), Canon Fitz-George and Mr. George Gilbert, who had fallen downstairs and hurt himself rather severely. A telegram was also



MR. G. H. CROSS,
Master of the Society of Royal
Cumberland Youths.

received from the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who were holding their annual festival that day, reading 'Congratulations and happy day to all, from Hibbert.'

RINGING: SERVICE NOT WORSHIP.

Mr. W. Ayre, proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said if it had not been for the Church as represented by the clergy, where would their art be? The Church had provided them with their instruments and, generally speaking, the clergy had been very patient and long suffering towards them. The old idea was that the tower was separate from the Church and that when the ringers had finished their work they departed from the church and were not seen again until next Sunday or a practice. That was because of the lack of co-operation between the clergy and the ringers. Now there was more appreciation of each other and they were not looked upon as drunkards as they used to be. There was still room for them to do their part because ringing was service for the Church and not worship.

This Society in London was particularly indebted to three towers—St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, St. Bride's and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. He coupled with the toast the Rev. H. Cecil, Vicar of St. Leonard's, and the Rev. A. Taylor, Vicar of St. Bride's.

The Rev. H. Cecil prefaced his reply with a word of congratulation to the Society on reaching his 200th year. 'We all hope that your work will continue and that in 200 years' time the bells of Shoreditch will be rung by the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths.'

The Church in these days, he said, did not appear to be in too much favour with the ordinary people. It made it pleasant to find a strong band of men and women who had not only a good word for the Church, but had continued to ring for years. There was a time when the arts and sciences looked to the Church as their mother. With the growth of civic consciousness these had gradually departed from the Church to the State or local authority and the art of bellringing was one of the few that were left.

THE DUKE AND SHOREDITCH.

'I myself like to believe that the tradition that we hear between your art and my church has a certain amount of truth. I was only reading the other day that it is recorded that when the Duke of Cumberland returned to London after Culloden it was the bells of Shoreditch that rang out in celebration of that great event and that the ringing band named themselves after him and he presented a medal to the Society in 1747. There is another in connection with the oil painting of the Duke which is in St. Martin's. It is said that it was originally in St. Leonard's and a band of ringers came along and purloined it and took it to St. Martin's. As St. Martin was kind enough to share his cloak with the beggar we might stand a chance of getting our picture back (laughter).'

'There is another fact. In the year 1807 your Society added two bells to our ring. I believe it was rather a ghastly business. When all the money had been paid for the bells the treasurer bolted and the money had to be collected again. The bells of St. Leonard's have been silent since 1939. We hope that when the architect says you can ring you will come back to Shoreditch again. The work of repairing the church has begun. We have a new roof, but it will be a year or two before we are completed. I think we all look forward to a resurrection following the crucifixion through which we have passed, and when we call our people back to worship the Royal Cumberland Youths will be there and by the ringing of the bells send a hearty invitation to our people again.'

The Rev. A. Taylor said there was no couplet associated with the bells of St. Bride's as there was with the bells of St. Clement's and of Shoreditch. He thought it might be 'Step inside, said the bells of St. Bride's,' which might apply to all bellringers. He had seen the big bell at the Kremlin and stood under the big bell at Tokyo and listened to the bells at Burma. It was something to be thankful for that there was this association between the bells of the Church and the people. The bells were the inarticulate expression of the voice of the community.

The toast of 'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' was proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis, who said he was in the middle of a holiday in the West Highlands of Scotland and the following night he was going back there to his second home. He was afraid he would not receive a very warm welcome if he told them he had been to a function that in a way was of honour to the Duke of Cumberland. When in Scotland he belonged to the Episcopalian Church, which suffered great monetary loss by the troubles of 1745. Some good, however, did come out of the evil of those times, and General Wade provided a series of good military roads.

He was not going to be so foolish, as a College Youth, to say anything about the history of the Royal Cumberland Youths, for they knew far more about their Society than he did. There were two points which rather interested him. At one time, at the beginning of the 19th century, their Society was not content to stick to the plain methods on the higher number of bells; in fact an examination of their peal book looked as if their Society tried to find a new method each time. He wished to-day that ringers would do something of that sort. When an eight-bell tower got the addition of two bells they started on Grandsire or Stedman Caters and rang nothing else. There were hundreds of methods which could be rung with very little effort by

a good band and were also good musically. He hoped the Cumberlands would encourage their members to vary their methods.

KEEN RIVALRY.

Another thing he noticed in his slight incursion into their history was the keen rivalry between their Society and his. He did not know whether they would permit him to quote a song written for the Cumberlands in 1802:—

The Colledge Youths do boast of what peals they have rung,
Saying by the Cumberlands such never could be done;
Their band the select eleven thousand and eighty rang complete,
But the Cumberlands rang twelve thousand and completely they did beat.
Next Treble Bob Maximus they at Overy's did ring,
And with twelve men only to beat their complete thing,
For with twelve men only they sang and brought them round,
Saying never with the Cumberlands will such a twelve be found.

Seven thousand one hundred and four we then did ring,
And with twelve men only to beat their complete thing,
On March the twenty-second eighteen hundred and two,
In five hours and thirty minutes rang the peal right through.

That showed the state of rivalry between the two Societies at that time, in which their Society, according to their own story, beat his Society. 'We don't bear you any grudge,' added the President of the Central Council.

There was some complaint a few years ago on the grounds of why have two Societies. Why should College Youths not join the Cumberlands and Cumberlands become College Youths? 'Personally, I think it is an excellent thing that there should be this exclusive rivalry. Several times when talking about ringing I have drawn an analogy between ringing and rowing. If a rowing coach told a crew that their finishing was like a peal of bells it would be the greatest insult they could get (laughter). A member of the Cambridge crew cannot row with the Oxford crew, but the two can row together for Leander at Henley even if they are beaten by Jesus in the Grand. I have no use for Mr. Horner and one big union (laughter). I hope our two Societies will retain their respective identities and work on the common ground for our art of change ringing.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' CONGRATULATIONS.

This afternoon our Society held a meeting at the Bell Foundry at Whitechapel and they passed a resolution sending the congratulations of the Ancient Society of College Youths to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on attaining their 200th birthday and their very best wishes for the future' (applause). He was asked to convey it to them, although it possibly might have come better from their Master. He coupled with the toast the name of the Master, Mr. G. H. Cross.

Mr. G. H. Cross, who was warmly received on rising to reply, thanked Mr. Lewis for his kind words in regard to the Society. They knew of his good work on the Central Council, although sometimes he thought Mr. Lewis told them too much about striking. He was afraid that he personally said too little about that. They met at Southwark that afternoon and he was very annoyed at the standard of striking.

With regard to the Society, it was formed between 1745 and 1747, and the first actual account of the Society was in September, 1747, but, as the Rev. Cecil said, there was a legend that the bells were rung when the Duke of Cumberland came through Shoreditch and that he became a ringer. But what he rang they had not been told. It was also said that he

gave the Society the medal he was wearing as Master, but although he looked, he could find no date on it.

In any case, their Society was one of the oldest. The Colledge Youths were formed in 1647 and the Norwich Scholars in 1727 and they were finally dissolved in 1914, when all their old property and pewter pots were shared among the surviving members. It was very sad to him because as a youngster he was very proud to drink hot rum and beer from a pewter pot.

With regard to their performances, in the 18th century the Cumberlands did put up some splendid peals. There was the 12,000 Treble Bob, which stood until 1911, when it was beaten at Ashton-under-Lyne. Another peal was the 7,000 at Southwark and the 5,200 at St. Mary-le-Bow. In those days they did not have such people as Mr. Hughes to hang bells and there must be great credit given to ringers of those days. Another performance was the peal of Court Bob Royal rung at Shoreditch in 1801 and conducted by George Gross. Another peal was that of the Norwich Scholars in 1778, who were all members of the Society of Cumberland Youths. The great ringers of those days were George Partrick, George Gross, John Reeves, Charles Purser, William Lyford and Henry Shipway.

In the latter part of the last century they had some fine ringers, including Mr. George Williams and Mr. James Parker, who had come from Yarmouth to be with them. In later years the Society owed a great deal to Mr. J. D. Matthews and to Mr. Frank Smith, and it was a pleasure to have their widows with them that day. He was very pleased to say that they had many young ringers who had joined the Society, and he hoped that they would stick with them so that they could ring better methods. Perhaps one day they would ring the first peal of Pudsey Maximus in London.

'The Visitors' were honoured on the call of Mr. W. R. Winterton, who mentioned especially Dr. Perry, the Senior Warden of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to whom all Cumberlands who rang at St. Martin's were greatly indebted. He gave them a new set of ropes, and the speaker expressed the hope that he would find the means to give them a little neat this winter in their little room almost suspended in the stratosphere. The greatest thing Dr. Perry had done was to arrange practices, which had been of tremendous benefit to St. Martin's and all Cumberlands, and the fact that it was 15 years since there had been a regular practice showed how difficult it was. One difficulty was the close proximity to Charing Cross Hospital, but some time in the next 20 years Charing Cross is to be moved.

ST. MARTIN'S STEEPLE.

Dr. A. B. Perry, in reply, said it was close in 60 years that he had been associated with St. Martin's, and for 46 years he had held office. It might interest the Cumberlands that there was a record, which was unfortunately destroyed in the blitz, that in the year 1647 St. Stephen's, Bristol, Society, came for the purpose of visiting the belfry. It was his duty to say to their Society that they owed them a debt of gratitude. He was sorry to tell them that only on Wednesday that week he had been served with a notice by the London Surveyor that he would have to have the spire inspected. He did not know what it would mean; it might be that they would not be able to ring for a week or two.

Mrs. R. F. Deal proposed 'The London and Provincial Societies,' and said the toast of kindred societies was nearest to their hearts. They had to remember that the kindred societies struggled for years with their youngsters, sometimes lost them, but in a great many instances produced fine ringers and eventually sent them with their good wishes to them, and without them their Society would not exist. 'To-day I want on behalf of the

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Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford

The annual meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on June 21st. After a short service in church an adjournment was made for tea in St. Margaret's Schools, followed by the general meeting, Mr. G. E. Oliver presiding.

The committee's report and the treasurer's statement were passed. The report showed an increase in the number of peals rung, 32 as against 11 in the previous year, while the accounts showed a slight decrease on the year's working. There were 35 new members enrolled during the period under review. The officers were elected en bloc.

Places chosen for the coming meetings are: Cannock, September 27th; Bilston, January 10th; Wombourne in April; and Lichfield in June. Also a bi-quarterly meeting for practice in Codsall on August 16th next. Mr. C. Wallater gave a summary of the proceedings at the Exeter meeting of the Central Council.

Mr. F. Bennett announced that arrangements are being made to hold an open ringing meeting at Claverley on August 23rd.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The June meeting was held at Ossett on June 28th. The bells were rung up in peal soon after 3.15 p.m., the slight delay being due to weddings.

Tea was held in the Church Halls, followed by the business meeting. The president was chairman and he was supported by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Barton, M.A.) and members from Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington, Elland, Guseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Ossett, Pudsey and Rothwell, also friends from Dewsbury.

Two new members were elected, Messrs. M. Lockwood and T. Duffin, of Ossett.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens was proposed by Mr. J. McGlenn and seconded by Mr. W. H. Senior. The Vicar acknowledged the thanks, saying it was always a pleasure to welcome visiting ringers. The vote of thanks to the local company and ladies for serving at the tea tables was proposed by Mr. G. Benfield and seconded by Mr. H. L. Jones.

The next meeting is due to be held at Sherburn on July 26th.

CUMBERLANDS BI-CENTENARY

(Continued from the previous column)

Royal Cumberland Youths to thank you all. Wherever we go we know we are welcome, and where there is a peal of bells we are sure of friends.'

Mr. A. A. Hughes, in reply, said when he looked round the room he wondered if it was a Cumberland dinner or a dinner of his Society, as they were represented by the Master, treasurer and junior steward. 'You have given us a very happy evening, a good meal and delightful company. How different to those bad old days when, speaking as a College Youth, the relations between our two Societies were not, putting it mildly, of the friendliest. To-day you are welcome in our towers and we have often seen your genial secretary at St. Paul's.'

The concluding toast of 'The Press' was ably proposed by Mr. J. E. Bailey, with special reference to 'The Ringing World' and its three editors. Mr. T. W. White replied and expressed the indebtedness of the company to Mr. G. W. Steere, the hon. secretary and treasurer, on the excellence of arrangements.

The artistes were Mr. and Mrs. W. Ayre, duet; J. A. Geerts, entertainer; Dorothy Townsend, soprano; Russell brothers, hand-bells; and V. S. Harrington, pianist.

The Rings of Pembrokeshire

Pembrokeshire possesses only four rings of bells, but is a county that holds much for one interested in old churches. Almost in every part of the county one can find a church. Most of these have square battlemented towers. One of the oldest bells in the county is that at Guffreston Church, which is stated to date probably from 1350.

The four rings are at Haverfordwest (the county town), Pembroke, St. David's and Tenby, representing a fair distribution over the area. They are all rings of eight. There are in addition three other rings hung dead. St. Teilo's, Penally (two miles south-west of Tenby), has a slim square battlemented tower at the west end with a set of five bells. They are crowded in line on a small wooden frame and have canons and wooden headstocks bolted to the frame. They are sounded by a chiming rack with wires attached to the clappers. The approach to the bells is via a vertical wooden ladder attached to the wall.

St. John's, Pembroke Dock, has a ring of eight hung dead. The tenor has weight 9 cwt. 3 qr. 32 lb., and is inscribed to commemorate the Coronation of Edward VII. The ring was completed by Mears and Stainbank in 1932.

St. Andrew's, Narberth, has a ring of six hung dead. Taylors completed the six in 1890, tenor 9 cwt. approx. Robeston Walthen has its two original bells in the original oak frame, cast about 1670.

At one time there was a peal of bells on Caldey Island, at the Monastery. Some years ago the monks there at the time moved to Gloucestershire and took the bells with them. There is now no peal there. These bells once were to be heard clearly in Tenby, 2½ miles across the sea.

St. Mary's, Haverfordwest, has a peal of eight bells hung on ball bearings in a 17th century bell cage. An original peal of five, which was rung to welcome Cromwell when he visited the town in 1645, was recast as six in 1765 by Thomas Bayly, of Bridgwater, who added two new ones. No. 6 bears the inscription, 'I do my best for Haverfordwest.' Only one peal has been rung here—Superlative by a visiting party in 1927 ('The Ringing World,' vol. 22, page 630). At present a band is learning and can ring Grandsire Doubles.

St. Mary's, Pembroke, has a ring of eight, tenor 12 cwt. Many have tried to ring a peal here, but all have failed. The bells are in bad condition and are now never rung. Change ringing has never been practised. Details are:

Treble.—Carr, Smethwick, 1897.

2nd.—Rudhall, Gloucester, 1784.

3rd.—Jeffries and Price, Bristol, 1845.

4th.—(No founder mentioned), 1765.

5th.—Thomas Biggins, 1763. Recast Carr, Smethowick, 1897.

6th.—Rudhall, Gloucester, 1809.

7th.—Rudhall, Gloucester, 1765.

Tenor.—Carr, Smethwick, 1897.

St. David's Cathedral is in the extreme north-west corner of the county, 15 miles from a railway. The Cathedral, of purple sandstone, is surrounded by part of the ruins of the city walls. It is in a restored octagonal tower forming one pillar of a gate in these walls that a modern peal of eight has been hung. In 1930 the tower (ruined and roofless) was restored and a concrete floor put in to hold the bells. As the tower is not high, the bells are separated from the ringers only by this floor, and the noise is tremendous. The conductor has, to shriek his calls. One

Record Peal of Spliced Minor

105 METHODS IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

In our peal columns we record the remarkable performance of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray and Mr. George E. Feirn in ringing in hand a peal of Spliced Minor, containing 105 different methods and involving 215 changes of method.

The peal was rung on June 30th, which day was also Mr. Bray's birthday. Mr. Albert Lambkin was the witness and he checked each change of method. In this performance four new methods have been rung, viz., Bigby, Elsham, Bassingham and Dunholme Alliance, and we hope at a later date to publish them and the figures of the seven extents, four of which were prepared by Mr. A. G. Driver and three by Mr. C. K. Lewis.



MADE HISTORY IN HANDBELL RINGING.—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray with Mr. George E. Feirn on the right, after their record performance of 105 methods in their spliced Minor peal, posed specially for a photograph for 'The Ringing World.'

This peal surpasses the one in 104 methods rung at Bigby on tower bells on July 19th, 1939. If it had not been for the war starting soon after the Bigby peal, Mr. Feirn writes that he is certain that band would have rung the 105 methods then.

peal—Grandsire Triples, March 28th, 1932—has been rung there by a South Wales visiting band. Change ringing has never been practised. The bells, tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb., were cast in 1930 by Mears and Stainbank.

St. Mary-the-Virgin, Tenby, has a ring of eight, tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp. Since John Carter visited Tenby about 1900 and helped the original change ringing band, there has always been change ringing there. The church is of magnificent proportions and seats 1,800. The tower is on the south-east side and is surmounted by an octagonal spire 157ft. from the ground, forming a well-known local sea mark. The bells were augmented in 1888 and have a wooden frame and plain bearings. The dates are: 3, 4, 5, 8, 1789; 1, 2, 6, Barwell, Birmingham, 1888. Five peals have been rung here, three of Grandsire Triples, one of Double Norwich, and one of Bob Minor. The present band can ring Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Minor. (Visitors are always welcome—writes Mr. Jenkins, Nythfa, St. Mary's Street.)

The county has, therefore, heard only seven peals—and most methods are still unring there, but the newly-formed St. David's Diocesan Association is doing much to help ringing in the county. As far as is known, no handbell peals have been rung in the county—a chance for 'first' enthusiasts!

L. H. J. and B. D. P.

St. Martin's Guild

A fine afternoon, an excellent peal of ten bells and an ideal belfry in which to ring them, coupled with a goodly number present, a short service with the accompaniment of a good organ, followed by an excellent tea, all combined to make the quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild at Solihull on July 5th a very enjoyable event.

At the business meeting Mr. Vice-President Albert Walker occupied the chair in the unavoidable absence of the Master, Councillor Paddon Smith. The following new members were elected: As life members, Messrs. A. L. Bennett (Buckfastleigh), A. F. Thirst (Isleworth), J. J. L. Gilbert (Handsworth, Sheffield), and Miss Madeline M. Lyon (Leamington Spa); as ordinary members, Messrs. A. J. Morrall (Sutton Coldfield) and F. Morgan (Birmingham).

It was decided to hold the next bi-quarterly meeting at King's Norton on August 9th and the quarterly meeting at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, October 4th.

The Secretary announced receipt of a letter from Mr. John Freeman, of Lincoln, giving notice that a band composed of members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild would make an attempt to ring a peal of 14,144 London Surprise Major on August Bank Holiday next at Heydour, and thus beat the present record held by the St. Martin's Guild. It is interesting to note that the previous record was rung at King's Norton on May 11th, 1903, and consisted of 14,112 changes.

An appeal for a donation towards the cost of new ropes for the bells of St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral was made by Mr. W. E. Box, and on the proposition of the treasurer, seconded by Mr. G. E. Fearn, it was agreed that a donation of £2 2s. be made from the Guild's funds. A subsequent collection from amongst those present resulted in a further 30s. being raised.

The Chairman also brought before the meeting the proposed memorial to the memory of the late Rupert Richardson. As every member knew, Rupert Richardson had done a great amount of good work in the interest of change ringing; he had also been a good friend to the St. Martin's Guild, and he hoped they would all support the appeal now being made. After some discussion it was agreed to make a donation of £3 3s. from the Guild's funds to head the subscription list in the charge of Mr. Walker.

A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. F. E. Haynes, to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the local ringers under the able guidance of their secretary, Mr. V. Rigg, for so generously providing tea, and to their enthusiastic ladies for serving it, was carried with acclamation. It was good to see Mr. Roland Bragg at the service and to find that in spite of his incapacity he had lost none of his former cheerfulness and happy disposition. His many old friends in the Guild wish him a speedy recovery.

During the afternoon and again in the evening the bells were kept going in various methods ranging from Grandsire Caters to Cambridge Royal.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Stannard 1, W. Stannard, sen. (conductor) 2, J. G. Stannard 3, D. Rowlands 4, J. W. Banks 5.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Truro Peal

Dear Sir,—After reading the letters from the Rev. Roberts and Mr. Lanxon, I think ringers should know the other side of the story.

In the first place, I did not write the letter as Diocesan Ringing Master, and I do not agree that it is an offence to write to 'The Ringing World,' which is the ringers' own paper. If I have broken a rule, many of our life members have done the same thing. If we are going to keep strictly to rules, we shall find that two ringers who rang in the peal are not members of our Guild, and one is Mr. Lanxon.

As regards the peal, these are the facts: A few weeks before Easter Mr. Lanxon asked if I would mind him approaching the Dean and Chapter for permission to ring a peal on Easter Monday. I agreed, hoping it would encourage him to come on Sundays and for practice, but I am sorry to say we have not seen him.

Two weeks after the peal failed a few Cathedral ringers, including myself, were ringing with the Rev. Roberts, and some other ringers who were in the peal, at a combined practice held at Camborne, but not a word was mentioned to us that a date had been fixed for another peal attempt at our tower.

A few days before the peal was to be rung I received a letter from Mr. Lanxon saying he had obtained permission from the Dean and Chapter to start for a peal on the following Saturday. This was five weeks after the date was fixed. If Mr. Lanxon had said it was to be a jubilee peal I should have asked him to include at least one of our band.

We had been promised a ringers' meeting in the Truro Branch, which has gone dead, but it seems as if the peal must come before everything else. The Rev. Roberts, when arranging peals at the Cathedral, always consulted me, and in some cases I took part in the peal with other members of our band.

Asking the ringers for their advice before granting permission to people who wish to ring a peal is not losing authority over the bells. In case there is any doubt, I may mention that this week a person was sent to me by the Bishop regarding the ringing of our bells, and this morning the Sub-Dean phoned, asking me if it would be all right for St. Stephen's ringers to come and ring our bells on Monday.

I would like ringers to know that in the Dean and Chapter we have the finest men that any ringers could wish to serve under. There is always that personal touch inside and outside the Cathedral, and that's why besides being ringers we are members of the Cathedral Fellowship.

I am sure we are not looked upon as an uncertain few.—Yours faithfully,

Truro. W. H. SOUTHEARD.

WHICH COUNTY?

Dear Sir,—They seem to have moved Gresford since I rang a peal there a few years ago! In those days it was in Denbighshire, but it seems to be in Flintshire now! The error is pardonable, as county boundaries do funny things in that part of the world. A portion of Flintshire is entirely cut off from the main body of the county. Gresford is very near the odd bit, but is in Denbighshire. I think!

P.A.C.

THE WRONG LINE

Dear Sir,—Many years ago I used to get my 'Ringing World' through a newsagent who ticked off her weekly order on an alphabetical list which she sent to her wholesaler. Imagine my disappointment on being informed one week that it had not arrived. 'I am sorry, she said, 'I must have got on to the wrong line when I made out my order. Will "The Racing Pigeon" do instead?'—Yours sincerely,
H.M.S. Wolfe. MALCOLM MELVILLE.

The Diocese and Church Bell Ringers

Dear Sir,—I hope you will give me space to say how much I flatly disagree with certain statements in your leading article under the heading of 'Fivolous.'

As my former estimate that eight ringers out of every ten are non-worshippers has never been disputed, may I ask how the majority of Sunday ringing can be designated an act of worship?

The standing of ringing to-day within the Church would seem to rest on the fact that the Bishop is usually president of his Diocesan Association and that many clergy (not all) are well disposed towards ringers. Let me make the point that there is, I believe, no official mention of ringing in any diocesan handbook so far as I am aware.

A common fault of the whole Exercise is to regard progress in terms of peals rung and also to refer to ringers as belonging to towers rather than churches.

If we were half as particular over the truth of our standing within the Church as we are over the truth of a peal or service touch we should see ringing in true unity with the Church, to the mutual advantage of both—and it goes without saying that if the Church is again to become a dominant power in the life of this nation, then there must be above all loyalty on the part of every individual, whether bishop, priest, deacon, ordinary layman—or bellringer.

As a churchman, my own attitude to ringing at present is governed by I. Corinthians, chapter 8.—Yours faithfully,

Headington, Oxford. RICHARD A. POST.

[NOTE.—The Guildford Diocese Year Book gives details of the Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.—Editor.]

GRAPPENHALL VETERANS

Dear Sir,—May I, as a dear friend to the three veterans of Grappenhall whilst serving in the Royal Navy and stationed in that district, send my congratulations and wishes for many years of health and happiness to Messrs. Samuel, Horsfall, Noah Smith and John E. Ashcroft?—Yours sincerely,
Duston, Northants. ERIC NOBLES.

AN ACT OF WORSHIP

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. T. Dyke's comments on your leading article in the June 28th issue, I am an informed churchman who regards my ringing as an act of worship as I do my singing in the choir; and, just as singing by congregation and choir is often their best method of expression of worship, why should not ringing be also, even if it only be 'tenoring' Caters or Triples?—Yours sincerely,
W. FRANK STENSON.

Trearddur Bay, Anglesey.

SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir,—May I express, through the medium of your columns, my apologies to those whose orders for the First Series of 'Surprise Methods' have been delayed? The first printing was sold out in five days from the issue of the announcement in 'The Ringing World,' a demand that I had neither expected nor provided for. However, as stated in this week's advertisements, a second impression is now ready, and all orders will have been despatched before this letter appears.

Owing to the severe limitation of paper supplies, I shall be unable to print a third impression, so that early application should be made for the present supply.

In the dispersal of my ringing papers during the war I have lost my copy of the 1907 'Collection of Methods,' and if any of your readers can allow me to purchase a copy of it I shall be greatly obliged to him.—Yours sincerely,
Bitton, near Bristol. A. J. CORRIGAN.

Truro Diocesan Guild

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.

June 14th was a great day for Crantock, a little parish on north coast of Cornwall a few miles from Newquay, for the six bells (tenor 9 cwt.) of the ancient collegiate church, famed for its wood carving and painted glass, had been hung for ringing and were to be rededicated.

The dedication was performed by Canon R. Roberts, Chancellor of Truro Cathedral. The church was full and in the congregation was Mr. D. Bradford, representing the firm of Gillett and Johnston, by whom the work was carried out. During the service a few rounds were rung by ringers from Truro Cathedral under the direction of Mr. W. H. Southeard.

Tea was provided for ringers by the parishioners, and ringing went on almost without a break from 3.15 to 9 p.m. The 'go' of the bells is excellent, and although the tower is small and they are hung in two tiers, they can all be heard distinctly both inside and out, and there is a good circle of ropes.

Besides Truro Cathedral there were ringers from St. Enoder, St. Columb Major, St. Columb Minor, Towednack, St. Endellion, St. Hilary, Camborne, Carbis Bay, St. Issey, St. Erme, Redruth, Penryn, Ilogan, Withiel, Luxulyan, Perranzabulo, St. Dennis, Kenwyn.

A parochial band is being formed and has held its first practice.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

A joint ringing meeting of Bangor and Portmadoc towers was held at Portmadoc on June 17th, and with the invaluable assistance of Mr. John Thomas and Mr. Smith, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, some good practice was obtained in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS

JOINT BRANCH MEETING AT BUCKFAST ABBEY.

Buckfast Abbey again proved to be a popular venue for the Devon Guild of Ringers on June 21st, the visit being a joint meeting of the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon, touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques and Stedman Caters being rung as well as rounds for the younger visitors, several of them having their first opportunity of having a pull on twelve bells.

Tea was served in the Abbey Schoolroom, after which the Rev. H. E. Bennett, Rector of Plympton St. Maurice, who is chairman of the South-West Branch, voiced the thanks of the visitors to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast for the use of his bells, to the authorities for the use of the Schoolroom, to the Ladies' Committee for the tea arrangements, and to the Vicar of Buckfastleigh for the use of his bells.

The visitors subsequently adjourned to Buckfastleigh Parish Church, where a variety of methods was rung.

FOXEARTH BELLS

Dear Sir,—Many ringers have no doubt in the past enjoyed a pull on the tricky but delightful octave at Foxearth, Essex. The intense storm which swept our district recently has struck Foxearth a blow. The graceful and slender 80ft. spire was struck by lightning and ripped completely off the tower by a following whirlwind which cut a path through the village and neighbouring villages too. The Vicar has told me the bells are undamaged, but from what I saw of the tower I felt it would not be wise to ring them. A local fund for restoration has been opened by the Vicar.—Yours faithfully,
A. A. FITCH.

Sudbury.

POWICK, WORCS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Cook 1, G. J. Lewis (conductor) 2, G. Cook 3, S. Yapp 4, H. Cole 5, V. Lloyd 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTON - UNDER-LYNE, LANCs. — At St. Peter's Church on June

29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Robinson (age 12) 1, R. Wimpenny 2, D. Ogden (first quarter) 3, J. T. Walmsley (first inside of Doubles) 4, R. Edwards (first as conductor) 5, B. F. Trueman (first quarter) 6.

BARMING, KENT.—On July 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. E. Ward 1, Miss Daphne J. Jordan 2, C. F. Mills 3, R. Palmer 4, P. C. Wright 5, R. L. Sills (conductor) 6.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On July 6th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. A. Lucas 1, T. C. Belton 2, A. Hough 3, H. Duncombe 4, A. A. Lucas 5, C. R. Belton 6, G. P. Garner (conductor) 7, R. Pickering 8.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On June 28th at St. Michael's Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Warnes 1, H. I. Collins 2, H. E. Hammond 3, R. Martin 4, G. Lindridge 5, H. G. Felton 6, L. W. Wiffin 7, A. Wiffin (conductor) 8. A compliment to Mr. Norman Howard on the occasion of his wedding, son of the late Mr. C. H. Howard, for many years Master of the Essex Association.

BURFORD, OXON.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. H. J. Prince (first of Triples) 1, F. Soden 2, M. Collett (first inside) 3, F. W. Soden 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon (conductor) 7, H. A. Hall (first quarter) 8.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.—At the Church of St. Martin, on July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.5.8 covering): M. Hosking (first quarter) 1, J. E. Withey 2, W. J. Sanders (conductor) 3, W. A. Darlington 4, G. M. Bray 5, E. Randall 6, S. A. Reed 7, A. J. Vincent 8.

CHARING, KENT.—On St. Peter's Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Pack 1, Miss J. Burton 2, F. Good 3, W. Gosling 4, A. Waddington (conductor) 5, Miss M. Smith 6.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On July 3rd, 1,428 Stedman Triples: W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 1, C. J. Gardner 2, E. J. Berry 3, H. W. Bishop 4, I. H. Trueman 5, E. C. Hughes (first quarter in method) 6, T. Townsend 7, J. Durham 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Ainger (first in method on working bell) 1, G. Green 2, I. Halls 3, P. Green 4, W. Ainger 5, H. Carter 6, Dr. Spencer-Phillips (first of Stedman as conductor) 7, F. Payne 8. A wedding compliment to Miss W. Carter, sister of the ringer of the 6th.

HASTINGS.—At Christ Church, Blacklands, on June 29th, 1,264 Bob Major: W. J. Bradfield 1, C. A. Levett (conductor) 2, V. Williams (first in method) 3, S. C. Driver 4, J. E. Penneils 5, S. G. Smith 6, G. S. Piper 7, J. A. Downing 8.

HOLWELL, HUNTS.—On July 2nd, 720 Bob Minor: R. Wilmer 1, H. W. Pratt 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, O. Norman 4, W. Papworth 5, G. Manser 6. First 720 for 1, 4 and 5.

CARRICKFERGUS, N. IRELAND.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Adams (first quarter) 1, J. Palmer 2, L. J. Roper 3, A. E. McGrath 4, H. Brown 5, J. T. Dunwoody (conductor) 6, W. Pratt 7, J. Weir (first quarter) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on July 6th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss Joan Peacock (first quarter) 1, A. Reeve 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fleetwood 4, J. Armstrong 5, E. Furbank 6, F. V. Gant (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Biggs 1, W. Lee 2, A. Heyward 3, A. G. Janes 4, D. Cox (first quarter as conductor) 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, V. Evans 8.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On July 6th, 1,080 Cambridge Royal: W. Tillet 1, A. S. Boar 2, G. Pipe 3, W. P. Garrett 4, W. J. G. Brown 5, Mrs. Pine 6, O. G. Barnard 7, F. W. Pye 8, G. E. Symonds (conductor) 9, C. W. Pipe 10.

LINCOLN.—On July 6th, at St. Giles' Church, 1,280 London Surprise

Major: N. E. Chambers 1, G. Benfield (first quarter of Surprise) 2, H. Marcon 3, J. F. Hodson 4, J. L. Millhouse 5, K. S. B. Croft (conductor) 6, S. Chambers 7, J. Freeman 8.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Rumens 1, A. W. Brighton 2, A. J. N. Bovack 3, F. C. Mavnard 4, E. E. Holman 5, E. Furbank 6, E. D. Smith (conductor) 7, C. A. Hughes 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Peter Holman, son of the ringer of the fifth, after a peal attempt, which failed owing to the breaking of a rope.

LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, on June 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Charge 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, C. A. Hughes 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, L. H. Bowler 6, R. H. Begrie (first in the method) 7, J. Bullock 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Wing 1, A. E. Rushton 2, H. Burton 3, A. J. Smith 4, H. Wood 5, R. Kendall 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, D. Newman 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Keeley (aged 12, and first quarter) 1, N. Adams 2, H. G. Keeley 3, J. Morris 4, Rev. C. C. Cox 5, G. S. Morris (conductor) 6, C. W. H. Powell 7, C. E. Tett 8. Also an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Josiah Morris.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): Miss V. E. Callis (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Mabbutt (first quarter) 2, Mrs. W. G. Callis 3, C. W. Partridge 4, W. G. Callis (conductor) 5, J. Mabbutt 6.

MARGATE, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Dadds 1, Miss B. Solly 2, Mrs. V. Castle 3, L. Tryman 4, C. Hunt 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. G. Gadsden (conductor) 7, T. Darch 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On June 29th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss M. D. Pilcher 1, Miss M. Bennett 2, Mrs. D. Bennett 3, S. E. Cook 4, F. W. Burnett 5, A. V. Bennett 6, W. Tate 7, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 8.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On July 6th at St. Andrew's Church, 1,200 Doubles, consisting of 240 Winchendon, Grandsire, Plain, St. Simon's and St. Nicholas': A. Walpole 1, E. Long 2, G. Walpole (conductor) 3, D. Fenn 4, H. W. Barrett 5.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Northen (first quarter) 1, A. Prior (conductor) 2, E. Furbank 3, E. Blake 4, G. Dawson 5, J. Crampton 6, E. Smith 7, H. Roome 8.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, F. Warrington (conductor) 2, F. Nicholls 3, G. Manser 4, John Perkins 5, G. L. Perkins 6. Arranged for Mr. Manser (Louth).

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On June 29th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: G. Church 1, F. Bennett 2, — Thomas 3, T. Toms 4, F. Page 5, F. Howse 6, B. Challen 7, H. Statham (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by 1, 3, 4 and 6.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Oxenham (first quarter of Triples) 1, L. H. May 2, P. Mayne 3, R. J. Bowden 4, E. Richards 5, J. Upton 6, L. E. Parris (conductor) 7, A. Kerslake 8.

USK, MON.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hobbs 1, L. Jones 2, A. Edwards 3, S. Kear 4, R. Clench 5, A. Hawkins 6, D. G. Clift (conductor) 7, E. W. Luff 8. First quarter by the ringers of 1, 3 and 5. First quarter 'inside' by 4.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On July 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Upsall 1, W. Jarvis 2, F. Wigmore (conductor) 3, H. Piggins 4, L. Bush 5, J. Phillips 6, W. Storey 7, W. Freeman 8, H. Means 9, F. Moyes 10. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. A. W. Narborough, headmaster of St. Peter's School for 25 years.

Llandaff and Monmouth

TWO AUGMENTATIONS PROPOSED.

The 30 members who attended the quarterly meeting at Llangynwyd on June 28th were amply rewarded for their efforts to get to this remote village by the enthusiastic welcome they received from the local band and parishioners. There was plenty of ringing to suit all before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Daniel Richards).

After the service the visitors were entertained to a bountiful tea by the local ringers and their wives, which was appreciated and enjoyed by all.

The Vicar presided over the business meeting, and the Central Council representatives gave a comprehensive report on the proceedings at Exeter. The meeting heard with satisfaction two welcome items of news, one that work was about to be started on the job of restoring and augmenting Abergavenny bells and that the six at Blaenavon were to be recast and augmented to eight. Chepstow was proposed for the next Monmouthshire meeting and Pontypridd for the next Glamorgan meeting. Votes of thanks terminated the business.

More ringing after the meeting brought to an end a very enjoyable day. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 2s. 6d.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the North Norfolk Branch at Hingham on June 28th was attended by 42 members. In the absence of the Rector, the branch chairman (the Rev. Blyth) conducted the service. Tea was served in the Fairland School and the business meeting followed. Elected as probationer members were John R. Elliott, Hubert G. Peel, Sydney C. Long, Allan C. Haines, all of Hingham.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of his bells, to the organist and to Mr. Long for making the arrangements.

RINGERS' PILGRIMAGE

On June 28th, the Christ Church, Mitcham, and St. Leonard's, Streatham, bands combined for the second time in their annual pilgrimage.

The route chosen this year was through some of the most beautiful scenery in Surrey and Sussex. Ringing and refreshments were enjoyed at Warnham, Chichester Cathedral and Chiddingfold.

Many old friends renewed acquaintances during the day; Mr. W. H. Joiner, of Hastings, Mr. W. Smith and Mr. C. Potheary, who for many years were members of the Parish Church, Mitcham, band, were among the party, and also Mr. J. Parslow, Mr. G. Pidwell and Mr. E. Jones, old friends of the Christ Church band.

At Chichester the party had the unexpected pleasure of meeting Mr. C. J. North, a member of the St. Leonard's band at the beginning of the present century.

OUTINGS

The Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association visited the following Suffolk towers: Newmarket, Clare, Long Melford, Sudbury (St. Peter's and St. Gregory's), Lavenham, Bury St. Edmunds (Norman Tower and St. Mary's) and Mildenhall. Altogether 63 ringers and friends took part in the trip.

Portsmouth Cathedral in the Thames Valley district on June 7th. Ringing took place at Alton, Egham, Staines (St. Mary's), Henley-on-Thames, Caversham (St. Peter's) and Wokingham. Organiser, Mr. F. W. Burnett.

St. Laurence's, Reading.—On Whit Monday, ringing at Saffron Walden. Great St. Mary's, Cambridge R.C. Church, Bury St. Edmunds, Ipswich (where the Stedman Cinques brought beams of joy to the faces of those who were ringing and hearty congratulations from the remainder).

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ACCOMMODATION

TREVA GUEST HOUSE, CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL, has a few vacancies due to cancellations; situated near beach, lovely view; moderate terms; ring of 8 bells at church.—Apply Mrs. G. Cave-Day. 1694

PUBLICATIONS

'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. A. Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World' Office, c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 'ONE HUNDRED SURPRISE METHODS' in Place Notation. 2nd impression now ready, post free 1s.—A. J. Corrigan, Ryedown Lane, Bitton, near Bristol. Three copies 2s. 6d., six for 4s. 1704

MISCELLANEOUS

Keep all your ringing records in one loose-leaf book. 'DELIGHT' Ringers' Record Books are made to last a lifetime.—Details from William H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 1681

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). Business meeting for election of officers, etc.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1644

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

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Joint meeting with Yorkshire Association (Eastern District), Goole, July 19th. Bells 2. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 9d. 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 Gun Green, Hawkhurst, Kent. 1675

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.—W. Lancaster, Hon. Sec. 1684

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.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Sec. 1682

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

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—July 19th, fete at the Vicarage 2.30. Monthly practice 6. Please come to both. 1700

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—Practice meeting St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, on Tues., July 22nd. Bells available 6—9 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 1713

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District.—Mid-Week meeting Bedford, St. Paul's, Thurs., July 24th. Bells 3-5.30 and 6.30-9. Tea in St. Paul's Church Hall, 5.30, for those who notify Mr. S. Foskett, 38, Miller Road, Bedford, by July 21st. Monthly meeting July 26th, Stagsden (6), 3. Tea 5.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1707

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

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. Quarter-peak attempt 5.—C. Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Gloucester. 1661

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

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

OXFORD GUILD.—S. Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting.—Tetsworth, 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

LADIES' GUILD AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—Joint meeting Monken 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, Hollways 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, Ditchat. 1687

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Summer meeting at Hoar Cross (6), July 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by 22nd to J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 1723

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Practice, Hailsham, Sat., July 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Notify F. H. Hicks, 21, Garfield Road, Hailsham, for teas by Thursday, 24th. No names, no teas.—J. A. Downing, Hon. Sec. 1724

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Next meeting Hitcham (6), Sat., July 26th, 5.30. No tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1718

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOC.—Meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet, Sat., July 26th. Bells available from 3. Cups of tea provided; members carry own food.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12. 1719

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech District.—Meeting Northwold (8), Sat., July 26th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring food.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 1721

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Ippepen, Newton Abbot (8), Sat., July 26th. Usual arrangements. Names by July 23rd.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 1705

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bolton Branch.—Next meeting Horwich, Sat., July 26th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1706

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting Colerne (8), Sat., July 26th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea 5.—H. Marsh, 4, Hawthorne Road, Chippenham. 1708

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Westonsuper-Mare, Sat., July 26th. Bells 6.30.—E. J. Avery. 1714

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, St. Aidan's, July 26th, 3. Names for tea to T. W. Dobson, 181, Oxford Road, West Hartlepool, by 24th.—Frank Ainsley, Dis. Sec. 1717

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol Rural Branch.—St. Werburgh's (6), July 26th, 3. Tea and business 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol, 7. 1715

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.—Langdon Hills (6), July 26th, 3.30 to 9. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; bring food. Ringing only. Everybody welcome. Just come along and ask.—J. H. Crampion, Hon. Sec. 1771

EAST DERBY AND NOTTS ASSN.—Kirkby-in-Ashfield (5), July 26th. Bells 3.30. Will all members please try to attend. Business, dinner. Bring own food.—J. W. Price. 1710

NORTH STAFFS ASSN.—Meeting Newcastle (10), Sat., July 26th. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1691

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Marbury (6), July 26th, 2.30. Names by 22nd.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 1692

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Moulton, July 26th. Usual arrangements. Bring own food.—R. S. Cowley. 1695

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting Harlaxton, July 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. Walton, Harlaxton, by 22nd.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 1693

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Meeting Goodrich, July 26th, 3. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 1702

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Bennington (8), Sat., July 26th, 3. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by short business meeting. Names for tea not later than 23rd to G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts. 1701

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, THORPE BAY, ESSEX.—Dedication of new ring of eight bells (John Taylor and Co.), by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, on Thurs., July 31st, 8 p.m. 1703

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Next meeting at Burgh-le-Marsh on Sat., Aug. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, White Hart Hotel, 5. Names for tea by Mon., July 28th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 1722

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSN.—Meeting St. Andrew's Parish Rooms, Penrith, 2, Mon., Aug. 4th. Names for meals before Sat., July 26th.—S. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 1720

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Aug. 4th. Privett, 11 to 2; West Meon, 2 to 4 and after tea; East Meon, 2 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Tea for those who notify by July 29th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh. 1712

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and **SURREY ASSN.** (N.W. District).—Joint meeting at Leatherhead, Mon. Aug. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 at Duke's Head. Numbers for tea to G. Mariner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Aug. 1st.—A. H. Smith. 1709

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting at Chichester, Aug. 9th. Names by July 21st.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 1716

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on June 29th, 1,269 Grandsire Triples as farewell to G. Gaylord joining H.M. Forces: G. Gaylord 1, R. Moors 2, A. C. Jeanes 3, H. J. Gaylord 4, T. E. Marks 5, W. H. Poole 6, T. J. Setter (conductor) 7, J. E. Saunders 8.

Ringers' Outing

St. Peter's, Bournemouth.—On May 31st, to Winchester, Whitchurch, Newbury, Trowbridge and Amesbury. The drive through Hungerford and Marlborough in glorious weather was especially enjoyed.

Stowmarket.—On June 28th, to Great Waltham, Bishop's Stortford (for lunch), Braughing, Barkway, Royston and Barley (Norfolk Surprise). A splendid day and great success.

St. Barnabas, Great Tey, and friends (70 in all).—On July 5th, St. Mary's, Woolwich, Canterbury (lunch), Ashford and St. George's, Wrotham. A most enjoyable day.

Keresley, Coventry, and friends from Meriden, Stoke and St. Mary's, Warwick.—On June 28th, Bladon, near Woodstock, Kidlington, Abingdon (lunch), Radley (bells would greatly benefit from the attention of a bellhanger), East Hendred (with its third a half tone sharp), West Hendred, Ardington, Wantage (tea) and Chidrey (where the portly one of the party was unable to get his avoidupois between the organ and the pillar). The portly one left at Coventry with the best wishes of all for his 77th birthday to be celebrated the next day.

Helmington.—On June 28th to St. Albans, Uxbridge, Old Windsor, Egham (the cream of the day), Staines St. Peter's and St. Mary's. Owing to illness Mr. T. W. Last (captain) was unable to join the party. Wishes were expressed for his complete recovery.

Goring-by-Sea and Heene (Worthing).—On June 21st to the Isle of Wight. Ringing at All Saints', Ryde, Godshill (also an excellent tea) and Brading.

VISIT TO COTSWOLDS.

June 14th was the day chosen by a small party of ringers from the Claverley, Wolverhampton and Stourbridge districts for a visit to the Cotswold country. It was an unfortunate choice in one respect, as it rained for almost the whole time, but in spite of this the party fully enjoyed ringing on the bells at Chipping Norton, Shipton-under-Wychwood, the fine peal at Witney, Burford and Northleach. Methods rung during the tour were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. The remainder of the ringers join in sincere thanks to the car drivers and especially to the leader of the party, whose organising efficiency made the outing such a success.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION CAMBRIDGE BRANCH.

A meeting held at Barrington on June 21st was attended by members and friends from Cambridge, Ely, Great Staughton, Harpenden (Herts), Harston, Meldreth, Sawston, Sudbury (Suffolk), Trumpington and Willingham.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Button), followed by tea and a short business meeting, at which the Vicar also presided.

Some good practice was obtained on the six bells until about 7 p.m., when a move was made to the five-bell tower at Foxton. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Sawston.

SUFFOLK GUILD

A very successful meeting of the Mildenhall District was held at St. Mary's, Lakenheath, on June 28th, attended by a goodly company, coming from St. Albans, Sudbury, Sawston, Elvedon, Mildenhall, Ingham, Bury St. Edmunds, Chevington, Hockwold and Horringer.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. E. Marshall), after which the whole party adjourned to the Bell Hotel for tea. At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Elvedon at an early date if possible. Ringers expressed their thanks and enjoyment of the visit, and it gave the local band much pleasure in welcoming them. Ringing continued until 9 p.m.

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