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AN AMERICAN WANTS TO KNOW

A copy of the Rev. F. F. Rigby's book, 'Elementary Change Ringing,' has reached Mr. Ralph R. Mahlum, of Long Beach, California, U.S.A., and has aroused in him and five other members of the choir of the First Congregational Church in Long Beach an interest in change ringing. His church hopes to introduce a carillon. He writes to the president of the Lancashire Association: 'The growth of bells and particularly carillons is apparent in America, but all too slow. Few of our churches have rings of bells—mostly one bell only—and many none at all. The only time they are rung is on Sunday morning, the five-minute period before 11 o'clock church service, as well as before Sunday School. Many communities have even dispensed completely with the bell, and it hangs idle on the roof-top in the dusty belfry.'

Mr. Mahlum pertinently asks what is the attitude of 'the man in the street.' Do they object to long periods of ringing? Do they thoroughly enjoy the sound of ringing bells, for instance in change ringing? Do they take them as a matter of course? 'Here the cry goes up to heaven when carillons are played, often "the bells are out of tune," and one has to play them softly lest they offend some crackpot who thinks his or her ears cannot withstand the sound of their playing. And how unfortunate that attitude is here where we daily live in a maelstrom of assorted sounds. I wish we might hear the bells more often; perhaps some day we shall, but there is need for a lot of conversion in America. People simply do not know how to listen to bells, nor what to listen for.'

This interest in bells is particularly welcome. There are in the States a number of English ringers who have settled there, among them being Mr. E. Weatherby, of Los Angeles, who is making the journey by air this month to British Columbia to renew his handling of bell ropes and, if possible, to stand in a peal with a distinguished English visitor. Change ringing is practised in Australia, where ringers produce a typescript monthly journal, and Canada, and also to a limited extent in South Africa. If this venerable English art should find favour in the United States it will be an added means of cementing friendship between the two peoples and possibly a means of earning dollars by the export of British bells and carillons. The leading bell founders, we know, are sparing no pains in endeavouring to increase this avenue of trade, and recent issues have mentioned new rings of British bells at Malta and in Australia. It is to be hoped that at an early day mention can be made of securing American contracts.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

FRANK LAWTONTreble	SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 5
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 2	STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 6
EILEEN H. BASTOW ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
IVAN KAY 4	ISAAC GARTSIDETenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Armstead.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1947, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D.	
SIDNEY BRIGGSTreble	JOHN W. WARD 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER... 2	RONALD H. DOVE 6
CLEMENT GLENN 3	LEONARD RODMEL 7
DAVID VINCENT 4	GEORGE BEECH Tenor
	JAMES A. PARKER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.	
GEORGE A. FLEMING ...Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY... .. 5
JAMES E. BAILEY 2	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 6
MRS. J. E. BAILEY 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	DAVID VINCENT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JAMES W. GROUNDS ...Treble	JOHN BOOTH 5
*NICHOLAS M. NEWBY... 2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 6
THOMAS BARKER 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
ROGER LEIGH 4	*JAMES E. BURLES ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method and first attempt. In memoriam to Mr. William Robinson, of Ambleside.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
LEONARD WHITEHEAD...Treble	*GEOFFREY DODDS ... 5
ALBERT DISERENS ... 2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 6
MRS. A. DISERENS ... 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT... 7
*GEORGE MARTIN 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Arranged and rung for the wedding of Cyril A. Burgess (one of the local band) to Miss Peggie Binney, also of Birmingham.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.	
*CECILY C. ROBERTS ...Treble	CECIL C. WRIGHT 5
MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN... 2	STANLEY E. COOK 6
†MARGARET D. PILCHER 3	JOHN H. HUNT 7
ARTHUR H. FISHER ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
JAMES W. WILLIAMS ...Treble	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS ... 5
ALBERT E. MILLS ... 2	ERIC BRUNTON 6
*STUART SMITH 3	CHARLES CLEGG 7
JACK CLEGG 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method. Rung for the diamond jubilee of the church.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 9 cwt.	
*HORACE A. WRIGHT ...Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 5
*RONALD G. BUGG ... 2	RONALD SUCKLING 6
GEORGE W. MOSS 3	*HARRY J. MILLATT ... 7
ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY ...Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method on the bells, also the quickest. Birthday peal for H. A. Wright.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
WILLIAM ALLMAN ...Treble	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 5
DENIS MADDOCK 2	CECIL RADDON 6
JOHN W. BEST 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 7
REGINALD W. WORRALL... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Arranged by J. W. GRIFFITHS. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
* First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 7th. First peal of Little Bob on the bells.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 22 cwt. in E.	
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ...Treble	LOUIS HEAD 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 7
LEONARD MANNERING ... 4	GEORGE WOOD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.
The conductor's 100th tower-bell peal.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in G flat.	
JOHN ANDERSONTreble	ERNEST WALLACE 5
ADAM DEAS 2	JOHN HEDLEY 6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 4	*WILLIAM E. ROBINSON... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. R. KEEN.
* First peal of Triples. A farewell to the Provost, the Very Rev. G. E. Briggs, on leaving Newcastle to become principal of St. Bede's College, Durham.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 34 cwt.	
THOMAS HEMMING ...Treble	CHARLES RICHARDS ... 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
*ALAN F. THIRST 4	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal of London. First peal of London as conductor.



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On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MALCOLM HARWOOD ... <i>Treble</i>	SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
ALAN A. POITS ... 3	†EDWARD SEED ... 7
MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. J. Kingdon), who has accepted the living of St. Mary's Within-the-Walls, Chester.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... <i>Treble</i>	C. HENRY WEBB ... 5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 2	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 7
JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 4	GEORGE GARDNER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. H. W. WHITE.
In memory of Mr. Ernest Stone, who was a service ringer at this church.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

HILDA M. TAYLOR ... <i>Treble</i>	*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 5
*JANET MATTINSON ... 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7
†WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	HAROLD A. MAY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. † 300th peal.

SIX BELL PEAL

CHILDSWICKHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

MICHAEL P. MORETON ... <i>Treble</i>	M. WILLIAM H. GRAY ... 4
BETTY SPICE ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5
*DAVID GALLOP ... 3	C. JOHN DICKINSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. JOHN DICKINSON.

* First tower-bell peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

North Yorkshire and Durham Tour

THIRSK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WALTER ALLMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	J. EDWARD CAWSER ... 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6
LEONARD TREVOR ... 3	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. ED. CAWSER.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

RALPH G. EDWARDS ... <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD TREVOR ... 5
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSER ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal of London on the bells.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... <i>Treble</i>	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5
*J. EDWARD CAWSER ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
*W. NORMAN PARK ... 3	LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN E. BIBBY ... <i>Treble</i>	J. EDWARD CAWSER ... 5
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 2	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 6
LEONARD TREVOR ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
W. NORMAN PARK ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

*W. NORMAN PARK ... <i>Treble</i>	*WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 2	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6
J. EDWARD CAWSER ... 3	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 7
*JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. ED. CAWSER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

J. EDWARD CAWSER ... <i>Treble</i>	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 2	†WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
*W. NORMAN PARK ... 3	†RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 8
†JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	†ARTHUR FIRTH ... 9
LEONARD TREVOR ... 5	†JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by J. ED. CAWSER.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Royal in the county and for the Association.

SHILDON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9½ Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

W. NORMAN PARK ... <i>Treble</i>	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE AND BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*W. NORMAN PARK ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER ALLMAN ...
*ARTHUR FIRTH ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...
*J. EDWARD CAWSER ... 3	*LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in the county and for the Association. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells. This peal contains 1,280 London, 1,568 Cambridge, 992 Superlative and 1,312 Bristol with 106 changes of method.

CATTERICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*MISS D. M. KILLINGLEY <i>Treble</i>	W. NORMAN PARK ...	5
JOHN E. BIBBY ...	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ...	6
ARTHUR FIRTH ...	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	7
LEONARD TREVOR ...	WALTER ALLMAN ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. E. BURTON.
* First attempt for a peal.

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb.

GEORGE F. NEWTON ... <i>Treble</i>	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ...	5
LEONARD TREVOR ...	WALTER ALLMAN ...	6
ARTHUR FIRTH ...	W. NORMAN PARK ...	7
JOHN E. BIBBY ...	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. H. CROSS.
* First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

A Birmingham Tour

PEALS RUNG FOR CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
NORTHFIELD.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH <i>Treble</i>	BRIAN D. PRICE ...	5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ...	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ...	6
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ...	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	7
*ROGER LEIGH ...	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. H. CROSS.
* First peal of Surprise.

Conducted by WILFRED H. J. HOOTON.

SOLIHULL.

On Tues., Sept. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES ... <i>Treble</i>	REV. E. G. BENSON ...	6
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ...	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ...	7
†ROGER LEIGH ...	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	8
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ...	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH ...	9
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal of Royal on tower bells. † First peal on ten bells.
First peal as conductor.

SELLY OAK.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. B. James' Arrangement. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ROGER LEIGH ... <i>Treble</i>	*REV. E. G. BENSON ...	4
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ...	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	5
*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	FRANK E. HAYNES ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. The ringer of the 3rd has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

EDGBASTON.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN B. ROWSELL ...	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ...	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ...	6
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ...	BRIAN D. PRICE ...	7
DR. A. M. CUNNINGHAM ...	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. D. ST. J. SMITH.

BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEOFFREY DODDS ... <i>Treble</i>	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	ROGER LEIGH ...	6
EDWIN H. LEWIS ...	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	7
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ...	*FRANK E. HAYNES ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY.
* 300th peal.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

A Week in Worcestershire

PEALS RUNG FOR THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

SYDNEY TAYLOR ... <i>Treble</i>	ERIC A. DENCH ...	5
MRS. P. A. CORBY ...	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	6
MRS. J. THOMAS ...	CHARLES CAMM ...	7
JOHN THOMAS ...	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.
First peal of Major on tower bells as conductor.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN.

On Tues., Sept. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. P. A. CORBY ...	1-2	JOHN THOMAS ...	5-6
ERIC A. DENCH ...	3-4	MRS. J. THOMAS ...	7-8
PHILIP A. CORBY ...	9-10		

Composed by W. H. BARBER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

EVESHAM.

On Wed., Sept. 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt. in C sharp.

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK SADLER ...	6
MRS. J. THOMAS ...	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	7
ERIC A. DENCH ...	*THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	8
JOHN THOMAS ...	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	9
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ...	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. R. FARDON.
* 50th peal of Stedman.

WORCESTER.

On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-IN-BEDWARDINE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

*MRS. P. A. CORBY ... <i>Treble</i>	ERIC A. DENCH ...	5
GEORGE E. LARGE ...	JOHN THOMAS ...	6
†THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	SIDNEY T. HOLT ...	7
†MRS. J. THOMAS ...	*PHILIP A. CORBY ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF.
* 50th peal together. † First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS ... <i>Treble</i>	RALPH HARRIS ...	5
JOHN THOMAS ...	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	6
MRS. P. A. CORBY ...	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ...	7
ERIC A. DENCH ...	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

DODDERHILL.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

JOHN THOMAS ... <i>Treble</i>	ERIC A. DENCH ...	5
MRS. P. A. CORBY ...	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	6
MRS. J. THOMAS ...	SIDNEY T. HOLT ...	7
JOHN PINFOLD ...	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF.
First peal in the method on the bells.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN.

On Sun., Sept. 7, 1947, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. P. A. CORBY ...	1-2	ERIC A. DENCH ...	5-6
JOHN THOMAS ...	3-4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—On Aug. 31st, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Homewood 1, J. Upton 2, A. Lambert 3, J. Homewood 4, L. Wells 5, E. S. J. Hatcher (conductor) 6, G. E. Avis 7, A. Green 8. In honour of the 80th birthday of Mrs. Joy Smith.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Godfrey (first quarter in method) 1, Miss B. Frost 2, Miss A. Holden 3, K. Medhurst 4, H. Holden 5, A. Ball 6, A. Williams (conductor) 7, Mrs. E. Roscoe 8.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On August 31st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles, ten callings: W. Butler (first quarter, conductor) 1, R. Posnett 2, K. Curtis 3, J. Brooks 4, F. Rolfe 5, S. L. Posnett 6. First quarter of Stedman by all and by a local band.

EWERBY, Lincs.—On Aug. 30th, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Caters: R. Parker 1, S. Proctor (conductor) 2, L. Squires 3, A. Mackears 4, H. Squires 5, C. Blakey 6, F. Proctor 7, John Cragg 8, R. Woods 9, T. Hall 10. Also three courses Stedman Caters.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. T. Groves 1, H. D. W. Bishop (conductor) 2, H. Smith 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, H. Vine 5, W. Groves 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Giles Fox-Strangeways, 13-year-old son of Lord Ilchester's heir.

EXHALL-BY-COVENTRY.—At St. Giles' Church on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. A. Hastings 1, A. E. Bristow 2, D. Ellender 3, H. Polweli 4, W. A. Stote (conductor) 5, I. A. Morrison 6.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—At St. Mary's on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Eastwell (first quarter in method) 1, Miss R. Tabraham 2, W. Eastwell 3, D. Pearce 4, A. Birch 5, A. Gale 6, W. Henley (conductor) 7, B. Matthews (aged 13, first quarter) 8.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Bob Major: H. M. Page 1, J. Stephenson 2, M. Chilcott 3, W. Langdon 4, W. J. Paice 5, J. Chilcott 6, J. F. Smallwood (conductor) 7, H. Langdon 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 7th at St. Mary's, a quarter-peak of Double Norwich Major: H. Platt 1, G. Cherry (first quarter of Double Norwich) 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, C. V. Hare 5, H. W. Else 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, F. Croft 8.

KEYSOE, BEDS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Stapleton 1, F. W. Lack (conductor) 2, G. Seth 3, S. Litchfield 4, A. Stapleton 5. Rung with bells half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. W. Gell, churchwarden and member of the local band.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 1st at the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wynd. Rossiter 1, O. Tucker 2, W. Ashman 3, E. King (conductor) 4, E. Trim 5, G. Ashman 6. Rung for St. Giles' Day.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sept. 7th, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: B. Madely 1, R. Hazeldine (first in method) 2, W. J. Chester 3, F. Price 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler (conductor) 7, S. Hughes 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to E. Dennis Poole and Miss Fletcher, who were married last week.

NOTTINGHAM.—At 74, Dornoch Avenue, Sherwood, on Sept. 3rd, on handbells, 1,264 Bob Major: J. K. Wagstaff (first quarter of Major in hand) 1-2, F. A. Salter 3-4, T. Groombridge, jun. (conductor) 5-6, T. Groombridge, sen. 7-8.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Colyer 1, Elsie Savory 2, Ruth Geraghty 3, H. Punt 4, W. N. Genna 5, T. Collins (conductor) 6, W. Pickthall 7, H. Stratford 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples for 2, 3 and 4.

RANDWICK, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Robinson 1, Ian Napper 2, W. M. Rowe 3, R. S. Rowe (conductor) 4, J. Duncan 5, E. Wright (first quarter) 6. First quarter in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd.

SWINDON.—On Aug. 31st, 1,440 Kent Royal at Christ Church: C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, Miss N. Davis 3, H. H. Aberaham 4, W. A. Theobald 5, F. L. Harris 6, F. J. Daniell 7, J. Berry 8, F. Warrington 9, W. W. Daniell 10. First quarter of Kent Royal for 2 and 3. Also first quarter on ten bells for 4.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Sept. 3rd, at All Saints', 1,248 Bob Major: F. Warrington (composer and conductor) 1, H. W. Pratt 2, L. W. Fisher 3, A. Sinfield 4, C. H. Harding 5, F. W. Lack 6, H. Fields 7, B. Sims 8. Late start prevented peal attempt.—On Sunday Sept. 7th, 1,296 Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, F. Nicholls 2, H. W. Pratt 3, L. W. Fisher 4, G. L. Perkins 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. Rung on the back six.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Piggins 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, Miss M. Whitlock 3, A. Upsall 4, W. Storey 5, W. Jarvis 6, W. Freeman 7, F. Wigmore (conductor) 8.

IN MEMORIAM, ERNEST STONE

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's Church on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. M. Callow (first quarter) 1, R. W. Hayne 2, M. Callow 3, D. Ellender 4, F. Brassington 5, A. Roberts 6, T. W. Sheppard (conductor) 7, Sgt. B. Ellender, R.E. 8.

CHILVERS COTON.—At All Saints' Church on Sept. 1st, an attempt for Grandsire Caters failed after an hour's ringing: D. Gibbons 1, J. F. Clarke 2, J. Thompson 3, Miss M. Beamish 4, Miss M. V. Godderidge 5, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 6, J. Gibbons 7, H. Harris 8, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 9, J. E. Moreton 10. Rung with half-muffled clappers.

NUNEATON.—At St. Nicolas' Church on Sept. 2nd, 1,376 Bob Major: J. E. Moreton 1, Miss M. Beamish 2, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 3, A. H. Beamish 4, J. Aldridge 5, G. J. Stoneley 6, T. W. Sheppard 7, E. H. Stoneley (conductor) 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers.

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The peal of Belgrave Surprise Major at Tring, reported in our last issue, was the 80th method on tower bells rung by Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert, of Bushey. Such a variety in only 338 peals is unique in the Exercise. Mr. Ernest Morris in his 1,000 peals rang 81 methods—80 of which were on tower bells.

There is some sad news for Lancashire. The peal of Treble Bob Royal, 5,120, rung at Preston on April 7th, 1947, is false. See correspondence columns.

A 25-year-old error has been rectified by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. The annual report for 1921 omitted a peal of Stedman Triples rung on Boxing Day, 1921, at the Minster Church of St. Denys, Warminster, which is now recorded in the latest report.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner is anxious to trace the whereabouts of a book written by Mr. J. A. Trollope entitled 'The Science of Change Ringing.' It is a handwritten book very handsomely bound.

Among the satisfactions of authorship to the Rev. F. F. Rigby is the recent order he has received for six copies of 'Elementary Change Ringing' from Long Beach, California. He never expected his work would be earning dollars for Britain.

Appropriately it was the Cathedral Sunday service ringers who rang the farewell peal to the Provost at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on August 30th. The peal was also a birthday compliment to J. E. R. Keen and John Anderson, and was rung on the 'Dixon Eight.'

The picture of Whiston, Yorks, young ringers which appeared in 'The Ringing World' has created interest among the handbell ringers of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Worcester, Mass. Mr. J. William Cooper, the Ringing Master, who is a native of Worcester, England, has forwarded to Mr. Norman Chaddock a photograph of his ringers.

BELFRY GOSSIP

This issue may rightly be described as a summer peal tour issue. In our peal columns are tours in Birmingham district by the Cambridge University Guild, another in Yorkshire and Durham and a third in Worcestershire.

In the schools broadcast on Wednesday, November 26th, at 2 p.m., the B.B.C. announce: Church bells—bellringing in an English village.

Notice is given by Mr. John Freeman that members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will make a further attempt to ring 14,144 London Surprise Major at Heydour on October 4th. The composition was published in our issue of July 11th.

While on holiday recently in North Devon, Mr. Peter Crook located four ancient peal boards which had not been recorded by the Peal Boards Committee. Much useful work for this committee of the Central Council could be accomplished if ringers on their travels kept their eyes open.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby have followed a week's holiday in Cornwall with a second week in Worcestershire. The second week was memorable for Mr. Eric Dench. He had previously rung peals on six successive days and did not want to leave it at six again. His seventh was an early morning affair 'in hand.' He was to have called the party at 5 a.m. with a cup of tea, but, in fact, he had to be called himself at 7 a.m.!

Further information about the peal at Exeter Cathedral, when William Pye rang the 72 cwt. tenor single-handed, is that for that peal John Thomas cycled from Bristol to Exeter! He started at 6 and got there at 12, and then rang in the peal. Mr. N. E. Hope, late Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, our informant, says that Thomas told him it took 10 minutes to get any feeling in his legs at the end of the peal.

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A NOTE ON METHOD RANGE

(WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO 'BRISTOL')

By A. Yorke-Bramble.

A correspondent in these columns, recently claiming that Drayton is 'an illegitimate Surprise method,' and giving his reason as lack of internal place-makings when the treble is passing the cross-sections, said, 'Bristol Royal has the same fault.' Now it may be shown that the 'natural' extension of Bristol Surprise from the Major to the Royal compass has no such fault.

It is now a quarter of a century since this matter was before the notice of the Exercise in the pages of 'The Ringing World.' During 1922 and 1923 in a series of articles on method construction and extension, and in correspondence, both public and private, with the brothers James (Banks and Law), C. D. P. Davies, E. S. Powell, J. Armiger Trollope, George Baker and others, I discussed, inter alia, the Bristol method range from Major to Maximus. In the issue numbered 615 and dated December 29th, 1922 (page 820), appeared the concluding article with the figures for the method on each compass. Needless to say, the correspondents voiced their various criticisms; but the Royal version as published embodied, I believe, more of the recognised features than any other one version at that time put forward; and it certainly had not the fault of no internal places at the treble's crossing of sections, such as the correspondent has alleged.

But it had one feature about which I was none too happy. This occurred in the changes at the quarter and three quarter rows of the full 'lead,' i.e., those where the treble is dodging in 5.6. Here adjacent places were made simultaneously in 3.4 and 7.8. The figures of this section were included as from another version of the Royal, which my old correspondent George Baker sent me at that time.

Another arrangement of this same section, however, with places at 7ths and 10ths in the first two rows, and at 1sts and 4ths in the second two rows, was also sent to me in 1922 by the late J. Armiger Trollope, in the course of some very lengthy private correspondence, and it seems to me preferable to include this arrangement of the rows of the sections with the treble in 5.6 for the finalised mode of Bristol Surprise Royal.

In taking up again the threads of method research after an absence of some years I am uncertain as to whether these finalised figures have yet become generally known; but here they are, for the half-lead from rounds, spaced in the sections:—

In any event this 'natural' version has:—

- (a) Regular lead-ends.
- (b) Bristol-type shunts.
- (c) Mr. Baker's 'pivot bell' as for a double method, throughout the range; in this case No. 2.
- (d) Associated lead-ends of the Bristol range.
- (e) Corresponding section rows as found throughout the range.
- (f) The typical Bristol working-bell path throughout; and possibly—
- (g) The best music obtainable in the Bristol method on Royal compass.

At this encouraging time of greater effort and achievement in ringing generally, it may be opportune to put forward the following point of view for the student of method construction: A method may be built or evolved originally in any one bell-compass of the range of rings; and this may be known as its 'basic compass.' For example, Bristol was evolved in the

major compass. The basic compass of Bristol is therefore major; similarly that of Stedman is doubles. Once evolved, a method can be considered as to its application to higher or, in some cases, lower compass; and even, sometimes, to all compasses, both odd and even; as, for instance, the Grandsire system. Application upwards is properly known as 'extension,' while application downwards may be called 'contraction.'

Some methods are found to have quite 'natural' extensions above, and contractions below, the basic compass, while others are found to be strictly applicable only in one direction; that is to say, providing the conventions of method construction as covered by the Rules and Decisions of the Central Council are always observed.

Bristol applies both above and below its basic compass. In other words, contraction to Bristol Surprise Minor is possible. In fact, it approximates to No. 29 of the C.C. Collection of Legitimate Methods, in the Surprise Minor group, known as Norwich Surprise. The latter differs, however, in having one less pair of places made in the half-lead, which prevents it evolving as the double method that Bristol is throughout its range.

But this is material for another article.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at St. Michael's Church, East Ardsley, on August 30th, when members were present from Armley, Guiseley, Leeds, Liversedge, Pudsey, Rothwell and the local company. After ringing various methods during the afternoon, a very enjoyable tea was served by the local company in the Church Schools.

The business meeting was held in the tower, with the president (Mr. John McGlenn) in the chair. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed from the chair to the Vicar and wardens for kindly allowing the use of the bells, and this was supported by Mr. G. Benfield. The Rev. C. A. Roberts, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said they were always very pleased to receive the Society at East Ardsley and were more than grateful to the members for coming and ringing the bells. He felt that such Associations as these performed an excellent work in cementing the friendship between the various towers.

The vote of thanks to the local company for making such splendid arrangements was proposed by Mr. F. Rayment, who said that the way in which Mr. Watson and his friends had made the preparations was quite an achievement in such difficult times.

Mr. E. Watson, in replying, said they were always pleased to receive the Association at St. Michael's, in fact they welcomed anyone who would come and ring their bells. The local company were few in numbers now, but they tried to keep the bells going for service ringing. Mr. Pinder also expressed pleasure at receiving the Society and hoped they would come again soon.

The President announced that the next meeting had been arranged for Liversedge on Sept. 27th, and that a joint meeting with the Selby and District Society was being arranged for Kippax in November.

SUFFOLK GUILD

A sad lack of interest was shown at the meeting at Assington on August 30th, when only ten Suffolk Guild members showed up. from Assington, Hadleigh and Sudbury. Anxiety to make the most of the 'basic' ration brought visitors from Fulbourne and Sawston, Cambs, St. Albans, Herts, and Cheltenham, Glos., and Wickham St. Paul, Essex. After tea the fine eight at All Saints', Sudbury, were put to good use. It is probable the next meeting will be a joint one with the Essex Association, when the secretary hopes more support will be forthcoming.

Recently the bells at Hampton Court Palace were cleaned and rehung. In the process an almost indistinguishable founder's mark was discovered on the two quarter bells. A tracing of the mark was made by the contractors concerned—Messrs. Mears and Stainbank—and identified as belonging to William Culverden, an early 16th century London founder.

An illustration of the tracing accompanies this article. The late H. B. Walters, F.S.A., in his work, 'Church Bells of England,' makes the following observations:—

... and finally we have William Culverden (1510-1523), whose foundry shield is the most elaborate of all, and a rebus device of the most subtle description (305). Long a puzzle, it was finally elucidated by the ingenuity of Mr. A. D. Tysen. The centre of the shield is occupied by a large bell, on which the letters FOWN of the word founder are visible: below are a W and a figure of a bird. On either side are inscribed the words, FN DNO COFIDO, with a trefoil and DE below: and in the base is a mark like two P's conjoined, one being reversed. The name of Culverden being known as that of a founder from records of the period, it was ingeniously pointed out that culver is an old English word for "pigeon," the kind of bird evidently here represented. Combined with the W and DE we thus get "W. Culverden." Now the significance of the text is apparent, for the Vulgate of Ps. x (xi). I. runs: "In Domino confido; quomodo dicite animae meae, transmigra in montem sicut passer." The other two marks are still unexplained, but the trefoil may indicate a reference to the Holy Trinity, Culverden having had some relations with the Priory of that name in Aldgate.'



The Henry VIII. astronomical clock in the turret is being restored by the Ministry of Works, and regilding of the dial is in progress. The hour bell was cast by Thomas Harrys, a London founder, between 1478 and 1490. The astronomical dial of the clock was installed by Henry VIII., but the existing mechanism is of later date.

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CORRESPONDENTS' PAGE

New Era of Change Ringing!

Sir,—It would seem from the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World' that we may be entering a new era in change ringing where all this rot about bothering what a peal sounds like outside will be discarded and thrown overboard. Let us hasten to salute these brave reformers, Linfoot and Rhodes, in comparison with whom even Kippin must be labelled 'reactionary.'

Just take a look at the present position and compare it with the golden future that may now be not so far away. Think of a youngster who learns to ring rounds at a tender age and might then pass on to 'covering' but for the weight of the tenor, which is too great for him. What a shame it is that the present antiquated rules of the Central Council debar him from ringing a peal when he could quite easily 'cover' with the treble. In future we may hope that this will soon be recognised, for, after all, with eight bells the treble has the same note as the tenor only an octave higher, and the ropes would still fall in a clockwise direction. It may sound a bit unusual to the 'old fogies,' but think of the pleasure that it will give the little chap!

Another valuable reform that is surely long overdue is one which will benefit ten and twelve-bell towers. No longer shall we have to bother about the music of the peal and be tied down by these ridiculous and out of date conventions so that a peal of Major will have to be rung on the 'back' eight. No, we shall be able to go to a tower with twelve bells and pick out the eight most suitable. For instance, we shall leave out the tenor because it goes up false and we should have to waste time turning the clapper; the seventh is odd struck, the fifth has a weak stay and the rope on the second looks a bit frayed so we shall leave those three out as well and use the eight left. Once again the reactionary old fogies are going to turn up their noses and make loud protests, but it will be quite all right as we shall take care to strike well, use a true composition and avoid any errors in the production of the changes.

Doubtless the Central Council will be bitterly opposed to these new ideas and will seek to shelter behind its antiquated rules drawn up years ago before progressive ideas like these were heard of. But all ringers who have the future of our art at heart must band together to compel them to move with the times. Let us show them that we are in earnest by holding meetings at Basingstoke and Elland if necessary and burying copies of their out of date rules with due ceremony. Surely the ideal is to abandon rules altogether, for it is impossible to lay down any set which will cover all possibilities. Think, for instance, how with the aid of wireless it would be possible through each ringer wearing headphones to have a peal rung where each bell was ringing in a separate tower. Do our present rules recognise such a possibility?

I could wish that my name were better known in ringing circles and that thereby my plea might be made the more forceful, but as the campaign for reform gets under way I feel that my name will be much more in evidence in the new era that is dawning for change ringing.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,
K. OSSE.

'ODDITIES'

Dear Sir,—Apropos 'oddities,' about four years ago I rang the treble at Holbeck, Leeds, from a chair placed on top of a table, not as an acrobatic performance, but being the only one who could reach the sally after the broken rope had been temporarily refixed, during ringing for the Vicar's induction.—Yours faithfully,
R. H. DOVE.

Leeds 5.

The late Mr. J. A. Trollope

Dear Sir,—Will you permit a further note on the lamented death of our late Editor? Some 55 years ago he, with two schoolfellows, George and John Burton, and Alfred Brighton and myself, shared in many pranks, escapades and excursions in our eager ringing quest for fresh towers to add to our lists, in Norwich and Norfolk. 'J.A.T.' was the chief instigator of these affairs, and it is a joy to recall his gaiety, humour and good comradeship when they were in progress. They were carefree and happy days, with tower or handbell ringing wherever and whenever possible at any time of the day or night, and we enjoyed them to the full.

The splendid tributes you have published from his later friends give an added sadness to his passing, for they make grievous reading. When he was practically writing our entire paper during the later war years he often referred in letters to his ever-present dread that his health would break down under the strain and anxiety of the job. Small wonder if it had—for what a job, and what a great one he made it! It could only have been his unquenchable will-power which kept him going. I hope his critics now feel as unhappy about the whole business as do his friends of earlier days. May Mother Earth rest lightly on a gallant and joyous comrade.

CHARLES E. BORRETT.

Red Roof, Sheringham, Norfolk.

RECTORS' SERVICE

Dear Sir,—At Maidwell, William de Foxton was Rector 1282-1352. In more recent times the Rev. Thomas Holdich was Rector and Squire from 1800-1868; he insisted upon preaching until he was 95 years old. The inhabitants said of him, 'He saw us into the world and sure enough he'll bury us.'

CHARLES W. DIXON.

Post Office, Maidwell.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. P. Amos, may be interested to hear of the 69 years' incumbency of John Higgs, Vicar of Quatford, Shropshire, from 1694-1763. The son of a local miller, he reared a large family on a stipend of £15 per annum.

If your correspondent will communicate with me directly I shall be pleased to give him further particulars of this cleric and several other instances of long service in the church of which I have details, as I feel your space can be more profitably devoted to ringing matters than a discourse on ecclesiastical history.—Yours sincerely,

WILFRED E. BOX.

140, Wentworth Road, Harborne,
Birmingham 17.

Dear Sir,—In the Parish Church of Ashill, Norfolk, there is a stained glass window to the memory of one Bartholomew Edwards, who served there as Rector for 76 years, 1913-1889, and died in his hundredth year. There are two other records of 76 years in the same county.

This information is given in Arthur Mee's 'Norfolk' in 'The King's England' series, and we are also told that the longest ministry in any pulpit is one of 77 years. Unfortunately we are not told where this took place.

WALLACE W. COUSINS.

Terrington St. John.

POEM WANTED

Dear Sir,—John Bunyan, the famous author of 'Pilgrim's Progress' and a ringer at Elstow, Beds, wrote a poem for boys and girls on 'Bells.' If any reader can supply me with a copy of this poem I should be glad if they would write me direct. ERNEST MORRIS.
St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester.

Another Claim for Ireland

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Hadley's letter under the above heading, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on the 5th inst., Mr. Hadley is quite right in his statement, and I must apologise for not making it clear that the handbell peal rung on August 4th was the first in two Doubles methods on handbells. I sent in the report with the full knowledge that more than one Minor method had already been rung. However, I have the peal already recorded in the peal book with the footnote, 'First peal in two Doubles methods on handbells in Ireland.'

For the benefit of your readers and Mr. Hadley's memory: Mr. Hadley conducted the first handbell peals for this Association of one Minor method, Plain Bob on March 23rd, 1914 at Arklow; two Minor methods, Kent and Oxford, on September 19th, 1915, at Arklow; three Minor methods, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford, on August 21st, 1915, at Arklow; seven Minor methods, Oxford, Kent, Grandsire, Colleger S. Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob on November 9th, 1915, also at Arklow; and Grandsire Doubles, September 10th, 1913, at Arklow.

I thank Mr. Hadley for drawing my attention to the error, which I can assure him was not intentional.—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES.

Jenkinson, Dundalk.

FALSE TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Dear Sir,—I greatly regret to inform you that the 5,120 Treble Bob Royal by E. Timbrell, published on page 440 of Sept. 12th issue of 'The Ringing World,' is false. The Wrong leads of the 2nd and 9th and 5th and 7th courses are false against each other. The natural course-ends involved being 42356 and 43265 respectively.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.

USEFULNESS?

Dear Sir,—Mr. A. M. Houghton's letter appearing in 'The Ringing World' dated August 8th is the most scathing and unchristianlike letter which I have had the misfortune to read. I would much rather read Mr. Male's report of his achievement than Mr. Houghton's conceited and distorted views, which have done untold harm.

Mr. Houghton should visit Mr. Male's home, and if he has any conscience at all he will fully appreciate the stupidity and usefulness of his own composition.—Yours faithfully,

Leamington Spa. F. I. EATON.

52 TOWERS IN EIGHT DAYS

Dear Sir,—Your contributor, R.O.F., cannot claim that a recent ringing tour from Winchester to Marlborough was unique. On Aug. 21st, 1937, a party of seven met and rang the bells of St. Mary's, Marlborough. Later that day, and on the eight days that followed, 52 towers were visited and many miles covered. Cycles were ridden when possible, and pushed over Exmoor and its spurs. Youth hostels were used for bed and breakfast, and village inns for mid-day meals. The tour was very successful and was repeated in 1938 and 1939. Accounts of these are to be found in 'The Ringing World,' 1938, page 542, and 1939, page 531.—Yours faithfully,
E. B. HARTLEY.

43, Grendon Gardens, Wembley Park.

OSWALD DELIGHT MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I saw in 'The Ringing World' a few weeks ago a lead of Oswald Delight Major, a peal of 5,066 being rung at Frodsham, Cheshire, on January 17th. The figures are the same as my method of Drayton Surprise, which I composed in 1941. I called it Drayton because Market Drayton, Shropshire, was my birthplace and I conducted there for some peals.—Yours faithfully,
E. WEATHERBY.
1235 Mullen Avenue, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.

Oxford University Society

A FARMING-CUM-RINGING HOLIDAY.

Following the success of a similar enterprise of last year, 17 members of the O.U.S.C.R., with the addition of several ringing friends and relatives, have just spent an extremely enjoyable fortnight at the Honeybourne Volunteer Agricultural Camp at Weston-sub-Edge, near Campden, Glos. It was originally planned to work on the land by day and ring in the evening, but the dry weather and local labour conditions combined to provide less work and consequently more ringing than was anticipated.

Evening practices were held at Bretforton, Broadway, Willersey (sixes) and Campden and Badsey (eights), and on Sundays service ringing was enjoyed at Evesham, Badsey, Mickleton and Willersey in co-operation with local bands.

Two tower-bell peals of Bob Minor were rung for the Worcestershire and Districts Association at Offenham and Childswickham, each of which enabled first peals to be scored. A highlight of the fortnight's ringing was the day tour on August 30th, when Hinton-on-the-Green, Tewkesbury, Upton-on-Severn, Pershore and Evesham were visited. On this day the help of Messrs. W. Williams, G. I. Lewis, C. Camm and G. J. Hemming was much appreciated.

Not only was this a profitable fortnight's ringing—methods ranged from Grandshire and Plain Bob for beginners to Lincolnshire and Pudsey Surprise Major—but pleasant surroundings, glorious weather and convivial company combined to make a memorable holiday for all. This was due in no small measure to the unstinted hospitality of tower captains and clergy in the neighbourhood, and the Society wishes to thank most warmly its ringing friends for their ready and repeated co-operation this year. Their friendly welcome was most appreciated, and all members concerned in this year's farming-cum-ringing holiday look forward to renewing their acquaintance with the ringers and towers in the Honeybourne district next summer. B. S.

REPTON'S RECORD ATTENDANCE

Repton, the chief town in the great Anglo-Saxon Kingdom of Mercia and one of the places where Christianity was first proclaimed, was the venue for the joint meeting of the Midland Counties Guild and the Derbyshire Association on August 30th.

This historic town lies in South Derbyshire situated on rising ground above the Trent, which is about a mile distant, and to-day Repton has one of the great public schools of England, which is the pride of the county. The late Archbishop and the present Archbishop of Canterbury were at one time headmasters of Repton School.

Upwards of 80 members and friends were in attendance from Derby (Cathedral, St. Peter's, St. Andrew's and St. Luke's), Alvaston, Spondon, Oekbrook, Ilkeston, Ripley, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Stoke, Norton-in-the-Moors, Rotherham, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Castle Donington, Melbourne, Ashby, Burton (St. Paul's, St. Modwen's and All Saints'), Newhall, Winhill, Overseal, Netherseale, Lullington and the local company.

During the afternoon and evening some good ringing was accomplished in most of the standard methods, with special attention being given to the claims of learners present. Tea was partaken of at the Boot Inn, after which Mr. W. H. Curson, chairman of the M.C.G., thanked the local people for arranging such an excellent tea.

Mr. W. Lancaster, secretary of the Derbyshire Association, suitably replied, after which he made reference to the passing of Mr. F. Denison Taylor, of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, and former president of the Midland Counties Association, whose achievements were known not only in the Midlands, but throughout the country. The members stood in silence.

Yorkshire Association

NORTHERN DISTRICT NEWS.

Two very successful meetings of the Northern District have been held recently. On August 23rd about 35 ringers met at the ancient and magnificent Church of St. Gregory, Bedale, and after raising the bells in peal, rang a touch of Stedman Triples to welcome a newly-married couple as they left the church. The fortress-like tower of Bedale Church had at one time a portecullis and houses a pre-Reformation tenor bell; the floor of the ringing chamber consists of very old riven oak slabs.

At the business meeting, held after tea in the Chantry House, two new members were elected. Much use was made of the good old ring of eight bells, and touches were also rung on a ring of handbells, recently restored, which is over 100 years old and the property of the Northern District vice-president.

August 30th saw the members of the Northern District at Birstwith; in this Niddendale village there is a fine modern ring of eight bells rung from ground floor level. Good use was made of the bells and many members obtained practice in new methods.

A short business meeting was held in the vestry of the church, at which Mr. P. J. Johnson (vice-president of the Western District) presided in the unavoidable absence of the Northern District vice-president, Mr. J. B. Hutchinson. In speaking to the members, Mr. Johnson recalled the difficult days through which the Northern District had passed and gave the members a message of encouragement for the future.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Pittlewell with its fine peal of ten bells was the venue for a very successful meeting of the South-Western Division on August 30th, some 40 members and friends making the most of a perfect summer's day.

The Vicar (the Ven. Gowing) conducted the service and extended a warm welcome to all. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund was £1 4s. 6d.

Tea was served in the Church Hall. The business meeting which followed was presided over by the District Master, Mr. J. Chalk. Two new members of the Hornechurch band were elected, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Brentwood on January 10th.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for use of bells, and to Mr. and Mrs. Lufkin for making all arrangements, which made the meeting such a success. Mr. Lufkin responded.

Good use was made of the bells, and methods ranged from Grandshire to Cambridge Surprise.

A visit was also made to St. Augustine's, Thorpe Bay, where many members had their first pull on this very fine ring of eight by Taylors.

THE MIDDLESEX AT CRANFORD

A most delightful meeting was held at Cranford by the South and West District of the Middlesex Association on August 23rd. Some good ringing was enjoyed by the 35 members and friends, ranging from rounds to London Surprise, under the supervision of the Master, Mr. F. A. Finch.

The business meeting was held in the vestry, under the chairmanship of the vice-president, Mr. W. H. Coles, who spoke with eloquence of the grievous loss the Association had sustained, particularly the South and West District, by the passing of Mr. J. A. Trollope, in which district he had resided and worked so unceasingly for fifty years. The loss was severe, but, said Mr. Coles, he had left a legacy of which they were justly proud, a name that would go down in history, and his 'two boys,' both officers in our Association, worthy successors of J. A. T. The secretary was asked to send a message of sympathy to Miss Trollope, and the meeting stood in silence.

Ringers' Outings

GLASGOW VISIT CARLISLE.

Carlisle was the venue of St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, Society for their outing on September 6th. A party of 30, comprising 16 ringers (including three from St. James, Paisley) and their friends left Glasgow at 9 a.m. by coach. With a break at Moffat they arrived at Carlisle in good time for lunch.

Met by Mr. Ling, the party was escorted to the Cathedral tower, where the bells were kept going until 4.15 with attempts at Stedman, Grandshire, Kent and Cambridge. After tea an hour was spent with the temperamental ring of eight at St. Stephen's. A start was made for home at 6.30 p.m., with a 'break' at Lockerbie, arriving back in Glasgow at 10.30 p.m. after a perfect day.

Thanks are due to Messrs. J. Boustead and J. Ling, of the Cathedral, and Mr. Forsyth, of St. Stephen's, for their arrangements and assistance, and to the Dean of Carlisle and the Vicar of St. Stephen's for the use of the bells.

EAST GRINSTEAD'S TOUR.

The East Grinstead and District Guild held their summer outing on August 30th, starting the day with some good ringing on the handy eight at Warnham, but not so good on the noisy eight at Pulborough, where, on descending from the tower, the hospitality of a local lady was enjoyed.

Soon after, experts and learners alike were having fun and games on the light and flighty six at Storrington. After taking a wrong turning, Washington was reached—a pleasant surprise, for none of the party had previously 'discovered' this lovely little six.

Then on to the joys of Henfield's beautiful octave and Frank Cruttenden's excellent teas. With everyone satisfied the day concluded with some good ringing on the light six at Ardingly.

NORTON SUBCOURSE.

On September 6th, the ringers of Norton, accompanied by their wives and friends, making a party of 25, held their annual outing. Towers visited were Gorleston, Happisburgh, Paston, Aylsham, Buxton, Scottow and Wroxham. In ideal weather a most enjoyable day was spent in ringing methods ranging from Kent Royal to Bob Doubles.

The ringers wish to thank all incumbents for the use of their bells, and steeplekeepers for making belfry preparations.

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BIRTH

GOLDEN.—On Sept. 11, 1947, at Stork House Nursing Home, Norwich, to Iris, wife of Nolan Golden, a sister for Christine on her second birthday. 1986

HANDBELLS WANTED

SET of 12 HANDBELLS, preferably in key E, but not essential; must be in good condition.—Please write Webb, 41, Coronation Road, Basingstoke. 1955

PUBLICATIONS

'College Youths,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World' Office, c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.
'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, the method and its proof,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, 1s. (postage 1d.), from Hollebeke, Witley Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham. 1946

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Barnsley on Sat., Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Committee meet 3.30 in vestry. Tea (3s. 6d. per head) served at 5 at Hagenbach's Cafe. General meeting at Royal Hotel 6.—Leslie W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1874

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—Meeting at St. Augustine, Kilburn, on Sat., Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.45, followed by tea. Further ringing at St. Mary's, Willesden, 6.30.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 1884

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Aldermaston (8), Sat., Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.30. 1945

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Autumn meeting, Buckland, Sat., Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon. 1937

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Northern Branch.—Annual Clent, Sat., Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea Parish Hall 5. Business to follow.—Bernard C Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1923

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Upper Cam, Sat., Sept. 20th. Bells (6) 3. Notify for tea by Sept. 17th.—Rev. A. D. H. Allan, Cromhall, Charfield. 1951

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting Wyke Regis, Sept. 20th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Buses at 10-minute intervals from Weymouth.—J. H. Hayne, Abbotsbury. 1926

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Meeting Sat., Sept. 20th Essenden (6), 2.30, Northaw (6) 6.30. Tea 5. Bus service 342, Barnet to Essenden, leaves Barnet Station 1.31 p.m., 2.31 p.m.; Hertford P.O. to Essenden leaves 2.27 p.m. Service 341 from St, Albans to Hertford—leave bus at Essendon Mill—leaves Hertford bus station at 31 and 51 minutes past hour; leaves St. Albans (10), 7.45.—T. J. Southam, Joint practice night: Mon., Sept. 29th,

St. Peter's, St. Albans (10), 7.45.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 1930

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Farnham Branch.—Meeting at Bagshot (8), Sat., Sept. 20th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. The official opening of the bells after rehangng.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Sec. 1922

LADIES' GUILD.—Practice meeting Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, Sept. 20th. Bells from 3.30. Gentlemen, please help us!—E. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend. 1924

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoke Golding, Sept. 20th, 3. Higham evening. Tea provided. Names to H. Hill, Gables, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding. Dance tickets on sale.—W. A. Wood. 1952

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Sept. 20th, Whitnash, 3. Tea 5, at Pattison's in Leamington. Ringing at Leamington Parish Church 6.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 1996

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—Church of the Annunciation. Practice Thursdays, 7.15-9; Sunday ringing, 5.30; commencing Sept. 18th and 21st respectively. A young band is being taught here, and any outside help would be greatly appreciated. 2½d. fare; bus 227 from Chislehurst S.R. station to Gordon Arms.)—Frank C. W. Knight, 4, Cambay Road, Orpington, Kent. 1973

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall, District.—Elveden, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea 5. (Please advise Mr. A. S. Atkins, 21, The Dell, Elveden, near Thetford.) Business meeting at 5.30. All ringers and others interested will be welcomed.—A. A. Wallis, Dis. Sec. 1916

HALIFAX & DISTRICT ASSN.—Meeting at Liversedge Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 3. Tea for those who order from F. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge. Meeting after tea.—S. Manchester, Sec., 16, Green Street, Meltham, Huddersfield. 1917

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Newport (8), Sept. 27th, 3. Service 4.15. Make own tea arrangements (several cafes).—E. D. Poole. 1948

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon.—Luppitt, Sat., Sept. 27th. Service 4. Business and tea after service. Names for tea by Sept. 22nd.—J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Mary. 1932

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting Apsley, Herts, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3. Service 5, and tea following. Names to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, by Sept. 24th. Bells at Hemel Hempstead (8) available in evening. Routes: Green Line buses 706, 707 and 708 to Apsley Mills; trains: L.M.S., Euston to Apsley.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held at Wimbledon on Sat., Sept. 27th. Ringing at Wimbledon 3 to 4.30, followed by service, and tea at the Wimbledon Hill Hotel. Christ Church, Mitcham, bells from 6.30; St. Mary's, Putney, 7 to 8. Notice for tea to Mr. F. W. Wicks, The Lodge, 10, Arthur Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19, by Sept. 23rd, please.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames 1938

OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting Cassington, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea 4.15. Names for tea by Sept. 22nd to H Farmer, Standlake, Witney, Oxon. 1943

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Cannock, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Notification by Tues., 23rd.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 1925

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—The half-yearly meeting on Sept. 27th, at Ashton-under-Lyne, coincides with the town's centenary celebrations. All ringers welcome. 1982

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting Wantage, Sat., Sept. 27th. Service 3.30. Tea; notify before 24th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 1920

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Hunts District.—Meeting Brampton, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec. 1928

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Annual meeting, Ashford, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 3. Service 5, followed by tea and business meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting Northleach, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) open 3. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 23rd to J. C. Acock, Mill End, Northleach, Cheltenham. 1984

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Northern Branch) and the **LADIES' GUILD** (Lincolnshire District).—Joint meeting, Gainsborough, Sept. 27th. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 at the Silver Grill. Meeting in choir vestry later. Names for tea to Mr. L. Lunn, Crow Garth Lea, Gainsborough, by Tuesday previous (most important). 1983

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting Sept. 27th, Tamworth (8), 3.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names by Sept. 23rd to J. W. Cotton, 3, Coronation Street, Overseal. 1994

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Mountsorrel, Sept. 27th, 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting Church Hall, 5.15; bring own food.—C. W. Hall.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting Mayfield (8), Sept. 27th, 2.30. Tea at Old Brew House 4.30. Notify Mr. W. A. Kitchenside, South Street, Mayfield, not later than 23rd—John Downing, Hon. Sec. 1967

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Bunbury (8), Sat., Sept. 27th, 3. Please make own tea arrangements.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 1959

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Combined practice Thame, Sept. 27th, 6. Annual at Thame on Sat., Oct. 18th. Details later.—H. Badger. 1958

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—Ringing practice at Tiverton on Sept. 27th, 3, for Stedman and Major. Tea.—F. C. Smale. 1966

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.—70th annual festival, Durham, Sat., Sept. 27th. Cathedral bells available. Service 3. Committee 4 at Cathedral. Dinner (6s. 6d.) at Three Tuns Hotel, 6. Names by 24th to W. N. Park, 10a, Woodlands Terrace, Darlington. 1957

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Wendover (6), Sept. 27th, 4. Names for tea by 24th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting at Norton, Letchworth, on Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells (8) now augmented from 3. Ringing at 4. Service 5. Tea 5.30 at Three Horseshoes, opposite the church, provided for all who notify T. Warrett, 245, Glebe Road, Letchworth, by Thurs., Sept. 25th. Frequent bus service passes church.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 1969

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting Aston, Sat., Sept. 27th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at the Holte Hotel (opposite the church) 5 (price 3s.). Names for tea to Mr. F. Price, 172, Marsh Lane, Erdington, Birmingham, 23, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 24th. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at North Lopham (8), Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.25. Tea 5 p.m. at The White Horse, South Lopham, for those who let me know by the 23rd.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 1960

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Upham, near Southampton, Sept. 27th, 2.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Sept. 23rd.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 1965

NORWICH ASSN.—West Norfolk.—The Robert Cooke and Charles S. Tuthill memorial plaques will be dedicated in Fakenham Church on Sat., Sept. 27th, 3. Ringing after service and during evening. Tea shops near church.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec. 1972

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Ashbourne, Sept. 27th, 3. Tea 5. Names to W. A. Parsons, 10, Ward Street, Derby, by Sept. 22nd latest. 1974

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting Leigh Parish Church, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1989

CUMBERLAND AND N.W. ASSN.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting Carlisle, Sept. 27th. Cathedral (8). Business meeting in tower 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ling, 99, Denton Street, Carlisle, by 23rd.—S. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 1993

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOC.—Meeting Liversedge, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells available from 3. Tea arranged for those who notify Mr. F. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge, by Sept. 23rd.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec. 1988

YORKSHIRE ASSN (Southern District) and **DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting Doncaster Parish Church (8 bells, tenor 30 cwt.), Sat., Sept. 27th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster, by Tues., Sept. 23rd. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 1992

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne on Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells available from 2.30 at St. Michael's (12) and St. Peter's (8). 1987

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A district meeting will be held at Ufford (8) on Sept. 27th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. A good tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.—C. W. Pipe. 1991

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery.—Meeting at Kewstoke, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Divine service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Room. Names for tea to Mr. G. Prescott, 1, High Street, Worle, Weston-super-Mare, by Tues., Sept. 23rd.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Sec. 1976

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.—Chigwell Row (8), Sept 27th, 3.30-9. Interval 5 to 6 tea. This is a practice meeting. Anything from rounds up. Everybody welcome. Just come along and ask.—J. H. Crampion, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1978

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting Baughurst, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. A. West, Church Green, Baughurst, by Sept. 24th.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 1985

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL.—Monthly practice for the last Saturday in Sept. (27th) cancelled.—R. C. Thrift. 1970

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.—Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Sat., Oct. 4th, at 5.45 prompt. Tickets (6s. 6d. each) obtainable from branch or general secs. not later than Mon., Sept. 29th. Early application desirable. All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8) available for ringing 3 to 5.30.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—A meeting at Christ Church, Macclesfield (10) on Oct. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea before Tues., Sept. 30th, to Mr. J. Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. All invited.—Mary Elkins. 1954

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General meeting Syston, Oct. 4th. Ringing 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting Parish Room, Broad Street. Names must be sent by Oct. 1st to Mr. E. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston, Leics.—H. W. Perkins, Sec. 1980

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch.—Stan-
ton (6), Oct. 4th, 3. Service 4.30.
Cups of tea; bring own food. Buck-
land (6) also available 7.—C. Rouse,
Prestbury, Gloucestershire. 1979

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—
Ilchester Deanery.—Meeting East
Coker, Oct. 4th. Service 4.30. Tea
and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant,
Martock. 1977

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—
Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly
meeting Bozeat, Oct. 4th. Rededi-
cation service 3.30. Names for tea
early to Rev. S. F. W. Powell, St.
Mary's Vicarage, Bozeat. 1971

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general
meeting will be held at Sudbury on
Oct. 4th. Two or three 8-bell towers
available from 2.30. Fuller details
later.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh,
Suffolk. 1990

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Quarterly
meeting Ripley, Oct. 4th. Bells 2.30.
Committee meeting Vestry, 3.30. Tea
5.30 only for those who notify F.
Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston,
by Sept. 30th. 1964

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern
Division.—Meeting Goldhanger (6),
Oct. 4th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Names
for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cot-
tage, Boreham. 1981

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRM-
INGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting at
Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham,
on Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells (8) avail-
able from 3. Short service at 4.30.
tea at 5.30 for those only who advise
Mr. W. G. Anker, 4, Florence
Avenue, Florence Road, Sutton Cold-
field, not later than Wed., Oct. 1st.—
T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec 1975

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY
GUILD.**—The first weekly practice
of the term will be held on Wed., Oct.
8th, at 8, at St. Benet's Church.—E.
J. Lindley, Trinity College. 1753

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT
ASSN.**—Six-bell contest for associa-
tion cup to be held at Kirkheaton,
near Huddersfield, Sat., Oct. 11th.
Tea provided, 2s. 6d. Names for tea
and entries to reach me before Sat.,
Oct. 14th.—S. Manchester, 16, Green
Street, Meltham, Huddersfield. 1956

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Jubilee Ser-
vice and dinner, Oct. 18th. Ringing
Bishopsgate, 1.30-3; Clerkenwell,
2.30-4; St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30-
4.30. Service St. Giles' 4.30;
preacher, Bishop of London. Dinner,
Slater's, 393, Strand, 6.30. Money
(12s.) to E. Turner, 41, Windsor
Road, Ealing, before Sept. 30th,
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