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THE USEFUL BOB BLOCK

By Edgar C. Shepherd

AMONG the many terms and expressions used in change ringing there are some that seem at first sight to belong purely to the theoretical side of the art and to be of interest and value only to the composer and student of compositions. Among such expressions is the Bob Block, a term that brings to mind immediately the investigations of W. H. Thompson, C. D. P. Davies and a host of other writers on Grandsire Triples, and may incline us to dismiss it as belonging to the higher mathematical considerations of change ringing and of no importance to the ordinary ringer and conductor.

The Bob Block (or B. Block as it is so often called) is, nevertheless, of great interest and of great practical value to the conductor, particularly to the caller of short touches.

A B. Block, as is probably well known, is the touch produced in any method by calling a bob at every lead or division. In some methods, such as Grandsire and Plain Bob, the B. Block is short; in some, such as Stedman, it is long; and in others, like Double Norwich Caters, it is long and involved and of very little practical value at all. The touch varies in length, of course, according to the number of bells, and in Grandsire Doubles is composed of two leads, in Grandsire Triples of three leads, in Grandsire Caters of four leads. The case of Kent Treble Bob and its sister methods is peculiar, for here the B. Block is always three leads whatever the number of bells.

The value of the B. Block to the ordinary conductor lies in its adaptability in the construction and lengthening of touches, and in Sunday service ringing it is a most useful ally. Consider its application to Grandsire Triples. If we start from rounds and call a bob we produce 752634. If, likewise, we start from rounds and call Single, Bob, Bob, Single, we still arrive at 752634, but this time in four leads. We shall, as it were, have spliced in three leads, and these three leads, if separated from the touch, will be seen to consist of a B. Block complete in itself and made up of the rows 572634, 465372 and 234765.

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234567
—752634
234567
S 572634
—465372
—234765
S 752634
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The very simplest consideration of the above will show the practical usefulness of this device of splicing in leads. It tells us, in short, that in place of any bob we can substitute S.B.B.S., and so add three leads to our touch. Moreover, if this insertion or splicing takes place at a musical lead, then the music of the lead end will be repeated when the second single is called. The conductor of Grandsire will find a little experimental pricking and the insertion of B. Blocks very interesting and enlightening and perhaps a revelation of possibilities hitherto unsuspected.

To the Sunday service conductor, harassed by shortage of time, or wishful to extend his touch for a minute or two without previous preparation, the B. Block is a friendly and amenable companion.

THE MASTER TAPPER

OCCASIONALLY we publish details of enthusiasts who tap peals on handbells. But no enthusiast of this day and generation can equal the performance in that direction of Elijah Roberts, who, on March 23rd, 1837, tapped 19,440 Treble Bob Maximus at the Derby Arms, Whitechapel, Liverpool. The performance started at 4.19 a.m. and finished at 5.24 p.m. In an article on Elijah Roberts, the late William Snowdon wrote to the 'Ringing World' that at Birmingham in 1833 he tapped 5,016 Stedman Cinques. This peal he composed himself, but, doubtless to satisfy a great many ringers in an adjoining room, Henry Cooper, the well-known composer of early peals of Stedman Triples, acted as conductor. No less a ringer than Henry Johnson was present, and he heard every change, and was satisfied with the truth and accuracy of that unique performance.

In a letter to a friend on his performances, Roberts wrote: 'The first peal I rang was about 20 years ago (1807). . . . The number of changes was between 5,000 and 6,000 and was composed of nothing but Plain Courses, viz., Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Triples; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Caters; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Royal; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Cinques; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Maximus. Also one and the last course was Treble Bob Sixteen, for which I don't know what other name to give it. Now this may not be considered of much note, but I assure you that to ring three different methods, and on different numbers of bell, and, as soon as one plain course is rung and the bells come round, to strike immediately into another from eight bells to sixteen is no joke.'

A SOUTH SOMERSET AND DORSET TOUR

CHARD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 30, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*GWEN RUSBY	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	5
BENJAMIN F. BAKER	2	DORIS E. COLGATE	6
ROBERT COLLINS	3	*C. HAROLD WHITTON	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 31, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
*GWEN RUSBY	2	†C. HAROLD WHITTON	6
ERNEST G. ORLAND	3	THOMAS E. SONE	7
ROBERT COLLINS	4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 31, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK S. MACEY	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	CHARLES A. BASSETT	6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
BENJAMIN F. BAKER	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. E. SONE. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
The first peal of Major on the bells.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

GEORGE KENWARD	*Treble*	CHARLES A. BASSETT	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	ERNEST J. LADD	6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
FREDK. S. MACEY	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
The 200th different tenor 'turned in' to a peal by the conductor.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE KENWARD	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
*DORIS E. COLGATE	2	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	6
*ROBERT COLLINS	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
* 75th peal together. The first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob on the bells.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

ALLISON WOOD	*Treble*	KILBY R. HOLTOM	5
GWEN RUSBY	2	ERNEST G. ORLAND	6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	3	C. HAROLD WHITTON	7
FREDK. S. MACEY	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. CANNON. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 3, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*ROBERT COLLINS	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	5
†MALCOLM S. CLOKE	2	*THOMAS E. SONE	6
DORIS E. COLGATE	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
ERNEST G. ORLAND	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 50th peal together. † First touch of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

*DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	†ERNEST G. ORLAND	6
ROBERT COLLINS	2	†C. HAROLD WHITTON	7
†GWEN RUSBY	3	REGINALD W. REX	8
THOMAS E. SONE	4	†RONALD N. MARLOW	9
A. PATRICK CANNON	5	THOMAS J. SETTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, *in* 4 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

FREDK. S. MACEY	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
CHARLES A. BASSETT	4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. MOORE. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
Longest length on the bells.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, *in* 4 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5280 **CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	TERENCE R. THORNBER	7
JOHN PINFOLD	2	JOHN HILL	8
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	ERNEST MORRIS	9
*THOMAS G. FOX	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	10
FRANK E. PERVIN	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Maximus.

LEICESTER.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	ALAN E. JACQUES	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
SIDNEY O. C. HOLLOWAY	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	9
*THOMAS G. FOX	4	*JOHN H. CRAMPION	10
FRANK E. PERVIN	5	*FREDK. E. COLLINS	11
JOHN HILL	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus.

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WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., Aug. 8, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	*Dennis Beresford	7
Joan Beresford	2	Arthur T. Dutton	8
Edgar T. Smith	3	Walter R. Hughes	9
*Peter Beresford	4	Aubrey M. Pickering	10
Christopher Wallater	5	Maurice G. Turner	11
J. Norman Hadley	6	George W. Hughes	*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal on twelve bells and completes Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. Rung to mark 50 years' service by Mr. Walter R. Hughes as a ringer at this church. The 100th peal on the bells since being recast and augmented in 1929.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Frank E. Haynes	6
G. William Critchley	2	Henry H. Fearn	7
John Pinfold	3	Charles T. Richards	8
Albert Walker	4	Leonard Trevor	9
Frank E. Pervin	5	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
The first peal of Warwickshire Surprise Royal.

CARDIFF.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*David S. Voss	*Treble*	Thomas Yeomans	6
Jacqueline S. Evans	2	*William Dare	7
Frederick J. Bailey	3	Jack R. Worrall	8
†Donald G. Clarke	4	A. Leslie Barry	9
Charles Rouse	5	‡Robert E. Coles	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Hudson. Conducted by A. Leslie Barry.
* First peal on ten. † 25th peal. ‡ 50th peal. Rung for the Festival of Britain.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wulfram,
A PEAL OF 5163 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Sidney Briggs	*Treble*	John A. Freeman	6
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Joseph A. Fenton	7
Frederick W. Stokes	3	Colin Harrison	8
Clement Glenn	4	John Freeman	9
John Walden	5	Arthur E. Hoodless	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Clement Glenn.
The first peal of Stedman in Grantham.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 21, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leodigarius, Old Basford,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Ralph G. Carlisle	*Treble*	*Francis R. Lowe	5
*Samuel Pinder	2	Sidney H. Jones	6
Walter P. Whitehead	3	Edward C. Gobey	7
Jack Bailey	4	Denis R. Carlisle	*Tenor*

Composed by F. W. Grocott. Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
*First peal of Bristol Surprise Major, also on the bells. First peal in the method to be rung in the city of Nottingham.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs.. July 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Walter H. Raxter	*Treble*	Reginald Woodyatt	5
Thomas W. Lewis	2	Terence H. Blunt	6
Sidney J. Woodcock	3	Frank T. Blagrove	7
Peter A. Lawrence	4	Frank C. Price	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank C. Price.
Mr. T. W. Lewis has now circled the tower. Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to the conductor.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 28, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Peter Nix	*Treble*	Harry W. Duncombe	5
Samuel Pinder	2	Walter P. Whitehead	6
Edward C. Gobey	3	Denis R. Carlisle	7
Harold Paling	4	Edward F. Gobey	*Tenor*

Composed by Samuel Pinder. Conducted by Edward F. Gobey.
A birthday peal for Mr. Ernest Morris.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Ernest H. Simpson	*Treble*	William Ward	5
Roy Bettley-Cooke	2	Alec E. Marsh	6
Norma Bickerdike	3	John W. Gibson	7
Tom Smeltzer	4	Gordon Benfield	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Wilde. Conducted by R. Bettley-Cooke.
First peal as conductor.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

Ronald E. Norris	*Treble*	Harry Springate	5
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	Victor A. Jarrett	6
William A. J. Knight	3	Eric Naylor	7
Christopher T. Lamb	4	Charles E. J. Norris	*Tenor*

Composed by Wm. Hudson. Conducted by Victor A. Jarrett.
Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Newnham, who have been associated with St. Mary's all their lives and married there on August 3rd, 1901. Also for the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Frederick A. Finch	*Treble*	Peter C. Ridgeway	5
Richard E. Price	2	William Cook	6
Peter A. Lawrence	3	Frank C. Price	7
Frank T. Blagrove	4	Terence H. Blunt	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
First peal on eight as conductor. In memory of Miss Patricia Lewis, late ringer at this church.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Arthur Mawdsley	*Treble*	Ronald Kenrick	5
*Mrs. Helen Parker	2	Jack Pounds	6
Arthur Tomlinson	3	Wilfred Core	7
Jack Ashcroft	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal on eight.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Aug. 8, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	5
*ENID M. ROBERTS	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 8, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*EILEEN M. BURTON	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	6
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PISTTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.
* First peal on eight bells.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 8, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JANE M. HOOKE	*Treble*	†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	MRS. P. J. STAINFORTH	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Hugh Mansfield, oldest inhabitant of Thurcaston, who reached the age of 100 years on July 21st, and also to Michael D. Staniforth, H.M. Forces in Germany, on his 19th birthday.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*HARRY WOODING	*Treble*	BURLEY P. MORRIS	5
GEORGE CARE	2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	6
*JOHN KING	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	7
BRYAN S. COPE	4	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by GEORGE CARE.
* First peal in the method. Rung for the feast of St. Lawrence.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ARTHUR H. BYSOUTH	*Treble*	*ERNEST W. ROBERTS	5
*PETER W. CROFT	2	CHARLES A. BYSOUTH	6
*GEORGE CHERRY	3	WALTER J. HOUGHTON	7
*HAROLD F. HEATHFIELD	4	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.
* First peal in the method. Rung for the local Festival of Britain celebrations. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 10, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	5
PETER J. STANIFORTH	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	6
PAUL L. TAYLOR	3	HAROLD J. POOLE	7
JOHN P. FIDLER	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
A compliment to Margaret L. Morris on her birthday.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 10, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*MAY LOMAS	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	5
JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	WILFRED STEVENSON	6
ANNE WORTH	3	HEDLEY WOOD	7
†NEIL D. LOMAS	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, FAIRFIELD,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

JAMES MILNER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
ANNE WORTH	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
*NEIL D. LOMAS	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
WILFRED STEVENSON	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 50th peal of Major in the method.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
H. W. Wilde's Four-part Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES	5
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	*RODNEY B. MEADOWS	6
†REGINALD WOODYATT	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
†GEORGE E. LARGE	4	‡HARVEY HOMANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 200th peal together. ‡ First peal.

CRANBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

ROY C. HURST	*Treble*	*REGINALD H. TRUE	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	†MICHAEL J. E. BEST	6
JOYCE GIBBONS	3	HERBERT A. MITCHELL	7
LOUIS J. LOCKYER	4	‡WILLIAM F. G. DAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside' on tower bells. ‡ First peal. First peal on bells since recast. A birthday compliment to the twin daughters of Mr. H. A. Mitchell.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT	*Treble*	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	DORIS E. COLGATE	6
LEONARD MANNERING	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
ROBERT COLLINS	4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Walter H. Dobbie and Miss Sheila M. Hole, who were married at Southampton on that day, and also a 23rd wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Baker

SIX BELL PEALS

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 22, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HELEN BRAY (15)	*Treble*	C. TOVELL	4
*MIRIAM HIGDON (16)	2	E. SHIPP	5
E. GREENACRE	3	R. GREENACRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. SHIPP.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 23, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

HENRY PARKER	*Treble*	DAVID SMITH	4
*ERIC HORNBY	2	*ALFRED WILKINSON	5
ALBERT CRAWLEY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID SMITH.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Christine, daughter of the conductor.

HUYTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford and Kent combined, two extents each of Oxford and Kent (rung alternately), and two extents of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

ROGER C. PRESTON	*Treble*	THOMAS W. HESKETH	4
DOREEN M. JONES	2	ERIC J. GILBERT	5
JULIA M. PRESTON	3	HUGH F. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC J. GILBERT.
Rung in connection with Liverpool Festival celebrations.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being thirty-eight 120's and two 240's (Morris's arrangement).
Tenor 10½ cwt.

HERBERT MORGAN	*Treble*	CHARLES PEAKMAN	4
BERT MORGAN	2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	5
ARTHUR PEAKMAN	3	DAVID GRIFFITHS	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. DENNIS HOLDEN.
The first peal for all except the conductor and, with this exception, all members of the local band. A 67th birthday compliment to the treble ringer and quarterly peal for the Guild.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*MISS F. M. HOPE	*Treble*	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4
BRIAN BLADON	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
†JOYCE MORSE	3	RALPH E. W. WENBAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH E. W. WENBAN.
* First peal in more than one method. † First peal in three methods. First peal of Minor as conductor.

BRONLLYS, BRECKNOCKSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 8 lb.

*G. WILLIAM MORRIS	*Treble*	TREVOR M. RODEDICK	4
*ALFRED HANNINGTON	2	†EDMUND J. MORRIS	5
*ARTHUR HOARE	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* First peal in five methods. † First peal in more than one method. The first peal on the bells. Rung for the diamond wedding celebration of Mr and Mrs. Skyrme, of Talgarth.

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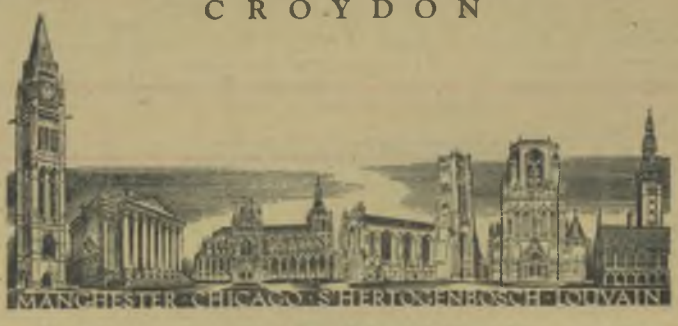

CUDHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Cambridge, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 3¾ cwt. in E flat.

Percy J. Spice	..*Treble*	John E. Cannell	4
Frank T. Blagrove	2	Frank C. Price	5
Ralph Bird	3	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

PAUL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul de Lion,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*A. Hubert Eplett	..*Treble*	*Gordon Walford	4
†Pamela M. Steere.. ..	2	Rev. A. S. Roberts ..	5
‡Charles W. Blakey ..	3	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Minor in more than three methods. Rung for the feast of the Transfiguration.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Hilary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

John A. Webster	..*Treble*	*Vivien T. O. Boase ..	4
Hugh F. Roberts	2	Alex. J. Webster ..	5
Eric J. Gilbert	3	Frank Varty	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Varty.
* First peal 'inside.' A Festival of Britain peal.

ST. NEWLYN EAST, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 8, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Newlina,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

Rev. A. S. Roberts ..	..*Treble*	†Alan Carveth	4
*A. Hubert Eplett.. ..	2	Charles W. Blakey ..	5
Geoffrey W. Taysom ..	3	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal on Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

ULCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 8, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*Sylvia Rowley	..*Treble*	†John H. Manktelow ..	4
*Robina Dunkeld	2	Alexander Waddington	5
Frank W. Tomlin ..	3	*Freda M. Tomlin ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alexander Waddington.
* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. A Festival of Britain peal.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 10, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Leonard W. King	..*Treble*	*Dr. P. H. A. Jonason ..	4
William Eagling	2	John R. Smith	5
Mrs. J. R. Smith	3	Wilfred G. Saunders ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Smith.
* First peal.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bertoline,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Frederic Windsor	..*Treble*	John Brassington	4
John Timms	2	Arthur Allman	5
Eric B. Allman	3	George Astbury	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Allman.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford and Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in G.

*Mary E. Stephens ..	..*Treble*	J. Michael Stephens ..	4
Evelyn Steel	2	Ernest Freeman	5
†Richard W. Stephens ..	3	Pearl Inskip	*Tenor*

Conducted by Pearl Inskip.
* First peal. † First peal in five methods.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Charles E. J. Norris	..*Treble*	Victor A. Jarrett	4
Edward A. G. Allen ..	2	William A. J. Knight ..	5
Christopher T. Lamb ..	3	Harry Springate	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. J. Knight.
A wedding peal for Mr. Walter H. Dobbie and Miss Sheila M. Hole, who were married this day at Southampton.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Peter L. Wood	..*Treble*	†Alfred Perry	4
Frank Harrington ..	2	Ronald Suckling	5
H. Walter Smith	3	†George Saunders	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald Suckling.
* First peal (age 14). † First peal in seven methods.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Claudia A. Harding ..	..*Treble*	*Maurice J. Thurmott ..	4
*Marion Grain	2	Ernest H. Mastin ..	5
Stanley G. Elsey	3	*Ronald H. Bullen.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Dennis Beresford ..	..*Treble*	*Bryan D. A. Woolley ..	4
Joan Beresford	2	Walter J. Cope	5
*Francis A. Sedgwick ..	3	†Peter Beresford	*Tenor*

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal in three Minor methods 'inside.' First peal in three Minor methods as conductor.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent of Cambridge, Kent, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Frederick A. Targett ..	..*Treble*	Victor Savage	4
A. George Clare	2	David Hoare	5
Edward J. Chivers ..	3	Ronald G. Beck	*Tenor*

Conducted by David Hoare.
First peal in seven methods as conductor and 25th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 28, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 32 *Minutes,*
IN ST. PETER'S CHURCHYARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and St. Dunstan's, 36 extents of Grandsire and one 240 of Morris's arrangement.

Tenor size 15 in C.

F. KEVON THOMPSON .. .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE 3-4
ROYSTON WILMORE 5-6

Conducted by F. KEVON THOMPSON.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
IN ST. LAWRENCE'S VESTRY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

GEORGE CASE .. .. .. 1-2 | LESLIE BARRY 3-4
DORIS SHEPPARD 5-6

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

First peal on the bells.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 49 *Minutes,*
ON TOP OF THE TOWER OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent of April Day, Place Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire, four extents of Plain Bob, two of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, one of Southrepps, and 32 of Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

F. KEVON THOMPSON .. .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE 3-4
KEITH E. LOVETT 5-6

Conducted by KEITH E. LOVETT.

First peal in eight methods 'in hand' by all the band. Rung for the 23rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lovett, parents of the conductor.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 3, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. WIGHTMAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor size 13 in E.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN .. 1-2 | WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 5-6
FRANK L. FISHER .. .. 3-4 | GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7-8

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*ERIC SUTTON .. .. .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
*FREDK. J. SAMPSON .. .. 3-4 | †REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 7-8

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First peal of Major as conductor. Specially arranged for Messrs. Sutton, Sampson and Hooper, of Bristol.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 7, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 32 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one Spliced extent of April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob, Grandsire and Morning Star, one spliced extent of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's, and one extent of Spliced Reverse Stedman Slow Course and Antelope, one extent each of Place Bob, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and London No. 1, also 32 extents of Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

F. KEVON THOMPSON .. .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE 3-4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5-6

Conducted by F. KEVON THOMPSON.

First peal in 12 methods by all. Rung as a birthday compliment to John W. Lowe and to the conductor.

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THAT EXTRA POSTAGE

Our reminder last week as to the 1s. 5d. extra postage due for the second half of last year produced 28 replies, which are gratefully acknowledged. There are still 717 subscribers who have not responded.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Enclosing a postal order value 4s. 3d. to cover extra postage, plus one penny for each peal he had rung so far this year, a Gloucester and Bristol Association ringer writes: 'I have calculated that if a penny was paid for each peal last year you would receive just over £73. I would suggest that the Editorial Committee consider charging a fee for publication of peals. It would still be the cheapest form of recreation or pleasure.'

A correspondent asks: Who was Hastings who gave his name to the Hastings stay?

The six bells of All Saints', Sapcote, Leics, are being rehung on ball bearings; Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have the work in hand.

The peal at Barcombe, Sussex, on July 28th, was conducted by Mr. C. John Piper and not by Mr. W. A. Kitchenside, as submitted to us.

Congratulations to that grand old Midland ringer, Mr. Adolphus Roberts, who has rung his first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at the age of 81.

In the peal of Grandsire Caters at Selby Abbey on July 28th, the ringer of the second was Mr. T. Herbert Foster and not Mr. T. Herbert Slater, as submitted to us.

Messrs. Leslie Barry and Charles Rouse have rung 25 peals together, viz.—Caters 2, Major 2, Triples 7, Minor 4 and Doubles 10. In these peals there have been at least 46 firsts.

The date of the handbell peal of Plain Bob Major at Kempston, published in our issue of August 3rd, should read Tuesday, July 17th, 1951, and not as submitted.

Two peals of Surprise Maximus were scored by the Ancient Society of College Youths during August Bank Holiday at Leicester.

The Sunday service band at Barthomley, Cheshire, rang a peal on August 11th in celebration of Arthur Allman's 50 years, John Brassington's 49 years and Eric B. Allman's 25 years as service ringers at the church.

Miss Pamela Steere, of St. John's, Croydon, has rung her first peal. It was at Paul, Cornwall, but none of the band knew this secret until after the peal, or that she had made some half-dozen attempts in her home district. The peal was a real Bank Holiday affair with ringers enough and to spare, and the band represented five counties.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed writes correcting the time of the peal of Yorkshire Royal at Twickenham, on July 14th to 3 hours and 40 minutes and not 2 hours and 40 minutes, as submitted.

A peal attempt of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral last Saturday failed in the last six sixes. It was being rung for the Surrey Association and conducted by Mr. C. H. Kippin.

Reg Woodyatt and George Large rang their 200th peal together in their own tower of Claines, Worcs, when a peal of Stedman Triples was rung there on August 11th. It was also the latter's 50th peal on the bells. In contrast, Harvey Homans, another local ringer, rang his first peal by ringing the tenor.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Rector of Kington Magna, Dorset, is asking his parishioners to lend him mouse traps owing to an infestation of mice. 'People willing to loan traps need not bother about cheese,' he adds. 'I shall be prepared to use my ration.' We wish our veteran member of the Central Council good hunting!

Enterprise was shown by the band in a peal attempts of Superlative at All Saints', Maidstone, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Walter H. Dobbie and Miss Sheila M. Hole. After 45 minutes the attempt 'went west.' Another attempt at All Saints' was out of the question owing to a service. The band decided to take a chance and go to Leeds. There was nobody in at the Rectory but the Rector's wife was found in the churchyard and she readily gave consent. The peal was successful.

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KENT RINGERS' TOUR IN SOUTH SOMERSET

AN ENJOYABLE WEEK AMONGST FINE TOWERS AND FINE BELLS

TO most ringers, the county of Somerset conjures up in one's mind four things—magnificent towers, fine bells, strong cider and an efficient general secretary. From a ringing point of view it can be divided into two parts—North and South. The North has the monopoly of heavy 'eights,' but the South has a goodly number of heavy 'sixes.' After our Devonshire tour last year, it was originally decided to visit North Somerset, but as the Universities Association had 'beaten us to it.' we compromised with South Somerset, with headquarters at Yeovil from July 28th to August 5th.

Our party, which numbered 28 including non-ringers, was gathered together by Tom Sone, and all other ringing arrangements and towers were planned by Pat Cannon, with preliminary advice from Messrs. J. T. Dyke, general secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, and T. J. Setter, captain of Yeovil band. Twelve ringers came from Kent, two from Lincs, two from Northants, one from Berks and one from Surrey. A 31-seater coach was hired for the week, with proprietor Ernest Lush again in command, and left Paddock Wood, Kent, at 8 a.m., Saturday, July 28th, picking up en route.

TRAFFIC DIFFICULTIES

The organiser, who had just finished a week in Cornwall, was due to meet the party for lunch at Andover, Hants, at 12 mid-day. But as Andover was experiencing a really bad traffic hold up, it taking over an hour to pass through the narrow streets, he was not unduly surprised when they turned up at 1.30 p.m.! So it was 'bells before lunch,' and Messrs. J. A. Hill and N. V. Andrews were waiting to greet our party for ringing at the first tower (eight, 17 cwt.).

Many visitors to Andover have felt scared at the unusual entry to the belfry but no one commented this time, and there are plenty much worse in other places.

Owing to the traffic jam we were one hour late everywhere for the rest of the day and when we arrived at Shaftesbury St. James', we learnt that someone had waited nearly an hour, and then gone home, so we carried on to Henstridge, Somerset (six, 19½ cwt.), where we were joined by 'Joe' Dyke. The bells are a fine ring, thongh somewhat noisy in the ringing chamber. Our last call for Saturday was Milborne Port (eight, 28½ cwt.). These are a really grand old eight but the third required so much pulling to keep it up that eventually the rope broke, so we finished up with 120 Grandsire Doubles on the back five! Yeovil was reached at 8.45 p.m. and we soon settled into our 'digs' and enjoyed a well-earned sleep.

On Sunday morning Messrs. T. J. Setter and T. Marks were waiting to welcome us to St. John's, Yeovil (ten, 40½ cwt.), and we enjoyed Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Treble Ten on the fine ring. After ringing, everyone attended service. The programme for the afternoon was a visit to two 'sixes' and two 'fives.' The first tower was Montacute (six, 24 cwt.), and Mr. V. Farthing and the Vicar met us. These bells are considered locally as something of a problem ring as the sway of the tower tends to upset good striking. However, a good course of Cambridge brought forth praise from Mr. Farthing and the writer has ambitions for 'first peal on the bells' sometime, though it will be hard work. Tintinhull (five, 13 cwt.) go well and 'Tom' Setter joined us for a new tower. We returned to Montacute for tea at the famous Elizabethan mansion and enjoyed a stroll through the beautiful grounds.

For Evensong, we were privileged to ring at Stoke-sub-Hamdon (six, 18 cwt.). The Vicar, the Rev. D. Ballard, Mrs E. S. Powell, Mr. Jack Drew and the local band were waiting to welcome us. All of them joined in with us for Cambridge, Kent, Plain Bob and Grandsire on a splendid ring with a very nicely-kept ringing chamber. Once agair we all stayed to service. Our last tower was Odcombe (five, 13 cwt.). The Vicar and five of the local band met us. The bells hang in a central tower, with a short draught, and require striking.

PEAL RINGING COMMENCES

On Monday we started our peal operations. The first attempt was to be at Winsham (eight, 14 cwt.), and we were met by Mr. Pym, local captain, and 'Joe' Dyke, who was anxious to score a peal in a new Somerset tower. The bells were cast in 1894 from a heavy ring of five by Mears and Stainbank, and the ropes hang in the centre of the church. As the choir sing among the bell ropes, the local band have to carry four heavy seats into the chancel every time they ring, which is twice every Sunday, at least.

Three peals were rung for the opening ceremony in December, 1894, Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich, and as far as the writer knows, none have been rung since though there have been many attempts recently. A start was made for Double Norwich Court Bob but after 2 hours and 30 minutes' good ringing, a shift course necessitated 'Stand' being called. This was a big disappointment to all concerned, as most of the bells required much pulling and perspiration flowed profusely! The ringers were F. Macey 1, C. A. Bassett 2, E. G. Orland 3, M. S. Cloke 4, R. W. Rex 5, G. Kenward 6, J. T. Dyke 7, A.P. Cannon (conductor) 8. The conductor is looking forward to finishing off that one in the cooler weather!

Those not ringing went over to Thorncombe (five, 20 cwt.), where the Vicar, the Rev. G. Grove, stood everyone a drink in the 'local,' and Hawkchurch (six, 11 cwt.), where the bells 'go' well, though noisy.

After a good lunch at Gills Cafe, Chard, we walked to Chard (eight, 23 cwt.), where Mr. Ralph J. Gillard, who had been most helpful in local arrangements, was waiting to meet us. The bells are a good eight, rung from the ground floor and, until our visit, only two peals of Major had been rung on the bells, of which the writer rang the tenor to the first in June, 1937. Superlative was duly brought round in 3 hours and 16 minutes, and our two Lincolnshire friends were very pleased to score their first peal of Surprise.

Meanwhile the remainder of our party, accompanied by Ralph Gillard and Joe Dyke, visited three towers well off the beaten track. It is possible that the change-ringing on two of them, at least, was the first on the bells. At Combe St. Nicholas' (six 16 cwt.), the Vicar, the Rev. W. T. Taylor, gave us a hearty welcome and Cambridge, London, Double Court, Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung. Next came Whitestaunton (five, 12 cwt.), rung from the ground floor, and where the writer recalled lashing a bell, while learning, in 1929! And lastly, down very narrow lanes, Wambrook (five, 9 cwt.), where the fourth was thought to be loose on the stock and ringing was limited to two leads of Grandsire!

After tea with the peal band we made for Chaffcombe (five, 13 cwt.), where the writer was very pleased to meet the Rector, the Rev. P. D. Preston, brother of an old school friend of his at Chard, 1928-1930. For those who really enjoy visits to fresh towers, it is always good fun to visit five-bell towers, and the local ringers are pleased too. Perhaps sometimes the 'go' of the bells is not all that could be desired, but it is a good thing for those whose own bells are a modern ring, to find out under just what sort of conditions hundreds of loyal ringers have to perform Sunday by Sunday. A quick run back to Yeovil, with the addition of Kilby Holtom, who had arrived at Chaffcombe, enabled several to take part in Stedman Caters at the local practice.

THE FIRST 'DOUBLE'

Tuesday morning was booked for two peals, and tower-hunting in the afternoon. Punctually (for a change!) the coach arrived at Martock (eight, 25 cwt.) and Mr. F. Strickland, deputy for Mr. Fred Farrant, who had made all arrangements and was away on holiday, was waiting to open the belfry. The interior of the church was much admired; this, in the writer's opinion, must be one of the finest Perpendicular interiors in the country. The bells are a pleasant eight, and Cambridge was brought round in 3 hours and 15 minutes, Geoffrey Waters performing well again for his second heavy tenor of the week.

While this was in progress the remainder went over to South Petherton (eight, 24 cwt.) to tackle the 'first peal of Major on the bells.' The local captain, Mr. W. Harwood, and the Vicar met us and wished us good luck. The bells hang in an octagonal central tower and the tenor, cast by Bilbie, 1721, is a particularly fine bell. A really excellent peal of Plain Bob was scored with not undue effort and Mr. Jack Drew congratulated us on our striking. Incidentally, the belfry is large, well lit and has a good circle of ropes.

We all met together for lunch at the Railway Hotel, Martock, before starting a tour of five towers in the afternoon and evening. First on the list was Kingsbury Episcopi's (six, 19 cwt) fine tower and bells, and then came Huish Episcopi (six, 16 cwt.), with an even better tenor, one of the best in the county. Next on the list was Somerton (six, 20 cwt.), with another octagonal tower. We were told by the verger, Mr. Rolls, that there are two practice nights, for ladies and gents! Our visit coincided with the ladies' night and some of us thought of staying but, of course, only to see how ladies handled a ring of six with a 20 cwt. tenor!

However, we were behind schedule, and, after tea, continued to Charlton Mackrell (six, 14 cwt.), where Mr. E. C. Eades was awaiting us.

These bells, hung in a central tower, were rung to Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Double Court as well as Plain Bob, but the tenor was certainly a handful! The last ring of the day was Ilchester (five, 11¼ cwt.), with another octagonal tower. The town is of Roman origin and is situated on the Fosse Way. The bells, rchung in 1938 by Gillett and Johnston, go really well. Before departing, a well-known heavy bell-ringer won 1s. by drinking straight off, with no pause, two pints of cider, much to the surprise of some of the locals!

A DAY IN DORSET

To please our non-ringers, an opportunity to smell the sea air was given on Wednesday. An earlier start was made and Weymouth reached by 9.20 a.m. We soon found Wyke Regis (eight, 16¾ cwt) and Mr. E. J. Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells, and Mr. Stedman, local captain, greeted us. The belfry, with a door leading out on to the roof of the church, contains a pleasant ring, rehung before the last war by Mears and Stainbank. Double Norwich was duly completed, this being the 200th tenor which the writer has 'turned in' to a peal. Those not ringing enjoyed a trip to Portland Bill and a view of several battleships.

Our first tower of the afternoon was Upwey (six, 9½ cwt.). The Vicar, the Rev. A. S. Bryant, was delighted to meet Kent ringers, enquiring if anyone came from Marden. Geoffrey Waters, captain of Marden, and Tom Sone, of the next village, were duly introduced to him. This is a very pretty village, with a famous wishing well and it was regretted that longer time could not be spent there. A ten-mile run over undulating country with magnificent views brought us to the prettily-situated church of

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KENT RINGERS' TOUR—Cont.

Litton Cheney (eight, 16 cwt.) The bells are an old six, with two trebles added in 1950. Unfortunately, the old bells have not been retuned and the result is a very strange mixture of music! The entry into the belfry is on to a gallery and then down some steps. The local ringers obviously look after their ringing chamber, as there are several clusters of red roses around the walls. The Rector, the Rev. S. Daniel, very kindly telephoned to Bridport to fix tea for us, a gesture which was much appreciated, and while this was being done, a fair course of Bristol was rung, the only one of the week.

Continuing to Bridport (eight, 21¼ cwt.), we rang Special Cambridge and Superlative on a really good octave and, after tea, visited Netherbury (six, 20 cwt.), a fine old six, the heaviest in the county, where two local ringers welcomed us for Cambridge and Double Oxford. The last tower to be visited was the very fine one of Beaminster (eight, 24 cwt.), and the equally fine bells were rung to Yorkshire and Double Norwich as well as Stedman and Grandsire. Mr. E. P. Bailey welcomed us and joined us in Double Norwich Court Bob. Also, listening outside, was Mr. Joe Barrett.

ANOTHER 'DOUBLE'

One of the pleasures of a ringing tour is the warm welcome one usually receives at the various churches. Mr. G. H. Pike, captain of Crewkerne (eight, 22 cwt.), was unable to meet us on Thursday, owing to business, so Mrs. Pike was there to greet us and unlock the tower. We should like to thank both of them for their excellent arrangements for lunch at the 'George,' which was much appreciated by everyone. Joe Dyke was waiting for us, and the peal of Double Norwich which followed gave him a new tower in Somerset for a peal, his 98th in the county. The bells are a handy ring and can certainly travel! J. T. D. asked the band to 'make the pace a bit brisker' They certainly did, and gave Joe a wet shirt, but a good peal was rung.

After lunch it had been the original intention to attempt a peal at Ilminster. However, owing to the bad state of the bell frame, permission was cancelled, so Mr. J. T. Locke very kindly got permission for Drayton (eight, 19 cwt.) The bells, rung from the ground floor, are a fine lot and Plain Bob was rung to enable one of our lady ringers to score her second peal. The composition by the writer and also the 5,024 rung at South Petherton by Tom Sone were both rung as compliments, and with many thanks, to the organisers.

During the day six 'extra' towers were visited. In the morning the first one was Haselbury Plucknett (six, 6 cwt.), rung from the ground floor, and the Vicar, who has a keen sense of humour, gave us a happy welcome. Next we went over to Hinton St. George (six, 14 cwt.) with another central tower and some very fine monuments to the Poulett family. While the Drayton peal was in progress, we visited Shepton Beauchamp (eight, 12½ cwt.) and Barrington (six, 15 cwt.). At the former tower Mr. Reg Beale had been waiting patiently for us and joined us in Stedman Triples. We also rang a good course of Yorkshire, but although the bells are light, they certainly require ringing, owing to tower vibration. At Barrington, the local captain, Mr. A. Bond, proved that, given regular attention, a 15 cwt. tenor can 'go' like a bell of three cwt. and this after no bell-ringer has touched it for 50 years. The writer has seldom rung a bell, in plain bearings, requiring less effort

Joining up with the successful peal band we still had two more towers to visit. At Kingstone (six, 11 cwt.) the bells are rung from the chancel steps, and Mr. T. Hill joined us in Plain Bob and Grandsire. Unfortunately at Seavington St. Mary (six, 7 cwt.) we rather disgraced ourselves! The front bells are somewhat light, and an experienced ringer broke a stay! How it happened, we are not sure, but the local ringer who met us seemed rather disgusted! 'Suppose you're used to heavier bells' and 'We never break any stays, only with learners,' were two of his comments!! However, names and addresses were left with the Vicar, and any expense incurred will be duly settled!

A GRAND PEAL

We knew we were due for an enjoyable morning at Ditcheat (eight, 24 cwt.). The writer had told everyone 'Taylor's best, 1921—equal to anything in the country for their weight.' And the peal of Yorkshire which resulted gave great pleasure to those taking part and also to those listening to these magnificent bells. The central tower ringing chamber allows the bells to be heard in the ideal volume for peal ringing. Mr. Albert Lintern let us in, locked us up, and let us out when we'd finished. Mr. H. C. Lintern had very kindly fixed us up for another splendid lunch at the 'Green Tree' Inn, and Joe Dyke again joined us. Those not ringing in the peal had an interesting morning at Castle Cary (eight, 15 cwt.), where they were met by Mr. E. F. Creed, and West Lydford (six, 14 cwt.), where the Vicar gave his permission at short notice.

The treat in store for the afternoon was a ring on the grand new Taylor ten at Evercreech (tenor 21 cwt.), but before this we slipped over to try the very fine six at Bruton (tenor 25 cwt.). Mrs. White, wife of the captain, opened the tower for us, and we enjoyed Cambridge and Double Oxford. Back to Evercreech to meet Harry Sanger, and we regretted that, owing to local conditions, permission could not be given this time for a peal attempt. However, we enjoyed Grandsire and Stedman Caters and an attempt for Cambridge Royal. The tower, over 120 feet high, is one of the best in Somerset.

As we were behind in our schedule, tea was given a miss, and we continued to Wincanton (eight, 15 cwt.), where Mr. J. Chilcott had been waiting some time, and joined us for Grandsire and Stedman on the new ring, fairly recently augmented, and rung from the ground floor. When we arrived at North Cheriton (five, 9 cwt.), we found a choir practice in progress and most of us joined in the singing. In fact, it was quite a job to find enough to ring! Perhaps it was because of the attractive lady organist! We also met an old gentleman who had been a ringer at this church for 67 years, which must be nearly a record. Our last tower for Friday was Charlton Horethorne (eight, 16½ cwt.), with a well-kept ringing chamber but a rather 'dead' tenor. Incidentally, this was the writer's 1,376th tower.

KENT MEN'S TRIUMPH AT SHERBORNE

Our last day was the heaviest of the week. We started for Treble Bob at East Coker (eight, 13 cwt.), but too many late nights caused the conductor to miss a bob! Those not ringing went over to West Coker (eight, 12 cwt.), a lively little ring. After lunch in Yeovil, our party divided into two, some meeting at Yeovil for Bob Royal, and others going to Sherborne Abbey (eight, 46 cwt.) for Bob Major. As all the band for Sherborne were resident (or nearly resident!) members of the Kent County Association and none were members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, it was decided to ring the peal for the Kent County Association after getting the O.K. from Mr. W. H. Pope and Mr. W. P. Lambert, both local ringers.

It was a great personal triumph for Geoffrey Waters, who, at 22, is the youngest to ring this tenor to a peal. And with Malcolm Cloke, aged 18, on the 7th, the combination for 7-8 averaged 20 years of age, a record for this weight of metal. Everyone enjoyed the peal, and by all accounts it was well struck and no blisters at the finish either! Geoffrey has a big future ahead of him, as in his style and build he has the makings of a really fine heavy-bell man.

At Yeovil, Tom Setter achieved his ambition to 'turn in' the tenor, and was very ably as-

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Rearrangements of Districts

There was an attendance of 60 members and friends at the quarterly meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild held at Southam on July 28th. The bells of the church were rung in rounds and various methods to suit all tastes for an hour in the afternoon until the service at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar of Ryton-on-Dunsmore, the Rev. J. West (a former curate of Chilvers Coton), in the absence of the Rector.

Tea was partaken of at the Craven Arms and the business meeting followed, the Master (Mr. F. W. Perrens) taking the chair. Following the minutes, apologies were read from the President, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hinde, J. White, J. Thompson and J. Lloyd.

The report of the committee meeting held in Coventry on June 13th was read and the recommendations put to the vote and carried, the chief items being the retention of the three districts, Nuneaton, Coventry with Rugby, and Warwick with Stratford and the rearrangement of those districts. Nuneaton district is to be allotted Exhall, Bedworth, Shilton and Brinklow in addition to those already held and Southam is to be attached to the Warwick and Stratford District, thus providing more ringers for that district and more scope for the ringers from Southam.

The secretaries for the Coventry and Nuneaton Districts agreed to continue in their positions and Mr. R. J. Edden and Miss M. Middlemiss were elected as joint secretaries of the Warwick and Stratford District.

The suggestion that each district should appoint a Ringing Master to relieve the secretary of all work connected with the actual ringing at the meetings was approved, the election to take place at the next meeting of each district.

New members elected were A. J. Barrett and S. T. Hauley, of Harbury, and the election of B. G. Warwick was ratified. Stratford was selected as the meeting place for October.

Votes of thanks were accorded to all who had helped in any way to make the meeting the success it undoubtedly was, and the business ended.

A collection for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to £1 17s. 4d.

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sisted by the two other back-end men, Messrs. Ron Marlow and Reg Rex. In the writer's opinion the only thing that spoils this majestic ring is the harshness of the 9th. The evening finished with press photographs, a game of skittles at the Pall Hotel and a general 'chin-wag' on the week's adventures

THE WAY BACK

Sunday morning, August 5th, arrived all too quickly, and we had a steady ride (with 'short cuts!) to Gillingham (eight, 25 cwt.) where Mr. Jim Ralph was waiting, with other local ringers, to welcome us. We had just rung a nice touch of Stedman, and were beginning Grandsire for a visitor from Reading, when a loud crash and a 'silent drum' showed us that the tenor clapper had snapped in half! So we confined our efforts to Cambridge and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, leaving out the treble, until service time.

Before lunch at Salisbury, Mr. Fred Macey thanked the organiser for another very enjoyable week in a lovely part of England. The organiser would like to repeat again that it was a great pleasure for him, and everyone co-operated magnificently. Next year we hope to visit Shropshire, subject, of course, to local permission and conditions. The date will be Saturday, August 9th to Saturday, August 16th.

We should like to thank all the incumbents, local ringers and others, who did so much for our comfort and really did give us a splendid welcome in every tower we visited. So if you want a good time, good bells and good company, 'go down to Zummerzet'—you'll not be disappointed. A. P. C.

Analysis of Handbell Peals rung during 1950

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* Includes 3 peals in 12 methods, 2 peals in 17 methods, and 1 peal each in 21, 22, 26, 27, 31 and 36 methods.

S. NICOLAS', GUILDFORD

Sound control has been introduced into the tower of S. Nicolas', Guildford. This includes an octagonal hole in the roof, 14 feet across, covered with a great lantern of hardwood surfaced with copper. Thus the sound of the bells will be diffused upwards and outwards. The windows are to be bricked up completely behind the louvres.

With these improvements it is hoped that there will be a cessation of complaints which have restricted local ringing activities.

NOT UNORTHODOX

Dear Sir,—Not having joined the ranks of 'unorthodox' ringers, and to avoid any misunderstanding, may I draw your attention to the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Croft on July 19th. ('Ringing World,' page 501.).

The calling I used was the standard 10 calls, repeated four times, with the addition of two six-scores only, and the peal report should read 5,040 instead of 5,060 as printed.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM A. WOOD.

Croft, Leics.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL

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Mr. T. E. Sone points out two misprints in his letter dealing with the calling of Holt's Original. The first is that he has called the peal five times round the circle (not eight) and at the end of the figures the last line should read

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The errors are regretted.

40 YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of August 25th, 1911

HANDBELL PEAL AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE

On the occasion of 'Ringers' Day' at the Crystal Palace, on July 15th last, organised by 'The Ringing World,' it was suggested that a peal rung in the Crystal Palace would be a novelty. . . . To get a suitable place in the Palace is rather a difficult task owing to the fact that . . . there is always a premium upon the accommodation. A room was, however, secured . . . . and on August 16th, five members of the All Saints' Society, Fulham, started for the first peal . . . . When, at 9.33, 'That's all,' was called, a peal was finished which anyone could be justly proud of. . . .

[The method was Grandsire Caters, rung by W. A. Woodrow 1-2, A. F. Shepherd 3-4, W. Shepherd (conductor) 5-6, L. Attwater 7-8, F. G. Woodiss 9-10.]

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SITUATIONS WANTED AND VACANT

Preference to Bellringer.—Wanted, strong young man of 24, unmarried, as second of four in garden; must be used to stove, plant-house, propagating; Church of England and total abstainer; take turns Sunday duty, fires, etc. wages 18s. . . .

LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES

A Popular Oldham Experiment

Recently the Oldham Education Committee held a Festival Exhibition of Leisure Time Activities. It was with some uncertainty that the writer answered the original advertisement for exhibitors, not knowing exactly what would be entailed; but after a preliminary meeting of representatives of the various societies and organisations, it was decided that the St. Mark's bell-tower, Glodwick, would make an individual effort to put before the public the 'mysteries of bell-ringing.' The next point to arise was 'What can we put on show?'

Many ideas were tried, and many ideas rejected, until the following items were finally decided upon:—Handbells, standard diagrams, Association publications, model of bell mechanism, photographs, bellropes, etc.

The exhibition was officially opened by the Mayor of Oldham, with the Director of Education acting as chairman to the committee, and from that moment 'the show was on'! Each evening of the week and Saturday afternoon and evening we were kept very busy answering questions and explaining all that we could to a never-ceasing stream of visitors to our stand.

It had not been the intention to include 'The Nine Tailors' on the stand, but so many people quoted the book, or some extract from the book, that we had to keep it handy for reference! Whilst some of the questions were ridiculous owing to ignorance of bell-ringing, the majority of interrogations were of a serious and thoughtful type, and from all ages of visitors. The explanations and demonstrations given were keenly appreciated by a very critical audience, particularly when a little change-ringing was done on the handbells a few times each evening.

At a final meeting of the representatives, the writer expressed thanks for this exhibition which allowed us such a golden opportunity to 'put over' to the public the cause of church bell-ringing. If we only managed to impress 500 out of the thousands who came through the hall, we will be satisfied.

NOTE.—The stall, according to the photographs submitted, was most attractive. In bold lettering it was headed 'Lancashire Association of Change-ringers, Rochdale Branch, St. Mark's, Glodwick.' Two bellropes decorated the sides and a semi-circle of 20 handbells looked most effective among the various exhibits.—ED.

REDEDICATION

CAPEL, SURREY

After a silence of over 22 years, the bells of St. John-the-Divine's, Capel, Surrey, rang out again on Sunday, August 5th, after being rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who had recast the second and fifth, which were cracked.

The dedication prayer was said by the Bishop of Guildford at the end of Matins and the bells were rung by members of the local band, while the procession receded to the sanctuary for the final Blessing. It is worthy of note that among those who rang was Mr. George Steadman, now 85, who rang in what was then a record performance, a peal of Treble Bob Minor consisting of fourteen 720's in different methods (10,080 changes) in 1888.

As the large congregation left the church six members of the Leatherhead band, by invitation, rang a 360 of Cambridge Minor followed by a 240 of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. The two bands were entertained to lunch at the King's Arms by the Vicar and churchwardens.

From 3 until 6.30, with a break for tea, the bells were open to visitors and were made full use of by ringers from Wycombe, Walton, Hawley and Horsham to a variety of methods from Stedman Doubles to London Surprise Minor and, to fit the occasion, a course of Capel Treble Bob.

And so, at the end of 21 years of office, the secretary of the Leatherhead District was able to complete his ring on the towers in his district.

A. H. S.

A DAY IN NORTH DEVON

On August 8th a party of change-ringers, including Preb. E. V. Cox, the Rev. Mr. Andrews, the Rev. W. H. Smale, Messrs. Myers and other members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, met at Burrington. After ringing Grandsire and Stedman Doubles on the interesting six they proceeded to Roborough, a six by Messrs. Taylor in 1823. The Rector, the Rev. W. J. Williams, met the party.

Yarnscombe was the next stop and after all had joined in touches of Doubles we ran on to Atherington, a fine six by Pennington, dated 1786. Here many of the villagers crowded round the belfry to watch the lady ringers—Miss Gilbert, Miss Boyle and Mrs. Miles—joining in a touch of Bob Minor with Tom Myers conducting. Much interest was shown by the local ringers in this as well as in Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

The Rev. Mr. Andrews led the way to Bishop's Nympton where we found a perfect six recently recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Messrs. Myers and 'Father' (the Rev. W. H. Smale) would have tarried here but a peremptory call for tea at the 'Red Lion' by the organiser, Mr. F. C. Smale, ended the ringing. A real old-fashioned tea with cream and home-made cakes followed.

Rose Ash was the next halt. What a delightful place with a spacious green surrounded by tall oaks! It was here that a line of Southcombes officiated as Rectors for 300 years. The bells were a 'handful' but all our touches came round. Thence we proceeded to Knowstone, the route providing a panorama—with Exmoor to the North and Dartmoor to the South.

Thence over commons and moors to the pleasantly-situated Rackenford, where the Rector (the Rev. G. K. Elliot) welcomed us. The bells are an interesting six and much interest was shown in our touches of Stedman and Grandsire and the unusual picture of a lady competently turning in her bell. Then goodbye and a satisfied party of ringers made their ways North, South, East and West homewards. We were glad to have Messrs. Searle and Burrows with us.

F. C. S.

WEDDING OF MISS F. M. POOLE

A well-known Somerset lady ringer, Miss Freda M. Poole, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Poole, of Hardington Mandeville, near Yeovil, was married at St. Mary's Church, Hardington Mandeville, on August 4th. The bridegroom was Mr. Geoffrey H. Patrick, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Patrick, 22, Stansfield Road, Stockwell, London. The Rev. Paul Greaves officiated, and Miss Jearum was organist.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a dress and train of white cloque, headdress of orange blossom and full-length veil. Her bouquet was of pink roses and white stephanotis, and her ornament, a gold locket and chain, was given her by the bridegroom.

Chief bridesmaid was Miss Louie Poole, sister of the bride, and the other attendants were Miss Margaret Yerbury, niece of the bridegroom, and Miss June Partridge, friend of the bride. Best man was Mr. W. H. Turner.

A reception was held at The Barn, Manor Farm, attended by 100 guests. The honeymoon was spent at Newquay.

The gifts included bed linen to the bride, from the postmaster and staff, Crewkerne, where she was employed; and an electric iron from the Rector, churchwardens and bellringers of St. Mary's Church, Hardington.

Owing to the church bells not being able to be rung, the bride joined in a touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the reception. The ringers were H. W. Pearce 1-2, W. H. Poole 3-4, W. E. Turner 5-6, the bride 7-8. In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at West Coker by R. Guppy 1, H. W. Pearce 2, E. Atyeo 3, W. H. Poole (conductor) 4, T. Marks 5, A. Atyeo 6, W. E. Turner 7, S. White 8.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

East Norfolk Branch

A meeting of the East Norfolk Branch was held at Norton Subcourse on July 21st when 29 members attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. K. O. Morris (Vicar of Norton) and tea was provided in the Church School Room.

The Rev. K. O. Morris presided at the business meeting. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the branch secretary (Mr. J. Harwood) Mr. P. Newstead was asked to act as secretary. The following were elected members: Mr. Peter Devenish, Miss Beth Martins (transferred from probation to ringing member), both of Blofield tower, and Mr. Geoffrey Short (Halvergate).

The next meeting will be held at Halvergate on September 29th. Discussion on the printing of the annual report took place. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and also to Mr. G. Walpole and helpers for providing an excellent tea. Ringing was resumed after the business meeting.

NOT WITH THE ASSOCIATION'S BLESSING

Dear Sir,—With reference to the item in Belfry Gossip of August 10th announcing the failure of an attempt to ring Holt's Original silent, I would like to point out that a false impression may be created by claiming it as an attempt by the Lancashire Association. By so doing, the attempt acquires an official air of the Association's blessing. To be strictly correct, the attempt was by a mixed band of the Lancashire Association Police Guild and Chester Diocesan Guild.—Yours truly,

THOS. H. HORRIDGE.

Liverpool 21.

NOTE.—We are sorry to give this false assumption in our note, but we assumed that, had the attempt been successful, the peal would have been recorded by the Lancashire Association. We trust that 'foreigners' of the Police Guild and Chester Diocesan Guild were not responsible for losing a very gallant attempt.—ED.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

METHOD EXTENSION

Dear Sir,—All those in the Exercise who are interested in the question of 'Extension' have now had two or three months in which to consider the Methods Committee's report on the subject. There have, so far, been no comments. In order that the matter may be finally dealt with at the next meeting of the Central Council, we now ask those who have any criticisms to offer to submit them to the Committee for its consideration. But may we make an earnest plea for **constructive** criticism? It is no help to us unless suggestions are backed by good reasons, but those that are will be carefully and sympathetically considered.

With regard to the query about Union Triples, I regret that the Committee has not yet been able to meet to discuss the matter. As soon as it has done so, its opinion will be published.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD (Rev.).
(On behalf of the Methods Committee.)

St. Michael's Vicarage,
Southampton.

TWO PROMISING RINGERS

Dear Sir,—On the last day of the 'Kent' tour in Somerset and Dorset, peals were rung at Yeovil and Sherborne Abbey. As one of the other six, who were privileged to stand in the latter peal, I would like to record the truly great performance of Malcolm Cloke (aged 18) and Geoffrey Waters (aged 23).

Sherborne Abbey tenor is a real man's bell but young Geoff rang it with the practised ease of any well-known heavy-bell ringer and, after 4¼ hours, finished up quite fresh and with only a few minor blisters.

After about three hours we thought he was tiring but he told us afterwards that the few dotted notes were caused by the bells swinging a little lower than he wished and after failing to raise her by steady pulling, he gave her a mighty heave that sent her over the balance and it took several more blows to place her correctly. From then on he rang the bell faultlessly to the end, and the happy grin on his face during the last quarter peal told us that all was well.

Malcolm, on the seventh, did not have so much weight to pull about, but the ability of this slender youth to ring the 29-cwt. bell and conduct the peal was never once in doubt. For at the slightest hesitation of any ringer, the latter was promptly told what he was doing and who he was coursing and only once was a bell allowed to hesitate long enough to cause a clash.

Malcolm rang steadily throughout, his face never betraying his feelings until the last change came up, then he literally danced on the box as he shouted, 'And that's the lot, the whole blooming lot,' but instead of calling 'Stand,' we had to finish the job properly with a good lower in peal.

Even if an expert band is asked to help them, the youth of the Exercise will be hard put to it to equal the performance of these two coming men of the future, for it must be remembered that this peal came at the end of an intensive 'Cannonised' week of 47 towers, and each had stood in four peals.

In the morning I had picked up a peacock's feather at East Coker and was told that it was very unlucky. When the peal at that tower failed, the wags shook their heads, but we defied superstition and took the feather to Sherborne. Here we began to wonder for twice, after five minutes' ringing, we had 'Stand,' but we put that down to stage fright.

On entering up the peal, I found that it was my 13th for the Kent County, and my 13th of Bob Major.

CHAS. A. BASSETT.

CALLING OF HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—I split the calling into eight parts. Every double or consecutive bob I memorise as 1, viz., 53454443131, etc.

My first peal that I conducted was the Original, on September 12th, 1887, double-handed, on handbells, at the 'Goose and Gridiron,' St. Paul's Churchyard, being umpired by John Murray Hayes and G. T. McLaughlin; time, 2 hours 4½ minutes. Band: G. W. Cartmel 1-2, E. P. Debenham 3-4, Challis Winney 5-6, W. H. L. Buckingham 7-8; conducted by G. W. Cartmel.

Umpires' remarks at finish: 'There was no need of an umpire.'

I was the first to call the Original on each pair of handbells.

G. W. CARTMEL.

St. Albans.

TIPS FOR HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—In learning the Original it is most important that the bells Before and at the Double be also learnt. Then, at your previous call, you can see at once if your next Before and Double is right.

One well-known pitfall is the calls 5, 7, 7 and, shortly after, 7, 5, 5. If you look at the first, the lead before the 5th is the 7th and in the second the lead before the 7th is the 5th.

Another tip is when in doubt, if your next call is a full course, remember the 2nd is never in the hunt. For a full course in the peal, the 6th also is never in the hunt five leads except in the last 7, 0, 0, and then twice. When one is calling it regularly, it is surprising how many hints one can learn, but there is one thing about the Original, it does not matter how many times one has called it, it has always got to be called. In other compositions one can wander, but not in the Original. The mind is on it all the time.

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

HOSPITALITY IN SCOTLAND

Dear Sir,—With regard to hospitality shown to ringers who visit Scotland, my own experience is of a happier nature that that of Mrs. Wall's.

While serving in the Royal Navy during the last war, I was stationed at Greenock from 1943-45, and was thus able to make the journey several times a week to Paisley or Glasgow. My first visit to St. James', Paisley, was about September, 1943, when I heard a bell tolling in St. James' tower. I made my way to the ringing chamber, and met Mr. N. Sharpe, who explained that the local ringers needed help. After attending church that evening I was invited home to meet Mr. Sharpe's family, and have remained friends ever since.

Following much spade work, we managed to ring several quarter peals at St. James'. Whenever I visited St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, I was always given a welcome. It was my privilege to ring with many old friends at both towers while on holiday last month in Scotland.

There are several ringers who served in the Forces during the last war who had the pleasure of ringing at both St. James', Paisley, and St. Mary's, Glasgow, who could not find words to express their thanks for the hospitality extended to them by all the ringers. Mr. and Mrs. N. Sharpe's home at Paisley was an ever-open door. I feel it only right to enlighten other ringers in England that there's a very warm welcome awaiting them at St. James' or St. Mary's.—Yours sincerely,

FRANCIS J. CHEAL.

Rainham, Kent.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Hillburn 1, Miss Sylvia Dean 2, W. Cavill 3, N. Stevens 4, F. Skinner (cond.) 5, E. Skinner 6.

OBITUARY

MR. T. WILFRED TAFFENDER

The many friends and acquaintances of Mr. Wilfred Taffender will learn with great regret of his untimely passing in Hill End Hospital, St. Albans, on the night of August 14th. Mr. Taffender was 44 years of age and leaves a widow and small four-year-old son.

The cause of his death was a tumourised growth in the head. The best specialists in the country, including Lord Horder, have been in attendance and are satisfied that nothing could be done to remove the growth which they knew must become fatal within a short space of time.

It was as recently as July 7th that Mr. Taffender conducted his last peal—one of Stedman Triples rung as a 'Festival of Britain Peal' at St. Mary's, Lambeth. He also conducted the first quarter peal at the Festival Church after its restoration—the first rung there for 15 years.

A the funeral, which was held at Streatham Vale Crematorium on August 20th, a slowly-struck course of Triples was rung by: H. W. Rogers 1-2, T. H. Taffender 3-4, J. Bullock 5-6, W. D. Grainger 7-8.

Among the other ringers present were Messrs. E. Alex. Young, I. Emery, J. A. Prior, J. W. Ward, J. W. Chapman, J. Lott, R. H. Begrie, C. Dawson (also representing E. D. Smith) and H. W. Rogers (also representing Mrs. O. L. Rogers). A wreath from the London County Association was among the beautiful floral tributes.

The sympathy of the Exercise has been expressed by numerous friends from far and near, to that notable figure, Mr. T. H. Taffender, and also to the deceased's widow and mother.

WORK FOR LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Apart from being one of the most capable ringers and conductors in the country, Mr. T. W. Taffender will principally be remembered for his untiring work as a member and officer of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild. He was for many years general secretary of this Association and at the time of his death held the office of trustee.

His first peal was one of London Surprise Major at St. George-the-Martyr's, Southwark, in January, 1923, and his following four peals were Stedman Cinques at St. Mary-le-Bow, Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Southwark Cathedral, London Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, and Stedman Caters 'in hand' at Camberwell. These first five peals were conducted by his father, Mr. T. H. Taffender, and Mr. James Bullock also took part in each.

His total peal list is 156, of which he conducted 50, and 148 have been for the London County Association. Mr. T. H. Taffender rang in 148 and conducted 76. A notable peal was one of Stedman Cinques at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, in which six fathers and sons took part and rang in the order of father and son.

In the words of one of Mr. T. W. Taffender's oldest ringing friends, it would take an entire book to write of all his work and achievements. It is possible that a memorial service with appropriate ringing for all his friends will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on a Saturday afternoon about mid-September, in which case, notice will be given through the columns of this journal.

H. W. R.

HIS PEALS

Grandsire Caters 1, Grandsire Cinques 2, Plain Bob Royal 1, Plain Bob Maximus 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 13 (conducted 4), Kent Treble Bob Royal 10 (3), Kent Treble Bob Maximus 7 (1), Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1 (1), Treble Bob Minor 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1

Stedman Triples 35 (13), Stedman Caters 29 (12), Stedman Cinques 14 (4).

Cambridge Surprise Major 18 (5), Cambridge Surprise Royal 7 (1), Cambridge Surprise Maximus 2, London Surprise Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 8 (6), Stedman Caters (on handbells) 3.

Total: 156 (conducted 50).

QUARTER PEALS

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On August 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Margaret Carpenter (first quarter) 1, C. S. Aylett 2, C. H. Webb 3, W. A. Stote 4, J. W. Taylor 5, D. A. Carpenter (first quarter of Triples) 6, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 7, P. K. Williamson 8.

AMBERLEY, SUSSEX.—On August 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. P. Cannon 1, N. J. Smith 2, F. W. Lewis 3, Miss E. W. Keys 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On August 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. Hatfield (first in the method) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, D. Lamb 5, J. Harrison 6, A. Bridges 7, J. Howard 8.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On August 10th, at the Church of St. Botolph, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Brown 1, D. White 2, S. Jessop 3, F. Dewey 4, A. Freeston 5, F. Leggott 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Petch 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Canon R. N. Daniels, Vicar of Gainsborough, and one-time curate at this church. Also to Mr. A. H. Palmer, a ringer at St. Nicholas', Skirbeck, for many years.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE. — On August 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Tilbury 1, R. Poston 2, F. E. Roberts 3, Miss G. Stokes 4, W. Poston (cond.) 5, J. Harris 6. First quarter for 1 and 4.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS. — On August 4th, 1,264 Bob Major: G. W. Moody 1, C. A. Harrison 2, A. Tomlinson 3, F. Lacey 4, H. Morwood 5, H. Hall 6, P. Barnes 7, G. E. Feirn (cond.) 8. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bray.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS. — On August 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Tomlin (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift (first 'inside') 2, E. G. Swift (cond.) 3, K. C. Vickers 4, M. Hatchett (first in method) 5. First quarter of Doubles on bells since 1936.

CHILTON FOLIAT, WILTS.—On August 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Harrison 1, F. Read (cond.) 2, G. Newman 3, A. Palmer 4, F. Cook 5.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On August 12th, 1,260 Doubles, consisting of 240 Place Bob, 240 New Bob, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 120 Stedman, 120 St. Simon's, 120 Plain Bob and 180 Grandsire: N. H. Hewett 1, T. W. Crowe 2, K. Arthur (cond.) 3, J. A. Ainsworth 4, E. N. Harrison 5, J. Heal 6. First quarter in 7 methods of Doubles by all.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On August 12th, at All Saints', 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss D. Bryan 1, H. Belcher 2, J. E. Chilcott 3, R. Charge 4, W. S. Langdon 5, C. Watts 6, R. F. Deal 7, J. Phillips (cond.) 8, H. M. Page 9, S. Ellis 10.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On August 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Cooper 1, C. W. Haslop 2, J. A. Alexander 3, W. A. Breckon 4, J. W. Bedlington 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, A. V. Coates 7, T. N. Tindale 8. Rung on the 81st anniversary of the church's dedication.

HALESOWEN, WARWICKSHIRE. — On August 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Shilvock 1, J. H. Cox (cond.) 2, E. Woodall 3, A. Greenhall 4, Miss M. Tromans 5, L. Clissett 6, D. Morton 7, A. H. Harris 8. For the 22nd anniversary of the wedding of the Rev. Canon J. T. Davies, M.A., Rector, and the silver wedding of A. Greenhall, ringer of the 4th.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On August 7th, 1,260, Stedman Triples: J. D. Kape 1, Miss S. Coker 2, Miss D. Coker 3, A. R. Blaby 4, D. Cox 5, W. Lee 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, H. C. Jones 8.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On August 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. M. Flynn 1, Enid M. Roberts 2, J. Oliver 3, E. Large 4, Molly P. Flynn 5, P. Williams 6, W. C. Dowding (cond.) 7, A. Jones 8, N. J. Goodman 9, C. E. J. Blake 10. First of Caters for 1 and 2.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY. — On August 12th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: G. Marriner 1, A. H. Winch 2, Alan Smith 3, B. Hawkins 4, G. Peters 5, A. Cheeseman 6, A. H. Smith 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8. Rung for the christening of Meriel Joy Coldman, grand-daughter of the conductor.

LLANDEGAI, CAERNARVONSHIRE. — On August 4th, at the Church of St. Tegai, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Hughes (Bangor) 1, L. S. Griffiths (cond., Llandudno) 2, J. N. Haile (St. Bees, Cumberland) 3, J. A. Haile (St. Bees) 4, L. J. Evans (Rhyl) 5, P. Dickinson (Anglesey) 6. First quarter peal on the bells.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On August 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Yvonne Stanley (first quarter) 1, Carol Jones 2, Queenie Cooper 3, Ruth Avery 4, W. A. Avery (cond.) 5, R. F. Jones 6.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On August 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Norris 1, John Downing 2, E. Ellis 3, Flt. Lt. Massey 4, F. Withey 5, E. H. Nash 6, J. T. Dyke (cond.) 7, T. Smith 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints', on Aug. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples; F. W. Brown 1, Miss M. Valentine 2, W. J. Allen 3, W. Robinson 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Atterbury 6, W. J. Dove (cond.) 7, W. G. Farey 8. Rung for the conductor's 50th birthday.

READING.—At the Church of St. Laurence, on St. Laurence's Day, a quarter peal from Carter's 'Odd Bob' peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. Catherall 1, Mrs. P. Lewington 2, Miss P. Hart 3, T. Lanaghan 4, A. Wiggins 5, W. Hibbert 6, R. G. Burton (cond.) 7, V. Cherrill 8.

SCARBOROUGH.—On August 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Spencer 1, Miss M. Wing 2, W. B. Kirby (first quarter in the method) 3, G. W. Frayne 4, W. H. Barker 5, T. H. Taffender 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, H. Sutton 8.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On August 12th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. G. Mayell 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, F. R. Goddard (first in method as cond.) 3, D. J. Crouchman 4, A. A. Hilliar (first in method) 5, H. G. Goddard 6.

STOKE ROCHFORD, LINCS.—On August 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. P. Armstrong 1, R. Parker 2, J. Charity 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5. Rung after the wedding of Miss Mabel Sidney Parker and Petty Officer John Winch, R.N.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.—On August 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Digby (first quarter) 1, E. T. Lloyd 2, R. D. Wilson (first quarter on 8) 3, J. W. Jones (first 'inside' on 8) 4, J. Corbett 5, E. D. Wilson (first quarter on 8) 6, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 7, J. Collins 8.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On August 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. W. Slack 1, W. Prockson 2, J. Kemp 3, A. Agar 4, W. Theobald 5, A. S. Carter 6, P. Coward 7, R. Begrie 8, A. House (cond.) 9, J. Tower 10. First in method for 2, 3, 8 and 10.

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Meeting, Woodchurch (6), August 25th. Cups of tea only provided. Ringing at Oxton (8) after tea.—Alexander J. Martin. 9358

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Alvaston (6), Saturday, August 25th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Maurice Bailey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9315

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL. — LADIES' GUILD (Southern District), GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), OXFORD GUILD (Sonning Branch), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District).—At Basingstoke, August 25th. Towers open from 2 p.m.: Basingstoke (All Saints', St. Michael's), Oakley, Overton, Deane, Wootton-St. Lawrence, Odiham, Upton-Grey, Wolverton, Sherborne-St. John. Service 4,30. Tea 5.15, only to those notifying Miss Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford; C. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough; B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Wokingham; J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne-St.-John. 9317

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—South and West District.—Meeting at Uxbridge on Saturday, August 25th, Ringing St. Andrew's 3 p.m. Business meeting 4.30. Tea (available without notification) 5 p.m. Ringing St. Margaret's 6.30-8.30. 9308

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Hanbury (8), August 25th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 (only cups of tea provided). All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 9320

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch meeting at Wells, Saturday, August 25th. Usual arrangements for service, tea, etc. Early notice of attendance will help.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 9322

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Saturday, August 25th, Slough (10), 6.30 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 9307

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Meeting, Rotherfield, Saturday, August 25th. Tower open 2.30. Names for tea to S. Russell, St. Martin's Cottage, Rotherfield. 9332

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—A practice meeting on Thursday, August 30th, at All Saints' (10). Bells, Kingston-on-Thames, 7 p.m. All welcome.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9352

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, September 1st, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. George's, Camberwell, 4.30 p.m. No ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on August 21st.—A. B. Peck. 9324

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Wilden, on September 1st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, at Victoria Arms. 5 Special methods: Erin, Carter.—Michael Stephens. 9354

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Burton Dassett (6) on September 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Provide own tea. Next meeting, October 6th, Butlers Marston; particulars later. All welcome. Banbury District, please note.—Edden, Deppers Bridge, Southam. Rugby. 9330

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. (No tea arrangement.)—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9361

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, September 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 9350

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Frensham (6) on Saturday, September 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, August 29th, to G. S. G. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, N. Farnborough. 9262

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting at Old Radnor, Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Tuesday, August 28th, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 9331

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Elstree (6), September 1st. 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6.—S. H. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 9342

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ripponden (8), Saturday, September 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, for 30, at 5 p.m. Buses leave Elland at five minutes to the hour and from Halifax frequently. 9334

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Lamberhurst (6) on September 1st at 3. Tea 5.15. A service will be held, if it can be arranged, at 4.30. Names for tea, not later than August 29th, to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge (Phone 2910). 9301

LADIES' GUILD.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Witton, Northwich, on September 1st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. For tea, kindly advise, by August 29th, Miss J. M. S. Cooke, Gowan Bank, Goostrey, Ches. All welcome.—Frances M. Laflin. Dis. Hon. Sec. 9333

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Whalley, September 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 9337

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 1st, St. Peter's, Hindley. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify, by August 29th, Mr. H. S. Cooper, 70, Atherton Road, Hindley, near Wigan.—J. Burns. 9351

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Holbeach, Saturday, September 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names, before August 25th, to Mr. G. Johnson, 4, Albert Walk, Holbeach, Lincs. 9305

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Waltham (6), September 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by August 29th, to J. J. Willows, Snowden, Grimsby Road, Waltham, Grimsby. 9304

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Radyr, September 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 9299

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting at Rowde (6), Saturday, September 1st, 3 p.m. Names for tea.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 9348

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual silver cup contest at Beighton (6) on Saturday, September 1st. Draw at 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. E. Turley, 356, Main Road, Sheffield 9. 9359

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Ilkeston District) and SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting at Radcliffe-on-Trent, Saturday, September 8th. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 5th, at latest, to Mr. Lygo, Kelvinside, Granfield Avenue, Radcliffe. 9343

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Ingatestone (6), Saturday, September 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Fryerning (6) available after tea. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 9356

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Quarterly meeting at Fyfield (6), September 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to F. Blatch, Rose Bank, Fyfield, Ongar. There is a taxi service from Ongar Station. 9355

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hasfield, September 8th. Names for tea, by September 4th, to J. Beech, Hon. Sec., 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury, Glos. 9339

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Pulverbatch, Saturday, September 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—G. Randle. 9341

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Much Hadham on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, September 6th, to W. Rogers, 7 Park Terrace, Much Hadham, Herts. 9329

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Herne, Saturday, September 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash enclosed, must reach me not later than Wednesday, September 5th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9357

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Boxley (6), Saturday, September 8th. Final Festival of Britain meeting. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, by kind invitation, 5. Everybody welcome, ringers and non-ringers.—E. S. J. Hatcher. 9349

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The outing will take place on September 8th, to the South Coast. (Price approximately 14s. inc. meals.) Coach leaves Guildford 8.30 a.m., returning 9.30 p.m. Will interested members and friends please write immediately to Mrs. Howard, Kilmuir, Oakdene Road, Godalming. 9362

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Next meeting at Coleshill, near Birmingham, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5, at Cosy Cafe, Maxstoke Lane (2s.) only to those who notify, by Tuesday, September 4th, Mr. W. C. Rhodes, 10, Maxstoke Lane, Coleshill.—Margaret Beamish, Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 9335

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Half-yearly meeting, Boston, September 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Field Street Mission Room. It is most important that names for tea should reach Mr. W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, by Monday, September 3rd. —J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 9336

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Waddesdon, September 8th. Recently rehung bells (6) 2.45. Tea 4.30. Service 6. Names for tea, by September 5th.—E. F. Gibbard, 30 Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 9360

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, September 8th. Names for tea, by Saturday, September 1st, to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northants.—F. W. Hancock. 9345

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Cuckney (6), Saturday, September 8th. Names for tea, by 4th, to Mr. H. Upex, Church Cottage, Cuckney, Mansfield. —H. Denman. 934€

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llanelly, Saturday, September 8th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 9344

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, September 8th, at Heptonstall. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Tea—apply, before September 5th, to Mr. W. Southwell, 42, Longfield, Heptonstall. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9321

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD. — Annual meeting, Birmingham, September 15th. Ringing: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), Bishop Ryder's Church (8), Gem Street, 10.30 a.m. to 12.20 p.m.; St. Philip's Cathedral (12), St. Martin's (12) 2.15 to 4.30 p.m. Lunch 5s. High tea 3s. 6d. at Police Canteen, Steelhouse Lane. Business meeting after tea. Social evening 7.30 p.m. Applications for tickets (limited number) to C. H. F. Knight, 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester, by September 6th.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Allendale, St. Cuthbert's, Saturday, September 22nd. Bus engaged, leaving Central Garage, Newcastle, 2 p.m.; fare 6s. 6d. Names and cash to C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9338

GREAT PONTON AND DISTRICT

On August Bank Holiday ringers from Great Ponton, Grantham, Ancaster and Silk Willoughby, with their wives, visited Rutlandshire, the outing proving most enjoyable.

Ringing took place at Market Overton, Cottesmore, Oakham (and also lunch at the George Hotel), Priston, Uppingham (also tea at the Falcon Hotel), Langham, Exton and Greetham.

At Greetham a very pleasant conclusion was formed by the singing of Hymn 176 to the tune of Crimond, by the whole party and a few prayers conducted by the Rector.

Methods rung included Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles, Minor and Major, Kent, Stedman and, of course, rounds.

OUTING

MELTON MOWBRAY

On August Bank Holiday the ringers of St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray, Leics, held their annual outing. Since one or two of our own members were unable to be present, several ringers from neighbouring villages came to swell the numbers and we were also accompanied by wives, children and friends.

Our first tower was SS. Peter and Paul's, Uppingham, where the eight bells were rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Kent. At Kettering several local ringers joined the party and we were thus able to ring Grandsire, Caters, Bob Royal, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples. After an excellent four-course lunch the heavy eight ot Wellingborough proved rather a tough proposition, but, nevertheless, we enjoyed ringing Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. A contrast was provided by the light eight at Burton Latimer, which met with immediate approval. Here again local ringers joined in a very pleasant hour's ringing, including a second attempt at Cambridge.

It was then time to return to Kettering and find a little light refreshment before going on to the fifth and last tower. Market Harborough. We were again welcomed by local ringers and made the most of our last opportunity for the day, ringing some excellent Stedman, Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Oxford. During this, two ringers 'dropped in' who were on their way home after ringing a peal of Yorkshire Maximus but they were still eager to ring again!

In spite of the fact that the rain poured on us each time we moved from church to bus, or vice versa, everyone enjoyed themselves immensely, especially about half a dozen learners.

Our grateful thanks are due to all who helped to arrange the outing and make it such a success.

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