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POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

THIS article will cover the peals rung in the last quarter of 1957. The first milestone to be recorded is the 700th peal at the Loughborough Bell Foundry! Peals come so frequently from there that such events are past before we realise they are imminent! The tower had easily the most peals in 1957—47 in all. This number is not quite the most ever rung there in a year for it has twice had more than 50, the most being 53 in 1954 I will try to give due notice of the 750th peal—it should take place later this year at the present rate.

Debenham probably passed its 300 mark during the year. I say probably because I don't know how many peals were rung prior to 'Bell News' in 1881. I have 299 since 1881 and five peals rung before that date (eight peals were rung at the tower in 1957). But if there were more earlier peals than that five, it is quite likely the 300th peal was rung in 1956 or before. But at least we have a record of more than 300 peals now, so congratulations to Debenham. The peal rung at Ashtead on December 14th was the 300th I have recorded at *that* tower—293 since 1881 and seven earlier ones. So that is another tower we have to congratulate this time. This means that there are now 16 towers which have had 300 peals or more.

I am pleased that my records agree with Ashtead on this, according to the footnote to the peal, as I fear they do not do so about the claim for the 250th peal at Hazel Grove! I had noted that this was rung on November 2nd and made the peal claimed as the 250th on December 7th the 252nd. Perhaps there are a couple of false ones which I did not know about. I would like to compare notes with those concerned. But congratulations to the tower. Unlike the previous two towers, all have been rung this century.

Walsall had its 200th peal since 1882, but there were earlier ones here. This came up a year or two ago, and I am sorry that the matter was not pursued further at the time so that a more accurate total could be ascertained. A footnote to a peal rung at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on August 4th, 1895, said it was the 100th peal on the bells (it must, therefore, have been one of the earliest centenarians). It was one of the most flourishing towers in the country in those days, for all these had been rung since 1871 when the present bells were put in, I believe. That peal was my 97th for the tower, but in those early days (especially prior to 'Bell News') it is not easy to discover all the peals that were rung. If it was the 100th peal, it means that the peal on December 28th was the 175th there. The second 100 is taking a lot longer than the first!

Manchester Cathedral had its 150th peal since 1882. This tower, too, was more popular at the end of the last century, for more than half this number came in those 20 years. Earlier ones make the probable total nearer 160 now. Next we come to towers which have reached the 100 mark. Maulden's century has already been announced in a special article. The other two passed by unknowingly—Dorchester (Oxon) and Birchington, Quex Park. Although the first peal was in the 1880's and (I believe) the record length of Oxford Treble Bob Major (17,824 changes) was rung there in 1927, Heptonstall has only just reached its 50th peal with the one last October. Another 50th peal was at St. John's, Worcester, as claimed in the footnote. Thus there were an unusual large number of 'milestones' this time.

Then we come to first peal on the bells. This took place at Erlestoke, Hemyock, Welcombe, Theberton and Sherborne (Glos). Some of these were claimed and some were not. I fear the claim for the first peal at Euston, Suffolk, can not be substantiated. A previous peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung there in 1910.

As for infrequent visitors to the peal columns, there are several of these. The footnote was correct for the recent peal at Clifton, Notts. This *was* the first time a peal had been rung there this century, the only previous one being scored in 1898. The only previous peal at Balderton (Notts) was almost 50 years ago—in 1911, so that is another long silence. Warwick, St. Nicholas', has had three peals: Stedman Triples in 1888, Grandsire Triples in 1922 and now Bob Major in 1957, so the tower seems to appear once every 35 years or so. Starston, Norfolk, likewise has had three peals—in 1924, 1927 and 1957.

I confirm the claim for the first peal of Bob Minor at Brightwalton. Since there had only been one peal before—Grandsire Doubles in 1928—the claim was hard to disprove! Bradden and Kimpton both last were mentioned in 1931. The former had one earlier peal in 1911 and the latter two in 1923 and 1929. Although Sawbridgeworth had 16 peals from 1881 to 1914, there have only been four since—three were in 1930 to 1933 and the fourth last October. So again, we have almost a 25 years' silence. Datchworth likewise was last heard in 1933—it has recorded four peals altogether. Four towers last had a peal in 1934. They are Great Munden (where 13 peals were rung from 1902 to 1913, and 18 from 1919 to 1934); Weybread (only previous peal 1934); Theale (six peals) and East Teignmouth (three peals: Superlative Major in 1912, Yorkshire Major in 1934 and now Plain Bob Major). Ford End's last peal was in 1936 (four peals), whilst Rampisham's one and only previous one was in 1937. Freshford has logged three peals, the last in 1938, and Tawstock only two—both Grandsire Triples, the first in 1939.

Rare visitors since the last war include Haslemere. Although so popular between the wars (56 peals were rung from 1919 to 1939), it has only had one peal since up to the one in November—Stedman Caters in 1943. We hope for a more frequent appearance again now. The first peal on the augmented bells of Huish Episcopi was rung in December. Recording this showed that there had only been three previous peals in this tower—Grandsire Doubles in 1903 and 1911 and Bob Minor in 1944. Ashill and Moorlinch both last appeared in 1947. The latter has a peal every ten years it seems—1937, 1947 and 1957. The former also has only had three in all, but the first was in 1911. Llanover appears for the third time in the peal lists—1908, 1949 and 1957, and the only previous peal at Heddington was in 1948. Aspenden, Herts, is another infrequent visitor, especially for an 8-bell tower. There have only been three peals there—in 1928, 1952 and 1957.

I omitted to mention above how nice it was to see a peal at Bromley, Kent, again. Of course, the church suffered grievously in the blitz, but now that it has been restored and the bells put back, we hope as many peals will be rung there as before the war. It passed the 100 mark in 1936. Entering the peal at Tibenham on my card index revealed an unusual state of affairs there. The first peal was rung in 1901. Then came five more from 1905 to 1909. After that 33 peals in the next four years! Since then there have only been three more—one in 1930 and two in 1955 and 1957. Certainly there are some ups and downs here!

Finally, some general points. The Wiltshire tour last September did very well for first in the methods on the bells. Without going into details, only Hilperton and Warminster didn't have something 'new' for the tower rung at them. I confirm that the peals at Portishead and Leigh, Lancs, were the first of Surprise on the bells. Also that the peal at St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, was the first of Cambridge Royal there. The peal at Wellington, Somerset, was the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells (Surprise ringers please note!). There have been 13 peals in all there now, commencing in 1896. Then, we must congratulate the ringers of Long Buckby on causing their 5-bell tower to enter the select few which have reached double figures for peals.

K. W. H. F.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Treble*	ALBERT M. TYLER	7
MICHAEL J. BEST	2	JOHN HARTLESS	8
JAMES E. DANIELS	3	†JOHN H. GILBERT	9
CYRIL WRATTEN	4	DAVID HOARE	10
*ERIC NAYLOR	5	RONALD N. MARLOW	11
FRANK L. HARRIS	6	FRANK E. HANSFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5504 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

HAROLD F. WHITE	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	2	IVOR R. NICHOLS	6
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	*PETER GARDNER	5
JACK GARTSIDE	2	STANLEY WALMSLEY	6
THOMAS BARKER	3	PHILIP DUNDERDALE	7
LAURENCE WALMSLEY	4	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK STEAD.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. J. Blackburn, of Anderton (Ringing Master of the Preston Branch), and Mrs. Blackburn.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*IAN B. McKEE (13)	*Treble*	‡WILLIAM H. DOWSE	5
†RONALD H. BULLEN	2	FRANK OSBALDISTON	6
DAVID A. MELLOR	3	GEORGE H. PAULSON	7
HERBERT E. TAYLOR	4	‡BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal. † First peal of Little Bob Major. ‡ 25th peal together.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)
On Wed., Jan 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY	*Treble*	†CYRIL RUSBY	5
*MARGARET JOHNSON	2	IAN M. HOLLAND	6
ARNOLD HILL	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
†JOHN S. SEAGER	4	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.
* First peal of Surprise Major and first of Major 'inside.' † First in the method.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

LAURENCE MITCHELL	*Treble*	*GEORGE KENWARD	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	6
KATHLEEN M WALSH	3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	7
EDWARD C. BARTON	4	LESLIE D. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* 400th peal.
Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Herbert E. Simpson, former captain of St. Michael's ringers, who was interred this day.

BATTERSEA, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

WILLIAM T. COOK	*Treble*	*ALAN J. FROST	5
*PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	2	IAN H. ORAM	6
*ROY D. TOMLIN	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
*WILLIAM S. DEACON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

JOAN COTTON	*Treble*	PERCY W. GRICE	5
W. GEOFFREY HAIR	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	6
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
F. GEORGE BAILEY	4	GEORGE W. RIDGWAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal of Bob Triples by all except the sixth ringer. 125th peal as conductor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 31, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	J. BARRY PICKUP	5
*GARY WIGNALL	2	NORMAN SMITH	6
PHILIP DUNDERDALE	3	*THOMAS WILKINSON	7
M. JOHN HALLIWELL	4	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY STONE	*Treble*	HUBERT G. SUMMERS	5
*L. MICHAEL CALLOW	2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	6
*JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	3	*RAYMOND WINTER	7
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	DAVID A. CARPENTER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. PYE. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal of Bristol. The first peal of Bristol by a Sunday service band of All Saints' and the first in the method on the bells.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*CLIVE WALKLATE	*Treble*	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	5
*JOHN S. HARRISON	2	ALAN F. LEE	6
MAURICE BAILEY	3	BENJAMIN BARKER	7
ALFRED MOULD	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal of Double Norwich C B. Major.
Rung in honour of the wedding, at Breadsall on this day, of Elisabeth A. G. Grime and Richard J. Bowden.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

ERIC WADMAN	*Treble*	GWILYM SALMON	5
*MICHAEL ROSE	2	HENRY J. SANGER	6
ANTHONY J. SANGER	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	7
ERIC NAYLOR	4	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal in the method.
In memoriam Henry W. Brown, an honorary life member of the Association and past member of the Central Council.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*FRANK H. PYKE	*Treble*	*PERCY W. MILLS	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	*FELIX H. ERITH	6
GEORGE N. ORMAN	3	ROY K. DUESBURY	7
*GEORGE A. BUTTON	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal in the method.
In memoriam G. W. Moss (life member), who died at Manningtree on January 22nd, 1958.

GREAT MILTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

*THOMAS S. BOWLES	*Treble*	*DENNIS C. BOWEN	5
†HARRY P. FLOYD	2	ALAN R. PINK	6
CHARLES COLES	3	CYRIL H. KINCH	7
*JAMES ADAMS	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung for the Feast of the Purification.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.

*BRIAN AUSTIN	*Treble*	*STANLEY E. BENNETT	5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	2	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON	6
*PHILLIP DAVIES	3	*RAYMOND H. IDLE	7
*RICHARD F. ROE	4	*RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*FREDA M. HANKEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. SMITH	5
GEORGE OLLIVER	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	6
EDWARD G. L. COWARD	3	F. ERIC ROBERTS	7
†ALAN STREETER	4	‡A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by F. ERIC ROBERTS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ 50th peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALSDEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*JOYCE HALLIDAY	*Treble*	*J. COLIN ASHWORTH	5
*MARGARET ROSS	2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	6
*JOHN H. FIELDEN	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
GEOFFREY S. MILLS	4	PETER SCHOLFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells for 20 years.
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Davenport.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 11 cwt.

KITTY WILLERS	*Treble*	†RUTH M. JACKSON	5
PETER BORDER	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
*ALLAN L. M. SHEPHERD	3	†EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	7
*JILL I. MARTIN	4	DAVID P. STUBBINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal on the recast eight.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWARD MAUND	*Treble*	HAROLD WILLETT	5
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	FREDERICK HAWKES	7
DENIS R. MORRIS	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles J. Camm, who was a ringer at this church for 50 years.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN D. KAPE	*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
*ARTHUR FOXALL	2	WALTER LEE	6
MRS. A. E. COX	3	†SYDNEY M. BAILEY	7
DAVID CORNWALL	4	ANTHONY E. COX	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ANTHONY E. COX.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Yorkshire. First of Major as conductor.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	5
BRYAN PATTISON	2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	6
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Harris.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

JACK BRAY	*Treble*	HARRY HALL	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	*ARTHUR CROWDER	6
RONALD CHAFER	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
*JOHN HALL	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Sun., Jan. 19, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in G sharp.

*Peter G. Richards	*Treble*	George W. Pipe	4
†Brenda L. Sheppard	2	†Arthur H. Fisher	5
†Gerald Weston	3	†Graeme W. Heyes	*Tenor*

Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in more than one method.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's.

*Brian Dawson	*Treble*	*E. Marion Key	4
George L. Roobottom	2	Barnabas G. Key	5
William J. Leach	3	Alan G. Foster	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Carantoc,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

Alan Carveth	*Treble*	*Clarence H. Stephens	4
Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella	2	†V. Mary Matthews	5
John Roberts	3	Donald Docking	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Carveth.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Doubles.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: two of Single Oxford, one of Single Court and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*Rodney J. Musson	*Treble*	William R. Parker	4
G. Leonard Thompson	2	James H. Musson	5
Amos Ingall	3	Louis Willders	*Tenor*

Conducted by Louis Willders.
* First peal in three Minor methods. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower' and the fifth ringer four times.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Hilary Kirkham	*Treble*	John Worth	4
Kathleen Shaw	2	Mrs. C. W. Lawton	5
Anthony W. Lawton	3	Basil Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal.
Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Davenport, of Walsden, Lancs, who were married at St. George's, Macclesfield, on January 12th, 1908.

HARLESTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 20 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

*Terry M. Haines	*Treble*	Allan R. Jones	4
George F. Roome	2	Michael R. Bennett	5
Jim C. Rainbow	3	Robin V. Baker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robin V. Baker.
* First peal of Minor at first attempt.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Jennifer M. Davies	*Treble*	Keith Wakefield	4
Anne E. Amor	2	Robert L. Piron	5
John B. Long	3	Bryan Pattison	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian Pattison.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*Marguerite Battram	*Treble*	David Cubitt	4
Kathleen Mallender	2	Harold Wagstaff	5
W. Eric Critchley	3	Frederick J. Jackson	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal.

FULMER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

Elsie K. Hart	*Treble*	H. George Hart	4
Phyllis M. Mayne	2	Kenneth R. Dunstan	5
William Wenban	3	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the diocese, and for the Guild.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's, viz.: Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

George Scott	*Treble*	William R. Parker	4
G. Leonard Thompson	2	Louis Willders	5
John R. Ketteringham	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
Rung on the eve of the Feast of the Purification. Also as an 80th birthday compliment to George Scott, who has now 'circled the tower' and completed 65 years as a ringer at the above church.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven standard callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Katharine Burchnall	*Treble*	Alec Wilson	4
†Janice Cawdrey	2	Harold Denman	5
*Grace Burchnall	3	Richard Hobbs	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard Hobbs.
* 50th peal on the bells. † First peal at first attempt.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 each of All Saints', Reverse Bartholomew, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, 240 Southrepps and 1,200 Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*Jean Hoy	*Treble*	Alfred E. Hinman	3
J. Harry Cook	2	Geoffrey A. Bowcutt	4
Charles E. Cooper	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. Harry Cook.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar of Frisby-on-the-Wreake and Kirby Bellars, who is leaving to go to Osgarthorpe, near Loughborough. Also a compliment to Mrs. Annie Wheeler (verger at Kirby for 46 years) on her 82nd birthday.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*THOMAS J. MATTHEWS .. *Treble*	GEORGE BEENEY 4
E. SYBIL M. TONKIN .. 2	FRANK H. BEENEY 5
†S. DEREK A. PRICE (14).. 3	ALBERT ELLIS .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE BEENEY.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung by Hellingly Sunday service band for Dr. Bell (president of the Sussex Association), who retired the previous day from his office as Bishop of Chichester.

NORTON SUBCOUSE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*TERENCE G. PAGE .. .. *Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 4
MICHAEL J. STOKES.. .. 2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 5
ERNEST A. LONG 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GODFREY G. WALPOLE.

* First peal in three Minor methods.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. W. Forder, of the local company, to Miss S. L. Tranter.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and 240 Pitman's. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*DENISE HESBROOK (14) *Treble*	HARRY BUTLER 4
MICHAEL MULLARD (15) 2	JOHN ALLEN (17) 5
†LILIAN BUTLER (14) .. 3	HARRY BUTLER, SEN. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ALLEN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells by a local Sunday service band. The ringers of the third, fourth and tenor represent three generations.

Rung as a 69th birthday compliment to Harry Butler, sen., and to mark his completion of 50 years as a ringer at this tower.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

TERRY EARLE .. .. .. *Treble*	*TERRY L. STOCK 4
ALAN R. SYDER.. 2	WALTER ARNOLD 5
*BARRY W. RICE 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

* First peal of Minor in four methods.

WOODFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. D. WOOD.. .. .. *Treble*	VESTA A. HEADLAND .. 4
DIANE GIBSON (16) 2	BRIAN A. COULSON 5
ANN COULSON (16) 3	JOHN GROOM (13) .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN A. COULSON.

First peal by all the band and first by an all-Woodford Sunday service band for over 65 years.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Hiram A. Houghton, who has completed 33 years as organist, choirmaster and ringer at this church.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, C.C.C. Nos. 59, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 and 69. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

JAMES M. BAILEY .. .. *Treble*	JACK PILGRIM 4
*ALAN R. BRIDGES 2	*ALAN S. PIPE 5
RAY PECK 3	PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PETER S. BEDFORD.

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

Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the ascension to the throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

ALDINGTON, KENT.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

DENNIS G. S. HOOKER, SEN. *Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 4
LAWRENCE T. POPE 2	LESLIE C. SMITH 5
G. KEITH FINN 3	RAYMOND J. CARLTON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND J. CARLTON.

Rung as a peal of thanksgiving for the restoration of this church.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

GEORGE SCOTT .. .. .. *Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL 4
G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 2	LOUIS WILLDERS 5
PERCY BALDOCK 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. Joseph North, over 55 years a ringer at Leadenham, who is leaving the village.

HANDBELL PEALS

FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sun., Jan. 19, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT 22, EGERTON STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1), (2) and (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Plain, Double and Fulbeck Bob, (5) Reverse and Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 14½ in D flat.

ALLAN SHARPLES .. .. 1—2	DEREK TAYLOR .. .. .. 3—4
	TREVOR TAYLOR .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

First peal in six methods for all.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 30, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT 17, QUEEN STREET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 10 in A.

GERALD PENNEY .. .. 1—2	GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 3—4
	JOYCE DODDS .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Miss Helen Dodds.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 2, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
IN ST. CATHARINE'S COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 1—2	*M. J. HARBORD (Trin. Hall) 3—4
	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 5—6

Conducted by H. NEILL.

* First peal on an 'inside' pair.

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ADLINGTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Brownlow 1, T. Barker 2, A. Tomlinson 3, P. Dunderdale 4, J. Pilkington 5, F. Stead 6, J. Blackburn 7, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 8. Rung on the occasion of the patronal festival.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. A. Andrews 1, F. Southgate 2, H. Bacon 3, F. H. Erith 4, M. Bantick 5, T. Cole 6, G. W. Barnes 7, P. G. Barnes (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George W. Moss.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Piper (first quarter) 1, A. W. Beard 2, S. Penfold 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury 8.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 18th, 1,344 Superlative Surprise Major: G. Pearson 1, J. R. Cooper 2, Kathleen M. Yeo (first in method) 3, I. H. Oram 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, J. L. Morris 6, A. J. Lancefield 7, T. Cullingworth 8.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Jarmy (first quarter) 1, A. Campden (first 'inside') 2, J. Nicholls 3, L. Whewall 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, W. E. Burnell 6.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On Jan. 25th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: D. Blackwell (first of Triples) 1, K. Jorden 2, Margaret E. L. Beamish 3, D. C. Exell 4, R. W. Rex 5, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 6, J. L. Queen 7, D. Forder 8. First quarter on the bells.

BRECON, BRECONSHIRE.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): W. Chick 1, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 2, W. G. Smith 3, A. Matthews 4, S. V. Edwards 5, G. P. Davies 6, V. H. Clark 7, D. Stokes 8. In honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. J. J. A. Thomas, D.D., as Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon on February 1st.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Leaker 1, J. M. Stallard 2, D. Hoare (cond.) 3, G. Bursiem 4, Diane M. Stepney 5, N. Purnell 6, G. G. Salmon 7, W. Cocks 8. Rung for the consecration of the restored church by the Lord Bishop of Bristol on that day.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 8th, 1,296 Minor (192 Beverley, 192 Cambridge, 72 Plain Bob, 120 London, 720 Kent): G. M. Rouse 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, K. Everett 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Jan. 25th, at the Church of St. Andrew the Great, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. G. Gipson 1, E. W. Bullman (first of Stedman Triples) 2, R. W. J. Housden 3, H. S. Peacock 4, R. F. Baker 5, T. R. Dennis 6, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 7, M. J. Dyer 8. Rung after a failure for a peal of Cambridge Major.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire Doubles): B. Care (first quarter) 1, R. Henman 2, R. Roberts 3, J. Rainbow 4, T. Haines (cond.) 5.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): J. Hooper 1, A. Peters 2, Miss A. White 3, A. Hooper 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, J. Loxton 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. For Evensong.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Clarke 1, J. Sims 2, K. Small 3, E. J. Coode 4, T. Easterby 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, R. Clarke 8. For Evensong.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. A. Cockman 1, J. Davidge (first 'inside') 2, W. Parrott (cond.) 3, E. Goldsmith 4, N. D. J. Webb 5, D. Oakshott 6.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Spittle 1, H. E. Good 2, Margaret Howard (first in method) 3, J. Hill (cond.) 4, R. Spittle 5, J. E. Beams 6, C. W. Munday 7, G. Hill 8. For Confirmation service.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. R. J. Ransom 1, A. W. Cole 2, T. Cole 3, J. Gould 4, F. H. Erith 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Moss.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. W. Croft 1, Jean Croft (first in method) 2, G. Cherry 3, S. H. Ashton 4, L. Runnacles 5, P. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 19th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, S. H. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' Church, on Jan. 29th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (in nine methods): Jill Henderson 1, Vivien Copping 2, Sheila Taylor 3, R. Moulds 4, D. Hollas 5, H. Fielden 6, M. Fielden 7, V. Bottomley (cond.) 8. By the local band for Confirmation service.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on February 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Cook (first quarter) 1, Miss D. J. Perrins 2, D. Harrabin (first 'inside') 3, M. F. Hall 4, C. T. Blundell (cond.) 5, R. L. Bond 6. For Evensong.

HANLEY SWAN, WORCS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Bullard (first quarter) 1, J. E. Lawrence 2, F. Lawrence 3, L. Dovey 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, R. G. Morris 6.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. White 1, P. Walker 2, J. Hazelby 3, J. Parsons 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5, F. Rumming 6. For Evensong, which included the ceremony of blessing the plough.

HELLINGLEY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. D. A. Price 1, Miss J. D. Funnell 2, Miss E. S. M. Tonkin 3, F. H. Beeney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 3. For Evensong.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (480 each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): W. C. Ward 1, J. H. Cook (cond.) 2, R. Looker 3, A. E. Hinman 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. A welcome to the Ven. I. P. Edwards (Archdeacon of Leicester), who dedicated the newly-restored chancel roof and also preached.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hazell 1, A. Free 2, W. Avery 3, S. Smith 4, C. Hagger 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6. For morning service, with the best wishes of the band to the ringer of the second on joining the Merchant Navy.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 25th, 1,259 Doubles, being (1) Spliced St. Remigius' Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob and Winchendon Place Bob; (2) Spliced St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob and St. Osmund's Bob; (3) Old Bob; (4) Spliced Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob and Winchendon Place Bob; (5) Spliced Plain Bob, St. Martin's Bob and St. Simon's Bob; (6) St. Simon's Bob; (7) St. Peter's Bob; (8) Kennington Bob; (9) Norfolk Doubles; (10) St. Martin's Bob and 59 of Grandsire: L. H. Minns 1, T. N. S. Bailey 2, P. M. Adcock 3, P. D. T. Cattermole 4, L. N. Melton (cond.) 5. First of Spliced and in 13 Doubles methods by all.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Brown 1, Miss M. Harte (first in method 'inside') 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, J. Rigg 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, G. Parsons 6, W. Wilson 7, H. Barnard 8.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Feb. 2nd, at St. Michael and All Angels Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Hayward 1, J. T. Mannering (cond.) 2, C. M. Dring 3, M. L. Howe 4, G. Pearson 5, M. J. Hedges 6. For the visit of the Bishop of Dover.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 2nd, at St. Giles' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Gearing 1, P. Walker 2, Margaret Wynn (first in method) 3, D. J. Roaf 4, S. J. Ivin 5, F. A. Barrett 6, J. R. Chaundy (cond.) 7, M. J. Hallett 8. For Evensong.

PENSELWOOD, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 25th, 1,296 Minimus (144 each of St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Court Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Double Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Bob Minimus, Reverse Bob Minimus, Double Bob Minimus): B. Jean Stevens (cond.) 1, Pamela M. Stevens 2, D. G. Miller 3, F. A. K. Prime 4. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

RANMORE, SURREY.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Munt 1, E. G. L. Coward 2, Miss E. Clear 3, Rev. C. Munt 4, G. Alliner 5, B. A. Cracknell 6, A. Streeter (first as cond.) 7, B. Coward 8.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 covering): Miss F. Illman 1, Miss B. Saggers 2, Miss F. Hankey 3, F. E. Roberts 4, B. A. Cracknell 5, A. Streeter (first as cond.) 6, H. Comber 7. First of Bob Minor for 1 and 3. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—At All Saints' Church, 1,200 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: D. French 1, Miss M. Mills 2, Miss S. Chaddock 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, Miss E. A. Wardill 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, F. Fisher 7, N. Chaddock 8. First quarter 1 and 2. For Evensong.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (cover 7, 6, 8): Linda M. Southerden (first quarter) 1, A. J. Hicks 2, Rosemary G. Hicks 3, C. H. Knowles 4, J. Small 5, Noreen Winter 6, Judith S. Walker 7, T. W. Longley 8. Conducted between the ringers of the four 'inside' bells. For Evensong.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 12th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: B. A. Cornell 1, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 2, M. D. Frost 3, P. Doorn 4, R. F. Ewer 5, G. Blake 6, J. E. Ewer 7, W. Little 8, G. Penney 9, J. Pemble (first on 10 bells) 10.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Puttman (first quarter) 1, W. Brown 2, G. Wykes 3, J. Griffin 4, S. Brown (cond.) 5. For Evensong, and the christening of the treble ringer's brother.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On Jan. 26th, at St. George-the-Martyr's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. J. Mead 1, C. W. Ottley 2, J. A. Hales 3, F. P. Mead 4, F. A. Ranson 5, M. Hawkes 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, R. Sheppard 8.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob: T. W. Thirkell 1, Miss B. Fisher 2, Miss B. Clarkson 3, Miss J. Porter 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For Evensong and the birth of a second daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. Ducker.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. S. Shepherd 1, A. L. M. Shepherd 2, H. Neill (cond.) 3, Miss J. Martin 4, Miss S. Jackson 5, T. R. Dennis 6, E. W. Bullman 7, F. B. Cookson 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Coles, parents of the treble ringer.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Young 1, D. E. Cobb 2, T. J. Milsom 3, B. Davis 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, R. O. Fry (cond.) 6, A. F. Lee 7, R. S. N. Brown 8. Rung before Evensong on the 72nd anniversary of the consecration of the church.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Macbeth (first quarter) 1, F. M. Maynard 2, B. R. Downes 3, F. W. Sykes 4, E. E. Holman 5, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 6, M. Austin 7, A. Boyack 8. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. D. Chapman 1, F. M. Maynard 2, A. Boyack 3, W. Dowler 4, B. R. Downes (cond.) 5, E. Holman 6, D. Hewitt 7, M. Hayes 8. For Evensong.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. C. J. Kay 1, Miss J. M. Price 2, F. Lawrence 3, L. Dovey 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, A. Davies 6. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Spencer-Smith 1, J. Tomsett 2, A. Bishop 3, Susan Jacobs 4, M. Sinden (cond.) 5, P. Devenish 6, M. P. Moreton 7, A. Bagworth 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Robin Garnett, father of Anne, who died tragically on February 1st.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 480 St. Martin's, 300 Plain): G. Sharpe 1, Mrs. J. Parker 2, L. Harvey 3, J. Bird 4, M. Parker (cond.) 5, E. Shippey 6. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Ely for Confirmation.

NEWS FROM NORFOLK

Mancroft Guild of Ringers

On February 4th the Mancroft Guild of Ringers held their annual general meeting, the chairman (Canon J. A. Waddington) presiding.

The existing officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. A. G. Bason, Ringing Master; Mr. F. N. Golden, deputy R.M.; Mr. C. Bird, hon. secretary; and Messrs. R. W. Barber and W. G. Mayers, steeple-keepers.

It was decided to attempt to complete the records for the Guild library, and the Guild would be glad to accept any 'Ringing Worlds' from 1911 to the end of 1956, also Norwich Association reports for the years 1913/20/1, 1923/5/6/7/9, 1931/2/3/4/8, 1945/7, 1950/1.

The chairman, on behalf of the P.C.C. and himself, expressed thanks to all members of the Guild for their services during the past year.

Hope of Restoration at Attleborough

Provided that sufficient money can be raised, it is hoped that restoration may be carried out at St. Mary's, Attleborough, in the near future. The amount of work done will depend upon the amount raised. It is estimated that a partial overhaul, which will include new bearings and all other necessary repairs, will cost £365, whilst a complete overhaul, which will include retuning, quarter turning, new fittings and some new headstocks, will cost £714. Ringing has had to be suspended until the work is completed.

This small town has already raised £2.000 for its ancient church, seen by all travellers on the A11 road, and the money required will not be easy to find. Contributions, however small, will be welcomed and acknowledged by Mr. L. Lawrence at 1, Gladstone Terrace, Chapel Road, Attleborough.

Wood Dalling

The five bells of St. Andrew's, Wood Dalling, have been unringable for some years now, and a recent inspection showed that the dilapidated state of the frame and fittings placed them in danger of falling and consequently they have been taken down for safe keeping. An article describing the lowering of the bells appeared in the 'Eastern Daily Press' on the last day of 1957, and this has produced a considerable amount of correspondence about bells and ringing, all of it good publicity for our art.

At Wood Dalling, when repairs have been carried out, one of the lightest bells will be left in the tower, but alas! the remaining four will stand on the church floor to await better days.

Increase in Number of Youngsters Learning

The past few months has seen a great increase in the number of youngsters learning to ring. At Dereham, following restoration, 12 are under tuition, while at Saham Toney, one of the best rings of six in the county, there are nine. Gressenhall, with its most enthusiastic rector (Rev. R. G. E. Dodson) has three beginners in the very early stages. Without doubt the most praiseworthy effort is at Swanton Morley, where Royal Air Force personnel trained eight girls and one boy to handle their bells. The instructors were posted in December, but these young people who are all under 15 manage to ring rounds on the rough-going five for Sunday services.

A special practice for all these beginners was held at Yaxham on Monday, January 6th, when the afternoon was devoted almost entirely to rounds and call-changes in order to give them experience in ringing bells other than their own.

RICKMANSWORTH'S SPECIAL PEAL BOARD

A pleasing ceremony took place on Monday, January 27th, in the belfry of St. Mary's, Rickmansworth, the occasion being the unveiling and dedication of a peal board by the Vicar (Rev. Kendrick H. Hart) in the presence of the churchwardens, assistant curate, the Rickmansworth ringers and friends from other towers in Hertfordshire. The board is no ordinary one for it has eight peals inscribed thereon and is the gift of the tower foreman (Mr. Frederick W. Elliott), the whole work having been admirably executed by Mr. Albert W. Coles.

The peals recorded are: Plain Bob Major, conducted by J. H. R. Freeborn; Double Norwich C.B.M., E. M. Atkins; Cambridge S. Major, G. H. Cross; Superlative S. Major, G. H. Cross; Stedman Triples, C. C. Mayne; Bristol S. Major, C. C. Mayne; Grandsire Caters, H. G. Cashmore; Grandsire Caters, G. W. Seaman. Mr. Elliott took part in each, on eight different bells.

After an excellent dinner, the annual tower meeting which, as always, had the atmosphere of a social gathering, was held. The officers were all re-elected, namely, tower foreman, Mr. F. W. Elliott; steeple-keeper, Mr. D. R. Bartholomew; hon. secretary, Mr. H. W. Bradbury; after which, other local matters were deliberated. The concluding business was a 'few words' from Fred, who really 'went to town' and surpassed himself. Among other things, he said it was his very great pleasure to present the board as a permanent record of many of the ringers he had been proud to be associated with. Many, he said (some no longer with us), were well-known ringers and conductors, and many were his personal friends. He would always look at that board and recall a happy lifetime of ringing and service.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In Cambridge the five bells of Holy Trinity have been sold for scrap, whilst the six at St. Edward the King are hung dead. Organisers of outings should therefore not write for permission to ring at these two towers, as recently did one organiser! All owners of 'Dove' please note!

The footnote to the peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal (see page 102) should read: 'First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal in London and by the Society (College Youths).

The peal of Bristol by a local band at Allesley, Coventry, was rung to celebrate the arrival of a first grandchild to Charles Aylett, a member of the band for nearly 50 years.

In honour of the centenary of St. Bernadette, Miss Jennie Armstrong was asked to play the Lourdes Hymn on the bells of Murpeth Watchtower on February 11th.

At Woodford, Northants, a very creditable performance took place on February 1st, when the whole of the band rang their first peal. It was the first peal in this tower by a Sunday service band for over 65 years.

After two and a half hours' perfect striking during a recent peal rung in Cornwall, the conductor was heard to shout across the belfry: 'Charlie! If you don't keep that bell in place I'll kick 'ee from yer to Lan'son.'

The Guildford District of the Guildford Guild has a new team of officers. Mr. Donald Kirk, of Cranleigh, has succeeded the Misses Monica Collins and Ann Cox as hon. secretary, and Mr. T. Mark White is the new Ringing Master. Mr. F. A. Munday, the Master, is leaving Guildford, probably in June, on promotion in the Post Office Telephone Service. It is possible that Mr. Munday's next post will be in Yorkshire.

Every member who took part in the quarter peal in nine Surprise Major methods at All Souls' Church, Halifax, on January 29th, learned to handle a bell in this tower. It was a genuine local company quarter. There was only one three-lead course in the quarter.

Willoughby-on-the-Wolds was the 25th tower in Nottinghamshire in which Mr. W. T. Exton has rung a peal.

Appreciation was expressed at the meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association of the 19 years' service of Mr. T. J. Lock as hon. secretary. The responsibility of Association secretary has now devolved upon him. His successor is Mr. C. E. Slade.

We regret to learn of the sudden death on February 8th of Mr. Harold S. G. Pike, captain of the St. Bartholomew's tower, Crewkerne, Somerset, for the past four years. On the day of his funeral a quarter peal was rung to his memory by the local band.

The Stoney Stanton handbell ringers will be broadcasting in the Home Service on Wednesday, February 26th, at 6.30 p.m. in a programme entitled 'The Dancing English.' Two of the numbers are 'Soldier's Joy' and 'Grandfather's Clock.' This talented band was heard at the social that followed the Central Council meeting at Leicester in 1956.

The mainstay of ringing at Stepney has been Mr. Thomas G. Fox, who has been associated with the tower since 1928 and has been responsible for much of the training. When the Stepney Guild of Ringers was re-formed, in 1937, he was elected captain, a position he has held until now. Tom was presented with a fountain pen from the members at the Guild dinner on February 8th. His resignation is due to his removal to Romford.

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LESSONS FROM THE LOUGHBOROUGH RECORD PEAL ATTEMPT

By RALPH LOWINGS

AFTER the columns that were written about the venture in a dozen different national newspapers, not to mention the generous airing given on B.B.C. television, what remains to be said that has not already been said of the recent attempt to ring the extent of Major at John Taylor and Co.'s Bell Foundry at Loughborough?

The simple facts of the endeavour are now history; the attempt broke down after ten hours and ten minutes, and 20,500 of the 40,320 changes mathematically possible, after an argument that developed between two of the ringers caused a shift to occur.

It was an ignominious ending, an unfortunate (to say the least) climax to an effort that had seemed to have every chance of succeeding. There was an ugly scene, reports of which, let us make no mistake about it, brought no glory to the ringers involved or to the Exercise in general.

But it would be a mistake to dwell upon the purely negative aspect of the attempt when so much of positive value also arose from it.

LESSONS FROM THE ATTEMPT

Lesson number one is that, in future, an extent band must not be chosen merely on account of its members' ability to endure the strain of 20 hours of Plain Bob. It is equally important that they should be so matching in temperament as to be able to stand the sight (and the foibles and mannerisms) of each other for 20 hours in the confinement of a tiny bell chamber.

Lesson number two is that the conductor should be able and feel prepared to exercise strict control over the band if the need should arise; a few stern words from Dennis Knox at Loughborough might well have prevented that fateful argument from developing—if they had been uttered at the right moment.

Lesson number three: Three hours' sleep is inadequate before an extent attempt. A good night's rest away from the sight and sound of bells is an essential preliminary to such a great physical ordeal.

And lesson number four: There should be no Press ballyhoo. The fact that a dozen national paper journalists are waiting outside to pounce upon the story the moment the ringing breaks down is not calculated to induce mental calm. The flashlight photographs, the endless interviews, the quest for individual angles, the searing television lamps, all added up to a mental tension that lessened the chance of success.

This was, of course, the second attempt to ring the extent at the Taylor campanile (Eric Critchley's gallant but abortive venture in 1954 will be recalled by many ringers) and, if these points are borne in mind, it may well be the forerunner of a third and successful attempt in the not very distant future.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT PLANNED

Philip Mehew, who, as prime mover with Stephen Ivin in the effort earned nothing but praise for his organising ability, is already laying plans for another assault on what has been termed 'the bellringers' own Everest.' But he should not leave it too long, for a rival band is now known to be interested in the possibility of beating him to 'the topmost peak' . . . . if only to show him how it's done!

Philip's team arrived at Loughborough in a blizzard during the late Friday evening before the ringing was to start at 4 a.m.

A hurried meal at the nearby Great Central Hotel preceded a visit to the Foundry, where the bells were tried out, and ropes adjusted for length, and a Press conference was held. Various members of the team were photographed in various attitudes while going through the motions of one-handed eating and drinking (and ringing a touch of Cambridge Minor at the same time!), and the B.B.C. took pictures, shown in the late TV news the following night, of the peal actually starting!

Mr. Paul Taylor, principal of the Foundry, again excelled over arrangements at the Loughborough end. Beds for the band had been booked at the Great Central, where the new manager, Mr. M. T. Mozo, from Hungary—he had taken over that day—proved to be kindness itself. It later transpired that Mr. Mozo was, in fact, a fellow spirit, having helped with another young lad years ago to toll the 4½ ton bell of a cathedral near Budapest.

After all too little sleep, the party was up again for a 3 a.m. breakfast and a start was made on the real business at precisely 4.16 a.m.

The Press And The Attempt

If the two Loughborough long peal attempts have served no other purpose, they have certainly helped to educate the national press reporters in what bellringing is all about.

Several have already stopped talking about 'that fluffy bit' but refer quite knowledgeably to sallies! One London journalist even got quite enthusiastic about the Exercise and wanted to know where he could learn.

As far as the reporters were concerned, the sensational ending couldn't have been better.

Prize headline was probably that of 'The Observer,' which headed its story: 'Eight bells and all was not well.' 'The News Chronicle' ran a good second with 'Eight ringers at sixes and sevens.' Typical of the others was 'The Loughborough Monitor's' 'Peal to end all peals finished in an argument.'

And the best picture: again 'The 'Observer.' It covered some 64 square inches on the top of the front page and was a death watch beetle's eye view of the team at their ropes. It was taken by the photographer's lying on his back at the ringers' feet, with his wide-angle lens camera pointing to the ceiling.

Peter Staniforth, who had volunteered to act as leading umpire for the Central Council, embarked stoically on his vigil with his pad of course-ends resting on his knee.

For the record, Peter reports that the standard of ringing was quite good and, in parts, very good though on the slow side for the quick-running campanile of eight. If the speed at which the 20,500 changes were rung had been maintained, he estimates that the extent would have been accomplished in a little under the 20 hours. Peter was relieved for six or eight courses by John Smith, who, he comments, did a really grand job.

LIGHTHEARTED ATMOSPHERE

As time went by, Stephen Ivin smoked a number of cigarettes and called for a bottle of beer, which duly disappeared. As for the first extent attempt, Mr. Taylor had had wooden shelves fixed to the walls of the ringing chamber. The shelves were laden with an assortment of sustaining items, ranging from ham sandwiches to chocolate-coated raisins and Ovaltine tablets, and the ringers experienced no difficulty in pulling one-handed while they helped themselves. Stephen had earlier pinned a box of matches to his food shelf, rough side uppermost, and by this simple artifice managed to light his own cigarettes.

In this lighthearted atmosphere (was it too lighthearted?) the ringing went smoothly on during the morning, and optimism continued to run high about the success of the outcome—justifiably so as things seemed then.

Then, soon after 2 p.m., IT happened. One ringer missed catching his sally a couple of times and another took it upon himself to rebuke him for the general manner of his ringing—pointedly hinting that it might be better if he started using both hands.

THE CLIMAX

Resentment, putting it mildly, was expressed by the first ringer at this suggestion and, during the sharp exchange of words that followed, the 'Everest' party fell, as it were, into a crevasse. In the ensuing argument a shift occurred among two other bells and 'Stand' was called. The halfway mark had been passed a few moments earlier, at 2.14 p.m.

So the bellringing stopped and the handwringing started!

It so happened that, at the time, a reporter from the world's largest-selling Sunday newspaper was in the belfry, and his verbatim account of what happened was emblazoned across the front page of the following day's edition.

Thus ended a venture that had brought together eight of the ringing world's foremost figures and had excited the interest of ringers, and even non-ringers, throughout the country.

Even the 'Baltimore Sun' sent a representative along to see what all the fuss was about!

Though the actual ringing had ended on a discordant note, harmony prevailed in the end. Back at the ringers' hotel a short 'inquest' was held on the proceedings: it ended with handshakes all round, a general burying of hatchets—and no hard feelings.

After ten solid hours of ringing it was obviously time for a little relaxation, so the party piled into Mr. Taylor's estate car and set out for the eight-bell tower of nearby Prestwold for—more ringing.

Later in the day the party also joined in a Leicester Diocesan Guild meeting in progress at Loughborough, with more ringing on the Parish Church ten.

'Most unfortunate' was how Philip Mehew afterwards summed up the failure.

TELEVISION INTERVIEW

By the following Monday general interest in the attempt was still running so high that the B.B.C. television featured Philip in an interview on its topicality programme, 'Tonight.'

His appearance served to show that he is as unassuming and charming a personality on the 'little screen' as he is in the ringing chamber. The Exercise could not have had a better ambassador than he proved to be as he explained what peal ringing was all about and how attempting the extent of Major was a challenge to ringers comparable with

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Record Length Attempt—Cont.

the challenge of Everest to mountaineers or the four-minute mile to athletes.

The strain of ten hours' ringing was, he said, the root cause of the breakdown, and the much publicised flare-up was only the manifestation of pent-up emotion—and the sort of risk that accompanied any other kind of exacting and physically exhausting endeavour.

On one point all the ringers were agreed—that the extent on eight is possible and will sooner or later be accomplished, and all but possibly one considered that the Loughborough foundry bells are ideal for the purpose.

As the peal had proceeded ringers visiting the Leicester Guild meeting had made pilgrimages down to the foundry to hear how the ringing was going on. So effective are the sound-proofing measures that have been taken at the tower that, outside, the bells can only be heard if there is no passing traffic, and a really good impression of the 'music' can only be had by pressing one's ear to the brick wall.

Which explains why little knots of people could have been seen adopting odd postures outside the foundry that morning. It only served to confirm the common belief that 'those bellringing folks are quite mad.'

GOODWILL MESSAGES

Before the start of the peal, goodwill messages reached the party from ringers all over the country. Mr. Fred Sharpe, president of the Central Council, wired his good wishes, and also Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. The Mayor of Loughborough, who had intended to visit the ringing chamber—wearing gold chain—at the end of the peal if it had succeeded, sent similar words of encouragement.

In conclusion, a question that should be asked and answered: Was the attempt worth while? Assuredly it was, for it provided further valuable lessons that ought to guide the next 'Everest' party past the snags and high up to the summit.

But—and this is not to discount the 50-odd letters that Philip Mehew wrote and the countless telephone calls he made in getting his team organised—any new venture will need to be planned and timed to a nicety. Nothing, certainly not the possibility of a temperamental clash, must be left to chance.

And if the next attempt should be crowned with success, none will be better pleased than those who were robbed of it on this occasion.

Treble: Brian Bladon (24), accountant, Tottenham.
2: Philip Mehew (27), electronics research engineer, Stotfold, Beds.
3: Stephen Ivin (20), Oxford classics student, Houghton Conquest.
4: Pat Chapman (26), works study engineer, Daventry.
5: Michael Orme (20), electrical engineer, Hitchin.
6: Ralph Bird (30), light engineer, Croydon.
7: Pat Cannon (45), schoolteacher, Dorking.
Tenor: Dennis Knox (29), assistant Post Office engineer, Willesden.

Dennis Knox conducted the peal and arranged the composition.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Between 80 and 90 ringers and friends attended the annual meeting of the South-West Branch at St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, on February 1st. The meeting was particularly noteworthy for the number of ringers present from 'call-change' towers, many of whom had never rung on ten bells before, and there were several periods of rounds so that all who could joined in.

The Bishop of Plymouth (Dr. Norman H. Clarke) not only attended the service but joined the ringers at tea. Mr. H. H. Thomas (the chairman) thanked him and mentioned that it was in 1928 that a bishop last attended a Branch meeting. Dr. Clarke, in reply, thanked the ringers for their efforts Sunday after Sunday, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many young ringers present.

In his report the hon. secretary (Mr. T. G. Myers) said during the year there had been broadcasts from both St. Andrew's and Emmanuel Churches. The Branch was in a strong position financially.

The officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. H. H. Thomas, chairman and press officer; Mr. T. G. Myers, hon. secretary, treasurer and ringing master; Mr. O. Thomas, auditor. Messrs. F. Day, H. Milford and J. P. Sims were elected to the general council, and seven new members were admitted. The secretary was asked to convey best wishes to Mr. Harvey, of the Lifton area, for a speedy recovery from illness.

A request was made to the secretary to send the Branch's congratulations to Mr. Richard Bowden and Miss Elizabeth Grimes on their wedding that day at Breadsall, Derbyshire, to which the chairman added that he had sent a telegram of good wishes from the Emmanuel band.

After discussion, the Branch by a large majority favoured the Guild annual meeting being held on a Saturday not in a holiday weekend. The votes of thanks included a special one to Mrs. Chappe and her helpers for the excellent tea.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

Good use was made of the bells at Huddersfield during the annual meeting of the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild. Reporting on the past year, the secretary said six meetings had been held in widely scattered towers with a fair amount of success. Paid-up membership was up to the average and the balance sheet showed a net gain of 15s. 3d. on the year. All the officers were re-elected. A vote of thanks was passed to the local company.

Although the weather probably affected the attendance, ringing to suit everyone present was arranged from Plain Bob Minor to Cambridge Major.

A. M. B.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. J. Chivers 1, E. Brown 2, H. Smith 3, V. Roberts 4, D. Hoare 5, D. Lee 6, M. Rose (cond.) 7, G. Salmon 8.

STORRINGTON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anita Middleton (first quarter) 1, Miss G. M. Smith 2, J. Young 3, Miss J. Horton 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Maple 6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE winter general meeting of the Association was held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on January 18th, when in spite of the inclement weather, the attendance was most satisfactory. Good use was made of the fine ring at St. Chad's during the afternoon and evening, and in addition, members were able to enjoy ringing on the equally good bells at St. Michael's following the meeting.

The general committee met during the afternoon, followed by a service at St. Chad's, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. Wylie), assisted by the president of the Association (the Ven. C. O. Ellison).

An excellent tea was served in St. Chad's schools, following which the business meeting was held, at which the chair was taken by the president. Apologies for absence were received from the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. Benfield), and Messrs. H. Chant, B. Sutton, T. W. Strangeway, E. Hudson, I. Slack and P. J. Johnson.

A vote of thanks to the vicars and churchwardens of St. Chad's and St. Michael's for the use of the bells was very ably moved by Mrs. C. C. Marshall, seconded by Mr. F. A. Staveley.

In acknowledgment, the Rev. J. Wylie said how glad he was to once again welcome the Association. He loved to hear the bells ringing, and was glad to see so many young people taking up the art. It was a matter for real regret that many towers were short-handed, but he felt sure that members were not unmindful and were doing all possible to remedy this.

A similar vote of thanks to the local companies of St. Chad's and St. Michael's, with special reference to Mr. A. Johnson, Mr. R. Bettley-Cooke and the ladies who officiated at the tea tables was unanimously accorded on the motion of Mr. W. Barton, seconded by Mr. J. Gibson.

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the committee's recommendation to try and arrange the next meeting (the annual meeting) at Pontefract on May 10th. Mr. G. Benfield, the retiring hon. treasurer, was nominated for re-election at the annual meeting on the motion of Mr. V. Bottomley, seconded by Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

Mr. N. Chaddock gave a report on the Snowdon Dinner held at Rotherham, which attracted a record attendance of 172, and had resulted financially in a net profit of £6 16s. 4d., which would be handed to Association funds. The president congratulated Mr. Chaddock and his organisers on this most excellent result. With regard to the dinner this year, he had made enquiries in Leeds, and had provisionally booked a room at the Griffin Hotel on October 11th. If members approved, he would be pleased to proceed with arrangements. Without passing a formal motion, this course was unanimously agreed to.

The following new members were elected: I. Fraser, D. Fraser, H. Bishop, of Harthill; Mary Atkinson, Christine Rodgers, P. Haselden, of Rotherham; H. Lawn, of Pudsey; Shirley A. Mudd, Arline A. Rouse, Angela M. Skidmore, Christine M. Tattersall and Brenda Wood, of Batley; Miss M. J. Roper, of Wakefield, and as an out-county member, Mr. Max P. Page, of Ipswich. This concluded the business, and further ringing was then enjoyed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CRAVEN'S THREE-PART PEAL

Dear Sir,—It appears evident that a great deal of confused thinking has gone into the production of the recent letters on the truth of Craven's well-known three-part peal of Yorkshire when rung to Gainsborough.

In the first place may I assure Mr. Savory that the method he rang was indeed Gainsborough and that the composition that he used was true.

Assuming that the tenors are kept together, both Gainsborough and Yorkshire have the one false course head, viz., 24365, but this does not of itself justify the statement that any peal of Yorkshire is true to Gainsborough or vice-versa.

On examination of Yorkshire it is found that falseness occurs between the courses 23456 and 24365 in the following places:—

(a) Treble in 1-2, between the leads 13527486 and 17865432; 15738264 and 18573624.

(b) Treble in 5-6, between the leads 12345678 and 15382746.

Falseness also occurs at the same places in the corresponding leads of other pairs of courses similarly related.

Now, Gainsborough also exhibits falseness in exactly the same way as Yorkshire when the treble is in 1-2, for the good reason that at these sections both methods produce the same rows. However, there is no falseness when the treble is elsewhere.

It therefore follows that Yorkshire is 'more false' than Gainsborough and that any true peal of Yorkshire will run true to Gainsborough. It is obvious that the converse is not necessarily true.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

TREBLE BOB DOUBLES

Dear Sir, — With reference to the correspondence in 'The Ringing World' about Treble Bob Doubles, I have worked out what seems a logical adaptation of the Treble Bob Principle to five bells. I do not know if my 'method' is original or not. It resembles Kent or Oxford in that it has a slow, and no places at the lead-end. I enclose the figures and would suggest it be named Barsham Treble Bob if accepted as a method. — Yours faithfully,

PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.

Dickleburgh, Norfolk.

BARSHAM TREBLE BOB

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240's may be obtained by calling any bell in and out of the 'slow' three times.

MISS SNOWDON SAYS 'GOODBYE'

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, beg for a small space in which to say 'goodbye.' Though our dear ringing friends will still see the advertisement of the Jasper Snowdon series of change ringing books, my name will no longer be at its foot. This is just as it should be.

For years I have enjoyed the job of handling them, but it is with profound satisfaction that I now give them to Mrs. Ernest Turner. She is the one on whom so much depends and you will not fail her.

A grand future is before the series, in which their present usefulness will not only be maintained but extended.

In conclusion, may I thank your paper most heartily for the help it always gives.—Yours sincerely.

MARGARET E. SNOWDON.

Grange-over-Sands.

GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The above method, as given to me, is a variation of Lincolnshire, with the bells coming down from fourths and sevenths at each lead head and dodging and making places alternately with each other instead of what is, in Lincolnshire, the five-pull dodge in 1-2. This variation eliminates the three false course ends 26543, 36245 and 42563, leaving only 24365 false against the plain course.

Mr. P. G. K. Davies tells us that the falseness in Gainsborough is not in the same place in the course as that in Yorkshire. I would like to point out one place in both methods where the same false row occurs. If we write out a course of any method from 24365 having pure Cambridge above the treble, we get 17856342 when the treble is dodging with seventh prior to leading its whole pull. That is, three rows before the said row would normally appear as a plain course lead head! The other two 6-5s would be false against the corresponding 5-6's in the same way.

I feel that composers of methods in the Treble Bob and Surprise Major class would be doing the Exercise a service if, when their methods appear in 'The Ringing World' together with F.C.E.'s, they would give some indication where the falseness is to be found! Yours, etc.,

WILIAM A. STOTE.

Coventry.

Sir.—Gainsborough has one F.C.E., 24365 in 2356 leads, so any composition of Superlative without reverse in 5-6 will go. I got this when 'playing about' with Lincolnshire in 1952 and handed it to Mr. Leo Brett with the request that if he rang it he should call it Gainsborough, to show its derivation from Lincolnshire and in honour of one of Suffolk's most famous sons. This he did at Helmingham on July 14th, 1954. I did not like publishing it because of its three contiguous places, but as it cuts out three of its parent's F.C.E.'s, considered it justifiable, moreover it had a precedent in New Cambridge. There is yet another variation which I give—x38x14x58x16x14x12 36 12 7. It has the same F.C.E. as Gainsborough.

As a rule variations of methods are not very successful and are hardly worth while unless they achieve a definite object, a case in point is Wye, which is simply Yorkshire spoiled.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES F. SEDGELEY.

Ipswich.

Look After Your Belfry!

In his newsletter to the Witney and Woodstock Branch Mr. David Smith writes:

'One thing that has struck me as I go round is the matter of comfort in the belfry. Three of our towers have howling draughts, two bare electric bulbs staring you in the eye, and in some you would think twice before sitting down because of the dust.

'It doesn't take much thought to make a belfry really attractive. What about finding a little table for the middle of the floor? Then there is the question of a spot of heat. In Witney we asked the P.C.C. if we could have an electric fire. This was approved and installed and is now the focal point for our junior gossip group.'

WILLIAM H. BARBER'S WONDERFUL FEAT

Dear Sir,—Fifty years ago, on Friday, February 21st, 1908, William H. Barber conducted Carter's Odd Bob One-part peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Gateshead, blindfold, from a non-observation bell, not only making the calls correctly but also picking up one or two slight trips—just momentary hesitations which a word from him smoothed over.

Few can hope to surpass or even equal that achievement, and this peal has always lived in my memory as one exciting the admiration of all who took part in it, not least my own. It was accomplished at the third attempt, the two previous attempts each lasting something over two hours. I have forgotten the cause of the failures, but the remarkable feature of each attempt was that so far as the peal had progressed just that far had the conductor turned in a circle around his rope. When at the final attempt the peal ran into rounds he was again facing as at the start.

Of this rotary movement he was apparently unconscious and expressed his own surprise afterwards. He had wondered why his voice sounded different half way through the peal, when he was calling towards the tower wall!

It would be interesting to know if the exercise of the brain under such circumstances causes the body to rotate, and it must certainly remain a phenomenon that, as in this case, the distance of the movement should be relative to the progress of the composition. Perhaps there is some physiological explanation of this. Have any others who have called a tower peal blindfolded had a similar experience?

The band stood as follows: Joseph Rowell 1, Joseph E. R. Keen 2, Alfred F. Hillier 3, C. Carew Cox 4, William H. Barber 5, William Story 6, Robert Richards 7, John Stuart, 8; and I understand I am now the only survivor of the performance.—Yours faithfully,

C. CAREW COX.

Bridport, Dorset.

PEAL AT WHITTLESEY WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I am very sorry to report that the peal of Bob Major I conducted at St. Andrew's, Whittlesey, on Saturday, April 6th, 1957, has proved to be false. I apologise to all and hope they will withdraw it from their records.

The composition is quite true in the full which is 5,376, but rendered false by shortening in the wrong block to 5,040.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN H. BLUFF.

Stamford.

Melbourne Ringers Make Golden Journey To Adelaide

ADELAIDE; clean, spacious and restful—a beautiful city indeed. After our very successful weekend in Sydney last July we decided to push on westward to South Australia, and having Monday a public holiday (A.N.A. Day) our social secretary (Kenneth Minchinton) soon got down to business arranging the trip.

So, on Friday, January 24th, 18 of the St. Paul's Cathedral Society travelled on the luxurious 'Overland,' the inter-state train, for the 470-mile trek to Adelaide. After a very eventful journey, with little or no sleep (!), we first saw the city at about 8 a.m. from the National Park in the Lofty Ranges, some 1,000 feet up on the east side.

With introductions and handshakes all round at the station we soon had a quick shower and lemonade (a delightful brew) at the Metropolitan Hotel and were 'rarin' to go' to St. Peter's Cathedral. Due to very good organisation we were allowed two hours on this noble ring (a Taylor eight, tenor 41 cwt. in C) and enjoyed every minute of it, ringing from rounds to Kent Treble Bob and Stedman. The belfry and bell chamber reflect great credit on the local company and are well in keeping with the remainder of the church.

By mid-day it was 100°, and strange as it may seem to our friends in the Manchester or London districts, a very comfortable heat. A good lunch followed; then to the north-east of Adelaide, along King William Road, Pennington Gardens to Walkerville, a really picturesque suburban village. Here is St. Andrew's Church, Adelaide's only other ringing tower, a very musical six by Mears (tenor 13 cwt.). How we enjoyed ourselves here! The local companies turned up in full force, amongst whom were Hervey Bagot, Des O'Brien, Harry Cox, Dick Lamphee and many others. We all look forward to seeing Philip Cooper one of these days, one who did so much for ringing in this part. The Rev. Eggleton greeted us with 'The tower is yours,' and after two or three touches presented us with a huge basket of peaches, fresh from the rectory garden. Very soon ringing from rounds to Cambridge Surprise sounded out over the very 'English' scene at Walkerville—green, cricket square and a little down the road the 'Sussex Arms,' a well-appointed tavern.

Our evening was free: some swam at Glenely at about 9 p.m., when the water was still very warm; others indulged in varying degrees of horseplay and generally had fun.

Sunday was another century day, and what with ringing and attending Eucharist at St. Peter's Cathedral, and ringing and singing at Walkerville for Evensong, much honest sweat was lost. In the afternoon the Adelaide ringers made a very fine gesture by hiring a 30-seater bus and taking us on a breathtaking tour of the Ranges. Even colour-slides couldn't do justice to the panorama of Adelaide and the plains, the vineyards and the olive groves from these heights—2,000 ft. or more above sea-level.

Two great and most pleasant surprises in the evening climaxed a thrilling day. Enid Lloyd-Roberts had made the 200-odd-mile trip from Mount Gambia to meet us, and then we were all chauffeured up to the summit of Mount Lofty in the evening to see the city by night. The myriads of amber, green, white and red lights created an indescribable vista. At supper in the evening John Roper, the Melbourne captain, thanked Harry Cox, of St. Peter's Cathedral, and all his merry men for their unlimited hospitality, to which H. C. charmingly replied. Bed (for some) came round at about 3 a.m.

Monday was our last day, and the radio feature 'Monitor' requested a recording of the Cathedral bells and an interview with one of the ringers. All this went off very well and was rounded up by Grandsire Triples on handbells by Brenda Sheppard 1-2, Graeme Heyes 3-4, George Pipe 5-6 and John Roper 7-8. By kind invitation of the Walkerville ringers, as a permanent record of our visit, a good quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob and Plain was rung in 46 minutes. The temperature was still hovering around the 100° mark: needless to say, the Sussex Arms was loyally patronised.

It was soon to be time to pack and have our last meal, but a pleasant hour was spent on the beach when, in traditional Hyde Park style, Ken Minchinton was presented with a small gift in appreciation of all his work in arranging the tour.

So, at 7 p.m., it was 'goodbye Adelaide,' with memories of fine people, fine bells, good food and wine—a delightful visit.

GEORGE W. PIPE,
ERNEST H. HUGHES.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Irish Carillon Festival, Cobh, May, 1958

Members and friends attending the Dublin meeting may like to know that Dr. Staf Gebreurs, carillonneur of St. Colman's Cathedral, Cobh, Co. Cork, will be host to American and continental carillonneurs at the carillon festival to be held in Cobh during Whitsuntide, 1958.

Dr. Gebreurs has invited the Irish Association of Change Ringers and any of the members of the Council who would like to be present to a recital to be given on the Cathedral carillon on Wednesday evening, May 28th, followed by a gathering in the local hall, and he has offered to arrange hotel accommodation locally should any Council member wish to attend the festival after the Council meeting. Will anyone interested please write to Mr. F. E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath, who will forward the correspondence to Dr. Gebreurs. E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Sec.

THE SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS' ANNUAL REUNION

SIX months had sped by since the Roving Ringers went their various ways home from Southampton at the end of their summer tour, and on February 1st they gathered again at Bristol for the 11th reunion. The shorts and open necks of the summer had given place to more elegant attire, so that one had to look twice in some cases to recognise the wearer. One member put all to shame by cycling from London and looking perfectly fresh on arrival.

Ringing commenced at Long Ashton, and continued in the afternoon at St. James', St. Thomas' and St. Stephen's, in Bristol. The eight at St. Thomas' lived up to their reputation of being a pretty tough old lot. The three leads of Bristol which ended the ringing here was thought, by a local ringer, to be the first on the bells.

The floodlit tower of St. Stephen's, with its delicate pinnacles, looked very graceful and lovely when we arrived in the twilight. Our Caters and Surprise Royal caused it to move very vigorously, and one or two glanced aloft as they left to see if those pinnacles were still intact.

The dining room of the George and Railway Hotel was almost filled by our party of 46 for dinner. We enjoyed an excellent meal, more than adequate for even the largest appetites.

In opening an informal meeting in the lounge, the president (Mark White) welcomed two honorary members, Herbert Knight and William Farmer, whom we were very pleased to have with us. Apologies for absence were received from other honorary members, and Cyril Lewington, shortly due for 'demob.', sent greetings from Malaya.

The secretaries reported a successful summer tour, and gave a brief survey of matrimonial activities in the Society during the past 12 months. With seven weddings in as many months, 1958 will clearly break all records.

Thanks were expressed to Albert Tyler, who was present with Mrs. Tyler, for his work in arranging the reunion, and he was elected an honorary member in appreciation of his help.

Ronald Diserens was elected Master for 1958, and promptly gave a good account of himself with an authoritative blast on the Master's trumpet. All other officers were re-elected with acclamation, and the president thanked them and the retiring Master for their work in the past year. Having toured practically all suitable parts of the country in previous years, it was decided to revisit East Anglia for the summer tour, with Norwich as the Bank Holiday centre.

With the business completed, a buzz of conversation ensued, indicating the happy atmosphere of the evening. Handbells could be heard occasionally, and later advantage was taken of the notice which said 'Licensed for Music and Singing.' All too soon it was time for guests and visitors to leave, and so ended an evening which showed that young ringers of today do know how to enjoy themselves.

Considering the early hour, a surprisingly large number arrived at St. Mary Redcliffe for Sunday morning ringing. The local ringers kindly gave us full use of the bells, so that all had a chance to ring on this fine 12. Those who failed to get up early were able to ring there later in the morning, while others visited Emmanuel, Clifton.

By lunch time most people had said their goodbyes and another successful reunion was over. We thank the incumbents for the use of their bells and the Bristol ringers for their help and hospitality, which added much to the enjoyment of the weekend. M. V. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

Despite the very cold and snowy weather about 60 ringers and friends attended the quarterly meeting at Frindsbury on January 25th. At the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Prentis) we were very fortunate in having the church choir to assist with the singing. The Vicar gave a very interesting address on the subject of different types of bells.

Tea was taken in the Village Hall, where we were the guests of the local ringers. On the proposition of Mr. Knight the Vicar was voted to the chair for the business meeting.

During the meeting 15 new members were elected. 'The Ringing World' representative, Mr. Cheal, said that with all these new young ringers in the District every effort should be made to introduce them to 'The Ringing World.' Mr. E. Barton gave a very full and detailed report of the November committee meeting held at Maidstone. He was congratulated by everyone present.

Mr. T. Beaumont thanked the Vicar, the organist, the choir, and the ladies for preparing such a good tea.

Methods rung ranged from rounds to Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major. T. B.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY RINGING DAY

THIS year's ringing day and dinner—the tenth —on January 25th, started at 9 a.m., when past and present members assembled at Christ Church to attempt a peal of Plain Bob Royal. A well-struck peal was rung in 2 hours 56 minutes, conducted by the Master (David Heighton). Other members of the Society spent the morning ringing at SS. Phillip and Jacob's Church, the Lord Mayor's Chapel and St. Stephen's. After lunch the party reassembled at St. Thomas', and later came the climax of the day's ringing at St. Mary Redcliffe.

After tea, members were on home ground, ringing at St. Michael's Church, and it was here that Dr. Hudson conducted the service and the Master played the organ.

The dinner, served in the senior common room, with the president (Professor Brocklehurst) in the chair, was a most enjoyable meal. The toasts of 'The Queen' and 'The Church' were proposed from the chair, and this was followed by the secretary (Mr. Patrick Bird) proposing 'The Visitors.' He had a special word of welcome for Mr. Roger Fry (secretary of the Bath and Wells Association), Mr. Walter Trueman (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mr. Roger Keighley (Master of the London University Society) and Mr. Robin Pittman (Master of the Oxford University Society).

Thanks for the welcome and hospitality was expressed on behalf of the visitors by Mr. Roger Fry, who said that on leaving the District in the near future he would take with him many happy memories of his association with the Society. An aspect of the Society which encouraged him was the active part its members played in the Church, and he wished them every success in the future.

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. Roger Keighley, who commended it as 'an alert and vigorous force.' This was achieved in that the Master and more experienced members helped and encouraged learners, so that besides its own activities it was able to give help to the City Branch of the G. and B. Association.

In his acknowledgment of the toast, the Master gave a review of the Society's activities in the past year. Sunday ringing, he said, had been kept up throughout the year, including most of the vacations, with help from some city ringers. Also during the term help had been given at St. Mary Redcliffe and at St. Stephen's, and a quarter peal had been rung at St. Thomas' by Society members for the industrial thanksgiving service. Two or three ringers had been instructed from scratch, but most progress had been made by members who had been in the early stages of change-ringing when they came up.

During the year six outings had been held; in all, 42 towers being visited. The latter was a lower number than in previous years, but the emphasis had changed from 'tower-grabbing' and visits had been more carefully selected; three cathedrals, including the heaviest ring of ten at Wells, were visited. The summer ringing tour had been in West Somerset, Dorset and Wiltshire, taking in some 20 towers, which included the heaviest ring of six at Queen Camel.

Mr. Heighton made special note of last term's outing to Gloucester, in which Angela Grainger had overturned a bell. He said that this was an unusual event, so interrupted his report to present her with an inscribed half of the stay as a souvenir, whilst members gave a rendering of 'Eight good ringers.'

He continued on a more serious note, in that, although tower ringing had been plentiful there had been less enthusiasm for handbell ringing, which originally had been the main activity of the Society, and he appealed to members to give greater support to handbell practices.

In the field of peal ringing, the Society had been more successful: six peals and two quarter peals had been rung in the past year, these including the first peal of Treble Bob, of Royal and of Surprise for the Society. Four members of the Society had also taken part in the achievement of ringing three peals in a day.

He also announced that, after long years of arbitration, the Society tie was now available and could be seen adorning several members.

The president thanked the speakers for their eloquence. He was encouraged to hear of the progress the Society had made, and wished it every success for the future. He then suggested that a move to the more comfortable chairs of the next room be made, where an enjoyable evening was spent, handbells being rung well until about 11 p.m.

The day proved a great success from every aspect, and warm thanks are due to everybody who helped to organise it.

B. J. W.

THE 'LONDON APPRENTICE,' ISLEWORTH

The 'London Apprentice,' at Isleworth, is an inn standing on the bank of the River Thames. It is reputed to be 500 years old and has a very interesting history. In the cellar can be seen the entrance to a tunnel which it is said was used by smugglers in bygone days.

But it is the living room which will attract the interest of ringers, for there on the wall is a plaque which reads as follows:—

'On February 10th, 1848, was rung in this room a true and complete peal of 5,093 changes of Grandsire Caters in 3 hours 20 minutes by the following persons:

Charles Buckland ..	1—2
William Nowell ..	3—4
Thomas Winkworth ..	5—6
William Hamblen ..	7—8
John Carter	9—10

Conducted by W. Nowell.'

It will be noted that there is no mention of the name of the composer, and one wonders whether the peal is recorded in the annals of any society or association.

On Monday, February 10th, 1958, at the invitation of the licensee (Mr. R. Aldington), a few ringers and friends forgathered at the 'London Apprentice,' and to mark the 110th anniversary of the peal a course of Grandsire Caters was rung in the same room. Afterwards Mr. Aldington entertained his guests very hospitably, and provided a very enjoyable evening.

The B.B.C. recorded the proceedings and put them on the air the following morning.

H. N. P.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S DINNER DAY

FRIENDS from all over the country came to Oxford on February 1st for the Society's dinner day. Ringing began at Christ Church (12) at 2 p.m. and parties also went to see Great Tom, led by Mr. D. J. Roaf, and equally interesting, although in a less campanological way, to peer down upon Oxford from this exalted position, and see Pembroke College, 'the coal scuttle of Christ Church,' immediately opposite through a haze of dust and cobwebs.

At 2.30 ringing began at Merton (8) also, but people who preferred a ringing chamber with a floor rather than a gaping void in the centre remained at Christ Church until they were able to move on to New College (10), St. Mary Magdalen (6), St. Ebbe (8), Magdalen (10) and finally St. Mary-the-Virgin (6), where the service was afterwards held, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Dr. R. S. Lee). In his sermon he observed how much the sound of a bell may help a man in his religion, and stressed that ringing should always be remembered as a service to the Church and to God.

The dinner which followed was well attended, as the president (Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) presided over a company of 62. Mr. C. J. B. Taylor, in proposing 'The Exercise,' spoke of the many reasons why ringing is enjoyed, and of personal preferences and dislikes among different methods. In considering the more adventurous and experimental side of ringing, he likened the treble ringer to Christopher Columbus, saying that 'when he pulled off, he didn't know where he was going; when he got there, he didn't know where he was, and when he came back, he didn't know where he'd been.' Although delighted to find a technical ringing joke which even they could understand, the less advanced members of the Society who were present were nevertheless glad to proceed to further speeches, where the laughter, even if incomprehensible, seemed to be at the expense of their more expert fellows.

Mr. D. J. Roaf, in proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' welcomed the Society's guests, who included Mr. E. H. Lewis, Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Dr. L. E. Sutton (the senior member), the Masters of the Cambridge University Guild and the Bristol and London University Societies, and Mr. Philip Walker (secretary of the Oxford Society).

Mr. E. H. Lewis, who replied, spoke very interestingly and entertainingly about the early days of undergraduate ringing in Oxford and Cambridge at the beginning of the century, remembering the time when four undergraduate ringers from Cambridge combined with the only four at Oxford for a peal attempt at Drayton which, if they had got it, would have been the first peal rung by an entirely undergraduate band. He spoke, too, of the very valuable work which he has done, and the advice which he has been able to give about the hanging of bells and their placing in the tower.

Mr. Brian Cookson (Master of the Cambridge University Guild) proposed 'The Oxford University Society,' and was thanked by the Master (Mr. R. N. Pittman). In his speech, Mr. Pittman added his welcome to that of Mr. Roaf, and expressed the Society's appreciation of the co-operation it receives from the clergy of Oxford. In summing up the events and achievements of the past year, he reported that 21 peals, of which nine were on handbells, and 15 quarter peals had been rung by the Society, and that at the beginning of the academic year the treasurer had received subscriptions from nearly 50 resident members. He concluded with the wish that at the next annual dinner his successor should be able to report on a year 'even if not so full of technical achievements, at least as full of satisfaction from service rendered and the companionship gained from membership of the Society.'

R. R. C.

OBITUARY

MR. ERNEST H. OXENHAM

The news of the death of Mr. Ernest H. Oxenham, of Bampton, Devon, will have been received with great regret by all who remember him in North Kent. He came to London at the beginning of the century as a harness maker, but preferred outdoor life, and when a new tram route from Shepherds Bush to Hampton Court was opened he became a tram driver. In 1903 he transferred to another new route between Bexleyheath and Woolwich, which later joined up with one run by the Dartford authorities and remained with that undertaking until the advent of trolleybuses about 1936, when he retired.

In his early years in London he had done a lot of ringing with the then very active Waterloo Society, and in the report of one peal at Camberwell in December, 1900, he was described as 'Ernest H. Oxygen,' which led to the following rebuke from the Editor of 'The Bell News' to the sender in the next issue: 'In forwarding a report of a peal last week, a correspondent perpetrated what no doubt he thought was a joke. Others are of a different opinion. Peal records are important matters, and should be quite free from every kind of buffoonery. The writer is cautioned against a repetition of his stupid conduct.'

About this time he took part in a peal by eight Devonshire men resident in London, but owing to his occupation his peal ringing virtually ceased for more than 30 years, though he attended practices and Sunday ringing at Crayford, where he became a member of the band, whenever possible. Afterwards he became active again as a peal ringer, and of the 89 which V. N. B. says he rang, 44 were on Crayford bells. A bachelor, he returned to Devon with some reluctance on the death of his landlady in 1946, and apart from a return visit for a few months in 1948 he was not seen in the district again. An occasional contributor to the columns of 'The Ringing World,' he usually injected a touch of humour typical of his nature into his letters, as, for instance, in a reference to William Corder having been a ringer at Challis Winney's native village, which he concluded with: 'I have always thought it fitting that Corder should have finished his inglorious life at the end of a rope.'

E. B. and E. A. B.

MR. FRANK E. PERVIN

With regret we record the death of Mr. Frank Ensor Pervin, of Coventry, in Keresley Hospital, Coventry, on February 9th. He had been in failing health due to a seizure two years ago which affected his right side. Unfortunately he had another seizure on February 1st, from which he died. The deep sympathy of many friends is extended to his widow and relatives.

The funeral service took place at Stoke St. Michael's Parish Church, the Rector conducting the service, and in his address he paid a fitting tribute to Frank's long and devoted service as a ringer at Stoke for over 50 years.

In addition to the widow and relatives the Coventry Guild was represented by Mr. Frank W. Perrens (president), Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward (hon. secretary), Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish (Nuneaton), and the St. Martin's Guild by Messrs. F. E. Haynes (Master) and A. Walker. Local ringers also attended and rang the bells half-muffled before and after the service. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the end of the service by E. Sibley, A. Walker, F. W. Perrens and A. H. Beamish.

Cremation took place at Canley. A list of his peals follows in a later issue of 'The Ringing World.'

A. W.

MR. HENRY W. BROWN

The death occurred on January 25th of Mr. Henry W. Brown, 36, Triangle, Bath, at the age of 95. He was a ringer at Bath Abbey for 70 years, his last appearance in the tower being the occasion of the visit to Bath of the Queen, then Princess Elizabeth. A founder member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, he represented that body on the Central Council from 1927 to 1938.

He had rung about 200 peals, the most notable being the first peal of Grandsire Caters on Bath Abbey bells, which he conducted in the year 1906, and the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the famous bells at Wells, Somerset, in 1900. He also conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples in Bath, and rang in the first peal of Cambridge Major in Bath, together with other Surprise peals.

Mr. Brown was a good musician in his younger days; he and his three brothers were bass singers in the choir of St. John's, Bathwick. Afterwards he joined the choir of St. Michael's, Twerton, and later held the post of organist at the Church of the Ascension.

Despite failing health during the last few years he retained a lively interest in ringing, and whenever one paid him a visit he always had figures of quarter peals and date touches to show.

The funeral took place at the Church of the Ascension on January 31st. Before the cortege left the church a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung by T. Jones 1-2, W. J. Prescott 3-4, G. Hawkins 5-6, A. S. Read 7-8. The whole pull and stand and Grandsire Caters was rung at Bath Abbey during the evening as a tribute to a valued friend and ringer.

W. J. P.

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DEATHS

BIBBY.—On February 16th, 1958, at Glengarrif, Dunholme Road, Scothern, Lincoln, Elizabeth, aged 82 years, widow of the late William Bibby, of Frodsham, Cheshire. 1888

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday. A coach is being booked to take members of the Huntingdon, Cambridge and Ely Districts to the A.G.M. at Wisbech. Towers open for ringing will be visited. Names of those wishing to go, to me by Feb. 28th.—D. E. R. Knights, 106, High Street, Sutton. 1803

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—Sunday service ringing on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month, 6 to 6.30 p.m.; on second and fourth Sundays, 9 to 9.30 a.m. Practice Wednesday, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—Miss C. M. Jupp, 14, Martyns Close, Henfield. 1859

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Bleadon, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 1866

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting Chertsey District and LADIES' GUILD, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Both meetings Walton-on-Thames (8). Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meetings following. Bells from 3 p.m. and after meetings. Also Oatlands Park (8) bells available 3 to 4.15 p.m. 1821

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting at Bromyard, Feb. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, soon as possible, please. 1853

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Monthly practice, Slough (10), Feb. 22nd, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. —Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windson. 1837

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting at West Bridgford (8), Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea available at nearby cafes. Please look up Superlative.—P. C. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 1823

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Feb. 22nd. Your chance to throw out the writer of these notices. Names early to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. — H. Reynolds, Sec. 1827

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—West and North.—Advanced practice, Crawley, Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 5 p.m.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined practice at Buckland (6) on Thursday, Feb. 27th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 1855

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Shambrook, Saturday, Mar. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss P. Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 1857

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Tredington on Saturday, Mar. 1st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by February 26th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 1881

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Cockermouth on Saturday, Mar. 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 26th to R. W. Daniels, Shatton Lodge, Cockermouth. 1863

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Honiton Clyst, Saturday, March 1st. Names for tea, by Feb. 26th, to Mr. E. E. Retter, Waldrons, Honiton Clyst, near Exeter. 1828

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton (6) on Saturday, Mar. 1st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 1877

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Roydon (6) on Saturday, March 1st at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 1833

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Ingatestone (6), Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 1815

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Mar. 1st, Holy Nativity (8) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Method for practice Bristol.—A. Bennett. 1889

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Brockworth (6), Saturday, Mar. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Names not later than Feb. 25th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 1860

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Chipping Sodbury (6), Saturday, Mar. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by Feb. 26th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 1878

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Offley, Saturday, Mar. 1st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Cock Inn. Special method, London Surprise Minor.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1872

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Sellinge, Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, by previous Thursday, to Mr. P. Small, Church Lane, Aldington. Good attendance specially requested.—C. T. H. 1839

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, Southport, Saturday, Mar. 1st, will be held in the Lower School at Christ Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Christ Church School. Names, not later than Feb. 26th, to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. No name, no tea. Bells available: Emmanuel from 2 to 4.30 p.m., Christ Church after tea. Buses to Emmanuel leave the Monument every few minutes: No. 2 or No. 10. 1868

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Colne, Saturday, Mar. 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1875

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Southport, Saturday, Mar. 1st. Emmanuel, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Christ Church after tea. Names by Feb. 26th to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. No names, no tea. 1890

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Belgrave, Saturday, Mar. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 26th, please, to J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec., 30, Royal Road, Leicester. 1854

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Loughborough District.—Joint meeting, Ashby-de-le-Zouch, Saturday, Mar. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Feb. 27th. —T. Beadsmoore, Range Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. 1847

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Twyford, Saturday, Mar. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Feb. 24th. —R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 1884

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Tunstall, Saturday, Mar. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—B. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 1887

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Watford, Saturday, Mar. 1st. Names by Tuesday previous to me, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 1880

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755). —The 70th annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held in the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, at 6 o'clock on Saturday, Mar. 1st, when the chair will be occupied by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. Tickets 15s. 6d. Peals on 8, 10 or 12 bells will be arranged for visitors upon request.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 1671

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing arrangements in connection with the Henry Johnson Dinner, Saturday, Mar. 1st: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 1 to 2 p.m.; Aston Parish Church (12), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. 1869

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Yatesbury (5), Saturday, Mar. 1st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—J. Goddard, 19, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts. 1871

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, Mar. 1st, at 2.30 p.m., St. James' Church, Underwood Road, Paisley. Names for tea by Feb. 26th to Mrs. Caldwell, The Cottage, Castlehead, Paisley.—Rognvald Wilson.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Annual general meeting at Ranmoor, 3 p.m., on Saturday, Mar. 1st. Names for tea to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield. 11.—J. Seager, Sec. 1893

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Nuthall, March 1st. Bells (6). Names for tea, not later than Feb. 26th, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. Buses from Mount Street, Nottingham. 1830

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Annual meeting at Kelsale (8) on Saturday, March 1st. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea, by Thursday, Feb. 27th, to Alan R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. 1843

SUFFOLK GUILD—Sudbury District. — Annual general meeting at Cavendish, Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Seabrook, Clare. 1840

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Lower Beeding (8), Saturday, Mar. 1st. Tea 4.30 p.m. sharp at the Plough Inn. Names by previous Tuesday to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 1852

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Mar. 1st, Lyndhurst. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Robert's Corner Café. Names for tea by Feb. 26th to W. T. Godfrey, Pinehurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Hants. 1873

WIVETON.—Rededication of the bells after rehanging, by the patron of the Association, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Norwich, at the 11 a.m. service, Sunday, March 2nd. 1846

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Annual dinner to be held in Selwyn College at 8.30 p.m. on March 8th. 16s. 6d. per person. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's 2 to 3 p.m.: St. Bene'ts 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.: R.C. Church 4.30 to 6 p.m.: Great St. Mary's 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Names, with remittance, before March 1st, to A. R. Heppenstall, Selwyn College. 1824

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Redbourn on Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Mar. 5th, to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street.—J. Good. 1883

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Great Mongeham, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Mar. 5th, with cash, please, to Mrs. C. E. Court, Owen Sound, Northbourne Road, Great Mongeham, Deal.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1876

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Combined meeting with the Ladies' Guild at Headcorn on Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Wednesday, Mar. 5th, Miss R. J. Vidler, Ferndale House, Headcorn. 1862

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Memorial Hall. Numbers for tea by Monday, Mar. 3rd, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 1885

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Dunholme, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace. 1891

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury District and Oxford City Branch joint meeting, Saturday, Mar. 8th, Adderbury (8). Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 4th, to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 1865

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Mar. 5th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 1879

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Newnham, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. P. Box, Newnham, Daventry. —F. W. Hancock. 1882

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Uppingham on Saturday, Mar. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Mar. 4th, please, to Miss Jean Kay, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham. 1870

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Saturday, Mar. 8th, Netheravon. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service and tea. Amesbury bells 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by Mar. 4th, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 1874

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Tamworth, on Saturday, Mar 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Mar. 5th to Mr. G. H. Peers, jun., 7, Edward Street, Tamworth. 1864

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Association dinner will be held on Friday, Mar. 14th, at the Dujon Restaurant, Bedford, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from Miss P. Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston; Mr. L. Bywaters, 2, Langford Road, Henlow, and Mr. K. Spavins, 8, London Road, Woburn; price 15s. each. 1856

OXFORD SOCIETY. — The 225th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Oxford, 6.15 for 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. each. Names, with remittance, before April 1st, to P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. All ringers and friends will be welcome. Ringing details later. Peals can be arranged for those requesting them. 1844

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