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THE PROFESSOR INVESTIGATES

The Success and Failure of Peals

NOT having heard from the Professor for some little time, I called on him the other day to see what he was up to. As usual I found him immersed in figures, charts and diagrams and making voluminous notes.

'May one inquire what you are interested in now?' I asked.

'One may,' he replied. 'I have been making a study of the causes of peal successes and failures.'

'And as usual, I suppose, you have now got everything docketed, pigeonholed and classified?' I said.

'On the contrary,' he muttered gloomily, 'it is one of the most difficult subjects I have yet tackled. One is constantly hampered by the lack of relevant information. If only "The Ringing World" would publish for 12 months not only the peals but the peal attempts, together with the attributed causes of failure, what interest would be created and valuable data released!'

'Still,' he went on, brightening up a bit, 'I have made some headway. Perhaps you would like to hear how far I have got?' And without waiting for an answer he plunged into his subject.

'Ignoring mechanical failures such as broken ropes or clappers, and leaving on one side for a future time complications set up by method difficulty, it can be seen that ultimate success depends upon the attitude and ability of the ringers taking part, of whom the most important is, I suppose, the conductor. But having made a separate study, as you know, of this latter phenomena, may I now confine my attention for the present to the capabilities of individual ringers?'

'You may.'

'Thank you! For this purpose I have graded ringers from 1 to 10 according to ability. Now it can be proved that this ability, which I call for the purpose of peal-ringing the Peal Potential (P), depends upon two factors:

(a) The ability not to make errors, or Error Avoidance (E).

(b) The ability to right oneself if an error is made, which I call Rectification Ability (R).

'Let me first deal with E. Some ringers are constantly making mistakes while others can be relied upon to ring peal after peal without a single (apparent) error.'

The Professor then produced a graph in the form of a rectangular hyperbola from which he had extracted the following equation:

$$T = \frac{11}{(E)} - 1 \quad \text{or transposed} \quad (E) = \frac{11}{T+1}$$

where T=time in hours of occurrence of errors, and
E=Error Avoidance (ability).

'With this equation,' continued Mr. Dodge, 'it is possible for a ringer to grade either himself or others for E. The scale varies from an (audible) mistake made on the average every 10 ringing hours (Grade 1) to a mistake made on the average every 6 minutes (Grade 10). A high grading denotes, of course, a low number of errors.'

I was still a bit hazy so I asked if he could give me an example of how this grading operated.

'Certainly,' said the ever-obliging Professor. 'Suppose a ringer finds by dint of self-observation that he makes, in peal ringing, about one mistake every peal he rings; that is one mistake about every 3 hours. Then

$$E = \frac{11}{3+1} - 1 \quad \therefore \quad E = 2.75$$

or, supposing a ringer is graded E=6 then

$$T = \frac{11}{6} - 1 \quad \text{from which} \quad T = \frac{5}{6}$$

or he will make on an average a mistake every 50 minutes.'

'Seems clear enough,' I commented.

'Clear as crystal.' replied the Professor. 'Now let us assume that a band is attempting a peal and the average E of the team is 3. This means that in a 3-hour peal there would be in a Minor peal six mistakes—each ringer contributing one error—and in a Major peal 8 mistakes.'

'Would you consider that a good or a bad peal?'

'Ah, that depends upon the extent to which the errors were allowed to grow, which in turn depends upon the Rectification Ability (R) of the ringers concerned.'

'Explain.'

'Well. Even you must have noticed that some ringers can right themselves more quickly than others; in fact "Old" Jack Brothwell used to insist that it was the ability to correct oneself quickly that was the hallmark of a first-class ringer. R (Rectification Ability) is difficult to assess, as the assessment can only be based on observation (or strict self-analysis) carried out over a long period of time. Most ringers enjoy a period of "coasting," (i.e. ringing instinctively without any conscious effort of thought or concentration). A good ringer suddenly realising that he doesn't know what he should be doing will continue "coasting" and by intuition or shrewd observation will once again find his path without a bad blow being struck or without anyone else knowing that he had, temporarily, been lost. Another ringer will say, "Sorry!" and put himself right without having to be corrected, whilst at the other end of the scale, given exactly the same set of circumstances, a third ringer will plough on for many changes before being forced back into the groove, and even then will accept the least excuse to wobble out of it for many changes more!'

Mr. Dodge then quoted the example of a ringer who was, at one time, constantly in demand as a peal-ringer and who had a very low R but a very high E. This ringer would ring peal after peal without making a single error but once he got wrong it was, in the words of one conductor, 'the devil's own job to get him right.' He had to be told every bell for many changes before he was again sure of himself.

Once his weakness was recognised, however, he presented no problem to the conductor (a very famous one) in whose peals he frequently appeared and who was, apparently prepared to accept this occasional lapse for 10 to 15 hours' faultless ringing.

'Now,' continued the Professor, 'if we accept the first example as Grade 1 (R) and the last as Grade 10 we shall be able to make suitable gradings between these two extremes. I have therefore prepared an empirical formula assuming it takes 2 changes for the first ringer to rectify himself and 20 changes for the second.

$$\text{i.e. Grade (R)} = \frac{\text{Changes to reach stability}}{2}$$

And to calculate the Peal Potential (P) of any given ringer we can take an average of E and R, i.e.

$$P = \frac{E+R}{2}$$

'Few ringers possess a Peal Potential of 1 or 2, and the average ringer varies between 3 and 7. Ringers below 7 will cause a deal of difficulty and many peal failures, although ringers above this grade do their share. A team with an average of 7 would score, I should think, on an average about 3 peals out of 10 and one with an average of 5 about 5 out of 10, i.e. about half their peals. (Including so-called "False starts" which are really lost peals.)'

(To be continued next week)

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D

*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY..	*Treble*	MICHAEL ELSON	7
RUTH M. BORDER	2	*DAVID J. PURNELL	8
MURIEL REAY	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	9
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	JOHN McDONALD	10
JOHN A. ANDERSON ..	5	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY ..	11
GEORGE W. MASSEY ..	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of Maximus. First of Maximus as conductor.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	*Treble*	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
MARGARET A. SWANN ..	2	WALTER TOMLINSON ..	8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES ..	9
CLAIRE DILLAMORE	4	*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT..	10
NORAH M. RANDLES.. ..	5	JOHN WALDEN	11
PETER A. SHARP..	6	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Stedman and first of Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5135 SPLICED CATERS
Consisting of 4,213 Grandsire and 924 Wakefield Little, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 35¼ cwt.

PETER SCHOLFIELD	*Treble*	GEOFFREY TOWNEND	6
F. KEITH WILLIAMSON ..	2	KENNETH PARK	7
*DAVID ATKINS	3	JOHN E. KIRBY	8
DAVID CUBITT	4	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	9
PETER WOODWARD	5	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD ..	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* 25th peal. First of Spliced Caters by all, and for the Association. Wakefield Little is rung in a peal for the first time.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 QUENIBOROUGH SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON ..	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	GORDON A. HALLS	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	8
JOHN A. ACRES	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
MRS. G. A. HALLS	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
First peal in the method. 400th peal as conductor.
In memoriam George Freebrey, of Derby.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., June 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 ESHER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
FRANK C. PRICE..	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
JOHN R. MAYNE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
JOAN BERESFORD..	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
First peal in the method.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

DEREK BUTTERWORTH ..	*Treble*	JOHN P. PARTINGTON	5
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK ..	2	ALAN WARD	6
ROGER LEIGH	3	GEOFFREY S. MILLS.. ..	7
*MRS. ALAN WARD	4	GORDON ROTHWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY S. MILLS. Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.
* First peal in the method. The conductor has now 'circled the tower' to peals of Double Norwich.

ESHER SURPRISE MAJOR
—36—14—1258—36—14—58, 16—16, 38
8ths place lead-end, 4ths place bob.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	JOHN P. PARTINGTON ..	5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON ..	2	†GORDON ROTHWELL ..	6
PHILIP H. J. HUDSON ..	3	*GEOFFREY S. MILLS ..	7
*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK ..	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † First of Surprise.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5392 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Granta variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

KENNETH ARTHUR	*Treble*	MARION S. AINSWORTH ..	5
NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT ..	2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN..	6
GEORGE S. DEAS	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
NORMAN ERRINGTON	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
First peal in the variation by all except the treble and seventh ringers, and first of Major in the variation for the Association. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'
Specially arranged to celebrate the baptism of Andrew Merlay Wright, infant son of the ringer of the second and godson of the conductor.

LIFTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., June 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb. in E. flat.

*WILFRED C. BOUCHER ..	*Treble*	*HARRY STACEY	5
THOMAS G. MYERS.. ..	2	H. FREDERICK MYERS ..	6
WILLIAM G. LAVERS ..	3	*D. ROY BOULD	7
REV. A. S. ROBERTS ..	4	A. WILLIAM MYERS.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
* First peal of Major. First in the method on the bells.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK V. GANT..	*Treble*	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	5
LIONEL S. WOODS	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	6
JOHN G. NASH	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
JOHN D. ROCK	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John G. Nash.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

CYRIL WRIGHT	*Treble*	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ..	5
STANLEY SLANEY	2	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY.. ..	6
*MALCOLM FOSTER	3	HAROLD WAGSTAFF	7
MRS. L. HOLMES	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal on eight.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Wagstaff on their 11th wedding anniversary. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Wagstaff.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY.
(Pocahontas Memorial)
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

TERENCE BARTON	*Treble*	JOHN O. WELLER	5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	2	PETER F. BORER	6
HUBERT H. FURMINGER ..	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ..	7
*TREVOR A. CROSS	4	†PETER G. RICHARDS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* 25th peal in the method. † First in the British Isles.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt. in A flat.

*JEAN HILTON	*Treble*	EDWARD B. SMITH	5
URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	2	MAURICE E. DOWNS	6
MARION H. MILLS	3	ROY K. DUFSBURY	7
PETER WOODS	4	ALAN R. SYDER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal on eight bells.

OLNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

GILLIAN TAVERNER	*Treble*	RALPH G. EDWARDS	5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	6
JOHN D. ROCK	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

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

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

DEREK BUTTERWORTH	*Treble*	GORDON ROTHWELL	5
PETER SCHOFIELD	2	IVAN KAY	6
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	3	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	7
ROGER LEIGH	4	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.
First peal in the method as conductor, who has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., June 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	5
DEREK P. JONES	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	7
JOHN K. SMITH	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
Rung for the Patronal Festival. Also as a farewell to John A. Underwood, who is leaving for Chesham, Bucks.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*BERNARD MOSS	*Treble*	LAWRENCE WALMESLEY	5
JOHN H. GARTSIDE	2	ARTHUR RIGBY	6
THOMAS BARKER	3	JOHN PILKINGTON	7
†DONALD LAWSON	4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal at first attempt. † First of Treble Bob.
Rung on the occasion of the official opening of St Alban's Church of England Secondary School, Chorley.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G

*ERIC WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	5
†PATRICIA HEATHER	2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	6
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Yorkshire Surprise. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
GEORGE LEDSHAM	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	CYRIL VALENTINE	7
ROGER KING	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

RONALD C. NOON	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
FRANK I. HAIRS	2	*FRANK TAYLOR	6
JOHN E. ALLEN	3	†J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	4	*CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal of Surprise Major.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

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

Composed by E. H. LEWIS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
Rung in affectionate remembrance of the Ven. E. L. Marsden, Archdeacon of Lindsey.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 JARROW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method.

ASHBY-FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

JUDITH A. M. COX	*Treble*	R. KINGSLEY MASON	5
*GARRY W. MASON	2	BRIAN M. SMITH	6
ERIC ROBERTS	3	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	7
KEITH B. TOWNSEND	4	MARTIN C. FAULKES	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. SHIPWAY. Conducted by MARTIN C. FAULKES.
* First peal. First as conductor. Average age of band 15 years 10 months.

JARROW SURPRISE MAJOR
x 58 x 14 58 x 58 36 x 34 x 38 14 36 14 38
8ths place. L.-e. 4263857.

SIX BELL PEALS

BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
On Fri., June 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HARDULPH.
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES
Eight callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*JAMES ROBINSON	*Treble*	EDWARD H. WILLOWS	4
*MICHAEL KNIGHT	2	DAVID K. WALKLATE	5
†REGINALD S. BARKER	3	†FREDERICK HINDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. The conductor's 100th peal.

LOCKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 22 extents Grandsire, ten Plain Bob and ten Reverse Canterbury.
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

*FREDERICK HINDS	*Treble*	EDWARD H. WILLOWS	4
MICHAEL KNIGHT	2	DAVID K. WALKLATE	5
†DAVID PARKIN	3	‡JOHN ANSELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal away from 'cover bell.' † First of Doubles. ‡ First peal.

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BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., June 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's Bob and Kent T.B., and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

DAVID H. BUXTON	*Treble*	CECIL W. PIPE	4
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT ..	2	ERNEST G. PEARCE	5
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
Rung for the ordination this day of John Berg, of this parish.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, Primrose and Cambridge Surprise, Oswald Delight, Kent and Oxford T.B., and Plain Bob Minor.
Tenor 4¾ cwt.

HAROLD WAGSTAFF	*Treble*	*CYRIL WRIGHT	4
MALCOLM FOSTER	2	BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS ..	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods.
Rung to commemorate the 26th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rooke.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Thurs., June 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

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

ANGELA GRAINGER	*Treble*	†J. ANTONY BENNETT ..	4
*BERYL W. ABBOTT	2	IAN C. MAYCOCK	5
†ELIZABETH JACKSON.. ..	3	‡CHRISTOPHER TYNDALE-BISCOE	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.
* First peal of Grandsire and Doubles. † First of Doubles. ‡ First peal. The treble ringer has now completed Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques on odd bells.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: Combined Childwall and St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Thelwall, College Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob: 40 changes of method.
Tenor 6 cwt. 103 lb. in B flat.

REGINALD G. HOOPER ..	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	4
D. JOHN HUNT	2	PATRICK J. BIRD	5
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON ..	3	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.
First peal in nine methods by all the band.

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., June 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

CLIFFORD R. LOVETT ..	*Treble*	ERNEST G. PEARCE	4
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	*ROBERT F. DOWNING ..	5
*BRENDA E. DOWNING ..	3	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method.

CORSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR KINSEY	*Treble*	JOY SMITH	4
WILLIAM E. SPIERS	2	REGINALD G. POWELL ..	5
MICHAEL V. POWELL.. ..	3	CHARLES PHILLIPS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

WELLAND, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES HAYLINGS	*Treble*	LEONARD DOVEY	4
EDWARD MAUND	2	JOHN CLEMENTS	5
FRANK LAWRENCE	3	R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.
A wedding compliment to Alan F. Davies and Judith M. Price (both members of the local band), married earlier in the day at Welland.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

DONALD F. MURFET ..	*Treble*	GEORGE E. THODAY	4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK ..	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.. ..	5
*ROGER J. PALMER	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
* First peal of Surprise.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 21, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Single Court, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

PETER A. SHARP..	*Treble*	JOHN M. BURTON	4
CHARLES E. BROWN	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
AMOS INGALL	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
In memoriam Frederick W. Stokes and G. Arthur Melton.

WRAGBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Fri., June 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND OUR LADY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 30 methods: (1) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Marple, Braintree, Taxal, Humber, Clarence and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob: (2) London and Wells Surprise; (3) Cambridge Surprise: (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, London, Lytham, College and Wavertree College; (5) Oxford T.B.; (6) Kent T.B.; (7) Plain and Double Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID CUBITT	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	4
*JO MORETON	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
HAROLD CHANT..	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in 30 methods.
Rung on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist, and on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

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GRANBY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents of 720. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 in F.

RUTH BLACKSHAW	*Treble*	ROBERT W. WINSTANLEY	4
MAURICE HARRISON	2	WALTER NICHOLS	5
JOHN HIGGS	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

First peal on the bells since augmentation by Messrs. Taylor and Co. from five to six.

Rung for the Festival of St. Peter.

KIRKTHORPE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*THOMAS CROSSLEY	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON	4
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	KENNETH PARK	5
DAVID CUBITT	3	GEOFFREY TOWNEND	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First attempt for a peal.

BROAD HINTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being 21 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Whitley, Wooler, Northumberland and Carlisle; (2) Munden and Chester; (3) Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne and Primrose; (5) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (6) Rossendale and Stamford; (7) Berwick and Hexham; with 100 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

PETER T. HURCOMBE	*Treble*	RONALD A. WRIGHT	4
LESLEY J. BLADON	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
VICTOR GRIFFIN	3	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The most Surprise methods to a peal by all the band, and for the Association.

A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. R. A. Wright.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.

JOSEPH J. BATCHELOR	*Treble*	PETER F. T. SMITH	4
*PAUL A. BATCHELOR (13)	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	5
*PHILIP E. DEVERILL (15)	3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* First peal.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

*NEVILLE GREENACRE (16)	*Treble*	GEORGE COLEMAN	4
M. ROWLAND REED	2	TREVOR A. BEVIS	5
*ELIZABETH BROWN (17)	3	THOMAS BUSH	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR A. BEVIS.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON, E.C.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Mon., June 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, STAINING.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 18 in G.

J. MICHAEL LAKIN	1—2	*DENNIS BERESFORD	5—6
JOAN BERESFORD	3—4	*PETER BERESFORD	7—8
		†DEREK E. SIBSON	9—10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.' † 50th peal, first 'in hand' and first of Caters.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 29, 1960, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,
AT 1, MANOR GARDENS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Being 210 extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

DAVID A. CORNWALL	1—2	JOHN E. CAMP	3—4

Rung non-conducted.

Believed to be the first peal of Minimus on handbells.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

MARCH, CAMBS.—On July 3rd, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: M. Jones 1, D. Feek 2, June Peel 3, J. Payne 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, W. Moore 6. First length of Minor over 720 changes by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4. For morning prayer and on the occasion of the children's special services.

ADELAIDE, SOTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on St. Peter's Day, June 29th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. F. Cox (first of Kent) 1, B. R. Cox 2, Enid Roberts (cond.) 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, W. B. Pitcher 5, C. H. Bagot 6. First of Kent Minor 2, 5, 6. First of Kent as conductor. First quarter peal of Kent rung on the bells. For the Patronal Festival Evensong.

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Smith 1, K. Barnes 2, C. Turner 3, H. Davis 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, B. Pike 6. Rung by a local band as a welcome to Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Edgell (induction July 6th), and also as a farewell to Brian Pike, who is leaving to undergo National Service. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each Winchendon, St. Simon's, 240 each All Saints', Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): R. Smith 1, J. H. Cook 2, A. E. Hinman 3, H. T. Bonshor 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5, K. J. Panter 6. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of the Rev. William James Simmons, M.A., Rector of Asfordby, 1934 to 1947, aged 81 years, who died at Latton, Wilts, on Thursday, June 23rd, cremated at Cheltenham on Tuesday, June 28th.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Northrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): M. D. Barsby 1, J. R. Perkins 2, G. B. Lowe 3, B. S. Payne 4, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 5, J. C. Lowe 6. Rung for the Evensong of the Sunday School Festival.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss M. Viner 1, E. Naylor (cond.) 2, Miss D. Barrett 3, H. Newman 4, R. S. M. Stubbs 5, A. Feltham (first quarter) 6, P. R. Stubbs 7, K. Harrison 8. Rung for the Church Festival, farewell to Miss D. Barrett, and birthday compliment to Miss J. Crees.

BELTON, RUTLAND.—On June 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Meredith 1, Miss J. Thomas 2, J. Chettleburgh 3, R. J. Hill 4, M. Stracey 5, J. Meredith (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 2, also first 'inside.'

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—At the Cathedral, on June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. A. Earnshaw 1, A. Tomlinson 2, T. Wilkinson 3, G. Wignall 4, J. Skeats 5, A. Swindlehurst 6, B. A. Tominson (cond.) 7, M. J. Halliwell 8. Rung to mark the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James Skeats.

BRADFIELD, YORKS.—On June 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. King (first quarter) 1, M. King 2, A. Beaumont (first 'inside') 3, P. Thompson 4, M. Meadows (cond.) 5, R. West 6.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On June 5th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 1, R. J. Bowden 2, A. Bagworth 3, Patricia Bourn 4, E. J. Munday 5, G. R. Eyles 6, B. Baldon 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.—On June 29th, at the Abbey, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Philippa Russell (first quarter) 1, Rev. P. Angold 2, Rev. O. Mowan 3, Mary Russell 4, A. L. Bennett 5, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 6, Rev. P. Dowling 7, Rev A. de Guingand 8. First in method by 2, 3, 4 and 7. Rung for Feast of SS. Peter and Paul.

CALDECOTE, RUTLAND.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Meredith 1, Miss J. Thomas 2, J. Meredith 3, R. J. Hill 4, M. Stracey (cond.) 5.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.—On June 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 High Hoyland Delight, 528 Kingston, 12 Plain Bob): W. Broadhead 1, T. Tarbatt 2, F. Cowling 3, D. N. Stables 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Wakefield.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, J. Benfield 3, S. Polker 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, I. Harris 6, F. Perry 7, C. Tompkins 8. To celebrate that day the 70th birthday of the 2nd ringer, also 60 years a ringer and 38 years branch secretary of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Bennett 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Francis 3, A. V. Pearson (cond.) 4, G. Goodson 5, E. Drew 6, R. G. Edwards 7, F. Bennett 8. Composed by J. McDonald, and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. J. A. Anderson, of Birmingham.

QUARTER PEALS

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Furzey (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Real (first quarter 'inside') 2, C. Monley 3, C. Webb 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Clouston 6.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): Barbara Cammack 1, Catherine Harrison 2, R. Gibson (cond.) 3, I. Booth 4, G. Pybus 5, P. Scrowston 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. First quarter peal rung by an entirely Cottingham band for an unknown number of years.

DERBY.—On June 6th, at St. Andrew's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss D. Wilson 1, Miss N. P. Wickham 2, M. Knight 3, J. F. Murfin 4, D. Parkins 5, G. Freebrey 6, B. R. Manning 7, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 8, M. Blore 9, E. H. Willows 10. First quarter on 10 for 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.—On June 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mary Stapleton 1, Pauline A. Bull 2, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 3, Delia E. Smith 4, C. H. Baker 5, T. A. Gilbert 6, J. Underwood 7, G. L. A. Lunn 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edwyn Lisle Marsden, late Archdeacon of Lindsey.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.—On July 1st, 1,960 April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire Double: Miss J. Hoy 1, Miss J. Thomas 2, M. Stracey (cond.) 3, J. Meredith 4, R. J. Hill 5, G. Busby 6. Also on July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Heath 1, Miss J. Hoy (first of Minor 'inside') 2, R. J. Hill 3, M. Stracey 4, J. Meredith (cond.) 5, Miss J. Thomas 6.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. A. Booth 1, C. Rigby 2, Rev. G. Hales 3, Betty M. Mansfield 4, G. G. Mansfield (cond.) 5, A. W. Mansfield 6. Rung in honour of the 79th birthday of Mr. A. A. Booth.

GRETTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Meredith 1, Miss J. Thomas 2, R. J. Hill 3, M. Stracey 4, J. Meredith 5. Conducted by J. Meredith and M. Stracey.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—At St. James' Church, on June 27th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: H. Hadwick 1, C. Moon 2, N. Pashley (first of Triples 'inside') 3, D. Kennington (first of Triples 'inside') 4, W. Longbottom 5, J. B. Budd 6, F. Kennington (first of Triples as cond.) 7, A. Pashley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ven. E. L. Marsden, Archdeacon of Lindsey, who was interred in Lincoln Cathedral earlier in the day. He was vicar of Grimsby from 1936-1951.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (120 each St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob, 240 Reverse Bartholomew, 420 Grandsire): J. H. Musson 1, A. E. Hinman 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, F. Derry 4, R. A. Cook 5. Rung as a compliment to Charles E. Cooper, of Great Dalby, and Miss Rowena Tyler, of Somerby, whose wedding took place at Somerby All Saints', earlier in the day. Both are well known ringers in their respective towers and in the Melton Mowbray District.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' Church, on June 26th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: J. N. Parkin 1, Mrs. R. E. Moulds 2, Miss P. Reeve 3, J. F. Bryant 4, E. M. Fielden 5, G. F. Bryant 6, J. H. Fielden 7, R. E. Moulds (cond.) 8. Rung by the Sunday service band.

HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On July 2nd, 1260 Doubles (in 7 methods): A. Franklin 1, J. Keyte 2, H. Floyd (cond.) 3, W. Butler 4, P. Cooney 5, A. Leech 6. A birthday compliment to the 2nd ringer, who was 70 the previous day.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Scrutton 1, Miss F. Greaves 2, W. Wilson 3, D. Shaw 4, G. Harvey (cond.) 5, J. Mudd 6. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of London, who dedicated the new Mothers' Union banner during Evensong.

HAXEY, LINCS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob): J. Underwood 1, Delia E. Smith 2, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, G. E. Feirn 5, G. L. A. Lunn 6.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On June 28th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: D. Harwood (first quarter) 1, J. B. Clarke 2, W. Mansley 3, L. Burrows (first quarter) 4, H. Calderbank 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late John Stead (father of the conductor), interred at St. Mary's, Brownedge, earlier this day.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Priestley 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury 3, B. Priestley 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, C. Cobbett 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 780 Plain Bob): C. Cobbett 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury 3, G. Oliver 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, V. Neil 6. For Evensong.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Penelope C. Clark (first on a working bell) 1, Joyce D. Walsh 2, J. R. Norris (first 'inside' in the method) 3, M. C. Wooldridge 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, A. Walsh 6, D. Robinson 7, S. W. Brown 8. Rung for the Confirmation service, at which Pauline Hood, one of the ringers, was confirmed.

KELSTON, BATH.—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Jean Palmer (first quarter) 1, Rita M. Webb 2, Pat A. Burt (first in 2 methods 'inside') 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, J. J. Jefferies 5, S. H. Carter 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Morrison and Mr. Beresford King-Smith, married in this church this day.

KEYSOE, BEDS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, April Day, Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): G. Seth 1, Deborah Hopkins 2, R. L. Piron 3, R. Preston 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. J. H. B. Roberts, on the 3rd anniversary of his induction.

KIRKTHORPE, YORKS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): T. Crossley (first quarter) 1, D. Cubitt 2, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 3, K. Park 4, G. Townend 5.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On July 2nd, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. K. Williamson (cond.) 1, Gael Brown 2, R. H. Dove 3, A. E. Stamp 4, R. Brown 5, C. B. Dove 6. First 'inside' by 2, 4 and 6. For the Patronal Festival of St. Peter. Rung on the 'middle six' (9th as tenor).

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. J. Langton 1, A. R. Hurst 2, T. Sherman 3, G. Easy 4, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to E. J. Sibson.

LONDON, E.C.—On June 12th, at St. Olave's, Hart Street, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. Williams (first of Major) 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, J. M. Lakin 3, M. R. Rose 4, D. E. Sibson 5, R. J. Trebilcock 6, M. P. Barton 7, G. Pratt (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Matins. Also at St. Clement Danes', on June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss E. J. Langton 1, J. M. Lakin 2, Miss P. E. Jervis 3, Miss J. Beresford 4, M. P. Barton 5, A. G. Spreadbury 6, S. Brown 7, M. R. Rose 8, G. Pratt 9, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10. For Evensong.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's, on July 3rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Howlett 1, M. Utton 2, L. Raphael (first quarter) 3, R. Coates 4, M. Parker 5, R. Brown 6, A. Crowe 7, A. Coleman (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On June 29th, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob): M. McQuistan 1, Wendy Bowak 2, L. Cordell 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to J. McPhail. Also on July 3rd, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, S. King 3, M. McQuistan 4, J. McPhail (cond.) 5, W. Wedlock 6. For family service.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Cobbett 1, Miss J. Drury 2, B. Priestley 3, Miss P. Drury 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5. For morning service. Also on June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. Neil 1, Miss J. Drury 2, B. Priestley 3, Miss P. Drury 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Rung as a birthday compliment to V. Neil.

PRESTON, LANCS.—On June 6th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Lawson 1, Judy Moir 2, Maryl Crossthwaite 3, Betty Faunch 4, T. Barker 5, W. J. Couperthwaite 6, G. A. Dimmock 7, C. Crossthwaite 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. E. Matthews 1, B. Burroughs 2, A. V. Corden 3, G. Rix 4, L. Stilwell (cond.) 5, R. P. Wood 6, W. L. Weller 7, E. Heasman 8. Specially arranged for the Patronal Festival.

PUTTENHAM, SURREY.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Cobbett 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss J. Drury 3, B. Priestley 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, A. D. Leach 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on June 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Hawkins 1, Christine Rimmer 2, Alison Macfarlane 3, Rosemary S. Hawkes 4, B. B. Hullah 5, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 6.

RANDWICK, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—At St. Jude's, on June 26th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 Grandsire and 480 each of Old and Plain Bob): J. C. Sheehy 1, W. D. Watson 2, J. H. Fryer 3, Audrey E. Peters (cond.) 4, W. M. Rowe 4, J. T. Seymour 6. First quarter as conductor on tower bells and at first attempt.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—On July 2nd, 1,440 Grandsire Double: G. B. Thompson (first quarter) 1, E. Shuttleworth (first in the method) 2, J. Robinson (cond.) 3, D. J. Marshall 4, G. Rumney 5. Part of a peal attempt, called round due to an interruption by four young members of the local band.

SHARDLOW, DERBYS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Copeland 1, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 2, J. S. Knighton 3, M. S. Fern 4, E. H. Willows 5, B. R. Manning 6. Rung for the christening of Karen Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Barker, of Shardlow.

SNAITH, YORKS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, J. Thorley 2, R. R. Warford 3, W. Graves 4, A. H. Hawcroft 5, A. Grundy 6, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 7, E. Philpot 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Ann Wood and Mr. John Jackson.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

In previous years transport for the annual end-of-term outing of the Guild has been provided by willing volunteers with cars and motor-cycles, but this year arrangements were simplified by the hiring of a coach which left Cambridge for the Bedford area on June 7th with 24 ringers on board.

The day was fine and clear, which pleased everyone—especially, one imagines, the individualist who was making remarkably good speed on his bicycle, when we passed him. The first tower was St. Owen's, Bromham, a church set in pleasant parkland. One of our prominent ringers was unable to teach a band to ring Grandsire, but Cambridge and London were rung on the excellent bells—and in any case the view from the tower was superb.

We then headed into Bedford, to St. Peter de Merton, by which time members who had been detained in Cambridge by Tripos and other formalities were beginning to catch up with us. One set of rounds was considerably delayed until the treble ringer was reminded of her position, but Spliced Cambridge and Rutland was brought round before we dispersed for lunch.

The first stop after lunch was at the detached tower of the remains of the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Helena, Elstow, whose connection with John Bunyan is too well known to need repeating here. A well-conducted touch of Bob Minor was complicated by the banging of a large drum below, and more Plain Bob was produced on a set of handbells, which had previously been rung exclusively by pigeons. Nevertheless, Spliced Plain and Little Bob was recorded and the church deserved far more attention than we had time for.

At Woburn the bells were magnificent and both Yorkshire and Bristol were rung, as well as other noises less worthy of their excellence. Envious mutterings about peals were to be heard, and yet one less appreciative ringer gratefully accepted a kind offer to drown the bells with the organ.

After a pleasant drive through the park—the deer seemed never to have seen ringers before—we arrived back in Bedford where there was just time for a cup of tea before the last tower, St. Paul's. Here we were joined by several local ringers and Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Royal were rung, and also the first success in Spliced Caters was achieved with Spliced St. Clement's and Grandsire. For want of anywhere better, an evil course of Plain Bob was rung, in hand, and in extremis on a spiral staircase.

Slight disagreement about the time of the return of the coach was settled by the determination of the lady members, and we arrived safely back in Cambridge in good time to employ the evening. The day was agreed to have been a complete success and our thanks are due to Frances Secker and James Taylor for excellent arrangements, to local ringers who were waiting to welcome us, and to the incumbents who so kindly allowed us to ring.

P. B. H.

QUARTER PEALS

SHOREDITCH, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Leonard, on June 26th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Miss M. Prockson 1, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, T. H. Francis (cond.) 5, C. A. Hughes 6, W. Prockson 7, A. R. Ling 8, P. Beresford 9, B. F. Baker 10, D. Beresford 11, J. R. Cooper 12. For Evensong.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On July 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Pamela M. Jervis 1, Linda J. Kew 2, J. C. Birt (first of Yorkshire) 3, D. K. Walters 4, W. D. Ward 5, J. K. Ward 6, W. Birmingham 7, F. R. Scott (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. First of Surprise ever rung in Slough by the Sunday service band. For the Patronal Festival Evensong, attended by the Mayor and Corporation.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On June 29th, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Simpson (first of Triples) 1, R. D. Hayne 2, E. Robinson 3, D. Ellender 4, R. Hart 5, H. Folwell 6, E. Sibley (cond.) 7, N. Haile 8. Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. A. ('Bob') Roberts.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Brown (first of Triples) 1, M. J. Fellows 2, Mrs. R. Smith (fiftieth quarter) 3, Barbara Stephens 4, Jill Tombs 5, M. D. Fellows 6, Dr. M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 7, R. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. F. H. Seeney, a member of the Mothers' Union for many years, and for Evensong.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On July 1st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Bailey 1, D. Brock 2, Gwen May 3, Doreen Gibbons 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. King (cond.) 6, B. Cox 7, E. Pizzey 8. For Confirmation service.

TOR MOHUN, TORQUAY, DEVON.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Garbett 1, T. G. Myers 2, P. A. Lock (first of Minor) 3, D. R. Bould (first of Minor 'inside') 4, W. J. Harvey 5, W. G. Lavers (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Believed first quarter of Minor on the bells.

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE RINGING

Sports fixtures between Chichester and Salisbury Theological Colleges usually provoke bitter rivalry: a joint meeting of the ringers of these Colleges on Ascension Day, however showed that campanology can overcome the acrimony of the cricket and hockey fields! The Chichester party, five in number, and accompanied by four ringers from the Bishop Otter (Teachers' Training) College, travelled in two cars via coffee at Winchester and sandwiches and liquid refreshments at (appropriately) Middle Wallop, meeting the Salisbury party at Britford.

The Salisbury ringers had spent the morning ringing at Durnford (5. 15 cwt.) and Woodford (6. 8¼ cwt.); at Britford (6. 8 cwt.) rounds and Grandsire Doubles were rung by bands representative of both Colleges. These bells are rung from the crossing in the church, and have therefore a long draught: the experience of the Chichester Cathedral draught was useful to the visiting learners, who otherwise might have been in considerable trouble.

Coombe Bissett (6. 10¼ cwt.) was next visited: the pleasantly toned bells here are apparently hung immediately above the ringing room ceiling, and made bob-calling difficult.

The last tower of the day was Broadchalke with its fine ring (6. 15 cwt.), where the party were joined by the local Ringing Master. Throughout the day the Salisbury party were accompanied by Mr. Harry Prout, formerly of Corsham, Wilts, and now living in Salisbury. He also joined the combined party for tea in Salisbury Theological College, and had the misfortune to fall heavily down a staircase in the College when leaving; fortunately he has now recovered.

The Chichester contingent joined the rest of Salisbury Theological College for Evensong in the College Chapel: then, after further refreshment in the King's Arms, came farewells and promises of other joint meetings in the near future.

C.R.C.C.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On St. Peter's Day, June 29th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Miss D. Marshall 1, D. H. Rooke 2, M. Foster 3, G. Challans 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On July 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. King 1, A. Beaumont 2, P. Thompson 3, M. King 4, M. Meadows (cond.) 5, R. West 6.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On June 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Ivings 1, Y. J. Parker 2, A. F. Ballam 3, R. J. Stannard 4, H. Ivings 5, J. E. Ivings (first quarter as cond. on six) 6. Rung for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. Rickwood.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's, on July 3rd, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: Caroline Carpenter 1, Ann Garnet 2, M. H. Sinden 3, J. Perrett 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. First quarter for all the band first attempt, first on the bells.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 29th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus (4 and 6 covering): J. G. Baker 1, R. A. Trickett 2, F. R. Morton (cond.) 3, T. Trickett 4, J. A. Adams 5, R. J. A. Hancock 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Moore 1, R. J. Fox 2, T. E. Marks 3, T. Look 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. Gaylard 6, T. J. Setter (cond.) 7, H. Hebditch 8. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the Girl Guide movement.

COMBINED MEETING AT HIGHCLERE

The Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held a combined meeting at Highclere on June 18th, when the afternoon's ringing was much enjoyed. The new Rector (the Rev. T. Lewis) conducted the service and also presided at the business meeting which followed. A minute's silence was observed at the meeting for Miss Stella Davis. Ringing in the evening was at Thatcham and Newbury. It is hoped that this is the first of many joint meetings between the two areas.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

South-Western Division

The South-Western Division's outing to Saffron Walden's Great Ringing Day is usually favoured with fine weather and this year was no exception. After a grey start, with an hour's ringing at Harlow Old Town, the day warmed up and from noon onwards a brilliant summer's day was enjoyed by both the ringers and a local plague of greenfly on the wing.

In attempting to ring the eleventh to an opening touch of Stedman Cinques the Master of the S.W. Division, no stranger to heavy bells, was brought almost literally to his knees. After the bell had been examined it was declared dangerously unsafe for further ringing and for the remainder of the day the ringing was reduced to Caters and Major on various combinations of the remaining 11. The music of Bristol, though well struck, was entirely lost on the front eight, and the funereal minor middle eight did nothing for London.

Following lunch at the Freemasons' Hall, a good afternoon's ringing was nevertheless enjoyed, and at 5 p.m. the coach left for Dunmow. At least no fault could be found with this beautiful octave, and a course of Bristol brought forth its full richness.

The usual evening stop for refreshments at the Good Intent, Sawbridgeworth, had been cleverly extended by omitting tea at Saffron Walden, so that by the time the party reached the cosy inn they were ready to deal with the large cold collation laid out in an upper chamber, helped by mellowing draughts of West Country type cider.

Bill Bailey and Lionel Woods provided their ever-popular entertainment on handbells, and the former sang to us the appropriate 'Bless this House,' unfortunately reduced to half-length by spontaneous applause from the rock 'n' roll contingent, at the end of the first verse.

For the fourth successive year our grateful thanks are due to Lionel Woods for his efficient organisation of this very pleasant event.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The 90th birthday of Mr. Adolphus ('Bob') Roberts was celebrated on June 29th by the ringing of a quarter peal at St. Michael's, Stoke, which was recorded together with a birthday message from his friend, Mr. D. Ellender. The recording was played back to Bob at his home. Until two years ago when an accident prevented him from ringing Mr. Roberts was a tower of strength to the Coventry Diocesan Guild, of which he is a vice-president. He rang his first peal for the Ancient Society of College Youths at the age of 18.

A memorial service to the late Preb. Martin Willson will be held on July 14th at St. Paul's Church, Bristol, at 1.45 p.m.

When Spalding ringers, on their outing, visited Whitnash they were met by Mr. Hawley, now 95, who to the delight of the assembly joined in the ringing.

The peal rung at Corse, on June 18th, was to welcome the new Rector of Corse with Staunton, the Rev. J. Wynn-Davies, but tragically after being taken to hospital on that day he died on June 24th. Several ringers attended the funeral service at Staunton, which was conducted by the Bishop of Gloucester.

Largely inspired by Mrs. Mossop, the Vicar's wife, the band at Constantine, Cornwall, already ring Grandsire. In the main they are self-taught, but with attendance at meetings and inspiration from 'The Ringing World,' a good general knowledge of the art has already been acquired. Mr. John Oldham, of Loughborough, recently visited the tower to hear another of his foundry's recently installed rings.

Two bands attempting to ring the first peal of SS. Peter and Paul Doubles, in a Church of SS. Peter and Paul, within the festival, have failed. An attempt is soon to be made to ring a peal SS. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, writes a Northampton correspondent. Following this it is hoped to ring a peal of St. Giles Doubles in a Church of St. Giles, and a peal of Spliced St. Thomas and Reverse Canterbury Doubles in a Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket.

Mr. Peter G. Richards, who is home at Dartford, on holiday from Australia, rang his first peal in the British Isles on June 25th, at Gravesend. He has previously rung 11 peals —10 in Australia and one in New Zealand and has great hopes of ringing some more before returning to Australia.

The peal at Mears Ashby (page 444) was conducted by Allan R. Jones. The omission is regretted.

SS. Philip and Jacob's ringers, Bristol, are sorry to lose the services of Mr. R. C. Seager who has been a regular member for over thirty years. It is hoped that he will have a happy retirement and lots of ringing in his new home in Cheshire.

Mr. W. Birmingham, of Slough, is now very happy. After 15 years of effort, he has a Surprise band at his tower. They rang a quarter of Yorkshire for the Patronal Festival. He is hoping the band will stick together to score Cambridge Royal.

Mr. P. Amos is anxious to know what happened to the bells of St. Felix Church, Babingley, Norfolk, about one mile from Castle Rising. The tower stands as a landmark from the main road about a mile away and the church has been used within living memory.

The quarter peal at Buckfast Abbey was the first on 8 bells in which the monks have taken part. It marks another step forward in change ringing at the Abbey. The young ringer on the treble is one of a number of boys and girls who started ringing at Teignmouth about 18 months ago.

Mr. G. E. Symonds, in a letter to the Ipswich 'Evening Star,' suggests that the Church of St. Mary-at-the-Quay, Ipswich, should be made a School of Campanology. All that is required is the strengthening of the tower and a complete overhaul of the bells and fittings. The church is the headquarters of the Boys' Brigade and if the money was forthcoming there would be 'a golden opportunity for some of the boys to take up ringing.'

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ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"M" (continued)

MIDDLETON'S.—The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major produced by Charles Middleton in 1844 holds a unique place amongst the compositions of the Exercise. This, with its variations, is the only peal of Cambridge to be obtained by the use of conventional bobs and without parting the tenors. That this is so, is of course due to the peculiar falseness of the method. How did Middleton obtain his composition? We cannot answer this question with certainty but by studying the falseness of Cambridge some reasonable guesses can be made.

In common with other would-be composers, Middleton must first have found the courses which are false against the plain course. These are 24365, 32546, 46253, 32465, 43265. Then he would have the task of collecting together courses true against each other and of sufficient number to provide a minimum of 5,000 changes, i.e., at least 23 courses are required unless bobs Before are used.

Considering first of all the three false course ends 24365, 32546 and 46253, it can quickly be seen that two separate groups of five courses can be written down in which each course of one group has three false course ends in the other. The pair of groups which are mutually false are:—

23456	24365
35264	32546
56342	53624
64523	65432
42635	46253

The remainder of the 60 courses may be divided into five more pairs of similar groups. Now considering the other two false course ends 32465 and 43265, these together with 24365 dictate that no reversals in 56 can be true. Assuming that all the courses in the left-hand block above are to be included in the composition, then no '65s, '46s, '24s, '32s or '53s may be included. If the six pairs of five-course groups are written out and those containing '65s, etc., are marked then one group from each pair remains unmarked. If these are inspected it will be found that five reversals in 56 occur. In each case there is a choice of selecting two courses or one course, e.g., there is a choice of discarding either 25463 and 42563 or 52436. If in each of the five cases only one course is discarded then a maximum of 25 true courses can be compiled. These 25 courses are frequently referred to as Middleton's courses.

How Middleton went about joining the courses together to form a complete peal we do not know. Inspection of the courses soon reveals that a five-part basis is possible. Many blocks can be formed which repeat four times with truth (the block M H W 3H used in T. B. Worsley's 5,024, for instance), but none except Middleton's produces a length of over 5,000 changes.

Many composers have since produced ingenious compositions using unconventional calls. The fact that they have resorted to devices such as singles, 6th place bobs, and bobs with the treble lying behind indicates they are satisfied that no other composition can be obtained with conventional calls. This is difficult if not impossible to prove but nevertheless we may be certain that Middleton's composition will remain unique.

MUFFLED.—Muffled ringing is restricted to times of mourning or sadness, and should not take the place of Sunday service ringing. Many people prefer half-muffled ringing, but there is no doubt that either half or fully muffled ringing, well struck and with a slower beat than usual, leaves a marked impression upon the listening public.

A muffle is usually a cap or pad of leather which is secured around the ball of the clapper by means of straps so that the bell note is produced by the impact of metal and metal with the leather in between.

For half-muffled ringing it is customary to have the hand-stroke open and the back-stroke muffled as this produces a satisfying echo effect. And for half-muffled ringing one side only of the ball of the clapper is covered with a pad whilst it naturally follows that for fully-muffled ringing both sides of the clapper are covered with pads.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 29

MR. HARRY MILES, M.A. (Oxon), M.R.S.T., M.P.F., M.I.P.S.
Truro Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Harry Miles is yet another distinguished member of the teaching profession who has made a great contribution to our art by devoting his talents to the instruction of beginners. London ringers were able to see some of the results of his work when a few years ago one of his pupils came to town to complete his education at London University. This youngster was John Waters, and he made a very good impression in London ringing circles when he tackled 12 bell ringing and was at once an outstanding success. Such had been the instruction he had received that his striking was all that could be desired. His general deportment, too, met with approval everywhere. Yes, Harry Miles trains 'em all right, and when he has done with them they can go anywhere with complete confidence. Cornwall is not an easy territory to work in, from the ringing point of view, but that has not daunted Harry Miles.

Born at Portsmouth in 1884, he learned to ring at Shipton-under-Wychwood when 10 years old and at the age of 15 rang his first peal (Stedman Triples). He is a schoolmaster by profession, and graduated from Oxford University, so it is natural that in his most active years he was prominent in the affairs of the Oxford University Society, which he helped to revive after the first world war. He became its Master in the 20's and taught undergraduates for years. Also, he served as Master of the Oxford (City) Society in 1909 and 1929. In 1930 he suggested to the Dean and Chapter of Oxford Cathedral that the University Society and the City Society should combine forces to ring the Cathedral bells for Sunday service. They gladly agreed and this has gone on continuously ever since.

He represented the O.U.S. on the Central Council from 1929 to 1934. On retirement in 1946, he went to live at Carbis Bay, Cornwall, and was elected (1948) to represent the Truro Diocesan Guild on the C.C.

Amongst the notable peals in which he has taken part was the first peal on St. Ebbe's bells, Oxford, which were augmented from six to eight, as a memorial to J. W. Washbrook. It had been insisted by Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Tom Hibbert that the bells must be rung very slowly to enable the trebles to be heard. Harry, as conductor, saw to it that these instructions were carried out and the peal, with a 4½ cwt. tenor, took 3 hours and 37½ minutes to complete! He took part (1905) in Rev. F. E. Robinson's 1,000th peal, and is sole survivor of a band which included Rev. Canon Coleridge and J. W. Washbrook. In 1950 he took part in the Coronation peal of Stedman Cinques, at St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

In 1949 Mr. Miles was appointed by the Central Council to compile the roll of honour of ringers who were killed in World War II. He made a very fine job of this and at very little cost to the Council. The handsome volume was completed in 1954 and placed, along with the roll of honour of World War I, in an oak case with glass top in St. Paul's Cathedral, where it can be inspected without formality by anyone. The pages are regularly turned by one of the officers of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Mr. Miles's other interest is music, and he served for some years as assistant organist in an important Oxford church. He was secretary for a time of the Oxford Branch of the Organists' Association. His greatest love, however, is education, and for eleven years he was member of the City of Oxford Education Committee, when it had under its care 11,000 children in the Primary Schools and 3,000 in its Secondary Schools. Harry now lives in a place where, it is said, folks live as long as they like, so we expect (and hope) to have him with us for many years!—JAFUS.

At this point we would do well to consider the act of fixing the muffles. Unfortunately there is often no room in the pit of the belfry to secure the pads while the bells are down, and so the more dangerous method of doing the job while the bells are up has to be resorted to. However, by taking care (having someone with you and not doing the job hurriedly), and by not taking any risks (seeing where you tread, not reaching too far, and tying the wheel of the bell to the frame with stout rope) any fear of accident can be avoided. Also for half-muffled ringing the muffle has to be fixed on the correct side of the clapper. Did you know that during ringing the clapper travels at a faster pace than the bell, at each stroke the clapper gains on the bell and hits it on the forward or leading side? At the end of a stroke the clapper is resting against the forward side, but when the bell reverses its direction for the next stroke the clapper is then at the backward side and, due to its design, gains in momentum in its downward fall and hits the bell when both are on the upward swing. Thus, when fixing a muffle for half-muffled ringing with the bell set at handstroke the pad would be fixed between the clapper at rest and the bell, and with the bell set at backstroke, the pad would be fixed on the side of the rested clapper which is opposite to the side in contact with the bell.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION
Northern District

A very successful and happy gathering of more than 40 members and friends from 20 towers attended the Northern District meeting at the 14th century Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Stebbing, on July 2nd.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Burslem, of Bocking.

At the business meeting Mr. H. Pratt welcomed the ringers. Two new members were elected. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Witham, on September 10th.

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SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF THE EXERCISE

THE Kings Arms, East Budleigh, was again the headquarters for this Whitsun gathering of old and new members of the S.F.E. Early arrivals this Friday evening were detailed for a peal of Minor which was successfully conducted by Brian Bladon despite heavy opposition from the village organist who nearly made our ringing inaudible to us. By the time the peal had finished most of the company had arrived in the village. We were minus the Warmley contingent this year but they all sent their good wishes.

It was in brilliant sunshine that we left H.Q. early on Saturday morning for a day's ringing in the area west of Torquay. The usual fleet of cars and motor-cycles was abandoned to enable us to travel together in a battered old Bedford 'bus, driven of course by the un-chained 'Mayor of East Budleigh.' The first stop was at Trusham (6) where a variety of Doubles and Minor methods was rung before we moved off for an hour's ringing on the noble twelve at Buckfast Abbey. We were welcomed here by the Rev. Oswald Mowan and Aubrey Bennett and were soon ringing Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Stedman Caters followed by a lower on twelve and the tolling in of 'Hosanna,' the 7 ton bourdon bell.

Our next tower was Totnes and it was here that we had the best ringing of the day with well struck Stedman, Bristol and Yorkshire. Afterwards came Abbotskerswell (6) and Kingskerswell (6) and after a quick tea we visited Combeinteignhead (6) and Stokeinteignhead (6) and concluded the day's ringing with a course of London at West Teignmouth. John Hunt led the community singing as the bus sped back to H.Q.

On Sunday morning the group split forces to help man the towers at Withycombe Raleigh, Littleham, East Budleigh and Harpford. At the first mentioned a quarter peal was rung with two of the local ringers standing in. After lunch we set off for Exeter Cathedral to ring for evensong. We were joined here and for the remainder of the tour by Derek Jones and his party, who had the misfortune to lose a peal of Yorkshire Major at Wrington the day before. Luckily the bells were already up and we were left with plenty of time to ring Grandsire Caters, Stedman Cinques and three leads of Kent Maximus to the satisfaction of one of two members of the party who were listening in the precincts. The next tower visited, by way of contrast, was the comparatively light six at Poltimore which was followed by tea at Broadclyst where we were due to ring for evening service. As a last minute arrangement some of the enthusiasts procured Heavitree bells for a quarter of a Superlative, so those who were left at Broadclyst also decided to go for a quarter and succeeded in scoring Yorkshire.

On Whit Monday morning we set off for Exmoor in cars and on motor bikes. Travelling via the Exe Valley, we called at Cadleigh for half an hour's ringing on the six at St. Bartholomew's. The next call was at East Anstey (6) where we were met by Bill Ware, from Tiverton, who joined us for the remainder of the day. We crossed the border into Somerset to ring at Hawkridge. Lunch was taken at Withypool before ringing at the Parish Church. At this juncture Reg Hooper and Bert Woolven said farewell and sped off together on motor-cycle to get to Folkestone in time for the Tuesday session of the Central Council. Exford was our next tower, followed by Winsford where we had tea before ringing. It was here in this picturesque setting, the birthplace, incidentally, of the late Ernest Bevin, that the annual photograph of the Society was taken. This in itself is always an amusing affair but just to add to the humour on this occasion Cyril Savage and his one year old son, who were really only intending to paddle, suddenly slipped and fell into a near-by stream.

The next two towers were Exton and Cutcombe (both sixes) where the ropes were so long and the sallies so low that it was necessary to ring kneeling down or sitting on buckets. To add to the novelty at Exton the Society rang its first course of 'Coal Minor,' a new principle devised by Robin Leale. Our last tower was Luxborough, the only 5 on the tour, which some of us nearly missed by making a detour to see some of the best Exmoor scenery from suitable vantage points. The company then dispersed until September with grateful thanks to the organisers, Cyril Savage, John Gilbert and Frank Mack and to all the incumbents and tower captains who so kindly met us.

R. J. B.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

On June 21st three members—Keith Williamson, Michael Swift and Russell Read—successfully kept six handbells ringing continuously for 12 hours as part of the University Rag Week proceedings. The ringing varied from rounds and firing to some very good touches of Bob Minor and courses of various minor methods. From time to time Keith Goldthorpe or R. Brown would add two trebles for Bob Major or Grandsire Triples, but the general standard of striking was very good throughout the day.

At the end of the day the bells were fired, and the ringers, remarkably fresh after their exertions under the blazing sun, were applauded by the small crowd which had assembled. Thanks are due to the ladies who so kindly provided food and drink and collected on behalf of Rag: to Grace, Valerie, Stella and Fiona: also to Keith Goldthorpe. A fine supper was afterwards enjoyed in a Chinese restaurant.

A word of appreciation is offered to Mr. D. Thorp, secretary of the Leeds and District Society, for putting in an appearance in the evening. Such an interest in local proceedings is always welcome from an officer.

On June 24th the Society had a very enjoyable outing into Derbyshire. Towers visited were: Dronfield, Old Whittington, Old Brampton, North Wingfield, Darley Dale and Ashover. On the return journey we were warmly welcomed at Chesterfield practice and joined the local ringers for Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal.

Thanks are also due to Grace, for the splendid arrangements for the day, and to Russell, who drove us well and safely all day. Thanks again to Grace for the use of her flat for a farewell party on June 27th. An unsuccessful attempt for Bob Minor in hand shall have no further comment, except that no one worried.

R. B.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

The meeting of the Society at Colston Bassett was most successful. Bristol, Yorkshire and Rutland were amongst the many various methods rung on this fine eight.

An appetising tea was provided and preceded by a short service. Eleven new members were elected, two or whom were Roland Cooke, of Asfordby, who was celebrating his birthday, and Michael Blore, of Derby, who is a member of the College Youths.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Whitsuntide Week-end

Memories of the 'Blue Linnet' week-end of 1955 were revived when members of the University of London Society revisited Kent for their Whitsuntide week-end, though our spacious headquarters at Brasted Theological College bore a marked contrast to those of the previous excursion. So also did the itinerary which allowed a comparatively leisurely pace and ample time to explore the byways, richly coloured with rhododendrons, and to enjoy the fine vistas across the Weald of Kent.

With no ringing arranged for Friday evening each was free to pursue his own interests, and, by common consent, a most pleasant evening was spent at an establishment at Ide Hill. The later arrivals were duly welcomed and everyone successfully negotiated the long hill on the return journey, although one member, having omitted to assuage his scooter's thirst, had to walk.

Having set the pace next morning with a course of Bristol at Westerham, with its interesting spiral wooden staircase in a 13th century tower, a brief diversion was made over the border into Surrey. The exterior stairway at Limpsfield Chart caused some apprehension from the ladies, while at Lingfield a missing rope unfortunately confined our ringing to Minor methods. The Society's impressive convoy of transport moved off from here 'in line astern' in search of a suitable site for lunch. The efforts of the leader and his navigator to evade the following column proved surprisingly unsuccessful, and, to the background inside of the Society's new handbells, a lingering picnic was pleasantly relaxing.

Despite their weight, the six bells at Cowden proved rather difficult to strike well; though we trust that the approaching bride appreciated our efforts. The programme permitted an opportunity to visit the Sidney home at Penshurst Place, a 14th century manor house, much enlarged at later dates. Before returning to Brasted, an enjoyable hour's ringing at Penshurst drew several interested spectators.

The warden of Brasted Place celebrated Holy Communion in the College Chapel on Sunday morning and later the party divided to assist with service ringing at Westerham, Sevenoaks and Cudham. On Sunday afternoon the kind hospitality of our organiser, Peter Layton, and his wife was greatly appreciated, prior to evening service ringing with local bands.

After ringing at Leigh and Speldhurst on Monday morning, some sampled the Spa water at the Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells, while others were attracted to the fairground across the road. An attempt by a Society band to steer a clear course in the bumper cars proved as unsuccessful as might be expected.

Following lunch in the hop country, to the accompaniment of a party of 'East Enders' in full holiday spirit, the elusive tower of East Peckham was located. A hunt for the key, a battle with the oil lamps, and two attempts to raise the tenor right were necessary before we could enjoy these bells.

Our efforts hardly did justice to the fine bells at Wrotham, though a fair course of Superlative was rung at the second attempt. The customary course of London Scholars Pleasure was accomplished at Chelsfield, our final tower, after the inevitable research to produce the method.

Our grateful thanks are due to Peter and Nancy Layton, the incumbents and tower-keepers, who allowed us to ring, and to our hosts at Brasted Place.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Laud (first quarter) 1, P. Pratt 2, Mary Batholomew 3, J. Nugent 4, Rosemary Hawkes 5, S. Dolley 6, D. Laud (first as cond.) 7, M. Howard 8.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WRONG BELFRY

Dear Sir,—I would point out that information from Miss Pamela M. Jervis in Belfry Gossip is incorrect. The drawing on the Christmas issue of the 'Radio Times' is not from a photograph of Capel belfry, but I believe may have been from one of Newdigate belfry, which church is about two miles from here. I might add the drawing was recognised by a junior Capel ringer as being Newdigate. —Yours faithfully,

HANNAH M. PENFOLD.

Capel, Surrey.

Miss Pamela M. Jervis writes apologising for her error.—Ed.

THE EXTENT OF BRISTOL

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' dated August 24th, 1956, you published a composition 21,920 of Bristol Surprise Major. When I sent this to you I claimed it as the record length of the method. This was not disputed and so far as I know the claim still stands.

Following the Kirby peal there has been some unpleasant correspondence and Mr. Brown asks, 'Why don't they ring 40,320 of Bristol?' One answer to this is that there is not and never will be a composition for the extent of Major in the method.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN SEGAR.

Retford, Notts.

B.B.C. AND ROYAL WEDDING RECORDING

Dear Sir,—These facts may help to throw some light on the circumstances which led to Mr. Pitstow's letter in your issue of May 20th.

The opening sequence of the recording of the Royal wedding on B.B.C. Television was planned as a montage of photographs of Westminster Abbey, Princess Margaret and Mr. Armstrong-Jones with a musical background. For reasons of copyright we were unable to use music, so bells were substituted; but as the sequence had to be prepared before May 6th, we were unable to use the actual wedding peal.

We wanted the happiest possible background, and the available Abbey recordings at present in our effects library did not give quite the desired result, so we built up the atmosphere by blending the bells of St. Clement Danes' with those of a village church.

It may interest your readers to know that a recording of the Abbey peal on the occasion of the birth of Prince Andrew will shortly be added to the B.B.C. effects library.—Yours faithfully,

ANTONY CRAXTON.
B.B.C.

'I WAS A STRANGER'

Dear Sir,—I know nothing of the incident to which Mr. Peter J. Brown refers, but, if correctly described, his letter rather gives the impression of its being the rule rather than the exception. I can assure him that no association gives more time on encouragement to the younger generation than the Worcestershire.

Since, however, his letter mentions bands and individuals, I must remind him of Association Rule 12, and suggest if he wishes to pursue the matter he can do so through the branch meetings.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. JOHNSON.
General Secretary,
Worcestershire Association.

Rule 12 states 'that no member shall forward any communication to the public press reflecting upon any company in union with the Association or any member thereof without the sanction of the secretary.'—Ed.

CONFIRMATION AND CHURCH OFFICES

Dear Sir,—'Tis good sport to see the engineer hoist of his own petard'—I seem to remember Rev. D. G. Brunning, in your correspondence columns, saying that he did not take 'The Ringing World' in order to read theology, but campanology. Now he himself joins in theological disputation in your paper, and with a most disputable contention. Certainly **baptism** is necessary for the holding of office in the Church, but even within the Anglican Communion. Confirmation (or the desire for that Sacrament) is only held necessary for the reception of the Holy Eucharist.

It may be the discipline of the Church of Wales to insist that godparents be confirmed —but their very duty is to bring their godchildren to Confirmation. Servers at the Holy Eucharist are frequently unconfirmed, when of tender years: it is ridiculous to say that no office may be held within the Church without (or more accurately, before) Confirmation.—Yours, etc.,

C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER.
The Theological Coilege,
Chichester.

DOAN 'EE EVER ZAY JOHN SCOTT

Dear Zur.—Us 'ave just read that there Tragic Ballad thing in 'Ringing World,' and us be all steamed up 'about it down yer in Cornwall.

Tidd'n that us minds they there Collidge Youths an' the Cumbersomes 'avin' a go one to 'tother, but when they sez that us only rings rounds—well 'tis gwain a bit too far.

'Tis all very well they there Lunnon chaps fer to brag 'bout their Stedman Sinks an' all that muck, but when it comes to a bit of 'onest raisin' an' vallin' they'm all up a gum tree as the zayin' goes. Now as fer change ringin' there 'iddn' nowt better than to call 'em into Queens or Tittums—proper 'ansome it zounds, specially at thirty zeb'm rounds a minnit.

An' us'll 'ave knaw too that us does a bit of scientific ringin', why a couple of weeks ago one Thursday night us rung Grandsher Triples, true us 'ad zeb'm visitors with us, but 'twas 'ansome ringin' an' 'Erbert what was ringin' tenor only got lost vower times.

Us did try bob majors one Sunday but Vicar 'ee doan like to 'ear tenor all mucked in, an' Miss Daisy what plays the orgin got all confused an' pulled out the wrong stops, an' anyway it shaks the pinnacles somethin' cruel.

Us 'ad a team down yer from Lunnon way last an' they 'aived the bells up in wans an' twoes, caw! dang 'ee you should 'ave 'eard the commotion. First the vire brigade turned out thinkin' it were a vire, an' Mrs. Briggs' cat 'ad premature kittens, proper to do it were.

I went up to Lunnon one day an' went up to the church, the chappie what was in charge sez to me, 'Can you ring Bob Maxeemus.' 'Ees I spose sez I.' Caw! there wuz 'undreds of ropes an' everyone shoutin' an' ballin' wan across tother. Twad'n a bit like our old gaffer at home with 'is 'Six to zeb'm an' drae to vower,' somebody told me I should be dodgin' wrong and right, I told 'een to make up 'is mind as 'ee couldn't 'ave it both ways: seemed quite 'urt 'ee did. An' the ropes too! they all 'ad big loops in the ends, not like ours where us cuts 'em off neat like an' ties a nice big knot in the end.

Still I reckon 'tis every man to 'is own style of ringin', but doan 'ee ever zay us only rings rounds down 'ere 'cus us don't see! Thankin' yew ever so.—Yours trooly,

GARGE.

FEELINGS IN NORTH WORCESTERSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out that the tower referred to by Mr. P. J. Brown ('R.W.' page 437) is neither Wychbold nor St. Peter's, Droitwich, as young ringers are much to the fore at both churches, and visitors are always welcome.

When I first came to this district, in 1957, I was told that visitors were not favourably received at Dodderhill. This information was volunteered by the gentleman who was then tower captain at Wychbold, but who left in 1958 to join the Dodderhill band, and is, presumably, the person who connected the young ringers with my name.

In early 1959, Wychbold bells had become silent, and I was asked, by the Vicar, to assist in teaching some youngsters to ring there. This I agreed to do, but was virtually told that if I continued teaching these beginners, the aforementioned gentleman and his family would withdraw their services from Dodderhill belfry rather than ring with me.

Having gone so far, I was reluctant to give up the learners, now a keen and promising young band, and rather than cause further dissension amongst the Dodderhill band, of which I had become a member, I left, so that instead of losing three ringers, they lost only myself (in any case, not a good eight-bell ringer). When I left, I thought that I had made it clear that no slight was intended to the **regular** members of the band, who had always made me very welcome; apparently I hadn't.

It is my sincere wish that this present ill-feeling will soon give way to a more friendly and co-operative relationship between Dodderhill and Wychbold bands.

'Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, Brethren, to dwell together in unity.' (Psalm 133.)—Yours faithfully,

PAUL CATTERMOLE,
Honorary Secretary,
St. Mary's Ringers, Wychbold.
Witton, Droitwich,
Worcestershire.

AMBIGUITY!

Dear Sir,—It seems a pity that the Peals Committee refused to recognise the peal of Minor in which **two ringers each rang two bells.** We are told that the exact wording of the rule it:—

Each bell (or bells) . . . shall be rung by . . . the same person (or persons).

Does this not mean that:—

Any one particular bell; Any two particular bells; More than two bells shall (or may) be rung by any one particular person; Any two particular persons; More than two persons, respectively?

If so, then it follows unconditionally that:—

Any two ringers may ring any two bells, which is exactly what occurred.

This may not have been what was intended when the rule was framed, but it does seem to cover the event in question.

Incidentally, I deplore the suggestion made in the report that irregularities in peals should be kept secret if the ringers wish them to be accepted.—Yours sincerely,

H. S. HOBDEN.

Horam, Sussex.

C.C. MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—With reference to your issue of June 17th, I note that the honorary secretary of the Central Council shows that I served as member for the period 1938-59.

To enable the records to be corrected, please note the details are as undermentioned:—St. Clement's Youths, 1929 to 1934; Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, 1935 to 1959.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. CROSS.

Axminster, Devon.

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OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM WENBAN

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Wenban, on June 16th, at the age of 73. The funeral took place on June 20th, at All Saints', Harrow Weald, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. D. Deasy, assisted by the Rev. D. Wardrop. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service, and in the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung. Among those present at the service were: Messrs. A. W. Coles, F. W. Brinklow, H. Hodgetts, J. Rootes, C. Evans, T. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Leversuch, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mrs. C. W. Woolley, Mrs. H. D. Butler, Mrs. P. M. Mayne, Miss F. Clayton and Miss T. Rose. The wreaths included those from the ringers of St. John's, Stanmore, and All Saints', Harrow Weald.

William Wenban was born in Kent, and he lived in his native county until the outbreak of war, when he went to live in Harrow. We are not in a position to write in any details of his early ringing days. He was not only an active peal ringer but also did much work in teaching bands in his own neighbourhood. Of his 321 peals, 152 were rung during the time he lived in Kent. The capability of those peal ringing bands is shown by the large number of peals of Stedman Triples which he rang and conducted during that time. He rang his first peal at the age of 21, and his first as conductor one year later.

During the ban on ringing he came to the monthly handbell meetings which were arranged at Bushey, and as soon as the ban was lifted he took an active part in the ringing in the Harrow area. He joined the band at Stanmore, and also rang regularly at Bushey and Harrow Weald. His association with the Bushey band led him to umpire all the post-war record peals of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells. He umpired those in 8, 9, 12, 14 and 16 methods.

The post-war years provided him with opportunities he had not previously had, and these were his most prolific peal ringing years. He rang peals of Surprise Major in 27 different methods, including the first peals ever rung of Stanmore, Harrow, Springfield, Chiswick and Elveden. His last peal was of Sandiacre Surprise Minor at Langleybury, on April 29th, 1959. He rang peals in all the 41 Surprise Minor methods in the Minor Collection, and his last peal completed this achievement.

We shall miss him very much.

HIS PEALS

Doubles: Grandsire 1, 2 methods 1, 3 methods 1, 6 methods 1.

Minor: Plain Bob 6, Edinburgh Delight 1, 2 methods 1, 3 methods 2, 4 methods 1, 5 methods 1, 7 methods 4.

Surprise Minor: Cambridge 4, Norwich 2, and one each of Warkworth, York, Surfleet, Rossendale, Stamford, Hexham, Beverley, Bourne, Allendale, Durham, Ipswich, Bacup, Cunecastre, Wells, London, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Munden, Carlisle, Chester, Kelso, Netherseale, Morpeth, Primrose, Newcastle, Canterbury, Bamborough, Annable's London, Northumberland, Whitley, Wooler, Hull, Westminster, Norfolk, Lincoln, Berwick, Alnwick, Coldstream and Sandiacre: 3 methods 1, 7 methods 2, 8 methods 1, 9 methods 1, 12 methods 1, 17 methods 1.

Triples: Grandsire 34 (conducted 16), Stedman 33 (10), St. Clement's 1.

Spliced Triples and Major: Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major 1.

Major: Plain Bob 16 (4), Canterbury Pleasure 1, Double Norwich 22, Kent Treble Bob 39 (4), Oxford Treble Bob 8, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Surprise Major: Cambridge 9, Superlative 9, London 4, Bristol 4, Yorkshire 15, Painswick 2, Stanmore 2, Aldenham 2, Lincolnshire 2, and one each of New Cambridge, Springfield, Pudsey, Rutland, Ealing, Belgrave, Uxbridge, Kendal, Lindum, Bedfordshire, Apsley, Lyme, Harrow, Staffordshire, Chiswick, Pinner, Elveden and Winchester; 4 Spliced 1, 6 Spliced 2.

Caters: Grandsire 6, Stedman 6.

Royal: Plain Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 7, Cambridge Surprise 2.

Total: 321 (35).

AN APPRECIATION

I wish to pay a tribute to my old friend 'Bill' Wenban. In the 1920's he did a lot of spade work in Mid-Kent and was a first-class ringer and conductor, especially with Stedman. For many years he was a highly respected member of the Staplehurst band and chiefly through his efforts our local band rang methods up to Double Norwich.

From the year 1920 to 1939 'Bill' cycled many miles to Kent towers for peals, sometimes meeting short owing to bad weather conditions, and often losing the peal, through trying to ring a method the band were incapable of ringing. He rang many peals for the Kent County, and to us in Kent who knew him we cannot forget the good work he did in our early days.

I rang 89 peals with him, some good and some not so good, and I cannot recall any peals being lost through 'Bill' missing a bob. He was a good ringer, and friend.

We in Kent mourn his death, and send our condolences to his family and especially to his son, Ralph.

T. E. SONE.

MR. GEORGE FREEBREY

Mr. George Freebrey, of the Derbyshire Association, passed away very suddenly at his home on June 18th at the age of 78 years.

He learnt the art of ringing in his 13th year in his home village of Fairford, Glos. On settling in Derby several years later he joined the band of St. Luke's Church, where he remained until transferring to St. Alkmund's. Around 1928 he joined St. Andrew's Church, where he remained Ringing Master until now.

Mr. Freebrey was for many years secretary of the Derby District of the Midland Counties Guild, and was also an honorary life member of the Derbyshire Association. A good ringer, he was responsible more than anybody for fostering Surprise ringing in Derby.

As he had rung only two days before his death this means that he gave to the service of bell ringing 66 years of his life, composed many peals and had a great number to his credit.

The funeral took place at St. Andrew's Church on June 21st.

An Appreciation

It was with the deepest regret that I received the news of the passing of George Freebrey, of St. Andrew's, Derby, whilst I was on holiday at Bournemouth.

George Freebrey will be sadly missed, not only at St. Andrew's, where he had served so long and faithfully, but in the whole of Derby district.

I remember with gratitude how much he helped me during the days of the Midland Counties Association, as one of my very best local secretaries, a position he held for many years. When the late president, Alderman R. B. Chambers, passed away, we all wondered how the Association would fare as regards the long list of honorary members we then had—the majority of whom were either the personal friends of the Alderman or business acquaintances, whom he had coerced into joining. George Freebrey, however, retained these and gathered more!

When the Association reached its 50th anniversary it was George's idea, and he carried it out, that a commemorative peal should be rung by a band representing all the branches of the Association, and at St. Andrew's, where the first meeting to form the Association took place. This peal—appropriately 5,050 changes composed by the former president (Sir A. P. Heywood)—I, as general honorary secretary, had the pleasure of conducting. Although not a prolific peal ringer (he rang 60 for the M.C.A. and a few others), he dabbled about with figures, and produced some good peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Surprise Major, etc., and I had the honour to call his 7,008 Bob Major as well as others.

George Freebrey was one of the most conscientious Sunday service ringers who looked upon this as a DUTY, as well as a service, and would very rarely be absent, placing this above all his other activities.

ERNEST MORRIS.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The band at Netherseale would like to associate their peal with the memory of the late George Freebrey, of Derby, ringer and composer.

The collection in the Witney and Woodstock branch for the World Refugee Year amounts to £7 6s. 6d. In addition the branch voted £5 at its A.G.M.

Southern Television in Southern News featured Mr. E. S. Ruck, of Willesborough, on June 28th. This only surviving founder member of the K.C.A. is now 93. Shots and recordings were taken of him and members of the Willesborough band ringing Bob Minor.

Our statement in a front page article that peals of Minimus are too monotonous to make them worth ringing has been challenged by one who rang in the first peal of that category. More monotony, the writer contends, was found in ringing her first in Bob Major.

From Evesham we hear that Robert C. Kippin, now 16, of Southampton, made a first class job of Evesham tenor to a peal of Royal. A member of the band in sending his congratulations states: 'He must certainly be the youngest ringer ever to ring a tenor of this weight (36 cwt.) to a peal.'

Mr. David Smith (Oxford Diocesan Guild) writes to his branch his impressions of the Folkestone Central Council meeting as follows: 'The ringing arrangements were very good indeed, and I added 23 new towers to my list. It was very good to meet many of the foremost people in the Exercise and to ring with some of them. Needless to say the striking was wonderful.'

Complete tower repairs are now in hand at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames. All timber ravaged by wood-worm and dry-rot is being replaced and floors chemically treated. A new floor has been constructed 10 feet below the ringing chamber for the choir robes. External repairs to brick work and decoration of weather vane, woodwork and clock faces is also progressing. Ringing has not been interrupted but temporary removal of sound proofing makes the bells very noisy in the ringing chamber.

MR. CECIL H. BALLARD

Mr. Cecil H. Ballard, of Tenterden, Kent, passed away at West View Hospital, Tenterden, on June 22nd, after a prolonged illness. He was 73 years of age.

Mr. Ballard was a member of the Tenterden band of ringers for over 30 years, though illness had prevented him from climbing the steps for a few years now. A great church worker, he was verger for many years as well as captain of the ringers.

He was a member of the Kent County Association and the Romney Marsh Guild and rang peals for both Associations. The exact number he rang is unknown but his first peal was Grandsire Triples at Tenterden on December 31st, 1926, and his last peal was Stedman Triples at Tenterden, on May 16th, 1938 (for the 50th anniversary of Robert (Bob) Edwards' first peal).

Mr. Ballard taught many to ring; he was a good tutor, and was well respected in spite of his outspoken manner. He enjoyed good striking and would make sure his colleagues did strike reasonably well. It is remembered that on one occasion he told a lady to listen to her bell and strike closer. When the bells were set it was discovered that the clapper of his own bell had dropped out!

Mr. Ballard was cremated at Charing, on June 27th, and a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled in the evening as a token of respect to him. The ringers were: Mary Meynell 1, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 2, Violet I. E. Relf 3, W. Tickner 4, P. Relf 5, E. Stanger 6.

STOP PRESS

Mr. A. E. Lock, of Abingdon, died last week and was buried on Saturday, at Abingdon.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On June 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Bodicoat 1, D. Bodicoat 2, Mrs. B. [illegible] Warwick 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, B. M. Smith 5, M. Wood 6. For Evensong and for the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. E. G. Symonds.

RINGERS ON OUTING

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

With Mr. Eric Stainrod, a Barnsley ringer, at the wheel, the Barnsley and District Society had an enjoyable outing on July 2nd. At Collingham, near Wetherby, the party were met by Messrs. W. and C. Haugue, ringers there for 50 years. Next came Boroughbridge and some enjoyable ringing and an excellent lunch. The afternoon was spent at Middleham (8), which was followed by tea at the White Swan. Ringing for the day concluded at Birstwith, where the party was met by Mr. J. Ewbank, a ringer here for 60 years. Thanks are due to the president, Mr. Noel F. Moxon, who arranged the outing, and also to incumbents and ringers who met the party.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX

On June 18th North Weald ringers held their annual tour. Four six bell towers near Cambridge were selected. Travelling in private cars the party of 22 made their way to Barley, where some very good ringing took place, although some of the party did not arrive in time to ring. At Melbourne we found the bells very musical, and here we were met by Mr. Cook, from Meldreth. Harston was the next place where tea was had at the Three Horse Shoes: a ring on Harston bells then on to Whittlesford. Duxford was the last tower. We are very grateful to Mr. L. A. Cordell, who made all the arrangements.

A.

ROTHERHAM

For their annual outing on July 2nd, Rotherham ringers and friends visited East Lincolnshire, calling at Melton Mowbray on the outward journey, where the fine ten were enjoyed for about an hour before moving on to the heavy melodious six at Deeping St. James.

After lunch at Spalding and a short ring on the pleasant octave there, further ringing on the handy eight at Sutterton was followed by a visit to Boston Stump. The enjoyable ringing at this remarkable church made the long climb well worth while. The sixth and last tower of the day (Heckington) was a pleasure to visit, the ringing chamber being a model.

The homeward journey was enlivened by music on handbells and piano-accordion and community singing. Ringing during the day varied from rounds and call changes to Stedman Caters and Surprise Major. Grateful thanks are extended to incumbents and local ringers for their co-operation.

N. C.

MAULDEN, BEDS

On June 18th the Maulden ringers had their annual outing, when a visit was made to the Wiltshire area.

On this glorious summer's day a prompt start was made and Watlington, Oxon, our first tower, was reached in good time, though one had the feeling that we rather failed to do justice to either the bells or ourselves—too early in the day, perhaps!

The long hop to Purton worked wonders, however, and here we really 'went to town.' This ancient and beautiful church possesses a fine ring of six (tenor 20 cwt.), and here many a ringer who had previously thought 6-bell ringing uninteresting must have undergone a change of mind!

Next stop was Calne, where lunch was taken before ringing at the lovely Church of St. Mary, then on to Melksham, another good eight.

Soon we were passing Stonehenge, which had a good crowd of visitors, but we were more attracted by the excellent tea that awaited us at Amesbury, after which we enjoyed a ring on the bells of the imposing Parish Church.

Another long hop brought us to Wargrave, Berks, whose church stands in beautiful surroundings, near the banks of the Thames, and as this was our last tower, and the day had been very warm, and therefore rather tiring, we appreciated the excellent 'go' of this splendid eight.

We reached home about midnight, with hearts full of thanks to those by whose permission we had been able to practise our art, to the local ringers, and to our organiser, Colin Mann.

A. E. R.

ST. THOMAS', STOURBRIDGE

Ringers of St. Thomas', Stourbridge, and their friends went westwards on June 4th for their annual outing. The first objective was Tewkesbury Abbey, where the bells were set going to rounds. Grandsire and Stedman Caters. On the fine Rudhall eight at Ledbury, methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major.

After a stop for lunch, the party pressed on to Abergavenny with its glorious ring of ten. Rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Cambridge Major allowed the visitors to appreciate the lovely bells. The last tower was Ebbw Vale, but before ringing the party sat down to an excellent tea, kindly provided by the ladies of Ebbw Vale. Double Norwich and Yorkshire were rung here with other methods.

Thanks are due to incumbents and local ringers, Mrs. Bruten for the tea and Mr. D. H. Watson for organising such an enjoyable outing.

M. D. F.

BALDOCK, HERTS

May 28th was a bright, breezy day for the Baldock ringers' outing. Diss was the first tower, and to start the day off the 23 cwt. tenor was turned in for Bristol. On to Stradbroke, the 20 cwt. ten. The clean lines of the grey, black and fawn tower were lovely against the scudding clouds in the blue sky.

After an adequate lunch in Eye at the old coaching inn, the White Lion, Debenham bells were rung. The 21 cwt. octave has been popular for long length attempts, one of which was 'with excellent striking by Suffolk men.' Framlingham was next and the bells seemed noisy after Debenham. Tea and ringing at Woodbridge (25 cwt.) provided the best ringing of the day. The last tower was Grundisburgh, where the tenor of ten weighs only 8 cwt. The ringing went well considering this weight. One encouraging impression: the learners improved as the day went on.

CORNISH WHITSUNTIDE PILGRIMAGES

Visitors are always welcome to Cornwall and often enable local ringers to manage just that little extra. On Whitsun Eve four ringers from Romsey Abbey, with others from Redruth and Carbis Bay, began a pleasant half day trip at St. Gwinear, where there is a powerful ring of six, tenor 12¼ cwt., completely restored by Taylors a few years ago.

Then on through country lanes to St. Hilary, one of the few Cornish churches with a spire. Here hangs an older ring in three tiers with 3-4 on the bottom, 5-6 in the middle and 1-2 at the top. Needless to say some bells are heard more than others. They were made six in 1898 from a previous two. The Vicar, Rev. L. E. Glasscott, met us and asked if all was well with the bells. We suggested they should be oiled, and he promised it would be done. However, the need of this was not bad enough to spoil our ringing, although a lady member of the party found one bell a little beyond her strength.

Ludgvan, with its recently recast Taylor six, was the next stop (apart from ice cream on the way!), and these bells were really enjoyed. Then to Carbis Bay to try out the ten, and no one was disappointed. The sound of the bells meant we were soon joined by Mr. W. O. Farrimond, from Lancashire, who had just arrived on holiday, and his help was appreciated. Two youngsters from Redruth, on their first ringing outing, did particularly well with great determination on ten for the first time. Methods rung were: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Wisely, nothing 'fancy' was suggested, but strangely Stedman produced the best ringing at each tower.

A. S. R.

TORQUAY, DEVON.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Garbett 1, T. G. Myers 2, P. A. Lock (first of Minor) 3, D. R. Bould (first of Minor 'inside') 4, W. J. Harvey 5, W. G. Lavers (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Believed to be the first of Minor on the bells.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

THE Society held its annual meeting at Lichfield on Saturday, June 11th. The fine ring of ten bells at the Cathedral was available and also the eight of St. Mary's, and the six at St. Michael's. During the morning and evening the nearby towers at Little Aston, Kings Bromley, Yoxall, Longden and Elford were made available for ringers wishing to explore the neighbourhood.

The annual service was held at St. Michael's Church and was conducted by the Rev. V. W. Allen. We were privileged to hear an address given by the Society's new president, the Ven. Basil Stratton, Archdeacon of Stafford.

After the service the congregation made its way across the road to St. Michael's Hall for tea, where a good meal was enjoyed by approximately 80 members and friends.

The clerical secretary, the Rev. C. Holroyd Barker, after tea, formally introduced the new president to the meeting. The Archdeacon said how very pleased he was to be with the Society at this meeting. Before coming to Lichfield he had been vicar of Market Drayton and had learnt to handle a bell with the band there. He could just about manage 'Churchyard Bob' now.

With the Archdeacon in the chair the business meeting began and the honorary treasurer, Mr. Frank Brotherton, gave his report. He said that there had been an improvement during the year and that the Society was in a sound financial position once more. The honorary lay secretary, Mr. D. J. Tranter, then presented the committee's report. He said the year had been one of continued progress with the accent on consolidation rather than on outstanding achievement. Fellowship amongst members had never been better than at present. During the year 48 peals had been rung in various methods. Mr. B. G. Key, who had arrived direct from Folkestone that afternoon, presented the Central Council representatives' report. He gave a detailed account of the meeting, including 'The Ringing World' finances.

The following elections were made: Ringing Master, Mr. E. Malin; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. J. Allen; honorary treasurer, Mr. F. Brotherton; clerical secretary, Rev. C. H. Barker; lay secretary, Mr. D. J. Tranter, assistant secretary and peal secretary, Mr. C. M. Smith; honorary auditor, Mr. E. Speake; Central Council representatives, Mr. B. G. Key and Mr. G. W. Hughes.

For over fifty years of continuous resident membership of the Society it was agreed to make the following members honorary life ringing members: Messrs. F. Colclough (Bilston), W. H. Lawley (Wolverhampton), C. Wallater (Willenhall), B. Horton (Fallings Park, Wolverhampton), W. R. Hughes (Walsall).

D. J. T.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Central Bucks Branch

The 32nd annual meeting of the Central Bucks Branch was held at Steeple Claydon on June 11th, when the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev R. J. Vernon, who gave a most inspiring address. The lesson was read by the Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg, and the organist was Mrs D. Fawcett.

A salad tea was served in the Library Hall, after which the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the branch president, Canon G. Dixon. The chairman gave a cordial welcome to the Master, the honorary general secretary (Miss M. R. Cross), and visitors from Beachampton, Bicester and Wavendon.

It was reported that 1959 had been a year of steady progress and that on December 31st the Branch had 161 ringing members, plus ten honorary members.

The Rev. G. H. Isaacson, Vicar of Nether Winchendon, was elected deputy chairman, a new office. A vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting was passed.

Ringing on the pleasant toned ring of six bells continued well into the evening, thus bringing to a close a really enjoyable visit. Next quarterly meeting, Swanbourne, on September 10th.

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The address of George and Vivian Francis is now 35, Friday Street, Warnham, Horsham, Sussex. 6272

Mr. John Ketteringham, formerly of Creswell, Worksop, now resides at 2, Southfield Road, Nailsea, Bristol. 6283

WRATTEN.—Would all ringing friends please note that Cyril A. Wratten, formerly of Darley House (Old Folks' Home), Carlton Street, has moved to 36, Wasley Road, Cheltenham, Glos. 6273

The address of Philip G. K. Davies is now 39, Southdown Crescent, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire. Phone: Hulme Hall 2574. 6310

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IN MEMORIAM

POOLE.—Harold J., passed away July 14th, 1955. In love and gratitude we remember him.

RETURN THANKS

The relatives of the late Stella Davis wish to express their thanks for the many floral tributes and expressions of sympathy received in their sudden bereavement. 6291

BIRTH

YEO.—To Gillian and David, at Bristol Maternity Hospital, on July 4th, 1960, a son (Stephen George). 6285

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PRESTON, LANCS.—**Change of practice night.** Please note that as from August 2nd, and until further notice, the Preston practice will be held on **Tuesday** each week instead of Wednesday. 6270

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Pitminster (6), July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 6234

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 16th, at Monks Kirby. Ringing 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 6239

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Meeting at Darley Dale, Saturday, July 16th, 2.45 p.m. Cups of tea only at the Church Inn, at 5 p.m. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 6289

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6249

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — Practice meeting at Chiddingfold, Saturday, July 16th, at 6 p.m. All welcome, beginners in particular. 6288

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, July 16th, All Saints', Hastings.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 6256

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Stoke Lacy, 3 p.m. July 16th. Service 4.30. Tea at School 5 p.m. Reservations to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 6230

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—July meeting at Benington, on 16th (not 9th), at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss F. Welch, Holmes Farm, Walkern, Stevenage, Herts. 6173

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Eastchurch (Meopham not available), on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 6206

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Staplehurst, July 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 2s. Names to Mr. R. Mitchell, 42, Church Green, Staplehurst.—Pamela J. Usborne, Sec. 6198

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 16th. Arrangements: ringing at Sunbury 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea at 5. Business meeting 5.30. Further ringing at Hampton 6.45-8.15 p.m. 6257

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 16th, at Aldermaston. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 6252

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—8-bell practice, Hazelbeech, Saturday, July 16th. 6307

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch — Meeting at Hawkchurch, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Chardstock tower also open. Numbers for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 6231

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting Barcombe (6), Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 6259

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, July 23rd, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, S.W.1, at 3.15 p.m. 6276

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Bleadon, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—David H. White. 6281

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Henstridge (6), July 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. J. Sherrin, 8, Ash Walk, Henstridge, Templecombe. 6278

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Summer festival, July 23rd, Kempston (8). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with address by Rev. P. B. Graham, Vicar of Eaton Bray. Local band arranging tea in Schoolroom 5 p.m. Please assist by sending names by July 21st. to Mr. P. Inskip, 8, Randalls Close, Bromham, Beds. 6253

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Tarporley, July 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 20th. No name, no tea.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6298

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting to be held at South Wingfield, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea only.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 6286

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Easter, Terrington St. Clement, Kings Lynn.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6296

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting Harwich, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday July 20th, to Mr. W. Felgate, 25, Una Road, Parkeston, Harwich. 6251

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Meeting at Westerleigh (6), July 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements for service, etc. Notice for tea to Mr. J. Ferris, 11, Ivysite, Westerleigh, near Bristol. 6280

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Downe, Saturday, July 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 20th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 6247

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at Cheriton, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8, tenor 7 cwt.) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Mr. W. C. Chandler, 2, Alma Road, Cheriton, Folkestone.—C. T. H. 6255

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Scunthorpe, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 20th, to Mrs. F. Lord, Campana, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 6250

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Calverley, July 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, July 20th, to Mr. P. Dawson, 16, Salisbury Place, Calverley, Pudsey. 6243

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD — Hinckley District.—Meeting, Leire, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, at 5 p.m. Names for tea please as soon as possible, but not later than Wednsday, 20th, to Frank E. Dove, Main Street, Leire, near Rugby. Phone Leire 227.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 6275

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Stanford-on-Avon, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 6292

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Hoby, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting, at the Blue Bell Inn, Hoby, at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, July 20th, to Mr. J. Burnham, Church Lane, Hoby, Leicestershire. 6274

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 23rd. Note change of date. All Saints', Poplar (10) 4-5.30 p.m. Tea own arrangements. Short business meeting. Further ringing from 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance requested.— Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6294

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Hoar Cross, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements, please. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 6299

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Yaxham, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. J. Hornigold, Station Road, Yaxham, Dereham.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 6220

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION —An open day will be held at Hope, on Saturday, July 23rd. All welcome. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea July 20th. to Dr. Woodcock, The Meadows, Higher Kinnerton, Chester. 6290

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD —East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Wooburn, Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 19th. to Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Berks. 6279

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY —Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6282

SUFFOLK GUILD.—East Central District. —Quarterly meeting, July 23rd, at Stonham Aspal (10). Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, 20th, to W. J. Button, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-East District.— Quarterly meeting, July 23rd, at Southwold (8). Bells 3-8.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 21st. to Mr. R. S. Payne, Hotson Road, Southwold. 6226

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION —Eastern Division. —Practice meeting at Sedlescombe, on July 23rd. Tea at 5 p.m. Please notify tea to F. Beeney (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 6302

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD —Basingstoke District.— Quarterly meeting at Wolverton, Hants, on July 23rd. Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Village Hall. Names for tea by July 19th. to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 6300

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting at Stratton, near Bude (8), July 30th. Service 4.15 p.m., tea to follow. Numbers for tea by Monday, July 25th, to R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule Holsworthy.—Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.— Quarterly meeting on July 30th. Ringing at Orsett, Essex, from 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Ringing at Stanford-le-Hope from 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. Blatch, 'Brick House,' Malting Lane, Orsett, Grays, Essex. Gentlemen cordially invited. 6295

LADIES' GUILD. — Sussex District. — Meeting at Alfriston (6), July 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea, advisable to bring own. Ladies please support. All visitors welcome.— L. M. Beeney, Hon. Sec. 6266

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The 75th annual meeting of the Sussex County Association took place at the Good Shepherd, Brighton, on May 14th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Chisholm, assisted by the Archdeacon of Chichester. Unfortunately the Bishop of Chichester was unable to attend.

Guests who were very welcome were the secretary of the Central Council (Mr. E. A. Barnett) with his wife and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman, Mrs. Stacey and Mr. Cheeseman, Surrey, and Mr. Rogers, Portsea.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Master, Mr. R. V. Johnson, who welcomed the vice-presidents (the Archdeacon of Chichester and Mr. S. E. Armstrong).

Mr. Barnett, in a short speech, stated that he was pleased to visit Sussex once more and wished the meeting every success.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of those who had passed on during 1959. The accounts and reports were accepted, and all officers of the Association elected as the previous year. Mr. George Pullinger, formerly of the Portsmouth and Winchester Guild, now resident in Sussex, was elected a member of Willingdon, near Eastbourne. Miss Jean Barnett, daughter of the secretary of the Central Council, was elected a non-resident member.

Mr. F. Dallaway has retired from the Central Council after 21 years' service; his place will be taken by Mr. R. W. R. Percy, honorary general secretary.

The library was well under way but was held up at the moment, pending the necessary faculty. Permission was given to purchase 12 old ringing books, found in a Brighton secondhand shop.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

About 60 ringers and friends from all over Kent were guests to tea at Willesborough on June 25th, for the Ashford District meeting. This has now become an annual event and was to mark the 93rd birthday of Mr. Edward S. Ruck, only surviving founder member of the Association.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. T. G. Williams. Mr. R. J. Carlton read the lesson and Mr. W. P. Garner was at the organ. An excellent tea, served by the Mothers' Union, was enjoyed in the Old Schools.

Mr. J. Willis, a vice-president and chairman of the Association, conveyed the birthday greetings and good wishes of the gathering to Mr. Ruck.

On a motion by Mr. T. Cullingworth, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, the organist, the Mothers' Union, the Willesborough ringers and friends for their hospitality, and Mr. Carlton for making the arrangements. C. T. H.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
Dorchester Branch

The summer quarterly meeting was held in bright summer weather at Bere Regis. This was the first quarterly meeting to be held here since 1946, and the members made the most of the bells, which were available during the afternoon.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Herring. In his address he mentioned that the 'Sermon Bell' was still rung at this church, also the curfew during the winter months. Bellringing is one of the few old crafts that have not changed during the passing of time. It is a great art and, once learnt, never forgotten. Tea was served in the village W.I. Hall to a company of 37 members.

The meeting was conducted by the chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth (Rector of Cattistock). Five new members were elected— Miss C. Collison, Miss T. Cheeseman, Miss S. McDonald (Bere Regis) and Mr. B. R. Thomson and Mr. D. Essex (Charminster). Subject to consent the next meeting will be at Litton Cheney.

Branch practices were arranged (subject to confirmation) at fortnightly intervals: Wyke Regis, August 13th: Piddlehinton, August 27th: Wool, September 10th; St. Peter's, Dorchester, September 24th. R. H. D.

EAST YORKSHIRE VETERANS

On June 4th seven veteran ringers were kindly entertained at St. Michael's Church, Eastrington. Over the last few years this has been an annual event, kindly organised by Mrs. J. J. Taylor, of Goole. The veteran ringers attending were, Messrs. T. W. Robbins (aged 86), A. E. Sellers (82), H. Rodmell (80), F. Dale (80), L. Rodmell (78), T. Goodin (78), and H. S. Morley (70).

The towers represented by the veterans were: Escrick, Beverley Minster, Hessle, Sutton-on-Hull, and Selby Abbey, and they rang short touches during the afternoon on the six bells.

Mrs. Taylor kindly provided refreshments including an iced cake and it was indeed pleasing to see the old ringers assembled in the rural surroundings.

Unfortunately Messrs. G. Horner, F. Atkinson and S. Bottomley were unable to attend.

JOINT MEETING AT SELSTON

The East Derbyshire and Notts Association and the Southwell Diocesan Guild held a joint meeting at Selston on May 28th, which was attended by 40 ringers representing 11 towers. In appreciation of the help of these two bodies in raising money for the rehanging of Selston bells, the Vicar (the Rev. G. N. Pearce) announced that the tea was free. A collection was taken at the tea table for Selston Bell Fund, which raised £3 4s. The Vicar was elected an honorary vice-president of the Southwell Guild at the business meeting and it was decided to hold the next meeting on July 16th, at Mansfield Woodhouse. A short Evensong was conducted in the church by the Vicar. Ringing afterwards varied from call changes to London Surprise.

LETTER
IN DEFENCE OF STEPHEN IVIN

Dear Sir,—I am not surprised, that 'Sunday Service Ringer' (page 438) does not print his name. The lengths to which he is prepared to go to ridicule Stephen Ivin are positively childish.

Nobody will dispute that Stephen's letter was worded in manner which was likely to give offence to the record breaking band. It was obviously written in the heat of the moment, but there was a great deal of truth in many of the remarks.

The Lufkins are very charming people and I have no wish to belittle the feat of ringing 22,400 changes, which was certainly a great achievement. 'Sunday Service Ringer,' however, labels as 'abortive' an attempt at the full extent by Stephen's band, which came to grief after 28,000 odd changes. One can either accuse him of intentionally being rude and insulting to Stephen, or take the charitable view that he was trying to increase the sale of 'The Ringing World.'

I would also like to point out that when Stephen's attempt stopped after some 14 hours' ringing, it had not actually fired out, but that a trip had been corrected, and the rest of the band were very annoyed when Stephen called 'Stand.' He could easily have carried on, and it says much for the high standard he sets that he did not. I feel that this is an example which might well be followed by many ringers, including those who have been ringing considerably longer than Stephen, many of whom cheerfully claim a peal, having sorted out clash after clash.

I can see no credit in trying to ring long lengths on church bells. There are very few parishes in the country which would tolerate 12 hours' continuous ringing, let alone 24. The people of Kirby seem to be unique in this respect, but I imagine even they might not be so pleased at the prospect of listening to bells all night. It would be a very selfish band who would attempt to impose this on them. Long lengths are after all only a stunt, and the most intelligent place to attempt them is where they will not cause annoyance to anyone.

Finally, in view of the large number of letters asking 'Who is Ivin?' why not publish his biography, say under 'Servants of the Exercise.'—Yours sincerely,

ALAN GRIFFIN.

Seaford, Sussex.

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TWERTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (in 6 methods, 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss B. Clarke 1, A. F. Lee (cond. Reverse Canterbury) 2, J. R. Hobbs (cond. Plain Bob) 3, J. J. Jefferies (cond. Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire) 4, T. J. Milsom (cond. St. Martin's and St. Simon's) 5, Miss J. Reason (first quarter) 6, L. Cox 7, D. J. Jefferies 8. First in 6 methods for 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8. First in 6 methods 'inside' for 4. Most methods on the bells by a local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss G. Newton.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): F. Bastin 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, G. Eyles 3, R. J. Bowden 4, F. D. Mack (cond.) 5, S. T. Sharland 6. For morning service.

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By NORMAN SMITH

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The service held at Send, was conducted by Mr. Short, a lay preacher, and an excellent tea was served in the Red Cross Hut by the local ringers. A short business meeting followed, during which four new members were elected. Mr. W. Shepherd expressed a vote of thanks to all those concerned in the running of the meeting.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m., under the leadership of Mr. R. Collins (District Ringing Master) at Send and Mr. J. Martin, at Ockham.

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