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PEAL RINGING IN 1952

LAST week we published the peals analysis table for 1952, preliminary details of which were announced at the Central Council meeting at Bournemouth. While the number of peals rung, 2,619, is a substantial figure, in no sense can 1952 be regarded as a vintage year. Compared with the record established in 1951 of 2,925 there appears, superficially, to be a falling off. The aggregate number of peals is to a large extent governed by Royal occasions when bands that do not normally ring enter into the peal ringing lists. There was no great national occasion during 1952 and without such an impetus numbers fell. When the record of 1953 is compiled it will be found that the inspiration of the Coronation will have made a big impression on peal totals, particularly in regard to the standard methods.

The general trend of ringing can be more concisely judged by an examination of the following table:—

	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948
Maximus	36	39	31	47	17
Cinques	43	48	50	43	43
Royal	82	121	86	109	92
Caters	86	104	89	99	82
Major	906	997	938	1,052	957
Triples	339	315	297	335	346
Minor & Doubles	904	1,008	870	839	821

While there was a decrease of eight in the number of 12-bell peals, it is no cause for alarm as circumstances for such ringing are limited. Nevertheless, it will be observed that 20 Associations or Guilds rang these high number peals—the same number as in the previous year. As in 1951, Leicester predominated in the field of Maximus and ventured into uncharted waters with peals of eight and ten methods in Spliced Surprise. St. Martin's Guild had six peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, but their main energies were devoted to Stedman Cinques with 13 peals against 16 in 1951. Birmingham is truly the home of Stedman Cinques with more than one-third of the national total to its credit. In the neighbouring Archdeaconry of Stafford there were also eight peals, probably inspired by the nearby influence of Birmingham. The Ancient Society of College Youths with their almost unrivalled resources rang four twelve-bell peals—this number has already been surpassed this year under the energetic mastership of Mr. F. E. Collins, who has a great love for the back end of a ring of twelve.

The year 1952 was not a good year for ten-bell peals, in fact it was the lowest for the past five years with only 168. These were spread between 37 Associations and Guilds, two more than the previous year. There were 49 peals of Surprise Royal against 67 in 1951. Cambridge had 25 and Yorkshire 11. The presence of Metropolitan—three peals—will be noted, these conforming to the Central Council's decision regarding the extension of London. There were more peals of Grandsire Caters (45) than in 1951, although Stedman were less with 41 against 59. The leading Associations for ten-bell ringing were Lancashire and Leicester (13 each), Gloucester and Bristol and St. Martin's Guild (11 each) and Oxford Diocesan Guild (10).

For the past two years there have been more peals of Surprise Major rung than in Plain methods. This year the position is reversed with 450 Surprise to 456 other methods. Forty-nine Surprise methods were rung against 54 in 1951. There were 83 less Surprise Major peals rung, a falling off which is somewhat difficult to explain as Surprise peals are invariably rung by bands composed of ardent peal ringers. The most popular Surprise method was Cambridge, with 106 peals against 103 in 1951. Yorkshire took second place with 81 (against 122). Then followed Superlative 48 (54), Bristol 41 (44), London 41 (51) and Rutland 19 (19). In the realm of Spliced Surprise there was nothing to approach the Oxford Diocesan Guild's 25 methods peal in 1951. Chester Diocesan Guild had one peal in 13 methods and four in 12. In 1951 there were 43 peals of Spliced Surprise Major; 1952 produced only 33.

There was a similarity of figures in regard to Plain Major methods. Plain Bob had 196 against 201, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major 101 peals against 100. The number of Treble Bob peals at 110 was nine less. Kent Treble Bob had 85 against 89.

Last year we commented upon the rise in the number of peals of Grandsire Triples from 157 to 201. This year the total is still higher with 209 and there is every indication that in 1953 it will be higher still. It is natural, perhaps, with the advent of new ringers to see a substantial number of Grandsire peals. In 1952 Lancashire had 24 peals of Grandsire Triples, Oxford Diocesan Guild 22 and Kent County Association 18. Stedman Triples also had a better year with 109 peals (100 in the previous year). Of this total 17 were rung for the Kent County Association and 14 by the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

As to five- or six-bell ringing, there was a drop of over 100. The total of 904 compares very favourably, how-

ever, with the other year's, being the second best on record. Of the peals of Minor, the Chester Diocesan Guild had one of 35 methods and another of 33, while the Peterborough Diocesan Guild have been specialising in multi-method Doubles peals, having one of 42 methods and another of 21 to their credit. The three most successful Guilds for Doubles and Minor were Lincoln 65, Leicester 64 and Peterborough 55.

The Exercise cannot feel very happy about the position of handbell ringing. For the fourth successive year there has been a decrease in the number of peals rung, the respective figures being: 1952, 223; 1951, 293; 1950, 362; 1948, 382. To-day there seem to be few centres where handbell peals are rung regularly. It will be noted that Oxford University Association have now in residence a keen handbell contingent and the Association contributed 19, three less than the Leicester Diocesan Guild and two below the North Staffordshire Association. It is really deplorable that only three peals on 12 bells were rung 'in hand'—all by the Leicester Guild. Spliced Surprise Major has been advanced by Mr. C. Woolley's band to new heights with peals in 16 and 14 methods. Mention should also be made of Lincoln Diocesan Guild's three peals in 31, 26 and 22 Spliced Plain methods. There is still plenty of scope for progressive handbell bands; the essence is, however, regular meetings.

For the fourth year in succession the Leicester Diocesan Guild had most peals with 206 (250 in 1951). The order of the other leading Associations is as follows: 2 Kent 155 (176); 3 Lancashire 147 (163); 4 Lincoln 118 (172); 5 Oxford Diocesan Guild 115 (131); 6 Chester 108 (172); 7 Essex 108 (56); 8 St. Martin's 105 (82); 9 Norwich 97 (90); 10 Stafford Archdeaconry 94 (73); 11 Suffolk 90 (82); 12 Yorkshire 86 (114); 13 Worcester 81 (83).

These records are only possible through the good services of the Peals Analysis Committee (Messrs. Walter Ayre, G. L. Grover and H. Miles), and the Exercise in reading the fruit of their labours should pass them a sincere vote of thanks.

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy Hancock (first quarter) 1. D. C. Wheeler 2. K. Vaughan 3. A. J. White 4. B. C. Collins (cond.) 5. A. Cook 6.

BLACKROD, LANCS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: P. Crook, sen. 1. R. Eastham 2. J. Bolton 3. A. Moss 4. A. Pendlebury 5. G. Pearson 6. The ringers of 1, 2, 5 and 6 each conducted 360 changes. Rung to celebrate England's victory in regaining the Ashes.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At the Church of St. Peter on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Tompkins 1. O. Davies 2. G. Pearson 3. J. Kay 4. R. Eastham 5. R. Allred 6. A. Pendlebury (cond.) 7. J. Thornley 8. Rung after Sunday evensong as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. R. Trueman, who are leaving the parish to go to Kowloon Tong in Hong Kong.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): W. J. Johnson 1. O. M. Taylor (first quarter 'inside') 2. Mrs. G. Burgess 3. J. E. Harmsworth 4. J. K. Morley (cond.) 5. A. J. Taylor 6. Rung as birthday compliments to 1 and 6.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Escott 1. Miss E. Pool 2. G. G. Davis (cond.) 3. A. Bellamy 4. A. J. Chubb 5. M. Cook 6. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Betty Webber, one of the ringers.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Aug. 22nd, at St. Peter's, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Ilkeston): J. H. Edwards 1. Miss D. M. Drew 2. D. L. Mills 3. G. Rouse 4. E. J. Butler 5. F. G. Oliver 6. L. D. Mills 7. H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First quarter of combined Treble Bob by all except ringers of 3 and 7, and first on the bells.

COLMWORTH, BEDS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Dyer 1. C. Clarke 2. J. R. G. Spicer 3. H. S. Peacock 4. F. W. Lack (cond.) 6.

NORTH CORNWALL TOUR

LANHYDROCK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HYDEROCK,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.			
BETTY M. VIDLER	Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN... ..	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
COLIN J. CHAMPION	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
WINIFRED M. BURTON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by COLIN J. CHAMPION.
First peal of Major as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. T. E. Sone's 350th peal of Major.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., Aug. 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.			
M. ANGELA CARTER	Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
*COLIN J. CHAMPION	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
*First peal of Surprise Major. The first peal of Major on the bells. A silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Baker.

CARDYNHAM, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MEUBREDIUS,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.			
BETTY M. VIDLER	Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN... ..	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

WERRINGTON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.			
*BRIAN G. WARWICK	Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
BETTY M. VIDLER	2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN... ..	6
†A. DOREEN EDWARDS	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
‡WINIFRED M. BURTON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
*First peal of Plain Bob Major on tower bells. †First peal of Major. ‡First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells, and the first peal since 1901.

ST. STEPHEN'S-BY-LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.			
M. ANGELA CARTER	Treble	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	5
KILBY R. HOLTOM	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 7	
COLIN J. CHAMPION	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
The first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the bells.
A birthday peal for Miss Angela Carter.

EGLOSHAYLE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CONAN,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.			
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. Treble		THOMAS E. SONE	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	*COLIN J. CHAMPION	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
*F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Composed by H. J. POOLE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
*First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

KILKHAMPTON, CORNWALL. THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.

CHARLES SANGWIN Treble	COLIN J. CHAMPION 5
BETTY M. VIDLER 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
A. DOREEN EDWARDS 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

The first peal on the bells.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS WEEK

BOYNE HILL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALLEN D. RIVERS Treble	JEFFERY C. BIRT 5
ROBERT G. LAY 2	WALTER LEE 6
FREDERICK SCOTT 3	*MICHAEL HATCHETT 7
GEORGE GILBERT 4	WILLIAM BUTLER Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal of Bob Major.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and combined Kent and Oxford, two 720's of combined St. Clement's and Plain Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM BUTLER Treble	ROBERT G. LAY 4
MICHAEL HATCHETT 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 5
JOHN M. ELLWOOD 3	WALTER LEE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

WINKFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

1, Cambridge Surprise; 2, Oxford Treble Bob; 3, Kent Treble Bob; 4, St. Clement's and Childwall; 5, Double Oxford and Plain Bob; 6, Single Oxford and Plain Bob; 7, Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in E.

ALLEN D. RIVERS Treble	†WILLIAM BUTLER 4
*MICHAEL HATCHETT 2	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 3	WALTER LEE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* 25th peal. † 100th peal.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Fri., Aug. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MINOR

1, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College and Childwall Bob; 2, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College and Plain Bob; 3, St. Clement's College, Double Bob and Plain Bob; 4, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College, Double Bob and Plain Bob; 5, Double Oxford, Double Bob and Plain Bob; 6, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; 7, Double Bob, Plain Bob and Fulbeck Bob; 87 changes of method.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ALLEN D. RIVERS Treble	WILLIAM BUTLER 4
MICHAEL HATCHETT 3	WALTER LEE 5
JEFFERY C. BIRT 3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

First peal in seven Spliced Plain Minor methods by all.

TEN BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

HENRY O. BAKER Treble	DENNIS MOTTERTHEAD .. 6
JUNE M. HENSHAW 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 7
PETER LAFLIN 3	WILLIAM ALLMAN 8
JOHN WORTH 4	WALTER ALLMAN 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northampton Branch.)

On Tues., Aug. 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*ALAN C. COZENS Treble	*IVOR J. DICKIN 5
ERIC NOBLES 2	‡GEORGE F. ROOME 6
*†KENNETH D. PERKINS .. 3	‡BERNARD E. FROST 7
*JOHN HARROLD 4	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM R. HAMMONS.

* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal of Major.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Queen Mother.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,880 London, 864 Cambridge, 576 Superlative and 800 Bristol, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 2	MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 6
S. ANTHONY JESSON 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HORACE O. OVER Treble	*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 5
*MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	*ERNEST MORRIS 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	JOHN B. BENNETT 7
*JOHN A. ACRES 4	E. ALAN JACQUES Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 20, 1953, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER Treble	A. RONALD POCKLINGTON 5
JULIA M. PRESTON 2	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 6
*MARY FULLER 3	†GEORGE F. BURTON .. 7
†ROLAND W. MORANT .. 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.



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BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON 2	PATRICIA BOURNE 6
ROGER LEIGH 3	WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 7
ERNEST J. GOWER 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. G. Jackson, who is leaving to take up duties at Woodplumpton.

BURES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*STUART T. HUME .. Treble	*CHARLES BOWER 5
*MRS. LESLIE MILLS .. 2	*DONALD L. MILLS 6
*JANET M. SPURGIN .. 3	LESLIE D. MILLS 7
*ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

*First peal in the Treble Bob principle.

A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 15 lb.

*ROSEMARY PARKINSON .. Treble	ROGER LEIGH 5
JEAN DAWSON 2	CHARLES CLEGG 6
WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 3	REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH 7
PATRICIA BOURNE 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the recasting and hanging of the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

JAMES W. EDEN Treble	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	RALPH BIRD 6
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	WILLIAM H. COLES Tenor

Composed by B. H. SWINSON. Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

*50th peal in this tower.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 12 cwt.
WILLIAM G. GIGG .. Treble	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	WALTER H. POOLE 6
VICTOR SAVAGE 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 4	HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

This is the 100th Somerset tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

CHARLES E. BROWN .. Treble	JOHN FREEMAN 5
*GWEN I. RUSHBY 2	JOHN WALDEN 6
†GEOFFREY PAUL 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 7
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

*First peal in the method 'inside.' †First peal in the method.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*DAPHNE LLOYD .. Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY 5
†ROBERT W. HINDE .. 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
JOHN W. BEST 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 4	R. GORDON CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

*First peal of Kent Major. †First peal of Major.

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

On Mon., Aug. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in A flat.

ALBERT WALKER .. Treble	MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 2	ROBERT J. STOKES 6
*MOLLY P. FLYNN 3	HARRY PARKES 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM C. DOWDING.

*First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

Rung for the Feast of St. Bartholomew.

SIX BELL PEALS

MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise. Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob,

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. Treble	ROLAND BENISTON 4
WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Plain Bob, three extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

PHILLIP J. EASTLAND .. Treble	MARION BRADLEY 4
*WALTER DAVIS 2	FRANK BRADLEY 5
GEORGE E. HANCOCK .. 3	DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

*First peal 'inside.'

Rung from new ringing chamber floor.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

HORACE MAIR .. Treble	*TONY OTTER 4
*MALCOLM STONE 2	*ROGER COLES 5
*DAVID SIMMS 3	TOM SMITH Tenor

Conducted by TOM SMITH.

*First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Plain Bob, Cambridge, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford and St. Clement's.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 28 lb.

WILLIAM BAINS .. Treble	C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 4
RONALD CHAFER 2	HARRY HALL 5
JACK BRAY 3	PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

In memoriam F. W. Atkinson, for many years a ringer in the neighbouring tower of Brigg, and a member of the band who rang the first peal on these bells.

**BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HAROLD FRANKLIN Treble	WALTER DAVIS 4
GEORGE E. HANCOCK 2	WILLIAM SWAIN 5
ARTHUR SMITHSON 3	E. GLYN HOLDGATE Tenor

Conducted by E. GLYN HOLDGATE.

First peal as conductor.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. P. H. Wright and Miss B. Saunders. The bridegroom is vice-captain at the Church of the Holy Cross, Morton.

**BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

DONALD V. ROBINSON .. Treble	A. T. PERRY 4
*MARY I. DOWSETT 2	R. I. GARDINER 5
K. EVERITT 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

*First peal 'inside.'

**POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two extents each of Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, and one each of Capel, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER Treble	*IVOR JENKINS 4
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 5
SYDNEY SAGE 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

*First peal in five methods.

Rung in honour of the appointment of the Rev. J. G. S. Winstanley, Vicar of Poynton, as an Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral, and also to mark the birth of a son to Mrs. I. Jenkins.

**ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BEGA,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

*R. MURIEL HAILE Treble	JOHN A. HAILE 4
*DAVID G. H. MARTINDALE .. 2	J. NEVILLE HAILE 5
GRAHAM MCKAY 3	HAROLD WILSON Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WILSON.

*First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging. First peal on the bells by a band of St. Bees ringers.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Muriel Haile and Margaret Charter.

**WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court and Plain Bob, two of Single Court and three of Single Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

E.-OFFR. F. R. MITCHELL Treble	DENIS A. FRITH 4
*FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK .. 2	WILLIAM H. DALE 5
HENRY P. COLLIN 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

*First peal in four Minor methods.

A birthday compliment to the conductor and Rodney, his son.

HANDBELL PEAL

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT 34, LEONARD AVENUE, SHERWOOD.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 1-2	*BRIAN BUSWELL 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	MRS. J. E. TURLEY 7-8

Composed by GEORGE CROSS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First handbell peal with an 'inside' pair.



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A PAGE OF AUGUST OUTINGS

CHESTER

Ringers from the Chester District had a most enjoyable outing in Shropshire and Staffordshire on August 17th. A party of twelve left Chester by car and motor-cycle shortly after 7.30 a.m. and were met at Morton-in-Hales by Mr. W. A. Farmer, of Shrewsbury, with three friends, and the first pull was at this church, a pleasant ring of eight. Mr. Kerrison, the local tower captain, and one of his young ringers joined in some of the touches. This is believed to be the smallest eight-bell tower in Shropshire.

Broughton, Staffordshire, was next visited and Mr. Lawe, the tower keeper, welcomed the party and full use was made of the bells in the time available.

After lunch an hour was spent at St. Mary's, Stafford, and the party had the pleasure of Mr. Garbett (tower keeper) and Messrs. Warriow (senior and junior) and Hone taking part in the touches. Brewood was next visited and the visitors were greatly impressed with this grand ring which is in keeping with a very fine church.

The last call was St. Mary's, Lichfield, and Mr. D. Beresford met us and joined in most of the ringing, and after sightseeing the party commenced the journey home, arriving at 10.30 p.m.

Methods rung during the day were: Grand-sire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Plain and Little Bob Spliced, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich Caters and Bob Royal.

This was considered one of the most successful outings the Chester ringers had had and sincere thanks are due to the incumbents for the permission to ring, the ringers who met us and kindly assisted us and Mr. R. G. Corby, who organised the outing. J. W. G.

RUISLIP

Hampshire was visited on August 15th by the ringers of St. Martin's, Ruislip. Starting at 8 a.m., their old friend and colleague, Frank Blondell, was picked up at Harlington. After a short stop for coffee at Bagshot, Alton was reached and ringing was much enjoyed on the very fine eight. The Vicar kindly showed the ladies round the church, and the local tower keeper joined in the ringing.

At Privett the party was welcomed by the Vicar, who climbed the tower to see the ringers start. Here there is a very nice ring of bells and several touches were rung. After a fine lunch at Petersfield came West Meon, where the fine flint work in the church was much admired. One of the local ringers met the party and informed them that he had been ringing for 60 years and sang in the choir for 70. The party then went on to East Meon, another nice eight, with an awkward way up to the tower, but everyone managed to climb the iron ladder, even the lady ringer and old Frank, in spite of his 84 years. The visit here lasted an hour.

Returning to Petersfield, Ruislip ringers were met by Mr. Basset, who gave them a warm welcome at the Parish Church. These bells were left with regret, but as tea was booked for 6.30 and some of the band were slyly looking for blisters, this finished the ringing for the day.

The homeward run was started by way of Hindhead and Guildford with a stop for refreshments at Ottershaw, and it was noticed that the singing improved afterwards. Ruislip was reached at 10.30. The day proved to be most enjoyable and many thanks are extended to all who met the visitors and helped to make the day a success, especially to Mr. Bunce, who made all the necessary arrangements. T. C.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT

The second outing of the year took place on August 15th when nearly 40 ringers and friends went to Whitby. The first call was at the Green Man Hotel, Malton, for breakfast where full justice was done to a good meal. The handy ring of eight bells at Norton was made good use of. Here the party received a hearty welcome from Mr. Rowsley and the Vicar.

To the surprise of all, Mr. G. Compton, of Cawthorne, who was on holiday, met the visitors at Pickering on behalf of the local company. After an hour's ringing lunch was very much enjoyed at the White Swan Hotel.

The journey over the moors to Whitby was glorious and the town was reached about 3.45 p.m. A climb of 199 steps led to the church and the bells were rung in rounds and also Minor on the front and back six. Tea was served at Bothams Cafe, Baxtergate, another enjoyable meal. The time to depart came all too soon but all returned home tired and happy. We are all very grateful to the local secretaries for making the successful arrangements. D. S.

DEVONSHIRE RINGERS' OUTING

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held its annual half-day outing on August 22nd when the South Hams district was again the venue.

The first call was at Modbury where there is a fine ring of six with a long draught. After a short stay here a move was made to the pretty village of Thurlestone, which possesses a light ring of six in good going order. After a stay of half an hour West Alvington with its lofty tower and rather heavy ring of six was visited. Some good ringing was enjoyed here and it was particularly interesting to notice the very large number of certificates around the walls of the belfry which have been won by the local band in connection with competitive ringing.

During tea at Kingsbridge one of the younger element suggested that permission be obtained to ring at Kingsbridge, where the bells were reputed to be hard-going, in lieu of Stokenham. Permission at Kingsbridge was readily forthcoming and the party thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of ringing on this very handy octave. Leaving Kingsbridge behind, the party also enjoyed the lovely run across Slapton Sands to Dartmouth, where St. Saviour's Church was the last tower. This lovely octave was a fitting conclusion to a very enjoyable afternoon. Thanks were expressed to Mr. A. T. Bennett for making the necessary arrangements. B.

GAMSTON, NOTTS

On August 23rd Gamston ringers, along with wives and friends, held their annual outing which was ably organised by Mr. H. Denman. This year England's smallest county, Rutland, was visited. Ringing took place at the following towers:—Greetham, Cottesmore, Empingham, Edith Weston, Glaston, Langham and Whissendine (all sixes) and the eight at Oakham.

Early in the tour we were puzzled by the cards of figures hung on the walls opposite each bell but eventually discovered they were the order of bells to follow for each bell in what appears to be Rutland's own system of change ringing.

Oakham bells, with a 224 cwt. tenor, were the best ring of the day and here we were met by Mr. Scott, the president of the Rutland Branch, and one of the local ringers.

Our 'grand old veteran,' Mr. Street, had stayed in the bus from Edith Weston feeling unwell, but the sound of this fine octave being raised worked on him like a tonic and he soon popped his head round the door with the remark, 'Them sounds like bells!' and promptly took his coat off.

We had been told that Whissendine bells were almost impossible to raise right side but (Continued in next column)

A VISIT TO GLINTON

Meeting-cum-Outing

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild meeting at Glinton on August 22nd prompted a group of close ringing friends from Weston Favell, Weedon, Harpole, Daventry and Southam, Warwickshire, to make the occasion one for an outing.

Travelling in private cars, the principal attraction was Fletton, a suburb of Peterborough, a mile and a half from Peterborough Cathedral, yet in the Ely Diocese and just inside the Hunts boundary. Here three old bells have recently been augmented to five in a new steel frame by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Everyone pronounced them to be a fine job and it was gratifying to learn from the Vicar that the last £25 towards the total cost (£1,200) had been given only a few days earlier. The Vicar kindly presented every ringer of the group with a printed history of the bells, the tenor of which is eight cwt.

Before reaching Fletton, the church at Chesterton, known to possess three old bells, was visited. A shock presented itself on entering the staircase up to the bell chamber of this large, well-built broach spire. The door was found to be broken off its hinges and could only be pushed open with difficulty—so great was the accumulation of twigs behind it, and this rubbish prevailed all up the staircase. Under the bells there was an even greater accumulation of twigs, decomposed pigeons and bird refuse of many years' standing.

The inscriptions and founder's stamps showed the tenor and second to date from mid-16th century, whilst the treble bore the date 1621; the tenor is approximately seven cwt.

Before reaching the meeting at Glinton a halt was made at Peterborough for tea. The six bells at Glinton were all cast by Thomas Osborne, of Downham Market—an apprentice of Joseph Eyre along with Robert Taylor and John Briant. Osborne certainly excelled in his craft when he cast these six bells in 1799, with a tenor of 16 cwt.. They are one of the best-tenor sixes to be heard. The unique slender spire is an attraction.

It was getting dusk when goodbyes were said to all at Glinton (the music of whose bells will not easily be forgotten) and a move made to Alwalton. Here the wrong key was handed to us by the Rector and everyone thought they had 'had it'! Fortunately the key to the lock of Weston Favell belfry fitted and so Mr. Amos was able to open the door. Alwalton's five bells are a delight to ring. Alwalton is the village of Henry Royce, of Rolls-Royce fame. Here he was born, and in 1933 his ashes were scattered after cremation. A plaque on the north wall of the nave tells of this fact. The Norman pillars are all different and the tower (like its neighbour, Chesterton) is big enough for eight bells. P. A.

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we acquitted ourselves quite well and raised them without one going up wrong side.

The party left for home at 8 p.m., all having had a wonderful day. This was adequately summed up on the way home (again by Mr. Street) in the toast, 'May these be our worst times!' E. P.

ALDGATE, LONDON, E.—On Aug. 23rd, at the Church of St. Botolph. 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. H. Dearden 1, M. V. Chillcott 2, A. F. Lewry 3, G. W. Cecil 4, J. S. Mason 5, J. Phillips 6, F. E. Collins 7, W. Williams (cond.) and B. D. Threlfall 8.

ALTARNON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 9th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Baker 1, M. Angela Carter 2, T. E. Sone 3, C. J. Champion (first of Stedman) 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5, F. H. Bennett 6, A. P. Cannon 7, K. R. Holtom 8. First of Stedman on the bells.

BRIGG, Lincs.—On Aug. 19th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: W. Bains 1, H. Bevans 2, C. Peck 3, W. Middleton 4, F. Bell 5, J. Bray (cond.) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled following the funeral of Mr. F. W. Atkinson, who was for many years a ringer at this church.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, on Aug. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. H. Pigg 1, C. W. Smith 2, W. J. Ridgman 3, T. R. Dennis 4, J. Gipson 5, C. A. Hurst 6, J. W. R. Quinney (cond.) 7, A. Rayner 8. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. T. R. Dennis, who has been a local ringer for over 50 years.

DINDER, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Stedman, 660 Grandsire): E. G. Lambert 1, H. Smith (cond.) 2, A. T. Harris 3, M. J. Reilly (first quarter) 4, S. G. Atwell 5, R. Morgan 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. H. Hull, local tower master.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 2nd, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. T. Hauley 1, G. Smith 2, A. J. Barrett 3, A. R. Barrett (cond.) 4, H. M. Windsor 5. First quarter by 1 and 3 and by the local service band. A 19th birthday compliment to the conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Aug. 16th, 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob: N. Mallett 1, F. L. Nicholls 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, G. Perkins 4, H. S. Peacock 5, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Drury (first quarter peal) 1, J. Martin 2, G. Oliver (cond.) 3, L. Warner (Cranleigh) 4, E. R. Warner 5, W. Saunders 6. Rung for evensong.

HOUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Aug. 20th, a quarter peal of Doubles, being 7 extents of Grandsire and 4 extents of Plain Bob: M. J. Dyer 1, J. Smart 2, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5.

IVER, BUCKS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. D. Rivers 1, F. T. Blagrove 2-3, R. Lay 4, J. Birt 5, M. Hatchett 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, W. Lee 8. First of Triples 'double-handed.'

KINGSBURY, N.W.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering: M. King (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Foreman 2, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 3, D. Smith 4, A. Fudge 5, N. Fudge 6, H. Barnard 7, E. Southgate, jun. 8.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Bridges 1, S. King 2, S. Stevens 3, L. Cordell 4, H. King 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—At St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Jenkins 1, Miss J. Cordwell 2, H. Armstead 3, J. T. Walmsley 4, F. Mellor 5, F. Pritchard 6, I. Kay (cond.) 7, J. Brooks 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Gerald Darc, a ringer at this church, and Miss Hazel McConnell.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Flitton (first as cond.) 1, Miss M. Flitton 2, T. J. Clarke 3, J. M. Bentley (first 'inside') 4, Miss M. E. Delderfield 5, C. Randle 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Betts 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Mrs. J. C. Northan 3, H. Perry 4, H. Corney (cond.) 5, A. Langstone 6 and J. R. Brice 7 (covering bells). A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Bullock, two local ringers, who were married the previous day.

SEATON, DEVON.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Daphne Keeley 1, E. Hawker 2, E. L. Taylor 3, H. Keeley 4, G. Whitmore 5, F. Vickers 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, H. T. Hilder (first quarter) 8.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Baker (first quarter) 1, B. C. Collins (cond.) 2, A. E. Fullbrook 3, K. Vaughan 4, A. J. White 5, B. Sandford 6.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—At St. Paul's, Wood Green, on Aug. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. J. Tranter 1, Miss M. Walker (first of Surprise Major) 2, A. A. Elsmore 3, T. Reynolds 4, D. K. Knowles (first of Surprise) 5, E. E. Speake (cond.) 6, J. N. Hadley 7, H. Griffiths 8.

WESTON TURVILLE, BUCKS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Erskine (first quarter) 1, D. C. Wheeler 2, K. Vaughan 3, A. J. White 4, B. C. Collins (cond.) 5.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Gibbons (first quarter, 13) 1, E. Leggett 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, L. Mills 5, D. Mills (cond.) 6.

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By ringing the tenor to a peal of Grandsire
Doubles on August 24th, Mr. E. F. Shearn has
now 'circled' Nailsea, Somerset, tower. Mr. L.
Derrick, who conducted the peal, has now com-
pleted the Grandsire 'family' from Doubles to
Cinques.

Mr. Fred Dunkerley, sec-
retary of the Lancashire As-
sociation, had an alarming ex-
perience when piloting his twin-engined Miles
Gemini on August 25th in an attempt to break
the record for the journey between Belfast and
Croydon. While over the sea trouble developed
and Mr. Dunkerley reported by radio that one
engine had cut out. He was guided into Liver-
pool and made a perfect landing with one en-
gine. As a precaution, crash crews, fire engines
and ambulances stood by at Liverpool airport.

Those familiar with ringing at Merton Col-
lege will congratulate the U.A. members who
successfully rang Spliced Surprise Major on
these bells.

We are very pleased to note that St. Bees,
Cumberland, has now a peal ringing band. Last
year the Cumberland and North Westmorland
Association did not figure in our Peal Analysis
Table.

Mr. Philip Gray, captain of St. Paul's Cath-
edral Society, Melbourne, has received, states
'Ringing Towers,' the Capper Pass award from
the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the
Institute of Metals in the United Kingdom.

The band that rang the peal of Minor at the
Church of St. Mary Magdalen, Oxford, on
August 18th, were exceedingly lucky. As they
were ringing down after the peal the tenor
rope broke. The peal was the last rung for
David Simms before joining the R.A.F. on
August 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden, of Guildford,
celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday.
As convener of the Biographies Committee of
the Central Council Mr. Hazelden has amassed
a wonderful collection of photographs and per-
sonal details of some hundreds of ringers. The
whole Exercise will join with us in wishing them
every happiness in the autumn of their days.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Veteran Kent ringer, Mr.
F. W. Richardson, called
1,302 Grandsire Triples with
all the calls as singles as a silver wedding com-
pliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hurrell on
August 25th at Woolwich Parish Church. We
feel that it was hardly an occasion to extol
single bliss! The ringers were G. Hurrell 1, F.
J. Hurrell 2, J. Hurrell 3, A. Grove 4, F. W.
Richardson 5, P. G. Parrott 6, B. Aldridge 7,
R. A. Johnson 8. It will be noted that Mr.
F. J. Hurrell's father and son were participating
in the quarter. There was also a thought for
others in this quarter—a compliment to Roy
Laming and Margaret Brandon, who were mar-
ried at Barking Parish Church on August 22nd.

Mr. Ronald G. Beck has scored a peal in
100 different towers in Somerset. Has any other
ringer surpassed this record?

The wedding of Mr. P. H. Wright, vice-
captain of the band at Holy Cross, Morton,
Derby, on August 22nd, was an occasion of
local rejoicing. A peal in honour of the happy
event was rung at Blackwell by three of the
bridegroom's colleagues from the local band,
two former school friends and the Master of
the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire As-
sociation and captain of the Blackwell tower.

A most attractive invitation programme was
issued to friends in the Windsor area for a
day's outing into North Bucks on August 15th
with ringing arranged for at 16 towers. In a
happy frame of mind the party set out from
Windsor in three cars. When two of the cars
were 24 miles from home, proceeding by dif-
ferent routes, one broke down with a big end
gone and the other had petrol pump and car-
burettor difficulties. The third car did not escape
trouble; when 20 miles from home it broke
down, also with the big end gone. A few of
the ringers visited four of the 16 towers!

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A NORTH CORNWALL RINGING TOUR

AN ENJOYABLE WEEK AMONGST GLORIOUS SCENERY TALL TOWERS AND LONG DRAUGHTS

IT is strange, sometimes, how the venue of a ringing tour is finally decided. Last year, after our very successful week in Yorkshire, we contemplated a visit to Shropshire. An early attempt in September to find suitable accommodation had proved difficult, and the thoughts of the organiser were turning to other parts of the country. Quite unexpectedly a very welcome letter came from the Rev. Arthur S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, 'Would you like to come to North Cornwall? I'll arrange the towers for peals if you will provide the band.'

The invitation arrived at the right moment and, soon after, a chance visit to Camelford discovered a 'convenient' hotel, the King's Arms, at which we could make our H.Q.

It had been decided to depart from our usual custom of travelling by coach and use private cars, but we had not bargained for illness. It was a big disappointment that, owing to the serious illness of Jessie Roberts, neither she nor Arthur would be able to take part. It was especially disappointing to them, as they had helped so much with the arrangements and were eagerly looking forward to our visit.

However, thanks to the assistance of Miss Doreen Edwards, of Cromhall, Glos, another car was provided, and a smaller party than usual, numbering 12 ringers and three non-ringers, made the long journey by various means to Camelford.

There is something different about a visit to Cornwall. The scenery is so varied, so many of the churches are so isolated, yet, at the same time, their towers dominate the countryside. One is always on the look out for the unexpected and one is rarely disappointed.

CORNISH TOWERS

On Sunday, August 9th, a fine day greeted us and we all walked the 1½ miles to Lanteglos-by-Camelford (six, 10 cwt.). For some it was the longest walk they had taken for very many years! After a ring, in which the local company joined us, we stayed to Choral Communion, and were welcomed to the county by the Rector, the Rev. L. A. T. Speer. In the afternoon we started for Double Norwich at Altarnon (eight, 11½ cwt.), but our disappointment in losing the peal was quickly forgotten when the ringing Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Kneebone) kindly invited us to tea at the Vicarage. Refreshed with this, we returned to the tower and rang a good (and fast) quarter of Stedman Triples, the first in the method on the bells. Once again we stayed to service and enjoyed the Vicar's topical address of welcome. The bells are a good octave, cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1923, and are hung in a typical Cornish tower.

The grey granite church towers of Cornwall are of considerable height, with a marked taper, crowned by an embattled parapet and pinnacles—in design, very plain and yet not without distinction. Like 'the little grey home in the west,' they belong to Cornwall and are plain and solid in order to withstand the roughest of Atlantic storms.

TENORS—THE DIFFERENCE

The venue for Monday morning was Lanhydrock (eight, 14 cwt.). This interesting church, situated in a park and next door to the great mansion of Lord Clifden, took some finding! The Vicar, Prebendary H. A. Abbott, kindly showed us around before we started, and he has much of which to be proud. Those not taking part in the peal visited Lostwithiel (six, 9½ cwt.) and St. Sampson (or Golant) (five, 4½ cwt.). At

the latter tower they were very pleased to meet Mr. E. T. P. Field, who called a quarter peal of Doubles on the handy five.

Liskeard (eight, 17 cwt.) was the peal tower for the afternoon, but as we had heard varying accounts of the 'go' of the bells, we did not settle down to our attempt too seriously. A convenient shift necessitated 'Stand' being called after 30 minutes, and one member of the band was not sorry, especially as the morning peal had been hard work too. Someone was heard to say, 'I don't mind how much energy I exert on a 30 cwt. tenor, but I can't see much point in wasting it on a 17 cwt. one!' Maybe he's getting older and perhaps seen the red light. During the afternoon a quarter peal of Doubles was rung at St. Cleer (six, 10 cwt.), in which a local call change ringer rang the tenor to his first attempt at 'scientific.' He was obviously delighted, and this was the first quarter on this fine six, in a 97ft. tall tower, situated on the edge of Bodmin Moor.

Our way home lay through narrow lanes to Blisland (six, 10 cwt.), where there is a very quaint church with a fine rood screen. After dinner some of us rang handbells for the benefit of customers in our hotel, who had not seen this done before.

A TRIP INTO DEVONSHIRE

On Tuesday, August 11th, we slipped over the Cornish border into Devon. Permission had been given by the Rev. E. Royle for a peal attempt at Holsworthy (eight, 15 cwt.), and this splendid ring, recently recast by Gillett and Johnston, was soon going to Cambridge, the first of Major on the bells. The west doors were left open and, as they lead right on to the path in the main street, we had a constant gathering of interested spectators. The two married couples were given permission to spend the afternoon at Bude, and eight others started for Kent at Bridgerule (eight, 10½ cwt.). We ought to have scored, but didn't, and were thus able to get over to Pyworthy (six, 8½ cwt.) and meet Mr. W. Slee, who called a six-score of Grand sire, his first for quite a long time. Incidentally, the extra morning tower had been Clawton (six, 8 cwt.). In the evening we enjoyed very much a visit to Stratton (eight, 22 cwt.), some of Taylor's best, and were given a warm welcome by Messrs. A. E. Bissett, C. Sangwin and E. Sangwin. After ringing we watched the beginning of the local floral dance, and some were tempted to join in, but time prevented.

IN RURAL VILLAGES

Wednesday, August 12th, found us back in rural Cornwall. Various winding lanes eventually led us to Cardynham (eight, 14½ cwt.), where the original ring, cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1896, were rehung in 1951 by Gillett and Johnston. This tower, a very fine one over 100ft. high, is interesting as being where the first peal of Major was rung in Cornwall in 1896, viz., Double Norwich Court Bob, conducted by that superb ringer of all time, James W. Washbrook. We decided to score the second peal in the method on the bells, which 'go' really well. In addition, the remainder of the party visited St. Neot (six, 8 cwt.) and, being met by Paul Field, with a friend, rang another first quarter peal on the bells.

On arrival at Lanivet (eight, 13 cwt.), we were delighted to find Arthur and Jessie Roberts—Jessie having her first day's outing since her illness, looking well and feeling just as keen as

ever on ringing. By special request a change was made from the usual Major ringing, and an attempt for Stedman lasted for nine parts. Those not ringing, joined by Arthur, Jessie and Paul Field, visited Withiel (six, 10 cwt.), where the fifth persisted in slipping wheel, and St. Wenn (six, 10 cwt.), a handy ring for a future peal of Minor. The Rev. C. T. Walker, Rector of Lanivet, although away on holiday, had very kindly provided tea for us at a local cafe and this was very much appreciated. Some of our party succumbed to the 'Archers' from Farmer Holton's car radio, and delayed our start for a ring at Bodmin (eight, 15½ cwt.). However, with the addition of Cyril Wratten, of Hythe, Kent, and now in the R.A.F., we rang quite a reasonable course of Yorkshire on the oldest octave in the county.

THE ONLY 'DOUBLE'

Thursday, August 13th, commenced with a slight misfortune—Doreen Edwards' car would not start! After several efforts to get it going by pushing it, a visitor volunteered to give it a tow, and away it went! We arrived at Werrington (eight, 14½ cwt.) 1½ hours late, though fortunately the rest of our party had got there on time and were expecting us. As this tower, though in Devonshire, is in the Truro Diocese, we agreed to ring our peal for the Diocesan Guild. The bells, cast in 1898 by Taylors, are a fine ring and 'go' well, and it was a pleasant experience to ring the first peal here since 1901. Bells, like humans, are strange beings! Their difference in 'go' is amazing. Here at Werrington, in a church situated right away from everything, is a ring of bells, hung in plain bearings in 1898 and, having had nothing but local attention since then, their 'go' is excellent. They are seldom visited by 'scientific' ringers, but can be well recommended.

At another place, probably thickly populated (and not necessarily in the West), one can find a ring of bells, regularly rung, rehung long after 1898, yet whose 'go' is poor and where a peal is hard work. Just another example of the unexpected. Those not peal ringing visited North Petherwin (six, 9 cwt.) and rang the back four of a good ring.

We were delighted to have Arthur Roberts in our afternoon peal attempt at St. Stephen-by-Launceston (eight, 15½ cwt.), a pleasant Taylor eight, with the usual Cornish long draught. Double Norwich Court Bob was successfully brought round after a little preliminary delay while we 'knotted' the very long ropes, whose tail-ends were spliced.

Messrs. C. Sangwin, A. E. Bissett, A. J. Hicks, of Stratton, kindly joined us for the afternoon, and we were also pleased to see Miss Patricia Gilbert, late of Bromham, Beds., and now an 'exile' at Black Torrington, Devon. These four, plus our non-pealers, visited St. Thomas, Launceston (six, 10 cwt.), with one of the smallest ringing chambers in existence, and then went on to South Petherwin (six, 15 cwt.). Later we all joined forces at the interesting Church of St. Mary, Launceston (eight, 15½ cwt.), and rang, amongst other touches, a course of Superlative on another long draught but good going Taylor eight.

A DAY WITH TEN TOWERS

Friday, August 14th, commenced with a short ride to St. Mabyn (eight, 8½ cwt.), with a very tall tower and a merry little ring rehung and augmented by Gillett and Johnston several years ago. The bells go well, the draught is a long

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CORNWALL TOUR—Continued

one and another attempt for the elusive Stedman Triples reached the 8th part. Those not ringing the 'four-part' visited St. Kew (six, 10 cwt.), St. Endellion (six, 8 cwt.), where a friendly old ringer working in the churchyard joined us, and St. Minver (six, 12 cwt.), one of the few Cornish towers with a spire.

After a good lunch at Wadebridge, we looked forward to scoring an easy peal in the afternoon at Eglosayle (eight, 12½ cwt.). The first peal on the bells was rung in 1907 and the method, Superlative, took 3 hours and 17 minutes. Whether we were ringing too fast we can't say, but in 2 hours 45 minutes Yorkshire was brought round. The back end had to work, and Ben Baker on the 7th, asked if the pace was too fast, replied, 'No, keep it going; she won't rise too high!' Another case of the unexpected and proving that certain light rings require more effort than many of our famous heavy 'free wheelers.' The non-pealers visited St. Breock (six, 8 cwt.), St. Issey (six, 13½ cwt.) and Little Petherick (six, 8 cwt.), and were joined by local ringers at the first two towers.

To finish the day, we called at St. Teath (six, 7½ cwt.), with five stays missing! And then a delightful 'extra' tower, a quick visit to Tintagel (six, 7 cwt.), and its associations with King Arthur. What a grand setting for a church! Right on top of the cliffs, two hundred yards from the nearest house, and strongly built to face the Atlantic weather.

THE LAST DAY

Saturday, August 15th, was our day of departure, and five of our party left early to travel a long way for Sunday duties. Charlie Sangwin had very kindly got permission for a peal attempt at Kilkhampton (eight, 11½ cwt.), so with his help seven of us had the pleasure of scoring a 'first on the bells.' Messrs. Tom Sone and Ben Baker, with wives, and Miss Doreen Edwards, with lady friend, departed, but the four who were left had, possibly, the best afternoon and evening of the week.

Charlie Sangwin, with the addition of a ringer from Poughill, kindly took us in his fast car to three interesting places. Our first call was at Poughill (six, 12½ cwt.), a splendid ring, then on to Hartland (six, 20 cwt.), another fine ring. The church, situated at Stoke, has the tallest tower in Devon, 128ft. high. Then we visited what must be one of the loneliest hotels in the country, that at Hartland Quay, right down below the cliffs and an ideal place to spend a quiet holiday. Our last visit was to the delightfully situated church at Morwenstowe (six, 8 cwt.). Anyone visiting this church should not fail to stroll to the west side of the churchyard and enjoy the view down the glen to the sea, a short distance away. One really feels the spirit and magic of North Cornwall and Devon, standing in this secluded spot, and watching the setting sun in a cloudless sky.

To sum up, we all had a grand time and would once again like to thank Arthur Roberts for his valuable help and assistance. We rang some 61,000 changes, but only climbed 100 steps, as most of the ringing chambers were on the ground floor. We visited 40 towers during the week and looked over some really interesting churches, with fine bench ends and rood screens. We offer our sincere thanks to all incumbents who kindly gave permission for peals and touches, and the local ringers who met us at several towers and were pleased to see us.

If you want a holiday with a difference, Cornwall is the county for you, and we are looking forward to another tour in later years.

A. P. C.

The conductor of the peal of Cambridge Surpri Major rung at Southport on August 17th, writes: 'I wish to correct a mistake which I made in my report of the peal. The composer should read Middleton, and not A. Pritchard, as stated.'

EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS
RINGING WEEK

A PEAL tour with a difference was the object of a few ringers from the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who held a peal ringing week in their local towers during the first week in August. Out of ten attempts, however, only four successes were scored.

The week began well with a peal of Plain Bob Major at Boyne Hill. This, although not a first-class peal, was a passable one, for the bells are not an easy going ring.

The second attempt was on the delightful eight at Burnham. Here a very slow start was made for Combined Oxford and Kent, which quickened up in the second and third parts. The end came in the last course when the conductor called a bob a whole pull too soon, the immediate result being chaos.

The next day began at Langley with an attempt for six Minor methods. In the third 720 a call was imagined by one of the ringers, some following him and some the conductor. Result—failure No. 2.

The third failure was at Iver, where the band met one short. One member of the band offered to ring two bells to Grandsire Triples on these odd struck bells, but after a quarter the conductor brought the bells round as the striking was not of peal standard. (It may be added here that this was not the fault of the ringer of 2-3.)

Wednesday morning began with an attempt for non-conducted Plain Bob at Old Windsor. The bells and ringers settled down well and two hours of good enjoyable ringing was experienced before the fifth and the seventh made a Before a course too soon. Half a lead later 'Stand' was called and another loss recorded.

The attempt for Double Norwich at Chertsey is hardly worth recording. About a quarter of indifferent ringing led to another loss being recorded.

Horton was the next call. Here a very mediocre peal of Minor was rung, recording the second success of the week.

Thursday morning saw four ringers at Chertsey. After a long wait, the fifth arrived, but the sixth? (Discovered later to be still in bed at Slough.)

The afternoon peal should have been at Farnham Royal, but as through various reasons only six ringers were available, the peal was switched to Winkfield, where a good peal of Minor in ten methods was rung.

The last day's ringing was at Staines. Cambridge Major was attempted at St. Peter's in the morning, only to fail after 2 hours when a middle was put in in error. In the afternoon a good peal of Spliced Minor was rung at St. Mary's, making an enjoyable end to the week.

Many thanks are due to all the ringers and incumbents who made all these attempts possible.

LUDHAM, NORFOLK, OUTING

On Saturday, July 25th, the newly-formed Ludham band enjoyed their second outing this year to the North Norfolk coast. With the help of Tom Francis, who kindly met us at Paston, Cyril Pooley at Northrepps, and Edward Wilson at Cromer, we were able to attempt Bob Doubles, but elsewhere the ringing ranged from rounds to Bob Minimus.

The light five at Knapton (tenor 5 cwt.) proved very popular. After tea at Cromer, calls were made at Wiveton and Wells where, at the latter place we met one short in the Eight Ringers.

A vote of thanks to all incumbents for the use of the bells and to tower captains for meeting us and helping with some useful ringing.

K. L. B.

REGINA

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE

A method newly designed for the Coronation year.

Type.—Hunt controlled.

Range.—Even-bell stages.

Basic stage.—Major.

Stage variations.—Natural extensions on Royal and Maximus and above ad infinitum. Contraction on Minor.

SPECIFICATION

1. The hunt.—Single, the Treble, Plain.

2. Grid pattern.—

(a) Back Triangle (i.e., area above the treble)—plain hunting.

(b) Front Triangle (i.e., area below the treble)—plain hunting, with 'stepped' places, two in each row, beginning with two central adjacent places immediately below the treble's path, and continuing, each place one position outwards, in successive rows down to the Junction. (Half-lead rows.) The last pair of places, in any stage, being 3rds from front and 3rds from back. (All places symmetrically in the Grid.)

(c) Junction: (half-lead permutation). 2nds from behind, with dodging to front.

(d) Link: (Lead-head permutation). 2nds from front, with dodging to back.

3. Calls.—

(a) Bob, as in Plain Bob.

(b) Single, as in Plain Bob.

Minor (Con.)	Major (Basic)	Royal (Exten.)	Maximus (Exten.)
123456	12345678	1234567890	1234567890ET
214365	21436587	2143658709	2143658709TE
241635	24163857	2416385079	2416385079E9
426153	42618375	4261830597	426183057E9
462513	46281735	4628103957	462810375E79
642531	64827153	6482019375	64820173E597
465231	68427513	6840291735	6840271E3957
etc.	86472531	8604297153	860427E19375
to d-e	68745231	8604927513	806742E91735
153624	etc.	0869472531	08764E297153
	to d-e	8096745231	0786E4927513
156342	15372846	etc.	0786E69472531
	15738264	to d-e	0786E96745231
		1573920486	1573924E6T80
			157392E4T608

The consistent progression of relatively-positioned bells is noteworthy.

Notes.—A plain-hunt even-bell design was chosen as having a more general appeal, with work not difficult but interesting.

A noteworthy feature is that the 'stepped' places do not introduce dodging.

Several extant compositions may be found applicable.

In the contraction (Minor) the 'adjacent' and 'final' (or 3rds inwards) places become one and the same.

This contracted form is similar to the Minor method given, in its basic form, in the C.C. Collection as No. 13—'Fulbeck'—but that method and its extensions are quite different from 'Regina.' The Fulbeck specification, for example, is simply: 'Double Bob, with 3rds and 4ths. adjacent. places only, imposed above and below the half-lead.'

These two methods furnish an interesting example of one of the axioms of Grid Analysis, namely, that while two different forms of true or natural extension cannot arise from one single basic (sic) form, yet two different basic methods may have common form in a contracted stage.

Finally, the method was designed, from its inception, to avoid all possibility of controversy as to its stage variations (i.e., extensions and/or contractions) through the simple expedient of setting out its basic specification in uncompromising terms, which terms are then rigorously adhered to not only in the basic but throughout all stages, as may easily be verified.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANONYMITY

Dear Sir,—The publication of the notice on page 533 of your issue of August 14th to the effect that no more anonymous letters will be published in 'The Ringing World' appears to indicate a reversal of editorial policy. I would like to refer to your issue of November 18th, 1949, in which you replied to criticism of the paper made at the 312th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths. In your editorial of that date you defended the principle of anonymity which, you said, was a feature of the British Press.

It would be interesting to know the reason for this volte-face and whether the decision was yours or whether it was made by the Editorial Committee.

I could sign this letter 'John Smith.' but that, Sir, would mislead you.—Yours faithfully,

C. W. MUNDAY.

Morden, Surrey.

HAVE DOUBLES PEALS VETTED

Dear Sir,—The Methods Committee finally gained their objective in virtually banning to the Exercise at large Minor methods they class as illegitimate. Thus five men have dictated to the thousands of Minor ringers what they should ring. Now they intend to do the same with Doubles.

On an examination of the names of these men we find that none of them are prolific Minor and Doubles ringers. Indeed, some of them ring none at all! Maybe they have all graduated past the six-bell stage and are now more occupied ringing in a higher plane.

Another interesting fact on examination of the names is that two of the members were very interested in a peal (or should I say 'performance') which took place at Basingstoke about 1947. (An examination of the correspondence in 'The Ringing World' of that time can prove very interesting.) Apparently we have a change of heart in these members for that peal was definitely against the Central Council's rules.

In conclusion, might I warn Doubles ringers that their hour is near? The best thing that they can do is to have all their methods 'vetted' before ringing them or they will find their peals turning into 'performances'.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BUTLER.

Windsor.

THE WORST RING IN HAMPSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I have been trying to hasten to disillusion the minds of your readers concerning 'the fine ring of five' at Preston Candover.

We have 'the worst ring in Hampshire' and the following information will show you why.

Mr. Paul Taylor tested the tones of the bells with the following results:—

Tenor.—C.

No. 4.—C sharp, slightly sharp.

No. 3.—E flat, slightly sharp.

No. 2.—F, slightly flat.

Treble.—G, slightly flat.

Taken with the fact that the treble can hardly be heard and two and three are very light, you hear very little else than four and five clashing away, especially in Bob Doubles.

That is why we hope to recast and are grateful to Overton for giving us the Laverstoke bell to make a new tenor and increase the ring to six. It is our hope and intention that 'the worst ring in Hampshire' shall become a 'fine ring' by the aid of the parishioners and friends who love this part of Hampshire.—Yours sincerely,

C. E. C. BRINKWORTH.

Vicar.

Preston Candover, Hants.

THREE-LEAD COURSE ROYAL METHODS

Dear Sir,—I should like also to express my sympathy with those who deprecate the exclusion of methods with irregular lead-heads. I agree with Mr. Birmingham that no convincing case has been made for this decision. I suppose it is true to say that most of the interesting problems of composition have now been worked out—especially in Minor, if not on higher numbers. (I have made no great study of composition so I am open to correction on this and the following point.) I should, therefore, have thought that composition in irregular methods, where many of the usual rules and techniques would not apply, would have offered almost a virgin field of interest to our composers and a challenge they would have accepted with alacrity.

I am, however, more concerned about the exclusion of 'three-lead-course' Royal methods from Spliced Royal ringing. The fact that three-lead courses are produced by certain combinations of places in Royal but not in Minor, Major or Maximus is simply due to the fact that nine is divisible by three, whereas five, seven and eleven are all prime numbers. Is this sufficient cause for excluding these methods from Spliced Royal? From other points of view they are impeccable—they have regular lead-heads and obey the other rules of method construction. There might be a case for disallowing peals in these 'three-lead-course' methods alone (if such peals are possible, which I see no reason to doubt) but it seems to me there is none for disallowing them in spliced compositions. After all, the ultimate unit of any method is the treble-lead, which is why, for instance, there may be no change of method in spliced ringing except when the treble is leading. In a one-method peal the unit for purposes of composition may well be the course, but this is not usually true in multi-method peals unless it be a hybrid course such as 'LCL' in Spliced Surprise Major. This being so I see no reason why treble-leads of these Royal methods should not be used in a multi-method peal, even if they cannot by themselves produce a full plain course.

Finally, in discussing questions of this kind, may I make a plea that the protagonists should confine themselves to logical arguments? Such phrases as '... because it was one of the things which was not done' and 'up to the people who did splice to keep the game clean' which were used or quoted in the Central Council discussion simply appeal to the emotions—which is perhaps the reason why they were used!—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. SPICE.

Liverpool.

PEALS AT WHITCHURCH, OXON

Dear Sir,—In your issue of July 24th the peal at Whitchurch, Oxon, is claimed as the first peal on the bells for 40 years. May I state that we have a record of a peal rung on these bells on Saturday, October 24th, 1924, it being rung as a compliment for my son's fourth birthday, and was conducted by my husband.

Sad to say, some of those who stood in it have passed on but one member of the band. Mr. W. Short, who rang in the Coronation peal, will remember my husband, as he received much help from him. We were pleased to see he has reached peal ringing stage.

My husband and I wish the tower and ringers every success. When we resided at Clematis Cottage, Whitchurch, we spent many happy hours in the tower.—Yours sincerely,

E. TIGWELL (Mrs.).

Hook. Hants.

TOWER CAPTAINS

Dear Sir,—I have been interested in the recent correspondence relating to 'Tower Captains' and service ringing and particularly in the letter from Mr. J. E. Cook published in your issue of August 7th. It seems to me that room can be found for both the peal ringer and non-peal ringer and a case could be made out for both. I can sympathise with Mr. Cook in his efforts to form and keep a band together and I am wondering whether our experience in Ashted may be of interest to him or to others.

We have had our disappointments but at present we can boast of a strong Sunday service band (although not necessarily an advanced one) and on Easter Day rang the whole octave for four services, the 7 and 8 o'clock celebrations, Matins and Evensong. What success we have achieved I ascribe to one fact only. All present members of our band and all who have from time to time been members have been drawn from the regular Sunday congregations. In fact all our regular communicants, and on Easter Day the whole band, without exception, made its communion at 7 o'clock.

Most of the ringers perform other duties such as that of chorister, sidesman, Sunday School teacher, etc., and this of necessity means that practice evenings are not perhaps so well attended as might otherwise be the case. But this is more than offset by the fact that Sunday service ringing is generally well supported as the ringers are coming to church in any event.

My advice would therefore seem to be—make sure that your prospective ringer is already a practising member of the church.—Yours faithfully,

J. T. SYMONDS.

Ashted, Surrey.

ASPENDEN PEAL BOARD

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article on the front page of the issue of August 21st regarding ringing in Hertfordshire, it may interest Mr. Frost to know that the peal at Aspenden was rung in 1746, four weeks after the one at Braughing. Perhaps the 1764 was culled from Thomas North's book, but the peal record hanging in Aspenden ringing chamber states October 24th, 1746.

Some correspondence about Aspenden bells appeared in 'The Ringing World' about March 16th, 1928.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

Brockley, S.E.4.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Sept. 5th, 1913

LONDON

The Middlesex County Association
On Thursday, August 8th, 1913, in 3 hours and 25 minutes

At the Church of St. Dunstan, Stepney
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS,
5,017 CHANGES
Tenor 31 cwt.

Isaac G. Shade ..	Treble
Charles T. Coles ..	2
*Harold N. Pitstow ..	3
Bertram Prewett ..	4
Ferris J. Shepherd ..	5
George A. Card ..	6
Wilby J. Hazell ..	7
James E. Davis ..	8
William Pye ..	9
Alfred W. Grimes ..	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.
Conducted by C. T. Coles.

* First peal on ten bells.

[Mr. Pitstow, grandson of Nathan J. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, and now conductor of the Westminster Abbey band, was only 15 years of age at the time.]

ANALYSIS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES RUNG DURING 1952

ASSOCIATION	MINOR																	DOUBLES																	Total				
	35 Methods	33 Methods	32 Methods	25 Methods	21 Methods	20 Methods	19 Methods	18 Methods	17 Methods	16 Methods	15 Methods	14 Methods	12 Methods	11 Methods	10 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	Minor	Doubles													
An. Soc. College Yths.																											2												
Bath and Wells Dio.																											30												
Bedfordshire																											12												
Cambridge Univ. Gld.																											3												
Chester Diocesan		2	1		2	2																					36												
Coventry Dio. Guild																											1												
Derbyshire Assn.																	1										10												
Devonshire																											3												
Durham and Newcastle										1																	5												
East Grinstead																											8												
Ely Diocesan																											2												
Essex Association																											38												
Gloucester and Bristol																											47												
Guildford Diocesan																											9												
Hereford Diocesan								1				2		1	2												23												
Hertford County					1	1		1						1													18												
Irish Association																											2												
Kent County													1														45												
Ladies Guild																																							
Lancashire Association																											47												
Leicester Dio. Guild																											64												
Lincoln Dio. Guild						1	1		1	1			1	1	2												11												
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BEXLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 9th, 1,280 Bob Major: A. G. Williams 1, Miss J. Elliott (first quarter) 2, D. Hall 3, Miss B. R. Thompson 4, J. L. Morris 5, Miss M. Andrews 6, A. Hall 7, P. P. Brown (first of Major as conductor) 8. First of Major for 4 and 6. —Also, on Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. M. Ward 1, A. Hall 2, P. P. Brown 3, D. Hall 4, J. L. Morris 5, A. G. Williams 6, Miss B. R. Thompson (first quarter as conductor) 7, Miss M. Andrews 8. First of Triples for 1, 3 and 8.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (120 St. Martin's, 120 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob, 240 Grandsire, 300 Stedman): Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 3, T. Clark 4, Mary Delderfield 5, C. Randall 6. A birthday compliment to C. Randall.

QUARTER PEALS

CAERHAYES, CORNWALL.—At the Church of St. Michael on Aug. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire): K. Brewer 1, A. H. Eplett 2, C. H. Drewett 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, J. P. Blond 5, A. J. Vincent 6. First quarter in three methods for 1, 3 and 5.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia Dodds (first quarter) 1, Marion Jackson 2, A. Jackson 3, L. Fidler 4, D. Gullick (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. N. Stevens 1, T. P. Harris 2, T. W. Allen 3, C. D. Mann 4, W. P. Billington 5, D. R. Brazier (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the Queen Mother's birthday.

ST. NEOT, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 12th, 600 Plain Bob Doubles and 660 Grandsire Doubles: M. Angela Carter 1, A. Doreen Edwards 2, E. T. P. Field 3, C. J. Champion 4, K. R. Holtom (cond.) 5, A. J. Vincent 6. First quarter peal on the bells.

WALKDEN, LANCS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. McDermott 1, Miss Barbara Smedley 2, Ben Welsby 3, Geoffrey Pearson (cond.) 4, Joseph Thornley 5, Everest Ford 6, Arthur Burton 7, George Oliver 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. H. Horne.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Barnard (first of Bob Minor) 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, W. Kerrison 3, E. J. Thurlow 4, R. J. Darch 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6.

Analysis of Handbell Peals rung during 1952

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A GUILDFORD GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hazelden, of Guildford, celebrated their golden wedding yesterday, September 3rd. Mr. Hazelden began his ringing career in Kent in 1897 and came to Guildford in January, 1901, since when he has rung with St. Nicolas' Society and the Holy Trinity Society. He rang in the first peal of Guildford Surprise in 1913 and in the attempt to ring four Surprise peals in one day. He also rang in many handbell peals with the Guildford company. He was for many years secretary of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and has been a member of the Central Council since 1930. Mrs. Hazelden commenced to ring in 1913 and rang in four handbell peals before starting to ring tower bells, ringing her first handbell peal in 1914 and her first tower bell peal in 1919 at Chiddingfold. She started, and was the first secretary of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild.

In 1920 Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden took part in the first peal rung by four married couples; this was Grandsire Triples at Christ Church, Epsom, the others taking part being Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs and Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington. They were thus the first married couple to ring together both handbell and tower bell peals.

In 1928 they rang in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Ewell to celebrate their silver

wedding and this was also their 50th peal together. The peal was unique in that all those ringing were celebrating their silver wedding that year: Mrs. Hazelden treble, J. S. Goldsmith (conductor) 2, John Beams 3, Charles Hazelden 4, John Hoyle 5, Charles Grimwood 6, William Pasmore 7, Joseph Hawkins tenor. At the social which followed, they arranged to meet again in five years' time to mark their 30th anniversary by a peal attempt. This was duly rung at Old Woking on December 9th, 1933, with the same band, conductor and method. Five years later arrangements were made to attempt a 35th anniversary peal at Ewell, but the death of Mrs. Goldsmith not long before the date of the peal broke the happy circle and it had to be cancelled.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden rang peals together in the four standard methods on eight and ten bells, also Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. Mrs. Hazelden was the first woman to ring peals at Holy Trinity, Guildford, at Godalming, Petworth and other towers in the district, there being very few ladies ringing at that time. Mr. Hazelden has taught very many learners, particularly at St. Nicolas', Guildford, some of whom are now proficient peal ringers. They still ring regularly at St. Nicolas' for Sunday services and practice although both have given up peal ringing.

WEDDING

MR. L. W. BULLOCK—MISS S. BOOTH

On Saturday, August 22nd, the marriage between Miss Sheila Booth and Mr. L. W. Bullock took place at the Church of St. Edward-the-Confessor, Romford, Essex.

Both are well-known and active members of the Essex Association, the bridegroom (one of the four ringing sons of Mr. Jim Bullock) being the Master of the St. Edward's Guild of Ringers.

The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. R. Wright, M.A.). It was intended to ring the bride into church with a quarter peal of Bob Major, but owing to an earlier wedding it was only possible to ring 1,008 changes, the bridegroom standing in. The ringers were: Miss N. Hales 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, J. A. Hales 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, C. A. Hughes 5, F. H. Bullock 6, L. W. Bullock 7, J. Bullock (conductor) 8.

As the happy pair left the church the bells rang out manned by friends from Hornchurch, Dagenham, Woodford, Leytonstone, Upper Clapton, Walthamstow and members of the local band.

A reception followed in the Church Hall, and later to the sound of Stedman Triples the happy couple left for their honeymoon in the Isle of Wight.

J. A. H.

OBITUARY

MR. ALICK HAYNES

The death of Mr. Alick Haynes, aged 58, a popular member of the Ellesmere, Shropshire, band and a member of the Shropshire Association and Chester Diocesan Guild, has occurred suddenly at his home, St. John's Hill, Ellesmere.

A native of Ellesmere, Mr. Haynes first learned to ring there about 33 years ago. Since then he had taught and assisted many beginners, was at one time towerkeeper and, although he had been ailing for some little time, he was a regular Sunday service ringer almost up to the date of his death. He was a member of the local self-taught band which rang the first peal of Stedman Triples there on June 20th, 1925 (the first peal by a local band since 1730), and, although this is believed to be the only peal Mr. Haynes rang, he had rung and conducted very many quarter peals, principally Stedman, both on tower- and handbells.

Mr. Haynes joined the Territorials just prior to 1914 and served in India and France with the King's Shropshire Light Infantry and Royal Engineers until the end of the first world war. He was in the Ellesmere Fire Brigade for over 12 years and was also a member of the Ellesmere Amateur Dramatic Society for a great number of years. Formerly a local postman, Mr. Haynes was more latterly employed by Messrs. R. J. Fullwood and Bland, Ltd., as a storeman until his health started to fail recently.

The funeral and service took place at Ellesmere Cemetery and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Lloyd), the bearers being Messrs. W. Higginson, sen., J. Lloyd and W. Sleight (bellringers) and D. Evans (fireman). The bells were rung half-muffled in the evening also for both services the following Sunday and at the Shropshire Association meeting held at Ellesmere. Mr. A. Pritchard, the Ringing Master, paid due tribute to the memory of Mr. Haynes.

Alick Haynes, who leaves a widow to whom the deepest sympathy is extended, will be sadly missed and his passing is greatly regretted by his many ringing friends and all who knew him.

MR. W. WALLINGTON

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. Walter Wallington, of Market Harborough, Leicestershire, on August 18th, at St. Luke's Hospital, Market Harborough. Mr. Wallington was admitted to hospital a week previously after an illness of several months' duration. The last occasion on which he took part in any ringing was on Coronation Day but his death came as a shock to his many friends.

Mr. Wallington had been a member of the Market Harborough band for approximately 43 years. In his younger days he rang a few peals but in recent years his ringing had been mainly concerned with practice and Sunday service ringing at which he was regular and punctual in his attendance until prevented by illness.

The funeral service was held at the Parish Church on August 22nd followed by cremation at Kettering. The remains were laid to rest in Market Harborough Cemetery on August 24th.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung with clappers half-muffled as a mark of respect by the local band assisted by members of the Great Bowden band. G. A. H.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division at Hastings

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at All Saints', Hastings, on August 22nd when about 25 members attended from Burwash, Eastbourne (St. Mary's and Christ Church), Hastings (Christ Church, Blacklands, and All Saints'), Hailsham, Hellingly, Mayfield, Sedlescombe, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Ticehurst and Wadhurst.

There was no service as the Rector had a prior engagement. An excellent tea was provided in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting which followed, the Master of the Association, Mr. S. E. Armstrong, presided. Miss Beryl Unstead, of Hailsham, was made a member of the Association.

The secretary gave notice of the resignations of Battle and Brightling towers from the Association explaining that he had written asking them to reconsider their decisions and was awaiting replies.

The secretary also remarked upon the poor attendances at meetings and Mrs. Percy proposed that notice of the next quarterly meeting be sent to all affiliated and non-affiliated towers in the hope that the next meeting would be better represented.

Mr. Levitt, of Hastings, proposed that reports of all business meetings be submitted to 'The Ringing World' for publication; this was supported by Mr. L. Giles, of Wadhurst, put to the meeting and carried.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for their kindness in providing tea was proposed by Mr. Giles. There was no further business and the members returned to the tower where some good practice was held until eight o'clock.

R. W. P.

NOTICES

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GOLDEN WEDDING

HAZELDEN—MORTLEY.—On September 3rd, 1903, at St. Michael's, Kent, by the Rev. J. Jervis, Albert Charles Hazelden to Lucy Beatrice Mortley. 3106

DEATH

BLACK.—On August 21st at Wood Road, Geddington, Kettering. George Isaiah Black, aged 90 years, after a short illness. Interred Geddington, August 25th. 3102

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. R. Percy, of Eastbourne, is now Esperange, Oldfields Road, Lower Willington, Sussex. 3092

Having sold his Fountains Park residence, A. York-Bramble asks that correspondence for him be addressed, for the present, to: R.A.F. Reserves Club, South Street, Park Lane, London, W.1. 3081

Permanent address of S. Geoffrey Waters is now Bishopsdale Farm, Biddenden, Kent. Phone Biddenden 270. 3098

PUBLICATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Will all ringers coming to the University and associated colleges, as freshers, this October, please contact Miss J. A. Rose, Sec., 24, Carnarvon Road, Redland, Bristol 6. 3088

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—All ringers and interested persons coming to Manchester this session are cordially welcome. Further details from the Ringing Master, W. L. Robinson, 13, Peveril Road, Eckington, Sheffield. 2771

ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM, LONDON.—No ringing until further notice. Tower being redecorated. See this column for opening date, probably mid-September.—J. Dafters, Tower-keeper. 3083

ST. JOHN'S, DEPTFORD.—Monday practices will be resumed at 7.30 p.m., Sept. 7th. 3084

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Owing to lack of response the annual dinner arranged for Sept. 12th has had to be cancelled. The half-yearly meeting of the Association will be held on that date at Liverpool, as arranged. Arrangements will be made for ringing in the evening. Own arrangements for tea. Ringing at St. Nicholas' 2 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.—R. D. St. John Smith, President. 3104

EXTRA COPIES.—It is an advantage if those requiring extra copies will send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter peals is submitted.

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Bidford-on-Avon (6), Saturday, Sept. 5th. Salford Priors in the evening from 6.30.—R. J. E. 3073

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting. Topsham, Sept. 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3028

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Coseley, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. 3010

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Crusader meeting.—Great Wakering, Sept. 5th (note change of venue). Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3011

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 3056

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Brasted (6), Sept. 5th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. F. Budgen, Darenton, Rectory Lane, Brasted, near Sevenoaks. 3035

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices at Binfield on Sept. 5th at 6 p.m., and Wargrave on Sept. 19th at 6.45.—B. C. Castle. 3074

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual silver cup contest at Thrybergh on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Entrance fee 2s. 6d. per team. Draw at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. G. K. Dixon, The Rectory, Thrybergh, near Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec., 356, Main Road, Sheffield 9. 3038

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Saturday, Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. 3064

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, Sept. 7th, 7.15 p.m. and every first Monday in each month, practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 3071

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Drayton, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 3058

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. This is the first meeting to be held since the restoration of the ring.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 3099

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S. — Meeting at Bridlington Sept. 12th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by first post Wednesday, Sept. 9th, to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington. 3093

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sutton, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 8th.—A. A. Potts, 132, Great King Street, Macclesfield. 3075

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and **SOUTHWELL GUILD** (North Notts District). — Joint meeting at Warsop (6), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Names for tea by 8th to Mr. H. Rooke, 8, York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield.—A. B. Cooper and H. Denman, Dis. Secs. 3075

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Peak and Derby Districts.—Joint meeting at Matlock, Sept. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, P. H. Whitaker, Secs. 3075

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting at Heath, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 3080

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Fairwarp (8) instead of Coleman's Hatch (not available) Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Foresters Arms. Please notify Mr. Homfray, Hillside, Old Forge Lane, Horney Common, near Uckfield. 3082

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Haddenham (6), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 3016

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 3109

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Shalford (5), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please notify H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree, for tea. Wethersfield (6) available after 7 p.m. 3051

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—South Marston (6) Sept. 12th. For tea advise Tom Stone, 3, Manor Cottages, South Marston, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 3078

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Meeting at Ewhurst, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., Bull's Head. Names for tea by Tuesday, 8th, to Ron Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 3049

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — By-meeting, Teynham, Sept. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. 6d. per head; numbers, with cash, please, to Mr. V. J. Page, 1, The Crescent, Teynham, Sittingbourne, not later than Sept. 2nd. Note early notification for tea.—B. J. Luck. 3063

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Newton-St. Loe on Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss M. Taylor, Upcott, Up-lands Road, Salford, Bristol. 3085

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Loughborough District.—Breedon-on-the-Hill, Sept. 12th. Ringing 3. Tea in cafe 5. Names, by Sept. 9th, to C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville.—C. W. Hall. 3079

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Ratby (8), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Harold Spencer, 101, Station Road, Ratby, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 9th.—John R. Smith, Hon. Sec. 3107

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Half-yearly meeting, Spalding, Sept. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday previous to Mr. A. Mills, 4, Milestone Lane, Pinchbeck, Spalding. 3047

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12th. St. Mary's, Finchley. Bells 3.15. Tea locally 4.45. Business in tower 6 p.m. and further ringing after.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec. Wanstead 1575. 3090

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at All Hallows', Bruce Castle, Tottenham, on Saturday, Sept. 12th, 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Service 7 p.m. Tea shops nearby.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 3094

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Ketteringham, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5.15. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 8th, please, to H. Tooke, 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. No names, no tea will be booked. 3047

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Cuddington, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4. Tea 4.45. For tea please notify F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 3091

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Market Overton, Saturday, Sept. 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 8th.—E. E. Gibson, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Rutland. 3062

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — First ever meeting, Tong, Sept. 12th. Six rehung and tuned (12 cwt., bourdon 42 cwt.). Tea if you advise by Sept. 9th W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury, 3846. 3048

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meetings at Shipley (afternoon) and Itchingfield (evening) on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Tea at Itchingfield. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, 8th, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 3095

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bournemouth, Saturday, September 12th. Ringing at St. Peter's (8) from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 4.30 p.m. Ringing St. John's (8) (Surrey Road) after tea.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3101

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ripple, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Tuesday, Sept. 8th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 3105

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Lightcliffe on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, Sept. 7th, to be sent to Mr. F. Popplewell, 12, Osborne Grove, Lightcliffe, Halifax.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3057

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — The dedication of the recast ring of eight bells by the Lord Bishop of Sherborne will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 16th, at 5.30 p.m. On Saturday, Sept. 19th, the bells will be open to visiting ringers from 2.30 to 4.30 and from 5.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. provided free for those only who notify Canon C. C. Cox by Sept. 15th. 3052

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District. — Next meeting will be at Broughton on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 3108

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Meeting at Boughton Monchelsea (6), Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 3097

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting, Cuxton (5), Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Please note change of date. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Sept. 15th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 3103

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS. — Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Sept. 19th, at Spittlegate Police Headquarters, 3 p.m., followed by dinner at George Hotel 6.15 p.m. and social evening. Ringing at Grantham (10) 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Harlaxton (6) (two miles) 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Bottesford (8) (seven miles) 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Barkston (6) (four miles) 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tickets for dinner, 11s. 6d. each, from secretary. (Last day for tickets Sept. 12th.)—C. H. F. Knight, 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 3100

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — East Norfolk Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Norton Subcourse, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 16th, to Mr. G. G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 3076

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Burstow, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 3-4.40 and after meeting. Tea (2s. 9d.) 5. Business meeting 5.45. Look up Double Oxford and Little Bob. Bus 424 to Broadbridge Lane. Notifications, by Sept. 17th, to L. Penfold, Rebwo, New Road, Smallfield, Horley. 3096

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Stockbridge, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Vine Inn. Names, by previous Wednesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3089

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The September general meeting will be held at Wetherby on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Committee meet 3 p.m. prompt in the Church Room. Service 4.15 p.m. at St. James'. Wetherby. Tea (2s. 6d.) served 5 p.m. in Church Room, followed by general meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea, by 16th, to Mr. C. Maxfield, 7, West Avenue, Boston Spa, Yorks. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.: Wetherby (8), Collingham (8) and Kirk Deighton. Please note arrangements as no circulars will be issued.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3087

AN EVENING IN CORNWALL

On Saturday, August 15th, five ringers from Kenwyn (Cornwall) and a visitor from Dorset had a very pleasant evening's outing. The first tower to be visited was St. Keyne, a 'backward' six, with very long ropes and a curiously 'dead' tenor of eight cwt. Then on to Duloe, where the six bells go reasonably well, but here again there were long ropes and the tenor (10 cwt.) sounds somewhat 'dead.'

Morval (6, 9½ cwt.), the next stop, has really delightful bells and the ringing here included a rise, rounds and fall in which a member of the local band and a young visitor from St. Gluvius took part. At St. Martin-by-Looe (6, 9½ cwt.) the Rector welcomed the party and warned them that, owing to learners, three stays were missing from the handy ring.

After a cross-country journey, Bradoc (5, 5 cwt.) was reached at about 9.30 p.m. but as there are no houses anywhere near the church it was still not too late to ring, even after a search had been made for candles. A member of the local band came to the church whilst ringing was in progress and, expressing his appreciation of the 'scientific changes,' requested the band to 'carry on' and it was after 10 p.m. before the bells were lowered.

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