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THE EYE-WITNESS

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

MR. WILLIAM SHEPHERD'S admirable articles, with their glimpses of the human aspect of ringing activity, may serve to remind us all once again of the fascinating field of research and collation that still remains for the future author, compiler and editor. The history books of change ringing and the peal books of the associations hold for all time records of ringing performances great and small. The place, the time, the performers and performance, in many instances the composition too—all these things are recorded with care and accuracy, and credit is given to each feat in measure according to its magnitude. Thus the peal of Grandsire Doubles stands alongside the peal of Cambridge Maximus, the peal of Plain Bob beside the peal of London Surprise.

So we pass them by as we turn the leaves of the peal book or the pages of 'The Bell News' or 'The Ringing World.' We move on idly, musing perhaps, even marveling maybe, as names and feats of past days succeed each other in the record, and if we are alone and our mood is contemplative, we may attempt to construct in our minds some of the background of a particular ringing performance, to clothe the bare bones of this printed record with a human integument, to try to form a mental image of the men actually at their laborious work in the tower, to imagine their approach to the task, and to picture their faces at the supreme moment of success. To follow them from the tower to a temporary paradise of milk and honey may be a satisfactory consummation of our reflections.

Fifty or sixty years ago the 'reporting' of a peal was far more common than it is to-day. Most of the long peals, and even performances of ordinary length, were accompanied by notes relating to the preparation, performance and aftermath of the enterprise, and the failures themselves often provided critical comment that now makes interesting reading and must have been of practical value at the time. Accounts of peals are, of course, found much farther back than the 19th century. In 1734 that assiduous auditor Thomas Hearne was listening regularly and intently to all the ringing in Oxford and was writing in his diary critical surveys of each peal and peal attempt in a

manner that can only be likened to that of a modern music critic. His style was austere and his adverse criticism extremely caustic. His praise was rare and subdued by caution, and his greatest enthusiasm surged up when the Londoners visited Oxford in 1733; on that occasion his admiration, though expressed with restraint, was unqualified. Hearne confined himself for the most part to formal criticism, and we can learn little from him directly of the social side of ringing life in Oxford. What we can gather must be by reading between the lines, and here we find some broad hints that some of the habits attendant on the ringing were not always to be greatly admired.

Such critical analysis as Hearne gives is not common. Unlike sporting events, change ringing does not lend itself to a full running commentary and, in fact, any attempt at such a feature would prove intolerable. The accounts, therefore, that come to us of the actual progress of the ringing are compiled in recollection by one of the performers or (more rarely in these days, we are glad to say) by some not entirely disinterested critics outside the tower.

It is true that in reference to a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Michael at Coslany, Norwich, in 1731, the 'Norwich Daily Press' gives the unusual privilege of reading of the behaviour of the public outside the tower during the ringing, but such treats are rare, and the more common addenda to peal performances tell either of preparation for the attempt or of the social activity attendant on the success of the enterprise. Such accounts were, as has been noted, more common in past years, but no one who has enjoyed reading them can fail to agree that we cannot have too many of them.

Some years ago Mr. Hilaire Belloc wrote, under the title 'The Eye-Witness,' a series of sketches in which great historical events were related as if by someone actually present on the occasion. In change ringing records the eye-witness account is so often missing; yet the eye-witness is in many cases still with us. Intimate details exist, it is certain, in many a diary and notebook, and many of these notebooks and journals will, like the old Book of Jasher, be lost and longed for in time to come.

Now is the time for the eye-witnesses to give us the stories of some of the great feats of modern times; there can be little doubt that readers of 'The Ringing World' would welcome them.

OXFORDSHIRE PEAL TOUR

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT 5
*ANN M. COX 2	*STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 6
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Superlative. The first peal of Superlative on the bells.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 5
*MONICA E. COLLINS .. 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT 6
†DAPHNE CASTELL 3	A. PATRICK CANNON 7
TREVOR A. CROSS 4	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' The conductor's 250th peal of Major, conducted 127.

ADDERBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 9, 1955, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

KILBY R. HOLTOM Treble	BRIAN BLADON 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
JOHN L. MORRIS 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

The first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thur., Aug. 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	RALPH BIRD 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The first peal of Superlative on the bells.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thur., Aug. 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	*STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE 7
JOHN L. MORRIS 4	*BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Lincolnshire, and first as conductor. The first peal of Lincolnshire on the bells.

AYNHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 5
MONICA E. COLLINS .. 2	JOHN L. MORRIS 6
*DAPHNE CASTELL 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 7
BRIAN BLADON 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal of Plain Bob. The first peal of Major on the bells and the first peal since 1901. Mr. F. J. Lambert's 100th tower for a peal.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Or Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

MONICA E. COLLINS Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
PHILIP MEHEW 2	F. HECTOR BENNETT 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 7
ANN M. COX 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The conductor's 450th peal, conducted 242, and rung in 385 towers.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
BRIAN BLADON 3	STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

The first peal of Cambridge on the bells. The conductor's 150th peal of Surprise.

SWALCLIFFE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in F.

DAPHNE CASTELL Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT 4
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 5
BRIAN BLADON 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

The first peal in seven methods on the bells.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
*ANN M. COX 2	STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Yorkshire. The conductor's 400th peal of Major.



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THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS Treble	*A. YORK-BRAMBLE 5
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY 2	JOHN H. GILBERT 6
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON 3	*WILFRED L. ROBINSON 7
HOWARD SCOTT 4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.
* First peal of Superlative.

Rung for the weddings of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Miss T. M. Hook on July 30th, and P. C. Wright and Miss K. Higgins on August 6th.

HASELBECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

PAUL L. TAYLOR Treble	ROGER LEIGH 5
RUTH M. JACKSON 2	*FRANK D. MACK 6
EDWIN H. LEWIS 3	PETER BORDER 7
*JOHN SEAGER 4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Thur., Aug. 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 41 methods: (1) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Capel Treble Bob; (2) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob; (3) Old Oxford, Neasden, College Bob IV., St. Albans, Willesden, Wragby, Newdigate and Charlwood Delight; (4) Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lammas, Steventon, Fulmer and Chalfont Alliance and Little Bob; (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, Childwall, College and Wavertree College; (6) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure; (7) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B.

R. ROGER SAVORY Treble	*WILFRED L. ROBINSON 4
HOWARD SCOTT 2	WILFRID F. MORETON 5
*O. MICHAEL SLANEY 3	*PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in 41 methods.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Fri., Aug. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

EDWIN H. LEWIS Treble	*R. ROGER SAVORY 5
MARIE R. CROSS 2	REV. MALCOLM MELVILLE 6
*SHIRLEY V. RYMER 3	PETER BORDER 7
HOWARD SCOTT 4	WILFRID F. MORETON Tenor

Composed by E. BENNETT. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Bristol.

Rung in honour of the birth of Mary Ruth Threlfall, July 21st, 1955.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

MRS. R. F. DEAL Treble	*WILFRED W. RING 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS 2	ALAN F. THIRST 8
M. JANET MATTINSON 3	A. RONALD LING 9
MRS. F. J. MATTHEWS 4	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 10
*JOHN L. MORRIS 5	FRANK J. MATTHEWS 11
HILDA G. SNOWDEN 6	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On. Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 6
ALAN A. POTTS 2	*A. NEVILLE BROWN 7
BASIL JONES 3	ALAN J. BROWN 8
JUNE M. HENSHAW 4	PETER LAFLIN 9
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PETER LAFLIN Treble	A. NEVILLE BROWN 5
J. MARIE HENSHAW 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER 6
EDWARD JENKINS 3	ALAN J. BROWN 7
BASIL JONES 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung for the marriage of Margaret Bryce to Leslie Boumphrey, which took place at Morecambe the same day.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 14, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,088 changes of London, 1,024 of Cambridge, and 992 each of Superlative, Pudsey and Bristol, with 101 changes of method, and all the work of the five methods for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. Treble	*ROBERT COLLINS 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 2	MARK W. MARSHALL 6
*JOHN R. COOPER 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD 7
*GEOFFREY PEARSON 4	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of five Spliced Surprise.

BANGOR, CAERNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID, GLANADDA.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 5
LEWIS GRIFFITHS 2	PERCY SWINDLEY 6
L. JOHN EVANS 3	ANDREW J. SALISBURY 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING 4	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 16, 1955, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 5
LEWIS GRIFFITHS 2	L. JOHN EVANS 6
ANDREW J. SALISBURY 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD (C.C.C. 36).

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

A farewell peal for Andrew J. Salisbury, who will shortly leave the district.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	*ORRELL DAVIES 5
NORMAN TOMPKINS 2	HENRY E. G. JEANES 6
MILDRED JONES 3	PETER CROOK 7
JOSEPH THORNLEY 4	FRANK STEAD Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal in method.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Tomlinson.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. Treble	REGINALD T. JONES 5
*PHILIP G. MORGAN 2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT 6
LESLIE EVANS 3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE 7
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. 150th peal for the Guild as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Preb. G. L. Bourdillon, Rector of Pembridge, on his retirement.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*†BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 2	*JOHN A. ACRES 6
*JOHN M. JELLEY 3	*†ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
*WILLIAM THORNLEY .. 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENNINGHALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
JOHN R. MAYNE 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL 6
MARY LAWRENCE 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

The first peal in the method, which is No. 182 in Corrigan's Collection.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 25 cwt.

*JANET NEWBERRY Treble	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS 5
PERCY J. SPICE 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 6
†THOMAS BEAUMONT .. 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 4	HERBERT J. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

Rung as a 25th birthday compliment to Princess Margaret.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 FORDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

GWEN I. RUSBY Treble	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS 5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 2	JOHN FREEMAN 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	H. LESLIE PASK 7
RAYMOND F. SMITH .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM COCKINGS Treble	HAROLD HUXLEY 5
FRED C. LYNE 2	WILLIAM H. MALE 6
*GEORGE L. P. ALDHOUSE 3	FREDERICK KINCHIN 7
CLARENCE R. STEED .. 4	FRANCIS POWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

* First peal.

A compliment to Mr. J. F. Lyne, son of the second ringer, on the occasion of his wedding.

SIX BELL PEALS

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

ELAINE GREATHEAD .. Treble	J ROBIN WORSALL 4
ROY STEPHENSON 2	H. REGINALD WOODS .. 5
DERECK E. SMITH 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown, of Lincoln.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven extents in 13 methods: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (2) Double Court and Single Court; (3) Oxford Bob and Hereward; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) Kent Treble Bob; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Plain and Double Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

MOLLIE TILBURY Treble	*PHILIP G. MORGAN 4
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
REGINALD T. JONES 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in 13 methods.

CLODOCK, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLYDOG,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven extents in 17 methods: (1) Plain, Reverse, Double, Fulbeck and Canterbury; (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (3) Double Court and Single Court; (4) Oxford Bob and Hereward; (5) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES G. JONES .. Treble	*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 4
*PHILIP G. MORGAN .. 2	REGINALD T. JONES .. 5
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3	LESLIE EVANS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in 17 methods.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHARLES G. JONES .. Treble	*PHILIP G. MORGAN 4
*JOSEPHINE A. GREEN .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5
*MOLLIE TILBURY 3	REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

ALVASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 120's (10 callings) and six 240's. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

SAMPSON WALKLATE .. Treble	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 4
*JEAN M. ABERCROMBIE .. 2	*†JOHN M. CLARK-MAXWELL 5
*DEREK SHAKESPEARE .. 3	PETER J. SKINNER .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to John F. Murfin, of Etwall, and William A. Parsons, ringing master of St. Luke's, Derby.

RIBCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

NEIL KITCHEN Treble	JAMES SKEATS 4
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 5
THOMAS BARKER 3	HENRY E. G. JEANES .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: London, Wells, Durham, York, Stamford, Rossendale and Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN B. LONG Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 4
JOHN W. SINFIELD 2	STEPHEN IVIN 5
†RONALD J. SHARP 3	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal of Surprise, and on the treble. † 30th peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods.

SAHAM TONEY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM M. MANN Treble	ROBERT C. BUTTON 4
PETER NEWING 2	THOMAS A. A. POTTER .. 5
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM .. 3	JOHN S. BARNES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN S. BARNES.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GORDON WALFORD Treble	*ARTHUR H. REED 4
DONALD G. CLIFT 2	*WILLIAM G. GIGG 5
*WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*JANET GODFREY Treble	†JOHN F. OLNEY 4
JOHN W. SINFIELD 2	DESMOND R. BRAZIER .. 5
†PETER J. LAWTON 3	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Conducted jointly by DESMOND R. BRAZIER and STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal. † First peal on a working bell. ‡ First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and a farewell on her leaving to live at Harpenden.



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THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Fri., Aug. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Double Court, two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 14 lb. in A.	
DUGALD M. MACPHERSON .. Treble	*JAMES F. DODSON .. 4
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 2	ROLAND W. MORANT .. 5
EILEEN M. TURNER .. 3	E. JOHN WELLS .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal in five Minor methods.

**COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 19 methods: (1) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (2) Single Court and Double Court; (3) Hereward Bob and Single Oxford Bob; (4) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure, Double, Plain, Childwall and St. Clement's; (5) Amersham Alliance and Little Bob; (6) Thelwall and Double Oxford; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (75 changes of method).

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.	
*ERNEST J. JELLEY .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. 4
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 2	*JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 3	*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in 19 methods. † 50th peal together.

**EAST DRAYTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents: viz., Primrose, Ipswich, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge.

Tenor 12 cwt.	
AMOS INGALL .. Treble	LOUIS WILLDERS .. 4
JOHN F. PEARSON .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on obtaining his B.Sc. degree.

**LLANGYNWYD, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNWYD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.	
JOHN HALE .. Treble	WILLIAM T. PETTY .. 4
THOMAS E. HIDDINS .. 2	DAVID W. EVANS .. 5
MALGWYN H. WILLIAMS .. 3	D. WALFORD DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. EVANS.

First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

**RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, comprising four 120's each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and ten 120's and eight 240's (Morris' arrangement) of Grandsire, each called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt. 25 lb.	
*M. ANNE WARD .. Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 4
PETER J. BARKER .. 2	JOHN R. JOYNER .. 5
JOHN H. JOYNER .. 3	ERIC EDJOYNT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.

* First peal, and first local lady to ring in a peal on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. C. K. Thacker), who is leaving the parish.

**CASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sun., Aug. 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt.	
*C. F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Treble	PETER NEWINGS .. 4
WILLIAM M. MANN .. 2	CHARLES E. G. BANHAM .. 5
*FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 3	JOHN S. BARNES .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN S. BARNES.

* 75th peal together.

A 25th birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

**GREAT GLEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Mon., Aug. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 21 methods: (1) York and Durham Surprise; (2) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (3) Single Court and Double Court; (4) Hereward and Single Oxford; (5) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Childwall, St. Clement's, Thelwall and Double Oxford; (6) Amersham Alliance and Little Bob; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (76 changes of method).

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in A flat.	
*†ERNEST J. JELLEY .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. 4
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 2	*JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5
*MRS. G. B. WARWICK .. 3	*†BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in 21 methods. † 50th peal together.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1-2	*JOHN A. ACRES .. 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3-4	*JOHN M. JELLEY .. 7-8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 50th peal together. † First peal 'in hand.'

TRINCOMALEE, CEYLON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 4, MARGOSA TERRACE, FORT FREDERICK,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor size 19.	
BLANCHE M. HUNT .. 1-2	JOHN H. HUNT .. 3-4
ROBERT C. BEAL .. 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles on handbells by all.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3-4	*MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 7-8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal 'in hand.'

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MAURICE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.	
*J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. 1-2	*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3-4
*PETER NASH .. 5-6	

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

* First handbell peal. † First peal of Doubles.

**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sun., Aug. 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Single and Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 18 in G.

MARGARET D. WOOLLEY .. 1-2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4
JOHN B. WOOLLEY .. 5-6	

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

QUARTER PEALS

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. Hughes 1, P. Stacey 2, S. Bonnet 3, C. Harwood 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, W. Collins 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear (cond.) 8. First in the method by 1 and 2.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Prescott 1, Mrs. E. Naylor 2, E. Naylor 3, Miss B. Foley 4, S. A. Read (cond.) 5.

BEACHAMPTON, BUCKS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Ridgway 1, H. C. Edwards 2, F. C. Case 3, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 4, G. E. Green 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. R. Bailey.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At St. Luke's Church, on Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Kyte 1, A. Purdom 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, G. James 4, C. Cullen 5, E. Mounter 6, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 7, B. Holland 8. Rung for Evensong, and to commemorate the 56th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Mounter.

CRANBORNE, DORSET.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Willis 1, Miss E. M. Fletcher 2, R. B. Tubbs (first of Triples) 3, D. T. Matkin 4, E. C. Burt 5, P. N. Tubbs 6, L. J. Lockyer (cond.) 7, W. Day 8. First quarter for 1 and 6.

CREATON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Kinchin 1, D. V. Elson 2, M. F. Amos 3, R. Wilson 4, R. S. Holland 5, E. G. Orland (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise Minor by all the band.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: B. Martin (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Armstrong 2, Miss P. Smith (first 'inside') 3, Miss M. Turner 4, N. J. Fleetwood 5, J. Armstrong 6, F. R. Schofield 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. L. Coward 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, G. Gaylard 3, C. D. Mann (first of Minor) 4, J. T. Locke 5, H. J. Gaylard 6.

GLOUCESTER.—On Aug. 22nd, at the Church of St. Mary-de-Lode, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Williams 1, P. Hurcombe 2, F. E. T. Tranter (cond.) 3, H. Worrall 4, R. G. Corby 5, J. Cobb 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. G. Cromwell, a ringer at this church.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCs.—On Aug. 21st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Mansley 1, J. Taberner 2, W. Mansley 3, B. G. Henry 4, F. Stead (cond.) 5, H. Calderbank 6. Rung before evening service in honour of the 25th birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sangwin 1, R. C. Kippin 2, Mrs. J. M. Kippin 3, R. Hill 4, C. Sangwin 5, P. N. Bond 6, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 7, H. Stacey 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Aug. 21st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. W. Powell 1, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 2, S. T. Holt 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, H. G. Keeley 5, W. H. Poole 6, P. J. Staniforth 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. G. L. Coward 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, C. D. Mann (first of Triples) 3, W. H. Poole 4, G. Gaylard 5, J. Looker 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, W. G. Turk 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Pugsley 1, S. Wyburn 2, A. R. Jones 3, H. G. Maidment 4, I. S. H. Sweetzer 5, I. Farmer 6, A. R. Tudball 7, F. J. Parsons (first quarter) 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble on his 83rd birthday.

NEATH, GLAM.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles in alternate extents: Anne Mogford (first quarter) 1, E. Morris 2, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 3, A. J. Hoare 4, A. Hannington 5, T. M. Roderick 6.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Newman 1, R. Dixon 2, E. Buck 3, J. Dear 4, C. Harwood 5, M. Orme 6, W. Ridgman (cond.) 7, G. Debenham 8.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Whitmore 1, K. Cobb 2, J. Peacock 3, F. G. Leaker 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, L. W. Ball 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Ann Veasey to Mr. Trevor Jack Wilshire. The bride's grandfather has his name on the sixth bell, as he was churchwarden at the time the bells were rehung.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—On Aug. 21st, at the Abbey, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. E. Clothier 1, W. P. Lambert 2, J. T. Symonds 3, E. G. L. Coward 4, C. D. Mann 5, G. Gaylard 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, H. Pope 8. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

SNAITH, YORKS.—At the Priory Church of St. Lawrence, on Aug. 6th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. M. Harrop 1, Susan Harrop 2, W. Graves 3, H. Morley 4, A. H. Hawcroft 5, G. F. Terry 6, T. H. Foster 7, L. M. Woodhead 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Gwennyth Doreen Hinchliffe and Mr. John M. Barker.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCs.—On Aug. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Greenhalgh 1, J. Cunliffe 2, G. Fothergill 3, J. Ashcroft 4, Rev. F. F. Rigby 5, P. Crook (cond.) 6.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6-8 covering): Miss J. Gooding (first in method) 1, H. Burton 2, S. Skinner (cond.) 3, C. Deem 4, H. Dawe 5, J. Briggs 6, J. L. Glanvill 7, J. Gooding 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret, also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Gooding.

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The many friends of Mr. J. Pugsley, of Minehead, will be pleased to note in our quarter peal columns that at 83 he was able to 'stand in' for a quarter of Stedman Triples, rung as a birthday compliment to him on August 16th. Mr. Pugsley commenced ringing in 1888 and rang his first peal in 1891. He has been a member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association since its foundation, possessing a certificate numbered 89. He has been tower captain at St. Michael's, Minehead, since 1931, and Ringing Master of the Dunster Branch since 1930. This is a noteworthy achievement and it is to be hoped that he will be spared many more years to carry on the good work.

After a long run of losses this year Mr. S. J. Ivin rang two peals on two consecutive nights.

Rope-breaking failures to peals notified this week are from St. Giles', Willenhall, and Ewhurst, Surrey.

The date of the peal rung at Acomb, Yorkshire, and published in our last issue, should read August 13th, and not as sent in.

Three members of the Kippin family, while on holiday in Devon, rang in a quarter peal at Holsworthy. We are pleased to note the progress of 'R. C.'

Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey has arrived safely at Manitoba—'a beautiful city,' he writes. 'I think we shall be happy here, but I shall miss the ringing terribly, for a time, at any rate.'

Major E. F. M. Samson reminds the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and also the Editor that the smallest county in England is Rutland, and not Rutlandshire. He adds: 'I have even caught the B.B.C. and "The Daily Telegraph" making the same mistake, so you are in good company, but don't repeat it.' The articles, he states, are most absorbing.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Two peals were scored during a day's outing by ringers from Cheshire and North Wales on August 16th. The journey to Anglesey was made by road through beautiful scenery. On their return from Beaumaris the party called upon Mr. Albert J. Hughes, at Bangor, who is recovering from a serious illness, and a pleasant half-hour was spent talking over old times. The thanks of the band are due to the Llandudno tower secretary, who preceded them to the two towers (Beaumaris and Bangor) to ensure that the ropes were in good order.

The peals at Saham Toney and Caston, Norfolk, were arranged for the visit of Mr. Peter Newing, of Canterbury. Mr. Newing said he had come to Norfolk 'for a rest.'

Mr. Alfred J. Wallater, who is on a visit to this country from San Francisco, was formerly a member of the band at St. Paul's, Wood Green, Wednesbury, and not as stated in our issue of August 19th.

Bells will be heard before evening service of September 11th on the London, West, Welsh, North, Northern Ireland and Midland Home Services of the B.B.C. from Swymbridge Parish Church, Devon (six bells, tenor 11 cwt. 3 qt. 3 lb.).

A quarter peal 'in hand' (1,260 Grandsire Doubles) was rung on August 21st on board M/S Hakon Jarl while crossing from Svolvær to Stamsund in the Lafoten Islands by Dorothy R. Fletcher (conductor) 1-2. Kathleen E. Fletcher 3-4, Ethel M. Fletcher 5-6. This is within the Arctic Circle, and Miss Dorothy R. Fletcher inquires whether a quarter peal has been rung so far north before (between latitudes 68 degrees 15 minutes and 68 degrees 10 minutes). The quarter was a 25th birthday compliment to Princess Margaret.

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OXFORDSHIRE RINGING TOUR

A SUCCESSFUL WEEK AMONGST GOOD BELLS AND BEAUTIFUL SCENERY

FOR the last six years the second week in August has been the signal for another 'Cannon-Sone' tour in a new county. This year the venue was Oxfordshire, with headquarters at Chipping Norton, and accommodation was booked at the White Hart and the King's Arms Hotels. Both places can be well recommended for future touring parties. Our party consisted of 18 ringers, and transport was provided in the shape of a coach owned by Messrs. Davis and Son, of Hawkhurst, Kent, and driven by 'Mick' Smith.

The purpose of these tours is not only to score peals but to visit a large number of villages with rings of six and five. Reference to Dove's admirable book will show that there are twice as many towers with five and six bells than with the higher numbers, so ringers who do not visit these towers do not get a complete picture of ringing conditions.

FIFTY TOWERS VISITED

During the week we rang ten peals out of 15 attempts, and enjoyed visits to 50 towers, so feel entitled to claim that ours was a successful venture.

Our coach left Paddock Wood, Kent, at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 6th, picking up our party at various points en route to Oxford, which was reached at 3.30 p.m. We commenced ringing with visits to Wolvercote (6, 6 cwt.) and Wootton (6, 9½ cwt.) and arrived at Chipping Norton at 6 p.m. After dinner we visited Shipton-under-Wychwood (8, 14½ cwt.) and were met by Mr. Jack Keyte, local Branch secretary. We rang Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Bristol, but the ropes and bells are beginning to require some attention. Next we went on to Churchill (6, 11 cwt.), where the tower was built in 1826 as a replica of the famous Magdalen College tower in Oxford.

Sunday, August 8th, arrived with the promise of a glorious day, and we were given a hearty welcome by Mr. Reg Jarvis and the local band at Chipping Norton (8, 14½ cwt.). We rang Grandsire, Stedman, Yorkshire and Superlative on a very handy ring cast in 1907 by Mears and Stainbank from the metal of an older bell by John Rudhall in 1826. As usual, we stayed for service, and Messrs. Malcolm Cloke and Philip Mehew were invited to join the choir.

In the afternoon we enjoyed a run into Gloucestershire and a view of the Cotswolds. Our first tower was Stow-on-the-Wold (8, 27 cwt.), where we had the pleasure of being joined by Messrs. R. G. Edwards G. E. Fearn, R. B. Meadows, P. Border and D. P. Jones. Messrs. John Taylor have considerably improved the bells by tuning and they 'go' really well. We rang Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative and London and the Rector (the Rev. H. C. Potts) met us outside the church after the bells had been lowered in peal.

Continuing our journey, we arrived at the isolated village of Blockley (8, 16 cwt.), where the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Ridler) was waiting to welcome us; also Messrs. Jack Keyte and Brian Bladon, who had walked from Blockley station. The ringing chamber is rather bare, but the red sallies gave a touch of colour, and we rang Stedman, Cambridge and Bristol on a fair-going ring.

For Evensong we were due to ring at the very fine church of Chipping Campden (8, 24 cwt.), but owing to delay in finding the key through an oversight we did not commence until 6.5 p.m., so had to content ourselves with half a course of Cambridge, Double Norwich Court Bob, Stedman and Plain Bob. These bells have been a ring of eight since 1683 and their bad 'go' has been overrated. There were at least four people in the tower who

were prepared to ring the tenor to a peal! The village is a delightful one built entirely of the typical Cotswold stone and is very popular with tourists generally.

TWO PEALS ON MONDAY

Our first peal tower was at the very fine church of Bampton (8, 25 cwt.). The bells, which hang in a central tower, with spire, are a good-toned ring, but as they are hung on plain bearings, some of the back bells run dry. We started for Yorkshire and for two and three-quarter hours had some really good ringing. It was a race between Tom Sone on the sixth and the writer on the tenor as to who would last the longest. Tom Sone won with a course to spare, and although the writer offers no excuses, he would like to remind any critics that there is a big difference between ball-bearing 'freewheelers' and a plain-bearing heavy tenor running dry on a hot day. Those not ringing visited Clanfield (8, 13 cwt.) and Aston Bampton (6, 13 cwt.).

After an excellent lunch we had two comfortable rings available for the afternoon. At Burford (8, 17½ cwt.) Messrs. Gillett and Johnston made a splendid job of rehanging the bells in 1950. The local captain, Mr. W. J. Dixon, welcomed us, and a good, steady peal of Superlative was scored.

Ann Cox and Stewart Kimber rang well to gain their stars. Another band visited Witney (8, 16½ cwt.), where Taylors made an equally good job of rehanging in 1938. We scored a good peal of Treble Bob to enable Monica Collins and Daphne Castell to earn a star. This was the 99th peal on the bells. Mr. L. Oliffe met us at the finish and was satisfied with our striking.

An interesting coincidence was that all three peals were attempted in towers with central towers and spires. Statistically minded readers might like to agree that this is another 'first'!

ADDERBURY'S FINE PEAL

The opportunity of attempting a peal at Adderbury (8, 24 cwt.) on Tuesday, August 9th, was very much appreciated, as peals here these days are rare. Mr. H. L. Roper, who had kindly obtained permission from the Vicar (the Rev. A. D. Walmsley), welcomed us on arrival, and we scored a good peal of Yorkshire with a steady beat. There has appeared from time to time in 'The Ringing World' discussions as to the merit of certain rings and even of certain tenors. It is obvious that a modern ring all coming from the same foundry must sound better than an old ring of mixed vintage. But an old ring by one founder can sometimes measure up to a modern ring. Adderbury bells were cast in 1789 by John Briant, of Hertford. In 1863 the third was recast by Mears, and in 1927 John Taylors recast the sixth and retuned the remainder. A really fine job was done and in the writer's opinion Adderbury has one of the finest eights in the country. The tenor (1789) in D can hold its own with any tenor of its own weight in the country (Lavenham included). In addition, the other seven give it sonorous support, thus proving that an old ring, skilfully tuned, is the equal of the moderns.

The remainder of our party visited Tadmarton (6, 11 cwt.) and Swalcliffe (6, 13½ cwt.), the latter an old and musical ring dated 1685, tuned and rehung by Gillett and Johnston, 1938.

The afternoon attempt had been arranged at Banbury (10, 17½ cwt.), and Mr. W. Watson, looking as young as ever, met us at the tower. The tower is round and the bells are an excellent ring cast in 1930 by John Taylors.

It was a big disappointment to the band to lose Kent Royal after two and a half hours. However, the local reporter came into the

belfry, took our photographs and from particulars given him was able to give us a well-written front page article in his paper, which was appreciated by everyone.

Those of us who were not ringing at Banbury visited the very fine ring at Middleton Cheney (6, 22½ cwt.), with its long draught; Chacombe (6, 14 cwt.), home of the Bagleys; Cropredy (6, 14 cwt.) and Hanwell (5, 7½ cwt.). At the latter tower the tenor rope broke and the efforts of the local ringer to poke it through two holes, not in alignment, caused us much amusement. Mr. Watson accompanied us for the afternoon and was able to direct us around the rural by-lanes.

SCENIC TOUR IN THE COTSWOLDS

As has happened on previous tours, Wednesday, August 10th, was selected for a whole day's tower hunting amongst delightful scenery. Our first call was at Ilmington, Warwickshire (6, 16 cwt.). Here John Taylors made another fine job of rehanging in 1951, as they also have at Quinton (6, 13 cwt.). These are two excellent rings, well worth a visit. At Quinton Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton and their daughter, Eileen, joined us for the rest of the day, and we were delighted to have them with us.

The first eight-bell tower of the day was Mickleton (8, 15 cwt.), whose bells have just been rehung by Taylors. Mr. Donald Niblett welcomed us to his home tower, and although we were a little shaky with Yorkshire and Bristol, we did ring a perfect course of Hawkhurst Bob Triples, which is an interesting, new method.

The bells of Moreton-in-the-Marsh (8, 12 cwt.) have long had a bad reputation for 'go', but we did succeed in ringing Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob in reasonable style. It was a pleasure to meet the Rector (Canon W. B. Ingham) who unlocked the belfry door for us. He recalled ringing peals with the late Robert Sperring, Sam Jones and other Cheshire worthies over 20 years ago, and he also inquired after John Worth.

After lunch we visited Broadwell (5, 8 cwt.), a noisy ring with a tenor very much out of tune. The curate-in-charge (the Rev. K. H. Cheal) welcomed us from the top of his tower and later met us in the belfry. Bourton-on-the-Water (8, 14 cwt.), with its model village and stream running parallel with the main street, is one of the show pieces of the Cotswolds. The Rector (the Rev. J. R. Nettlefold) was especially pleased to see us, as it was St. Lawrence's Day, St. Lawrence being the patron saint of the church. The bells are a mixed lot, which require quite a bit of striking, especially the sixth.

Continuing our journey, we arrived at Northleach (8, 18½ cwt.), which is a splendid church with a fine tower. While waiting for the key of the belfry several of our party got together for hymn singing, to the obvious interest of other visitors. The bells are a good ring, the back six being cast by William Cox, of Aldbourne, and we rang a good course of London as well as Double Norwich and Treble Bob.

Bibury (6, 10 cwt.), reputed to be one of the prettiest villages in the country, certainly lived up to its reputation. Particular attention was paid to the well-kept gardens and the tidy churchyard: it is nice to think that the local people take a pride in their village. The bells are a very handy ring, and Mr. Ralph Wenban, late of Staplehurst, Kent, was pleased to meet ringers from his own county. Our last call was at Taynton (6, 8 cwt.), where the merry little bells are rung from a very small ringing cham-

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OXFORD RINGING TOUR—Cont.

ber. Mr. T. W. Timms met us and we were sorry we could not stay longer, but a punctual dinner awaited us.

ANOTHER DOUBLE

The programme for Thursday, August 11th, commenced with peal attempts at Bicester (8, 15 cwt.) and Ambrosden (8, 20½ cwt.) in the morning. At Bicester we were met by Mr. H. Hatfield and found the really ideal peal ringing conditions. The bells were all recast in 1913 by Gillett and Johnston, their 'go' is admirable and the strip lighting in the middle of the ringing chamber all contribute to a good peal. The first peal of Superlative was successfully brought round and our new tenor ringer, Trevor Cross, rang really well.

At Ambrosden Mr. G. Taylor had everything ready, and it was a disappointment to lose Yorkshire after 1 hour and 40 minutes through a miscall. They are fine bells, rehung in 1928 by Taylors, who added two trebles, and the last time the writer visited this church was while the work was in progress in November, 1928. Very best thanks to Mr. Cyril Kinch, who was unable to meet us, but who had kindly made arrangements for us at both churches. Incidentally, the Bicester peal was the 49th in the tower.

For the afternoon we went to Kirtlington (8, 16½ cwt.) and found another handy Taylor rehung ring (1938) hanging in a splendid Norman central tower. A good peal of Lincolnshire was scored, with Brian Bladon proving that he is as competent on the tenor as he is on a light bell.

Those not peal ringing visited Lower Heyford (6, 7 cwt.) and Rousham (6, 9 cwt.), both churches being held by the same Rector, and only one mile apart. Next came Tackley (6, 14 cwt.), where five youthful members of the local company met us and led us up the unusual approach to the ringing chamber. We were pleased to help them through Bob Doubles. Then on to Weston-on-the-Green (5, 8 cwt.), where permission was kindly granted at short notice to ring on a pleasant five.

TWO FAILURES—ONE SUCCESS

It was a pleasure to meet once again Mr. E. C. Pearson and his son, Edmund, at Deddington (8, 17 cwt.) on Friday, August 12th. The tower is unusual in that the clock pendulum, which is a long one, swings in the centre of the ringing chamber. The first peal of Yorkshire seemed a 'cert,' but with two and a half courses to ring after 2 hours and 40 minutes ringing, the treble rope gave an ominous snap and fell at Stewart's feet.

Another party had gone to Aynhoe (8, 16½ cwt.) just over in Northants and scored a creditable peal of Plain Bob, the first peal here since 1901, and first Major on the bells.

The afternoon peal was fixed for Great Tew (8, 22 cwt.), the method chosen was Superlative, and the services of those two well-known ringers, George Fearn and Ralph Edwards, were enlisted for seven and eight. However, luck deserted them, as a shift course finished the attempt, after 1 hour and 20 minutes ringing.

These bells, rung from the ground floor, are an old ring cast by Abraham Rudhall in 1709, with third and fifth recast in 1785 and 1842 respectively, and the bells retuned and rehung by Mears and Stainbank in 1924. Inside the tower the tone is somewhat 'muddy,' but away from the church and walking towards the entrance to the park in which it stands the effect is much more melodious. Here again it is so much a matter of personal opinion.

The non-pealers, accompanied by Mrs. R. G. Edwards and Mrs. G. Fearn, visited Duns Tew (5, 14 cwt.), a good-going ring, recently rehung. The local constable came to watch our efforts to see we did not disturb the peace too much! At Steeple Aston (6, 11½ cwt.) the ringing is conducted from a ringers' gallery erected in the

17th century by Richard Duckworth. He was Rector here from 1680 to 1706, and was joint producer with Fabian Stedman in 1668 of the famous 'Tintinnologia.' The bells have a long draught and cannot be hurried.

Finding ourselves ahead of schedule (for a change!) we decided to try out the 'unknown' bells of Steeple Barton (5, 10½ cwt.). Permission was obtained for ringing, but with very low salices and bad 'go,' 60 changes was sufficient per touch! Our Birmingham friends, having finished at Great Tew, found us here, and the well-known slogan, 'You want the towers—I find 'em,' caused much amusement! Sandford St. Martin (6, 9 cwt.) has a handy ring with a sloping floor to the ringing chamber. The remainder of the Great Tew peal band, who had walked three miles, arrived feeling pretty warm. However, we rang London and Cambridge and then proceeded to Enstone (6, 9 cwt.), where we were welcomed by the churchwarden, Mr. J. E. Hawtin. The bells are noisy but 'go' well. The day finished with a social evening at the White Hart Hotel, at which George, Ralph and their wives were welcome visitors.

FOUR PEALS ON LAST DAY

As usual, Saturday, August 13th, arrived all too quickly. John Morris said farewell as he had a date with a well-known 12-bell tower in London. One party went to Kingham (8, 12½ cwt.), a very musical ring by Taylors (1924). The Rector (the Rev. Dr. G. C. B. Davies) gave us a warm welcome and we were successful with the well-known 'cert' peal of Double Norwich, this being the 18th county in which the conductor has called this composition. Another party went to Chipping Norton (8, 14½ cwt.) and scored the first peal of Cambridge on this handy ring. Once again Trevor Cross showed his ability on the tenor.

After lunch Brian and Winnie Warwick departed for Leicester, and we made the short journey to Hook Norton (8, 20½ cwt.). A funeral in the nearby Baptist cemetery delayed our start until 4 p.m., but it was well worth waiting to hear the really grand recast Taylor (1949) eight ringing Yorkshire. The bells can be heard very clearly in the ringing chamber, but as the only window would not open, it tends to become very warm before the end of a peal in summer. The rest of our party went over to Swalcliffe (6, 13½ cwt.) and scored a good peal in seven methods on the musical ring, rehung by Gillett and Johnston in 1938.

Mr. A. F. Borsberry, local captain, had very kindly provided an excellent tea for us, and after this we visited two Warwickshire towers, Whichford (6, 12½ cwt.), a good-going ring, and Long Compton (6, 12 cwt.), where the third bell rope is well out of the normal circle. This was the writer's 1,916th tower (no prime number here, Dick!).

HOMEWARD BOUND

On Sunday morning, August 14th, we said 'Goodbye' to 'Benny,' Ralph Bird and Philip Mehew, who were returning home by motorcycle and car. Ralph apparently got as far as High Wycombe before his engine went on strike!

We dropped Malcolm Cloke, Fred Wilshaw, Brian Bladon and Daphne Castell at Oxford and continued to Warborough (8, 12 cwt.), where two trebles have recently been added by Mears and Stainbank, and the bells are a very nice little ring. Mr. F. Absalom and his band gave us a friendly welcome, and we rang Plain Bob and Stedman.

All good things, unfortunately, come to an end and we should have enjoyed another week. We would like to say a sincere 'Thank you' to all the vicars and local ringers who met our party, and who so kindly gave us permission to ring. Thank you, Oxfordshire, for your very helpful co-operation, thus ensuring a happy and successful week. A. P. C.

RELAXATION AFTER EXAMINATIONS

University of Bristol Change Ringers' Tour

MANY and varied are the methods used by students to celebrate the end of examinations. Some take a delight in burning their books and papers; some in challenging a rival hall to a mock battle; some in a grand 'booze up.' The Bristol University Society took another form of relaxation—a ringing and cycling tour.

This year's tour took place in the counties of Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. Towers visited in the three days of the tour ranged from good to indifferent; from good ringing chambers to bad ones; from five bells to thirteen bell towers.

It was most unfortunate that this year's organiser should be such an ardent cyclist, as this meant that 35 miles had to be covered in order to reach the first tower, Long Newnton. However, after a most welcome pot of tea supplied by the Rector, the party was almost willing to forgive even the organiser! The second tower of the tour, after supper at Ashton Keynes Youth Hostel, was South Cerney, where the only clergyman in the Church of England with an engineering degree met the party.

The second day of the tour was a full one with seven towers to be visited. Fortunately, no mishaps occurred and the following towers were visited: Cricklade, with its long draught, Purton, Lydiard Millicent, South Marston, Broad Blunsdon, with its very light six, Castle Eaton and Down Ampney, where the Rector turned out to be a most interesting amateur archaeologist. Again the party repaired to Ashton Keynes for the night, where the various members found entertainment and refreshment to suit their tastes.

On Sunday morning the good folk of Ashton Keynes were called at 8 a.m. Communion by their Parish Church bells. The comment of one member of the society that he took a dim view of tower grabbing at 7.30 a.m. probably summed up everyone's feelings! Morning ringing took place at Watermoor, Cirencester, after what will probably remain a record 'washing-up' session at any Youth Hostel for a long time. Ringing in the afternoon at North Cerney introduced to the visitors a most interesting church, beautifully preserved and added to. For evening service the society joined the ringers at St. John the Baptist's, Cirencester, where the twelve bells were rung to rounds and the society rang a touch of Grandsire Caters.

The last half day, Monday morning, started rather badly with a depleted party, and so we were late at each of the three towers. Ringing started on the steel bells at Chalford, a new venture for many of the society, and was followed, after the long climb uphill to Minchinhampton, by an only too short ring on the fine six there. The last tower of the tour, Avening, will probably be remembered for the noise of the bells in the ringing chamber.

Lunch taken in Tetbury ended yet another successful tour, the last one of many very interesting and enjoyable tours undertaken by the society during the academic year. If there should be any ringer who is not yet certain which university to honour next year Bristol can be well recommended—at least so far as the ringing is concerned. Your correspondent cannot really vouch for the academic qualities of this or any other place.

The thanks of the society are tendered to all the incumbents for their ready permission to use their bells and to the several local ringers who met us and joined in the ringing. Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob and Grandsire to London and Cambridge Surprise by way of many methods, both regular and irregular.

C. T. B.

SWINESHEAD CHURCH

An Independent Investigation

The following description of St. Nicholas' Church, Swineshead, appears in 'The Bedfordshire Times and Standard' following the article that appeared in 'The Ringing World':—

'With the permission of the Rector (the Rev. A. Thornton Down), who was appointed to the living in 1950, a representative of this newspaper visited the church—a fine example of early decorated work—and was admitted to the extremely narrow spiral stairway leading to the belfry. There were twigs on every step, as the article stated, but in most cases these were quite easy to see. Nevertheless, the ascent was not without its hazards! Above, past the ancient mechanism of the clock—now quite idle—and the bell, was the chamber.

'Here a sorry sight presented itself. Twigs, which had been carried into the chamber by generations of birds over a period of many years, together with much dust, lay all around and, indeed, two of the five bells were partly covered. Apart from some very elderly duck eggs, however, there was no other rubbish and the general condition did not quite match the "pigsty" description which had been given to it. The bells, one of which dates back to the late 17th century, have obviously not been rung for a great many years. The framework is rotten and the wooden wheels have fallen to pieces.

RECTOR'S REPLY

'When a call was made on Mr. Thornton Down it was found that the assertion that the Rector "could not care less" was far from being true. "I am certainly not oblivious to the situation," he said. "The matter has been under discussion by the Parochial Church Council for some time and is still under discussion."

'Mr. Thornton Down said that before the writer of the article in the bell-ringers' paper had approached him, he had been in touch with a Loughborough firm of bell-founders and had asked them to inspect the bells. This they had done and had now made their report. The cost of putting the bells in order would probably be about £830 and, in addition, work by a local builder would be necessary. This would bring the total cost to about £900.

SHOULD BE LOWERED

'In a village of about 100 inhabitants," he said, "we cannot possibly raise that amount." That was also the opinion of the Bishop. The alternative would be to lower the bells, the Loughborough firm storing them until such time as the work might be ready to be done. Cost of lowering them would be approximately £70. Although the firm would not say that the bells might fall at any moment, as has been suggested, they were of the opinion that it would be well to lower the bells as soon as possible.

'Then the Rector went on to say that the matter had been communicated through diocesan channels to the Historic Churches Preservation Fund to ask whether or not they would be prepared to make a grant.

'As for the twigs, Mr. Thornton spoke of the difficulty of obtaining labour for such clearance tasks. If the twigs were cleared away, he said, the birds would soon bring more in again. To prevent that happening every opening in the tower and spire would have to be covered with netting, and that would be quite expensive.'

RECTOR NOT INDIFFERENT

Dear Sir—I feel that as a ringer who has lived for over 30 years within two miles of Swineshead Church, I must make some sort of reply to Mr. Amos' allegation.

This gentleman's tactless remarks were well known around Bedfordshire, and it is a great pity that he cannot use his wide knowledge of bells and their founders to the good of

the ringing world instead of going around and accusing local priests of something that is not altogether correct.

That the Rector of Swineshead 'couldn't care less' is not a true statement. He has been in touch with the Loughborough founders, and the cost of putting the bells in order would be about £830 in addition to some repairs to the tower. The cost of lowering the bells would be about £70.

The population of Swineshead is less than 100.

It cannot be denied that there are some jackdaws' nests in the belfry, but the situation is certainly not as bad as has been suggested.

Mr. Amos should realise by now that interest and attendance at churches everywhere leave much to be desired. In future he would do better not to refer to a church as being like a pigsty, but either to clear up the mess he has discovered in some out of the way place, or to dip his hand into his pocket to pay someone else to do it for him.—Yours faithfully,

KENNETH G. SPAVINS.

Bletchley, Bucks.

A WARNING

Dear Sir,—Forty-five years ago the spirited leader of August 5th would have caused endless correspondence. But to-day it has passed almost without comment. P. A. is to be commended for his diligence, and if many others had his enthusiasm then the story of these ringing chambers would be quite different.

It is useless to blame the clergy for decadent bells and fittings; the responsibility is the churchwardens'. The clergy rarely take much interest in the state of the bell chamber, also the archdeacons do not go up the tower to see if the report presented is true or otherwise.

The sad state of affairs presented by P. A. is just one of the signs of the times. Every Monday we read in the newspapers of main roads into London being choked with cars returning from the coast, and it is much the same elsewhere. It is common to see cars and coaches stretching the whole 16 miles from Blackpool to Preston on Sunday evenings. So it is clear that people do not attend church as formerly. This gradually affects the belfry, and the bells stop for want of ringers. Jackdaws and pigeons take possession and decay quickly sets in.

The only cure is a band of ringers and a good towerkeeper who should be worthy of his hire. Here is where the clergy can help by visiting the ringers occasionally and encouraging them. The tower captain should also go up aloft periodically to see if any repairs are necessary and inform the wardens.

Now where do the Associations come in? Are they going to meet the challenge of stopped bells or remain passive? Most Associations have men who can put the case for ringing to a parish or village meeting. The incumbent would be willing to call such a meeting and it certainly could do no harm. No time must be lost, for the number of stopped bells on Sundays is serious. In due course peal ringers will have less towers to visit, and so the decline will affect every branch of our art. Let everyone think seriously on this matter and let the Editor have their suggestions.

LANCASTRIAN.

AMERICAN PARSON'S INTEREST

Dear Sir,—We in Witney are at present enjoying the visit of an American rector whilst our own Canon Bale is on holiday in the U.S.A. He is the Rev. W. R. Robbins, of St. Thomas' Church, New Haven, Connecticut, and he has become very interested in the traditional English manner of ringing. So much so that he would very much like to see a ring installed in his own tower in New Haven, if this is possible.

Mr. Robbins and I, however, have no idea whether there is any centre of change ringing in the U.S.A. (apart from a few clues gleaned from 'Dove') and we would be very pleased to hear if any of our readers could supply contacts or information that would be of help.

I have heard that some time ago the Oxford University Society sent information to an interested party in the States, but of the accuracy and details of this I am totally ignorant.

If anyone would like to help in this endeavour to break new ground, would they send their information either direct or through these columns. I hope eventually to be able to send in a 'progress report'.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. SMITH.

Merryfield,
Witney, Oxon.

THE FALLING-OFF OF PEALS

Dear Sir,—The magnitude of importance once attached to peals is becoming less for the following reasons:—

(1). Many are coming to recognise (as the past Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild recently stated) that peal ringing itself should not be looked upon as a yardstick by which to measure success.

(2). Since peals became 'two-a-penny' little record value can nowadays be attached to them.

(3). Many prefer to concentrate upon the maintenance of a regular Sunday service band, if only for some of the simpler methods, rather than see a crowded belfry on weekdays and a silent one on Sundays.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

St. Mary's, Woodstock, South Africa

'The Outspan,' South Africa's illustrated weekly, contains an informative article on the bells of St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Town, with pictures of the band preparing for a quarter peal. James Barwell, of Birmingham, cast Woodstock bells in 1901 and they were delivered the next year. The first method ringing was on December 22nd, 1903, when a touch of 720 Bob Minor was rung. Of that original band, Mr. J. F. Priest died only last year in Cape Town.

The first full peal was on December 15th, 1904—Taylor's Six-Part, Grandsire Triples. One of the ringers, Mr. J. Murray, had 14 years earlier rung the first peal in Australia, and was perhaps the only man of his time who had scored a peal in three continents.

Pictured in the article are J. Wood (tower captain), V. Sheppard, O. Lamb, J. Ernstzen, C. Gardiner and J. Riley. Three of the present ringers are accountants.

Joint Meeting at Bolsterstone

The joint meeting of the Barnsley and Sheffield District Societies held at Bolsterstone on August 13th resulted in a very pleasant and happy afternoon and evening.

Tea was served in a small cafe opposite the church, where about 30 ringers enjoyed a good square meal. The Vicar joined the party at tea and also conducted the business meeting which followed. He assured all of a very hearty welcome. The business was soon disposed of and further ringing followed until about 8 p.m. Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening in Minor and Major methods with plenty of scope for beginners.

It is a long time since the last meeting was at Bolsterstone. The visitors enjoyed and appreciated the open countryside. No doubt in mid-winter the outlook would be much different when nature changes her cloak. D. S.

TOPIC FOR THE MONTH - VIII.

The Meeting

FOLLOWING the annual general meetings, many a newly-elected secretary is now contemplating his first meeting in office, and probably realising how much of the responsibility for its success will rest with him; and by success is meant, of course, the efficient despatch of business under the control of the chairman, who rightly looks to the secretary to bring up and arrange the material for the agenda of the meeting.

Some new secretaries have first-rate examples to follow while others succeed to office where limited and often misguided function has somehow struggled through the job, lacking the essentials for good business despatch. For the latter these few notes, though elementary, may serve as talking points on efficient service if not as of primary guidance towards that end.

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The first of these is the **convening** of the meeting, which must be done in accordance with the rules of the Association, and which may be by circular letter to all members, or by notice in the Press, or even by notice posted up in some specific place, depending upon the nature and extent of the Association. Failure to convene properly may invalidate the meeting.

Next comes the preparation of the **agenda**, in which must be found a place for all legitimate business, though some items may not be included unless submitted by their sponsors before a given time prior to the meeting. The order of business on the agenda is of prime importance and though not always followed, through either ignorance or neglect, it is essentially standardised for efficient and legitimate despatch. (This order is detailed below.)

The compilation of his agenda will serve to remind the secretary, apart from other indications, that certain **reports** and **records** due in from other officers may not be to hand, and these he will then have to 'chase.' His own books and records he will, of course, have posted up in all readiness to bring to the meeting.

Lastly, the **meeting-room**. A preferred arrangement of seating is that of a central aisle, though this is not essential. Facing the main seating is the table for the administrative officers. This should be large enough to accommodate some half-dozen seats behind it, and should be furnished with a sheet of blank paper before each seat and a water glass centrally. A gavel or table-rapper should be provided for the chairman. In ringing Associations he is usually the Master, although if the president or a vice-president be present he is usually invited to preside. In such case the Master should sit on the president's right. Normally the secretary will sit on the chairman's left, and be ready to prompt and inform him as required. The treasurer usually sits on the chairman's right, or, if the Master be there instead of in the chair, then on the Master's right. Other officers at the table sit as most convenient. The secretary will find it useful to have more than one pen and/or pencil and to have a rough notebook, in addition to his minute book, correspondence file and other regulation documents. He should also ensure that he has a copy of the Rules handy, and also of the previously-issued report of the Association.

RULES

Successful administration of any organisation depends, inter alia, on a well-defined **constitution**; in other words, on well-drafted rules; and as mentioned, a copy should be on the table. It is surprising to find, in some few cases, how poorly the rules have been drafted, so as to be of little real use, in fact, to be confusing and provide loopholes for trouble. No attempt should be made to employ 'legal'

phrasology, but simple statements should state clearly the Association's requirements. They should deal with matters including such as the following, and in some such order:—

Title and objects of the Association, constitution—officers and membership; affiliation to Central Council and/or any other body; form of government; general meetings and nature of business; election of members; rates of subscription; tower affiliation and representative or correspondent; District organisation; District meetings; District finance; Central or Association finance; special funds and grants; library; instructors and teaching methods; peal reporting; general reports; alteration of rules; etc.

PROCEDURE

The conduct of most well-run meetings—general and committee—follows, in some main respects, the procedure of that mother of all talking places or 'parliaments'—the House of Commons. The example is followed simply because it is the smoothest and most efficient way of despatching the business at hand.

Speakers rise only on indication from the chair, and if not 'down' to speak and thus called upon by the chairman, must 'catch his eye.' On rising, unless in small meetings where all are known (such as in committee) the speaker should first give his name and place of origin. All remarks are addressed to the chair and not across the floor between members of the audience. This ensures control of the proceedings and avoid risk of 'bickering.' Normally no one may speak more than once on any item of discussion, except the proposer, who has the right of reply to any opposition; and here the chairman may often avoid waste of time by announcing a time limit for speakers. No discussion may open on any item unless and until it has been both proposed and seconded, so that if the matter is not thus supported, the chairman may at once proceed to the next item on the agenda. Even when a motion has been both proposed and seconded the chairman has a further routine before permitting discussion: he should, if it is a proposition for discussion, ask if there be any amendment or amendments, and the last of these (all duly proposed and seconded, of course), should be taken first, and so proceed backwards to the original proposition; on the other hand, if it be a proposition for election of an officer or place of visit, etc., he should call for 'any other nominations' and deal with these as duly proposed and seconded, on vote. It may be noted that a motion should never be spoken of as a 'resolution' unless and until it has been put to the vote and 'resolved' or 'carried'; until then it is only a 'motion' or a 'proposition.' In recording the nature of the voting it is important to distinguish between 'carried nem. con.' and 'carried unanimously.' Both these phrases refer to voting all of one nature, i.e., for the motion; but whereas the latter strictly means that all present have voted as one (in favour), the former means that (from the Latin) no one has voted to the contrary, though some may not have voted at all.

Some chairmen are 'made or marred' by their secretaries, in so far as their collation and arrangement of matter for the agenda is concerned, and by their giving or not of the judicious prompting and supporting information that is invaluable in all but the straightforward routine business.

THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

As already intimated the importance of the precise order in which business is to be set down on the agenda is not always appreciated; and this order can, in fact, affect the result of voting. (An obvious case is that of the election of an officer to a new office, only if his retirement from the old one has been previously intimated and an election to the new one not

yet effected; but other examples may be cited.) In general terms the business of a meeting comes under four heads, and in this order: (a) Initiation or opening; (b) Business of the past; (c) Business of the future; (d) Closure. Each section of business contains at least two, or more, items, and these, even, must come in due order within their appropriate section, for the correct and efficient despatch of the business. Here, then, is the normal order of items on the agenda, and as particularly applicable to ringing meetings:—

Section (a), Opening.

1. **Notice of Convention.** The chairman calls on the secretary to read or declare the form of notice of convention of the meeting, in accordance with the appropriate rule; and this is done.

2. **Declaration Open.** The chairman, standing, then declares the meeting open, giving the number of the meeting and stating if annual or quarterly and general or district, etc. He then sits and remains seated for the remainder of the proceedings.

3. **Apologies for absence.** Until the two former items are over, the meeting is not, strictly, validly in being; but now, being so, if any apology for absence is tendered it must come at this juncture, before any business whatever is transacted.

4. **Welcome.** This item is not always included, but if it is it should come here. The welcome is addressed to all, of course, but particularly to any special guests and to those having come from considerable distances, etc.

Section (b), Past Business.

5. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** These are read by the secretary, precisely as entered in the minute book unless, as is sometimes the case, they have been previously published, when they may be voted to be 'taken as read'; but they are still not 'adopted.' Curiously enough, this business of 'adoption' is rarely taken in the correct way. It should be proposed and seconded, and then amendments called for, to deal with any case of objection as to whether or not the actual record is considered a correct report. In any case those entitled to vote or speak on these propositions are only those who were actually present at that previous meeting and no one else. (For clearly, only those who were actually present can have first-hand knowledge of the correctness or otherwise of the record.) A meticulous chairman will often remind his audience of this all-important point. A majority vote as to correctness of record suffices to secure the chairman's signature to authenticity.

6. **Matters arising out of the Minutes.** It is of the utmost importance to agree that the record is correct, for subsequent business stands or falls by the actual record, and not by what may, in fact, have actually taken place. So also, therefore, is it important for matters arising, and these will be accepted by the chairman at this stage only if they are not set down to follow as subsequent items on the agenda; in which case they must, in any event, come within this section of 'past business.'

7. **Other items relating to past matters.** These will include such important items as 'reports' of various officers, especially such as the Master's report and the treasurer's (audited) statement of accounts.

8. **Retirement of officers and election of new officers.** This is always the last item of section (b) of the agenda, i.e., past business. The secretary is called upon to recite the offices in turn, stating in each case whether or not the retiring officer is prepared to offer himself for re-election. The preferred way is to start with the junior offices, working up to

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the senior ones, ending with the Master or chairman and finally the vice-presidents and president. In this way retiring officers in any grade may be invited to serve again in a senior grade. As each election is effected, if there is a change the newly-elected officer takes the vacated place at the table, receiving the appropriate books and papers as handed over to him. It is usual for a retiring secretary to remain at the elbow of the newly-elected secretary to facilitate despatch of business in the final sections of the agenda. The newly-elected officers now being in possession at the table, and in office, the future business if the agenda is next dealt with.

Section (c), Future Business.

9. Compliments and thanks. Although it does not always appear on the agenda, the first item of this section is devoted to the passing of formal votes of thanks and the making of any presentations to officers who have retired from any given office. Those continuing in office normally receive an omnibus vote of thanks, and it is bad form to omit this item in practice, even though it be not actually included in the written agenda. (The new chairman being ensated, there can be no embarrassment or diffidence in regard to compliments to any retiring officers.)

10. Specific items of future business. Broadly speaking, any matter that is yet unsettled or that is to be effective at any time from then on, will be reserved for discussion in this section of the agenda. Future policy, active and financial, grants, new ideas, revision of rules, notices of motion for next meeting, dates and places of coming events, meetings, etc., are all properly inclusive in this section of the agenda, which usually ends with:—

11. Any other permissible business. The word 'permissible' is important in this connection because certain matters may be admitted only if due notice has been given, in which case they will have been itemised and dealt with. This is typical of the way in which an alert and knowledgeable secretary may guide his chairman (by reference to rules, if necessary) and so secure purely legitimate discharge of the Association's business.

Section (d), Closure.

12. Courtesies. This means, generally, votes of thanks to all appropriately for participation in and arrangements for the meeting itself; that is, to those permitting use of places and/or equipment, to organisers, patrons, etc. Quite frequently an enormous amount of hard work has gone on behind the scenes to arrange everything for the function, and it is only right that this should be appreciated and duly acknowledged. (It is often overlooked!)

13. Closure—formal. The chairman rises and delivers the only other statement he makes while standing, that is, he formally declares this — meeting closed.

(No official record may be entered of anything that occurs after such declaration.)

A. Y.—B.

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MIDSUMMER MADNESS OR TWO-IN-A-DAY

On the postcard it said, 'Be at Flint 9 a.m. Tuesday.' It was a lovely morning and I made my way to Flint by bus, arriving a few minutes before the allotted time. The three from Chester made the journey by train and arrived just as our good friend from Flint, the fifth member of the party, drove up in his Hillman van complete with five comfortable seats and a banana box (empty) suitably covered, dead on 9 a.m.

We were soon speeding away along the coast road via Rhyl to our first rendezvous at Bangor, where we arrived a little before 11 a.m. to find waiting for us the remaining three of our band, one from Llandudno, one from Rhyl and the other stationed with the R.A.F. on the island of Anglesey who hails from Hornchurch, and a notice pinned on the door by the clergy on which was written a welcome to St. David's, Glanadda.

Also with us was the Llandudno secretary, John W. Roberts, who had come on ahead to see to the ropes, etc., so that no time would be lost, and as soon as we were started went on to Beaumaris to perform a similar service for us.

We lost no time in raising the bells and were soon away to Grandsire Triples. A good quick beat was struck from the start, but later this slowed down a little and a good peal was brought round in 2 hours 56 minutes.

Our good friend from Flint, who 'knows his way around' in this area and being skilled in the art of gentle persuasion, prevailed upon an almost staffless manager of a local hotel to provide us with lunch. With the help of liquid refreshment (tea), this was soon disposed of and we all piled into the Hillman for the journey along the winding road to Beaumaris.

Everything at St. Mary's was in readiness and this lovely, light and, may I say, refreshing ring of bells was soon going to Bob Major, which came round in grand style in 3 hours.

As we were leaving the church we saw a group of people standing by one of the houses. We thought we were 'in for it' when one of the ladies spoke up and said, 'That was very good ringing. The bells were lovely. Where do you come from?' and 'Can't you come and ring for us on Sunday?' The smiles of relief and pleasure that brightened up our faces showed our appreciation, and it was with regret that we had to tell them it was not possible for us to ring for them on Sundays.

After a light tea we made our way back to Bangor in time for our R.A.F. member, Andrew J. Salisbury, to catch his train back to camp.

Before leaving Bangor we allowed ourselves the pleasure of calling on Mr. Albert J. Hughes, whose interest in ringing is undiminished although he has not been able to take an active part for some time due to ill-health. Nowadays he keeps in touch through the medium of 'The Ringing World.'

We were delighted to find him up and dressed and apparently he and Mrs. Hughes were waiting for us. The 'Grape Vine' had been in action again. He informed us that after a recent stay in hospital he is a little better and would welcome visits from any ringer passing through Bangor.

After bidding them farewell it was with feelings of pleasure and satisfaction that we commenced our journey home. We arrived at Rhyl with only a few minutes to spare for our Chester friends to get their train, and I was taken almost to my doorstep by the Hillman.

There was only one casualty, myself, who collected a lovely bunch of blisters, one as big as a grape, but these were easier to bear than the 'sympathies' of my fellows. And so came the end of a perfect day.

We would like to convey our thanks and appreciation to the Vicars of Glanadda and Beaumaris for the use of the bells and the welcome given us, and to the Llandudno secretary for his services.

D. H. B. M.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The summer meeting of the Society took place at Tetterhall on August 13th. It was in February, 1950, that the lovely old Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels was, with the exception of the tower and bells, completely gutted by a disastrous fire. The new church, rebuilt on the original foundations, is a worthy successor to the building destroyed in the fire and the outside appearance is little changed.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of the new Ringing Master, Mr. George Hughes. The service was conducted and the address given by the Rev. C. W. Borrett, Vicar of Tetterhall, who had also arranged for his full choir to be in attendance. Under such circumstances it was to be regretted that only 45 members attended the meeting.

A picnic tea took place on the beautifully-situated lawn in the Vicarage garden, where amidst the wealth of green foliage it was difficult to realise that one was within two miles of the centre of Wolverhampton. After tea, the Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary, thanked the Rev. C. W. Borrett for all he had done towards making the meeting so enjoyable.

A sad note on a sunny day was when Mr. F. Bennett called on all present to stand in silence for a few moments as a tribute of respect to the memory of a well-known member of the society, Mr. Jack Luck, of Willenhall, who had recently died.

The next meeting of the society will be at Alrewas in October.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

On July 2nd at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, the marriage was solemnised between John Cummins, a member of the Cathedral band, and Miss Rosemary Beddoes. On the same day was born Phillip Roderick, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Goodyer, both ringers at the Cathedral. Bristol ringers will remember Mrs. Goodyer as Margaret Winter, who left England for Australia in August, 1952.

To complete the coincidence, Jack and Rosemary announced their engagement on Tom and Margaret's wedding day, so it is fitting that the new Mrs. Cummins should have been Phillip's godmother when he was baptised at St. Mary's Cathedral by the Administrator, the Rev. Fr. Meaney. Edmund ('Chook') Fowell stood proxy for Robert Goodyer, Master Phillip's godfather. 'Chook' is also a Cathedral ringer.

J. S.

A JOINT MEETING

Good use was made of the ten bells at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on August 13th, when a joint meeting of the Middlesex County Association was held with the Essex Association. Several methods were rung, including Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent and Bob Royal and Cambridge Major.

After tea, which was kindly provided by Mrs. Fox and her helpers, there was a short service at St. Dunstan's. An adjournment was then made to South Hackney Parish Church, where the bells had been rehung and fitted with new ropes. Touches of Bob Major, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were thoroughly enjoyed.

Visitors were welcomed from Derby, Newcastle, Leatherhead, Reading, Watford and Biddington. Many thanks to all those who made this such a successful meeting.

The attendance was rather disappointing. These joint meetings are arranged to further good fellowship between associations. All are welcome, whether experts or beginners, and every endeavour should be made to make next year's meeting a 'full house.'

T. N.

OBITUARY

MR. A. J. LUCK

With regret we report the death of Mr. A. J. Luck on August 12th, after a painful illness, aged 57 years. Jack, as he was known by his many friends in the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society and Dudley and District Guild, was a member of the band at St. Giles', Willenhall, where he started to learn to ring in 1935.

His first peal was Stedman Triples on January 20th, 1938, and was the first peal on the new bells. Altogether he rang 23 peals for the Society. He was at one time towerkeeper at St. Giles' and helped to do much useful work in the belfry after the new bells were installed, particularly in regard to reducing the noise in the ringing chamber.

The funeral took place on August 16th at St. Giles', Willenhall, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. B. Ashley). Among the many floral tributes was one from the local band. Ringers present were W. Bayliss, E. Stinch, C. Wallater and Mr. and Mrs. F. Colclough.

A half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted the same evening but was lost after 35 minutes through a rope breaking. Afterwards a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by J. A. Roden 1, Stella Hughes 2, C. Wallater 3, A. R. Wright (first quarter of Stedman) 4, Dorothy T. Gardner 5, P. Barker (first quarter of Triples) 6, B. G. Key (conductor) 7, G. W. Hughes 8. H. Knight and G. Stinch stood down. C. W.

HALF-DAY IN SOMERSET

A small company of ringers on August 20th much enjoyed an outing arranged by Mr. Claude Tarr, of Milverton. The first three towers visited were five—West Quantockshead, Sampford Brett and Monksilver. The organiser very generously acted as host to the remainder of the party, when tea was partaken at the Wayside Cafe, Williton, and this was greatly appreciated by all the ringers.

After tea, ringing took place on the heavy six at St. Decuman's. The final tower of the trip was Old Cleeve, where visitors from Glamorgan and Surrey joined in ringing on the fine eight. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Union and Winchendon Place Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Triples. E. T. P. F.

ERRATA

The handbell peal of Stedman Doubles at Portsmouth on August 12th was rung non-conducted. Mr. R. G. Leale's name being given as conductor of the peal is incorrect. The footnote to this peal is open to misinterpretation, and was in fact Miss Kathleen Knight's first handbell peal and not her 25th 'in hand.'

The peal of Plain Bob Doubles at Isham, Northants, on July 20th, was rung in 2 hours and 35 minutes, and not as sent in. It was also the first peal in the method by all.

LATE NOTICES

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Sept. 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Dickenson, 8, High Street, Staveley.—A. B. Cooper. 6886

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ancaster (5), Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Butchers Arms, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 12th, to Mr. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs.—J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec. 6890

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at St. Oswald's, Guiseley. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. C. Walsh, Dunster, Oxford Avenue, Guiseley, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 14th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6889

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BIRTHS

ELLIOTT.—On Aug. 19th, 1955, to Christine and Alan R. Elliott, a future tenor ringer, Robert William. With grateful thanks to the staff of Colchester Maternity Home. 6848

GRABHAM.—On July 22nd, 1955, at Musgrove Hospital, to Edna (nee Bedford) and Andrew Grabham, the gift of a son, William Arthur Knox. 6885

MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—All ringers coming to Bristol University in October are invited to write to the Secretary, C. T. Blundell, 13, Bridgewood Road, Worcester Park, Surrey, before the beginning of the session. Ringing takes place at St. Michael's, Bristol, on Friday evening, 5.30 p.m., and Sunday at 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Handbell ringing is arranged for most lunch hours. 6825

PUBLICATIONS

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Chatteris, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden. 6781

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Langham, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Meeting, Woodford, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. 6835

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Oxhey (8), Sept. 3rd. 3 p.m. Tea to be arranged.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 6859

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Bokesbourne, Sept. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6800

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sundridge on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. 6805

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly ringing meeting and a committee meeting will be held at Lancaster on Sept. 3rd. St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral bells (10) available from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and St. Mary's Priory bells (8) available from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Committee meeting commences at 4.30 p.m. in St. Peter's Social Centre. Tea in St. Peter's Social Centre 5.30 p.m.—F. Dunkerley, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. 6822

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Eckington, Sept. 3rd, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea in Church Hall; bring own food.—N. Chaddock. 6838

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Sparsholt, Sept. 3rd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Memorial Hall. Crawley (5) after tea.—R. F. Brewer. 6872

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, Monday, Sept. 5th, 7.15 p.m. Annual Dinner and Social, also handbell ringing, Redcliffe Hotel, Fulham Road, Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 6.30. (14 bus from South Kensington Underground.) Tickets 15s. 6d. Apply quickly, please. Everyone welcome. Afternoon ringing; details later.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 6865

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual Cup Contest and meeting at Thrybergh, Sept. 10th, at 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify, not later than Sept. 7th. Miss D. Shaw, Deer Park Farm, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, near Rotherham.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 6882

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Winsford, Sept. 10th. Tea for number notified by Sept. 6th.—A. R. Tudball, 3, West Close, Dunster. 6866

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Sept. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea, in Village Hall, to A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 6850

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Hon. Sec. 6851

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Congleton, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Sept. 6th, to A. A. Potts, 132, Great King Street, Macclesfield. 6881

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Brampford Speke, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec., 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 6852

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Horningsea, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Fen Ditton (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6869

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Ashton Keynes (5), Sept. 10th. Tea. Cricklade bells evening.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 6874

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Old Woking, Sat., Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Sept. 7th, to D. Munday, 92, High Street, Old Woking. —R. Collins. 6878

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Battle, Saturday, Sept. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Bells unavailable on Sept. 17th. —G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 6846

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting, Madeley, Saturday, Sept. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 6853

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at East Sutton, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 6817

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 6880

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Ambrose, Bristol, on Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. St. George's bells (8) available 7-9 p.m. Names for tea, **not later than Wednesday, Sept. 7th**, to Mrs. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol, 5.—Mrs. de Jong, Hon. Sec. 6871

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. James', Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. It is hoped that the Rev. St. John Smith and Mr. F. Dunkerley will be present. Names for tea to J. E. Burles, 2, Rand Villas, North Scale, Barrow-in-Furness, — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 6879

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10th, at All Saints', Childwall (6 bells). Bells available 2.30. Service at 4, followed by tea and business meeting. It is particularly requested that all members requiring tea (for which there will be no charge) should send their names in, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 7th, to Mr. S. Lawrenson, 81, Rudston Road, Liverpool 16, or to me.—P. W. Cave, Branch Sec. 6854

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Eccleston (Chorley), Sept. 10th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 7th, to M. A. Rigbye, Tannersmith Lane, Mawdesley, Ormskirk.—L. Walmesley. 6883

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Half-yearly meeting, Grantham, Sept. 10th. Bells available 4 p.m., preceded by prayers before ascending belfry, and after meeting. Barkston bells 2.30 to 4 p.m. Tea at Talbot Restaurant 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, by Monday previous, to Mr. J. W. Haw, 61, North Street, Bourne, Lincs. This is most important.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 6847

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Penarth, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. E. C. 6834

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wood Green (near Tube station) on Saturday, Sept. 10th, at 3 p.m. Service and business. Bells at Tottenham (opposite Bruce Castle) also available 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. and in evening.—T. J. Lock. 6863

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Norwich, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Wedding presentation to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, St. Clement's Parish Room, Colegate. Towers: St. George's (6), St. Miles' (8), St. John's, Ber Gate (8), 2.30 p.m.: Mancroft (12) 6 p.m. Service, St. George's, Colegate, 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Presentation after tea. Names for tea to W. Love, Hon. Sec., 52, Spencer Street, Norwich, by Wednesday, Sept. 7th. Standing Committee meeting 3 p.m. 6842

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wotton Underwood, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Ayris, Pollicott, Ashendon, Aylesbury Bucks. 6870

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Albrighton on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Sept. 7th, to Mr. E. Binnersley, Mayfield Road, Albrighton, near Wolverhampton. Tong bells available after tea. 6837

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Quarterly meeting at Dunstable, Beds, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available: Dunstable Priory (8) and Totternhoe (8) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Dunstable Priory. Tea and meeting 5.30. Both towers open after tea. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 7th, **without fail, please**, to Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable Beds.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 6678

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Warsop (6) Sept. 10th. Names for tea, by 6th, to Mr. H. T. Rooke, 8, York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield.—H. Denman. 6856

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Lingfield (8), Sept. 10th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Ringing after until 8.30. 6862

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Easebourne (6), 3-5, Midhurst (6) 6-8, Sept. 10th. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 6884

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next general meeting will be held at Marsden on Sept. 10th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. until 9 p.m. General committee meet 3 p.m. in Parochial Hall. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea (3s. per head) in Parochial Hall. General meeting immediately afterwards. Names for tea, by Sept. 8th, to Mr. A. Schofield, 86, Brougham Road, Marsden. Frequent trolleybus service from Huddersfield.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 6840

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shute, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Numbers for tea, by Sept. 12th, to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 6849

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halting (6) on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Names for tea to me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 13th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 6860

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District and Midland District.—Joint meeting, Tamworth, Staffs, Sat., Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available

3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 14th, to Miss S. Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall, Staffs. All ringers and friends welcome.—S. Hughes and J. S. Simpson, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Frampton, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Moores Arms 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, Sept. 12th, to Mr. J. R. Young, 19, Linton Way, Frampton, near Boston. 6868

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY. — First annual meeting, East Malling, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Members welcome; non-members cordially invited. Names, please, by Sept. 12th to Pamela Butcher, Herne Pound, Butcher's Lane, Mereworth.—P. J. B. 6873

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Annual meeting, Northampton. Saturday, Sept. 17th. Ringing: St. Peter's (8), Marefair, St. Edmund's (8), Wellingborough Road, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. John's (6), Kingsthorpe, 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; St. Giles' (10) 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; All Saints' (8), Town Centre, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Own arrangements for lunch. Business meeting 3.30 p.m. Lecture Room, Borough Police H.Q., Campbell Square. Dinner at Angel Hotel, Bridge Street, 6.30 p.m., followed by social evening. Tickets 9s. each, by Sept. 12th, from P. C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Oadby Road, Wigston, Leicester. 6867

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Seats available in bus to Culworth, Sept. 17th. Leave Kettering 1.15 p.m.—Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell. 6858

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Bradpole on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 12th, please.—Barrett, 22, Proutridge, Beaminster. 6875

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. S. Payne, Dis. Sec. 6862

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Bromsgrove (10), Saturday, Sept. 17th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Numbers for tea by 14th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 6857

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting, Beccles, Sept. 24th. Bells (10) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea, only to those who notify, by 21st, E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles.—C. W. Pipe. 6877

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (13s. 6d.) available from the undersigned.—P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 6876

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The 75th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the Royal Star Hotel, Maidstone. Tickets 10s. 6d.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec., Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 6855

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