



OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

'The Ringing World' was founded in the year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.

No. 2362 Vol. LII.

FRIDAY, JULY 6, 1956

Registered at the G.P.O. for  
transmission as a newspaper

6d.

## U IN THE BELFRY

A SHORT while ago Professor Ross, of Birmingham University, published a paper in Finland on 'Linguistic Class—Indicators in Present Day English.' This led to a far greater general interest than one might imagine—apparently even in this politically enlightened age, the aristocracy have a fascination for the mass of the population. The subject has since been taken up by several other authors, and U (i.e., Upper Class) speech and customs have been discussed at length in several of our contemporaries.

These discussions have, of course, been related to social behaviour in general. Thus, it is 'U' to take (not drink) tea with the milk added after the tea has been poured into the cup; dinner in U usage is an evening meal and never a midday one, and it is very non-U to have a 'sweet' as part of one's dinner—the correct word for that course is 'pudding.' It soon becomes clear, however, to any acute observer of his fellow creatures that an analogous code of speech and behaviour is to be found among the élite in more restricted fields of activity.

The art of Belfrymanship has already been described in this journal by an able scribe. It is the art by which a ringer achieves virtual supremacy over his fellows in the tower without necessarily being an outstandingly good ringer. The successful belfryman, however, is akin to the self-made man in the general social hierarchy. He is an object of wonder and even, perhaps, of admiration, but scarcely one of respect. There are, on the other hand, ringers who have no need of the common ruses of the belfryman. They—it would seem—have not had to struggle hard to reach the summit. There is never any question of their right to inhabit Mount Olympus. When the Top Drawer was opened, there they were already (if the mixture of metaphors may be pardoned).

It is not so easy to describe U behaviour in the tower as to describe the subterfuges of belfrymanship because the technique is more subtle, and generally more subconsciously practised. Nevertheless, a U ringer can generally be recognised as soon as he enters the ringing chamber. His attitude is one of aloofness though not remoteness, friendliness but not familiarity. He greets, in a gentle sort of way, those whom he knows and returns, quite civilly, the greetings of those whom he does not know or whose names he cannot remember. On no account will he announce his identity. He only gives his name in reply to a direct (and, if his entry has been made well, almost apologetic) question. To rush cheerfully into the tower with an audible greeting to all and sundry followed by a round of vigorous hand shaking is, though much more matey, quite definitely non-U.

When a touch is called for, the U response is inactivity for at least one minute. At the expiration of this period, if he has not been asked to stand in but wishes to ring, the U ringer may unhurriedly take a rope, carefully, but not too studiously see that it is not twisted, and wait for the rest of the band to fill in. On no account will he ask how his bell starts or even show the slightest doubt. If someone else asks how *his* bell starts he will politely tell him if he knows, or reply, 'I

haven't got a clue,' if he does not. It is, almost needless to say, very non-U to show undue enthusiasm, to ask for a particular method, to offer unsolicited advice to those who are not sure of their starts or to spit upon one's hands on catching hold of the rope. Moreover, the correct mixture of diffidence and indifference is vitally important since any appearance of being blasé immediately bespeaks the seasoned belfryman. The U ringer, though remaining a little detached from his fellows, unless they are also U, nevertheless always keeps his mind on the job in hand and never talks while ringing.

If during the touch he is shouted at by the conductor, or any other ringer, for some real or imaginary mistake, the correct action is a courteous, but completely non-committal, bow of the head in the direction of the speaker. No audible reply will be made. Should chaos occur and the touch suffer an untimely end, it is U to refrain from the post-mortem. If it is clear to everyone that the cause of the trouble was the U ringer himself, the only possible thing to do is admit the fault at once in a matter-of-fact way with just sufficient apology to make the other ringers feel vaguely uncomfortable for having let such a distinguished person get into such trouble. (This, of course, requires courage to be successful; but this quality is one possessed to a remarkable degree by all U classes everywhere and at all times.) The U ringer is, to some extent, at a disadvantage compared with the belfryman, who in the same desperate circumstances can normally adopt the principle that attack is the best method of defence.

There is also an unwritten code of U behaviour at business meetings. If it is necessary to elect a chairman because of the absence of the local incumbent and the custom for the Ringing Master not to take the chair, the most U ringer will (if he is really U) generally be appointed, and he should accept the task without displaying either reluctance or eagerness. Sometimes a mere belfryman will be elected to the chair, but no indication of shock at such impropriety may be given. Contributions to debates should be made with quiet assurance and be of such a nature, either in content or delivery, as to render further discussion unnecessary if not actually impossible. Second contributions on the same subject should not be made except, and then only rarely, to reaffirm what has already been said earlier. Points of order are raised with the chairman in such a way as to imply that of course he (the chairman) was really aware of the point and the U ringer is only lending moral support to action which the chairman has already decided upon.

It may seem to some readers that U behaviour is merely Belfrymanship writ large, but even they must surely admit that it is also written much more delicately. The two, however, really do differ in their nature. The U ringer is generally something of a stylist and a perfectionist (qualities which may be regarded as necessary but not sufficient), and is frequently though not always a proficient method ringer or conductor. The Belfryman, on the other hand, too clearly achieves his eminence by conscious effort. Any sensitive ringer realises that U in the belfry tends to add dignity to the proceedings and stability to the organisation.

D. N. L.

**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| STELLA HUGHES .. .. Treble | GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. 7     |
| MRS. T. H. FRANCIS .. .. 2 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 8   |
| EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 3    | ALAN F. THIRST .. .. 9    |
| MURIEL REAY .. .. 4        | JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 10   |
| THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 5     | ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 11     |
| JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. 6     | PETER N. BOND .. .. Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| PETER BERESFORD .. Treble | JEFFREY B. WEBB .. 6      |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 2  | RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 7  |
| ANN BARR .. .. 3          | JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 8  |
| JOAN BERESFORD .. 4       | EDMUND MALIN .. .. 9      |
| J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 5      | GEORGE E. OLIVER .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

The ninth ringer's 50th peal with the ringers of the fourth and tenor.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 LANGLEY SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. Treble | ROBIN G. TURNER .. 6     |
| FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 2      | WILLIAM THORNLEY .. 7    |
| GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 3      | HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 8    |
| DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 4       | S. ANTONY JESSON .. 9    |
| MARK J. BARKER .. .. 5       | JOHN E. COOK .. .. Tenor |

Arranged and Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

First peal of Royal in the method, on the bells, by the band and for the Association.

Rung for the marriage of John Bramley, of Leicester, and Miss Nancy May Clough, of Hinckley, who were married earlier in the day at Hinckley.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Treble | ALBERT J. PITMAN .. 6    |
| RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 2      | GEORGE A. PACKER .. 7    |
| RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 3    | BERT SUTTON .. .. 8      |
| FREDERICK SEAGER .. 4       | BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 9  |
| *EDMUND J. MORRIS .. 5      | *JOHN R. COOPER .. Tenor |

Composed by G. HAYWARD.

Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| PETER LAFLIN .. .. Treble | EDWARD JENKINS .. 5      |
| FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2    | LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6    |
| C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 3     | JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 7 |
| BASIL JONES .. .. 4       | JOHN WORTH .. .. Tenor   |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method on the bells.

In memoriam Ian Dunkerley, who died June 10th, 1955.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| TREVOR TAYLOR .. Treble | *DAVID L. MANNING .. 5   |
| JOAN CARTER .. .. 2     | *DEREK TAYLOR .. .. 6    |
| *DOROTHY M. HEAP .. 3   | *GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH 7 |
| *PETER WATSON .. .. 4   | JOHN R. HEAP .. .. Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN R. HEAP.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of the record length of Kent Major (16,800) at the above church, June 8th, 1906.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *A. HUBERT EPLETT .. Treble | REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 5       |
| ALAN CARVETH .. .. 2        | *HARRY HARPER .. .. 6         |
| *V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 3      | *DAVID N. PENROSE .. 7        |
| *ARTHUR F. BURLEY .. 4      | *ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The first peal of Treble Bob for the Guild by a band resident in the county.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST (Lane End),

**A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *PAMELA J. PEARSON .. Treble | EWART H. EDGE .. .. 5       |
| †FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 2      | F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 6      |
| ‡SHELAGH K. SERY .. 3        | ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 7       |
| †IVOR R. NICHOLS .. 4        | FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor |

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

\* First peal on eight. † 350th peal. ‡ First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| ALEC RICHARDSON .. Treble | ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER .. 5   |
| *JENNIFER M. HIGHLEY .. 2 | GEORGE A. PARSONS .. 6     |
| MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 3   | CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 7   |
| †DENNIS C. BOWEN .. 4     | THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal.

Rung for the wedding of Dennis Neal and Gwendoline L. Friswell, both members of the local band.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., June 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| *IAN D. THOMPSON .. Treble | PETER BORDER .. .. 5     |
| DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2      | JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6     |
| MURIEL REAY .. .. 3        | GEORGE E. FEARNE .. 7    |
| †H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 4     | FRANK E. HAYNES .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Yorkshire.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., June 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CECIL W. PIPE .. Treble | CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 5   |
| *GEORGE W. PIPE .. 2    | LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. 6   |
| MRS. G. W. PIPE .. 3    | WALTER W. MILLER .. 7     |
| RODERICK W. PIPE .. 4   | JAMES BENNETT .. .. Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* 250th peal (conducted 90).

Specially arranged as a farewell peal to the conductor who was to sail for Australia on June 26th.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Dexter's No. 1.            | Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.    |
| RICHARD PRIME .. .. Treble | JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 5     |
| PHYLLIS POOLE .. .. 2      | REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. .. 6 |
| DOREEN D. DUTTON .. .. 3   | PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 7   |
| JOHN A. SMITH .. .. 4      | FRANK CRANE .. .. Tenor      |

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Robert Symonds, who was inducted and collated to the above benefice on June 15th.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| NORMAN TOMPKINS .. .. Treble | JAMES W. GROUNDS .. .. 5    |
| *JOYCE HALLIDAY .. .. 2      | RAYMOND JOHNSON .. .. 6     |
| GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. .. 3    | PETER CROOK, SEN. .. .. 7   |
| ROGER LEIGH .. .. 4          | JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PETER CROOK, JUN.

\* First peal 'inside.'

In memoriam John Grenville McClintock, priest, killed in June, 1955.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM SLAUGHTER .. .. Treble | RALPH BIRD .. .. 5           |
| *BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. .. 2     | *GEORGE T. JENNINGS .. .. 6  |
| †DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. .. 3   | A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. 7    |
| *GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 4        | *W. LESLIE WELER .. .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 TRING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

|                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. .. Treble | ALICK CUTLER .. .. 5      |
| MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 2          | DENNIS KNOX .. .. 6       |
| THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 3           | ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7   |
| RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. .. 4      | JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor |

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

BROXBOURNE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Peter's, St. Albans, Society.)

On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt.

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| FREDERICK J. SPICER .. .. Treble | REGINALD W. DARVILL .. .. 5    |
| CHARLES F. SAYER .. .. 2         | BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. .. 6     |
| HAROLD V. FROST .. .. 3          | THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. .. 7      |
| HERBERT G. MASON .. .. 4         | GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CLAUDE A. UNDERWOOD .. .. Treble | FREDERICK W. HANCOCK .. .. 5 |
| GEORGE H. HANCOCK .. .. 2        | MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. .. 6  |
| JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. .. 3        | SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. .. 7    |
| VICTOR A. PERKY .. .. 4          | ERNEST G. ORLAND .. .. Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

Rung in welcome to Susan Barbara, daughter of the conductor, born on June 16th, 1956.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| A. YORK-BRAMBLE .. .. Treble   | FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. .. 5 |
| *S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. .. 2 | WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 6    |
| RUSSELL H. R. PARKER .. .. 3   | FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. .. 7  |
| E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 4       | ROGER BALDWIN .. .. Tenor    |

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS

\* First peal of Superlative.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being a block of 2,160 and four different 720's.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

|                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. .. Treble | THOMAS COOKE .. .. 4    |
| ROBERT T. SIMPSON .. .. 2        | W. NORMAN PARK .. .. 5  |
| RICHARD BUSBY .. .. 3            | ROLAND PARK .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung in connection with the dedication festival of the church, and as a compliment to Mr. E. Burnett, Ringing Master at St. John's Church, Darlington, and Mrs. Burnett, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| CHARLES G. JONES .. .. Treble | *JOSEPHINE GREEN .. .. 4      |
| LESLIE EVANS .. .. 2          | PHILIP G. MORGAN .. .. 5      |
| MOLLIE TILBURY .. .. 3        | REGINALD T. JONES .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

\* 25th peal.

CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JAMES DICKINSON .. .. Treble | ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. 4         |
| JOHN BAGNALL .. .. 2         | RAYMOND SUART .. .. 5         |
| JAMES E. BURLS .. .. 3       | NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

First peal in seven methods by all.



# CHURCH & TURRET CLOCKS

New Installations : Repairs : Maintenance

Estimates and Advice Free

JOHN SMITH & SON, Midland Clock Works, DERBY, LTD.

**GREAT WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**  
*On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 21 different 240's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in A.  
 G. LEONARD HEWITT .. Treble \*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 4  
 PETER CLARKSON .. 2 CLIVE WIXEY .. 5  
 LESLIE BARRY .. 3 NORMAN AUSTIN .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

\* First peal of Doubles in the method. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'

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

*On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being four extents of St. Simon's, eight each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, one 240 each of Morris's and Pitman's Grandsire, and ten of Grandsire (ten callings).  
 Tenor 9 cwt.

\*JAMES H. BURNHAM .. Treble ERNEST MORRIS .. 3  
 ROLAND H. COOK .. 2 ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 4  
 J. HARRY COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

\* First peal in five methods.

Rung to commemorate E. Morris's first peal on the bells 28 years ago.

**HOLLING, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents: (1) Double Court; (2) Oxford Bob; (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob.  
 Tenor 9 cwt.

\*HARRY SPRINGATE .. Treble \*GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 4  
 \*GEORGE KENWARD .. 2 BRIAN BLADON .. 5  
 \*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 3 RALPH BIRD .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal in ten Minor methods. Believed to be the first peal on the bells since 1913.

**LEVERINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven 720's, one each of Carlisle, London, Wells, Beverley, York, Durham, Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

RUTH MORGAN .. Treble LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 4  
 JAMES W. HAW .. 2 ALBERT E. SCOTT .. 5  
 CECIL WADE .. 3 RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ruth Morgan.

**SHARDLOW, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being two extents of Reverse Canterbury, 24 extents of Grandsire and 16 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in G.

\*EDWIN WALKLATE .. Treble \*ALAN WHITTING .. 4  
 DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 2 \*BRIAN R. MANNING .. 5  
 JOHN F. MURFIN .. 3 \*EDWARD H. WILLOWS .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Foster, Ringing Master of Shardlow.

**STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.**

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

*On Sun., June 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

\*E. WINIFRED KEYS .. Treble †DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. 3  
 FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 2 †JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. 4

\*PETER N. BOND .. Tenor

Conducted by E. WINIFRED KEYS.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles. † First peal of Doubles.

Rung for Evensong, also a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3 and 4.

**SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., June 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Comprising seven extents in 22 methods with 207 changes of method, viz.: (1) London Bob, Thelwall, Double Oxford and Lytham; (2) College, Childwall, St. Clement's and Wavertree College; (3) Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob and Fulbeck; (4) Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Norbury and College Exercise Treble Bob; (5) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (6) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob and Single Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. GILKS .. Treble MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 4  
 DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 2 HARRY P. FLOYD .. 5  
 DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 3 ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in 22 Minor methods by all the band. This is the greatest number of Minor methods yet rung to a peal by the Guild.

**ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., June 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being four 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of St. Clement's Bob, rung alternately with different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

MARK W. LEWIS .. Treble F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4  
 MRS. A. SIMPSON .. 2 ALLAN SIMPSON .. 5  
 PETER M. GILES .. 3 WILLIAM L. EXTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN SIMPSON.

First peal in two Minor methods by all.

**ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

\*PERCY W. MILLS .. Treble ROBERT E. LESTER .. 4  
 \*ALICE E. J. LESTER .. 2 †URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 5  
 MICHAEL A. MILLS .. 3 †RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal in seven methods. † 100th peal together.

**CHIPPING, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(Preston Branch.)

*On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

\*STANLEY WALMSLEY .. Treble \*FRANK STEAD .. 4  
 \*THOMAS BARKER .. 2 E. ROGER MARTIN .. 5  
 \*LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 3 CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

\* First peal in seven methods.

Rung in memoriam Edwin Timbrell, for many years a service ringer at this church, and who was interred in this churchyard on May 29th.

**KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 360 each of Winchendon, St. Simon's, Southrepps, Northrepps, and 720 each of All Saints', Reverse Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 3  
 ROLAND H. COOK .. 2 GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT .. 4

J. HARRY COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

First peal in nine methods by all the band.

Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the second on the eve of his 14th birthday.

**PEMBROKE, PEMBROKESHIRE.**

**THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

\*B. W. TWISSELL .. Treble L. HURREN .. 4  
 EDGAR THOMAS .. 2 \*P. C. ROGERS .. 5  
 †CHRIS. HAWKINS .. 3 \*E. L. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRIS. HAWKINS.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

**SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,***A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven 720's, one each of Beverley, Lightfoot, York, Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

|                      |        |                              |       |
|----------------------|--------|------------------------------|-------|
| RUTH MORGAN .. .. .  | Treble | JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. .      | 4     |
| CECIL WADE .. .. .   | 2      | LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. .. . | 5     |
| JAMES W. HAW .. .. . | 3      | ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. .      | Tenor |

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

A first birthday compliment to Beverley June, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Musson.

**HANDBELL PEALS****DROGHEDA, IRELAND.****THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.***On Sun., June 10, 1956, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,**IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,***A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**Being 42 extents. Tenor size 12 in F.  
ROY W. HUBER .. .. . 1—2 | FREDERICK E. DUKES .. .. . 3—4

\*ALAN P. CAVE .. .. . 5—6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

\* First peal of Doubles.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Jennifer A. Jobson, of Sydney, N.S.W., to Henry St. G. Smith on the previous day.

**FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(Manchester Branch.)

*On Sun., June 10, 1956, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,**AT 22, EGERTON STREET,***A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 15 in C.

GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH 1—2 | DEREK TAYLOR .. .. . 3—4  
TREVOR TAYLOR .. .. . 5—6

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

First peal in the method on handbells, by the band, and for the Association.

**BIRMINGHAM****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Fri., June 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,**IN ST. MARTIN'S BELFRY.***A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

|                            |     |                            |       |
|----------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-------|
| PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. . | 1—2 | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. .. . | 7—8   |
| FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. .   | 3—4 | FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. .    | 9—10  |
| ALBERT WALKER .. .. .      | 5—6 | GEORGE FEARN .. .. .       | 11—12 |

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung on the 40th anniversary of the first handbell peal on 12 in Birmingham. Ringers of 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8 were in the peal rung on June 15th, 1916.

**FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(Manchester Branch.)

*On Sun., June 17, 1956, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,**AT 22, EGERTON STREET.***A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE BOB MINOR**

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor size 15 in C.

GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH 1—2 | DEREK TAYLOR .. .. . 3—4  
TREVOR TAYLOR .. .. . 5—6

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

First peal in the method, by the band, and for the Association.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.****THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Fri., June 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,**AT 21, NORTH RIDING, BRICKET WOOD,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER G. PAUL .. .. . 1—2 | D. KAY ADKINS .. .. . 3—4

\*MADELEINE CHAPPLE .. .. . 5—6

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

\* First peal on handbells.

**BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.****THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sun., June 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,**AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.***A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

|                                |     |                          |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. .. . | 1—2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. . | 5—6 |
| MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. .. .     | 3—4 | R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. .  | 7—8 |

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret Beamish. Major was rung after meeting short for Bob Royal.



# GILLETT AND JOHNSTON

LIMITED

No matter in which corner of the country you happen to be, as likely as not you will come across Gillett & Johnston bells or tower clocks. Gillett & Johnston craftsmanship is embodied in an all-embracing service—as much in the preservation and restoration of old rings of antiquarian interest as in the installation of new.

**BELL FOUNDERS**

AND

**CLOCK MAKERS****CROYDON**

# QUARTER PEALS

**ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.**—On June 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Smith 1, R. Peck 2, J. Pilgrim 3, E. S. Bailey 4, J. M. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Bedford 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Joan A. Outerbridge and Mr. Brian H. Walne.

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: June A. Grieve-son 1, R. D. Brown 2, Pamela R. Gough (first in the method) 3, Diana M. Gough 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, C. D. Linington 6. For Evensong.

**ALVASTON, DERBYS.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Spliced Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Doubles (83 changes of method): Miss D. Mosedale 1, Miss J. G. Draper 2, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 3, B. R. Manning 4, S. Walklate 5, B. Bradley 6. For evening service.

**ASHFORD, KENT.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Grand- sire Triples: Margaret Pope (first quarter) 1, Maisie Vantom 2, Margaret M. Jones (first quarter) 3, C. T. Hillis (first of Triples) 4, J. R. Cooper 5, L. T. Pope 6, C. W. Everett (cond.) 7, A. A. Jones (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Wickens.

**BECKFORD, GLOS.**—On June 10th, 1,260 Doubles (2 six-scores St. Simon's, 2 St. Bartholomew, 2 Reverse Canterbury, 2 April Day, 14 Grandsire and 1 Plain Bob): F. Trotman 1, A. Pulley 2, Miss J. Newbury 3, E. T. Newbury (cond.) 4, K. Pratt 5, C. Diston 6. For Evensong.

**BULWELL, NOTTS.**—On June 17th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: T. Turton 1, Miss M. E. Hill 2, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 3, Mrs. A. Simpson 4, A. Simpson 5, P. M. Giles 6, W. L. Exton 7, K. M. Rainsdon 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 8. Rung for Sunday School festival.

**COLERNE, WILTS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grand- sire Triples: R. H. Clements 1, Audrey Stephens 2, R. O. Fry 3, A. F. Lee 4, J. R. C. Tiley 5, G. J. Sheppard 6, P. W. Weeks (cond.) 7, T. Gray 8. Rung for the induction service of the Rev. A. L. Ramell.

**DAYBROOK, NOTTS.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Grand- sire Triples: Mrs. M. Ward 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, Miss M. E. Hill 3, P. E. Ball 4, P. M. Giles 5, T. Turton 6, A. Simpson (cond.) 7, H. Cawthorne 8. For Sunday School festival.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): W. Seers (first quarter) 1, E. B. Crowder 2, K. Small 3, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 4, C. Philpott 5, G. Hurrell 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Evensong, also a farewell to Deaconess Newson.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—On June 24th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: 1. Waterman (first quarter) 1, Jean E. Howells (first 'inside') 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, W. Robinson 4, N. D. J. Webb 5, Cherie Payne 6, D. J. F. Oakshott 7, G. A. Cockman 8. Rung for the christening of Penelope Jane, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Rose-Casemore.

**GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Betty M. Mansfield 1, G. G. Mansfield 2, C. Rigby 3, A. A. Booth 4, C. Massingham 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss G. Hutchings, and also a 75th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. Also on June 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): C. Rigby 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, G. Mansfield 3, C. Massingham 4, G. Shellard 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. W. A. Yates (secretary of the Towcester branch) and Miss K. Ballard.

**HASTINGS, SUSSEX.**—On June 20th, 1,260 Grand- sire Triples: P. Avery 1, S. C. Driver 2, Miss J. Downing 3, S. G. Smith 4, F. A. Dallaway 5, A. A. Price 6, C. Alfred Levett (cond.) 7, J. E. Downing 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Downing.

**IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.**—On June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon. Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, 420 Plain Bob): L. Pierce 1, L. Melton 2, E. Bishop 3, L. Sharpe 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5, H. King 6. First in 8 methods by all.

**KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.**—On June 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Smith 1, J. Raper 2, E. Green- acre 3, V. Bowen 4, H. Crome 5, L. Houghton 6, W. Rose 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. A farewell to D. Smith on his joining the R.A.F.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On June 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. S. Harris (first of D.N.C.B.) 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, A. H. Winch 3, A. J. Smith 4, G. Marriner 5, B. H. Hawkins 6, G. P. T. Peters 7, A. H. Smith 8.

**LONDON.**—At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, one June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. A. Prockson 1, Miss P. M. Howard 2, J. W. Euston (cond.) 3, W. F. Jarvis 4, A. F. Lewry 5, W. Prockson 6, F. C. Shorter 7, G. A. Parsons 8. For the annual civic service.

**LONDON.**—At Westminster Abbey, on June 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Langdon 1, W. S. Lang- don 2, J. F. Smallwood 3, H. N. Pistow (cond.) 4, A. B. Peck 5, H. Belcher 6, J. Phillips 7, C. G. Watts 8. Rung for the service to commemorate the centenary of the inauguration of the Victoria Cross.

**LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triple: Rosemary Strong 1, H. W. Knight (cond.) 2, L. Derrick 3, J. Gilbert 4, D. G. Yeo 5, C. Kortright 6, H. A. Price 7, H. Hardwidge 8. First in method by 1, 4, 5 and 7.

**MARGATE, KENT.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: C. Silman 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, P. Page 3, R. G. Dadds 4, P. L. Dadds 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, L. Twyman 8. For patronal festival.

**OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.**—On June 10th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major: J. W. Carlisle 1, S. Pinder (cond.) 2, H. Bates 3, H. Lewin 4, P. Nix 5, R. Widdall 6, R. W. Carlisle 7, R. E. Carlisle 8. Rung for Evensong and the visit of the Archbishop of West Africa.

**ORMESBY, YORKS.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hall 1, P. W. B. Semmens 2, Mrs. L. Warrior 3, R. Jackson 4, W. Ellerington 5, P. Wishart 6, T. M. Cox (cond.) 7, C. Oldfield 8. For Con- firmation service, and to mark the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's visit to Tees-side.

**OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ayres 1, J. Salway 2, C. J. Turner 3, J. Manley (first as cond., aged 14) 4, E. H. Marks 5, E. E. Retter 6, G. E. Retter 7, R. T. Wood 8. An 89th birthday compliment to Miss Catherine Holmes, great-aunt of the conductor.

**OXFORD.**—On June 10th, at New College, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. N. Niblett 1, Miss D. R. Castell 2, D. A. Edwards 3, D. J. Roaf 4, R. A. Hodgson 5, F. Barrett 6, P. R. Sanders 7, W. H. Jackson (first as cond. in method) 8.

**OXFORD.**—On June 17th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. M. T. Powell 1, R. A. Hodgson 2, R. A. Jackson (first of Major) 3, D. N. Niblett (cond.) 4, D. A. Edwards 5, D. J. Roaf 6, P. R. Sanders 7, W. H. Jackson 8.

**OXFORD.**—On June 20th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Minor (432 Colledge Exercise, 288 Norbury Treble Bob, 360 Plain Bob and 180 Double Bob, with 28 changes of method): D. J. Roaf 1, Miss D. R. Castell 2, V. Green 3, R. A. Hodgson 4, F. A. Barrett 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. D. Hodgson. Also on June 24th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (288 New Cambridge, 288 Yorkshire and 704 Rutland, with 24 changes of method): F. A. Barrett 1, P. R. Sanders 2, M. S. Cloke 3, Miss D. R. Castell 4, D. A. Edwards 5, R. A. Hodgson 6, D. J. Roaf 7, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 8. First of Spliced Surprise Major by all except 3rd.

**PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Foster (first quarter) 1, W. A. Yates (cond.) 2, M. Saunders 3, P. Foster 4, G. Shellard 5, R. Hinton 6. An 18th birthday compliment to Miss J. Foster. Also on June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Foster 1, Miss K. Ballard 2, W. A. Yates 3, M. Saunders 4, P. Foster (cond.) 5, G. Shellard 6. Rung as a compli- ment to Miss E. Ballard and Mr. G. Shellard on their engagement.

**PROBUS, CORNWALL.**—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Locke 1, B. Parkin 2, Miss V. M. Matthews 3, C. W. Jose 4, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 5, A. Carveth 6, D. Burnett 7, F. G. Huck- stepp 8.

**RUGBY, WARWICKS.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on June 17th, 1,260 Little Bob Major: P. Howitt 1, G. Peck 2, A. Barlow 3, D. Pistow 4, P. Fisher 5, C. Underwood 6, J. Underwood 7, S. Osborne (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the visit of the Bishop of Coventry, and also as a compliment to the conductor on the birth of a daughter.

**SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Kennett 1, Miss H. V. Dadson (first quarter) 2, Miss E. S. Wyles 3, E. C. Barton 4, G. Kenward 5, W. S. Palin 6, S. Dobbie (cond.) 7, L. Dobbie 8.

**SOUTHGATE, N.**—At Christ Church, on June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Aldridge (first quarter) 1, W. Bowden (cond.) 2, S. G. Peck 3, Miss F. Miller (first 'inside') 4, C. Aldridge 5, M. Stanyon (first quarter) 6. Rung to mark the silver wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Plummer.

**STAMFORD HILL, N.**—At St. Ann's Church, on June 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Secker 1, H. Howson 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First of Sur- prise for 1, 2, 3 and 5. First quarter of Surprise rung by a service band at this tower. For Steven's third birthday.

**STANMORE, MIDDLEX.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Wenban 1, Miss D. Ward 2, Miss M. Mesley 3, W. Wenban 4, Miss F. Wilcock- son 5, L. North 6, A. C. Wenban (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, R. Lambert 8. For Evensong.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At the Cathedral, on June 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Whiting (first in method) 1, Miss P. Doorn 2, B. Cornell 3, M. Frost 4, J. L. Cox 5, J. Ewer 6, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 7, G. Penney 8. For the patronal festival.

**THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.**—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather Stewart (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. W. Mills 2, I. Cooper 3, Marian Mills 4, M. Mills (cond.) 5, P. W. Mills 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss M. L. Elliott and Mr. D. Giles.

**WANDSWORTH, SURREY.**—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on June 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. S. Langdon 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, H. Belcher 4, G. McKay 5, W. Williams 6, B. K. Lunn 7, John Phillips (cond.) 8.

**WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERYS.**—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Jones (first quarter) 1, C. Williams (sen.) 2, J. Gordon 3, A. Davis 4, G. Simister (cond.) 5, N. Davies 6.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**—On June 17th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: Miss P. Lowe 1, Miss R. A. Gower 2, E. S. Ruck 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. C. Smith 5, M. S. Lancelfield (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Stedman Doubles: E. S. Ruck 1, R. J. Carlton 2, C. T. Hillis 3, L. C. Smith 4, M. S. Lancelfield (cond.) 5, W. J. Lancelfield 6. For Evensong. Also on June 20th, 1,260 Double Bob Minor: Miss R. E. Gower 1, E. S. Ruck 2, R. J. Carlton 3, C. T. Hillis 4, W. P. Garner 5, M. S. Lancelfield (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the 89th birthday of Mr. E. S. Ruck, ringer of the 2nd.

**WINDSOR CASTLE, BERKS.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from J. J. Parker's One-part): R. Renn 1, W. F. Butler 2, J. Brooks 3, K. Bucking- ham 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, A. J. Glass 6, F. T. Blagrove 7, J. Painter 8. Rung following the Garter service at St. George's Chapel, in which Sir Anthony Eden, Earl Attlee and the Earl of Iveagh were installed as Knights of the Order.

**WOLLATON, NOTTS.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. E. Hill 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, T. G. Goodwin 3, P. M. Giles 4, J. D. Clarke (cond.) 5, A. Simpson 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. M. F. Giles on being appointed an Honorary Canon of Southwell Cathedral.

**WOODDITTON, CAMBS.**—At Sunny View, on June 5th, 1,344 Bob Major: J. R. Heath 1-2, A. E. Austin 3-4, J. A. Acres (cond.) 5-6, A. R. Mann (first attempt for quarter peal) 7-8.

**YATTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Grand- sire Triples: T. A. Price (12, first quarter) 1, L. W. Pullin 2, Miss P. Barnard 3, M. O. Davis 4, R. H. Brice 5, E. A. Price 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, S. G. Smith 8. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

## **YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION** **Eastern District Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at Selby on June 23rd and was attended by about 50 ringers and friends from 25 towers, including visitors from Hampshire, Durham, Staffordshire, Lincolnshire and Northumberland. Good use was made of the ten bells in the Abbey tower.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. P. Kent, and tea was served in the Hawdon Institute by wives and friends of the local ringers.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers. Four new members were elected: Messrs. M. Maskill, J. A. D. Woolford and C. Reeves, of York, and F. E. Burnett, of Bridlington. Sherburn-in-Elmet was chosen for the next meeting in September. Mr. H. S. Morley was re-elected secretary, and Messrs. F. W. Dale, G. F. Terry and T. A. Foster to the District Committee and Mr. H. Walker to the General Committee. Mr. F. W. Dale was thanked for his 30 years' service of the General Committee, he asking to be relieved of the position. A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised £1 12s. 6d.

The chairman made a moving appeal for support for 'The Ringing World,' and a collection realised £1 10s. 6d. The meeting stood in silence to the memory of Mr. G. F. Williams, of Hull. An apology was received from Mr. S. Bottomley, of Selby, for non-attendance owing to illness. The usual votes of thanks were passed and responded to by Mr. T. H. Foster. Further ringing concluded a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

## **SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD** **Devizes Branch's Loyal Greetings**

The June meeting of the Devizes Branch at Chirton was one of the best held for some time, 37 ringers attending. The ringers were welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. P. R. Ormsby, who also conducted the Guild service. Tea was served in the Village Hall. A special welcome was given to Mr. Harding, of Urchfont, this being his first meeting since his illness. As the day was the third anniversary of the Queen's Coronation, the chairman (Mr. Week) sent a telegram from the Branch as follows:—

'The Devizes Branch of ringers send loyal greetings on the third anniversary of your Majesty's Coronation.'

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and to the ladies for providing a grand tea. In the evening the towers of Marden and All Cannings were open for ringing. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Stedman. S. C.

## **FIRST PEAL AT EWHURST,** **SUSSEX**

Mr. W. A. Kitchenside writes that he has been informed by his very old friend, Mr. A. E. Edwards, that the first peal on Ewhurst, Sussex, bells was rung on December 10th, 1916, by the Salehurst, Sussex, band. The ringers were James Goodsell 1, Walter H. Perry 2, Trayton Booth 3, Edward Hills 4, Albert E. Edwards (cond.) 5.

Mr. Edwards, who was a Kent and Sussex stalwart before the last war, where he did a lot of spade work, has been unable to ring for some years, but still takes a great interest in ringing matters.

## **DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE** **ASSOCIATION** **Southern District**

The June meeting of the Southern District was held at the pretty Teesdale village of Gainford, whose recently renovated bells of St. Mary's Church provided a very pleasant afternoon's ringing.

The meeting attracted 13 Darlington ringers and two visitors from Middlesbrough, and early in the afternoon a short visit was paid by three members of the Durham University Association.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. I. Samuel), who afterwards accompanied the ringers at tea. The ringing was of a high standard and consisted of touches of Grandsire, Stedman Doubles, Kent, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge and London Surprise, all interspersed by Test Match commentaries.

The annual general meeting is to be held at South Church, Bishop Auckland, on August 25th.

## **SURREY ASSOCIATION**

Godstone has a ringing rector in the Rev. K. C. Hoare, formerly vicar of Betchworth, and he conducted the service for the quarterly meeting of the Southern District at Godstone on June 9th.

The business meeting followed tea at the Curds Tea Room, and Mr. C. J. Champion, who was present with his wife, asked that his thanks be placed on record for the presentation made to him and Mrs. Champion at the Burstow meeting. The financial position of 'The Ringing World' was discussed.

Ringing from rounds to London Surprise Major continued until 8.30 p.m.

# **John Taylor & Co.**

## **LOUGHBOROUGH**

# **The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS**

# 'THE RINGING WORLD'

The Official Journal of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

EDITORIAL OFFICE: c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford, Surrey.

## SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

|           | One copy | 2 copies | 3 copies | 4 copies |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 3 months  | 7/6      | —        | —        | —        |
| 6 months  | 14/6     | £1/6/-   | £1/15/6  | £2/6/-   |
| 12 months | £1/8/-   | £2/9/-   | £3/10/-  | £4/11/-  |

Remittances to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Cheques payable to 'The Ringing World.'

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER: E. A. BARNETT, 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, Kent. Telephone: Bexleyheath 8689.

## EDITORIAL COMMITTEE:

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD (convener), 16, Comeragh Road, West Kensington, London, W.14. Telephone: Fulham 4935.

FRANK I. HAIRS.  
JOSEPH T. DYKE.  
R. S. ANDERSON.

EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

On June 24th, Mr. Fred Vickers completed 70 years as a ringer at St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, Bucks. A pioneer of change ringing in his area, Mr. Vickers numbers among his early pupils several noteworthy ringers, including the late Mr. Cecil C. Mayne. He still rings regularly twice every Sunday and also acts as verger, a post which he took over from his father. We wish him many more years of happy ringing.

## BELFRY

The bells of St. Dunstan's Church, Stepney, will be heard before the evening service to be broadcast next Sunday at 7.45 p.m. The captain of the ringers is Mr. L. J. Fox.

Roland H. Cook has celebrated his first year of peal ringing by 12 peals in 11 towers. His last, on June 23rd at Kirby Muxloe, was rung on the eve of his 14th birthday.

On the I.T.V. television programme Epilogue, a record of six bells is played, and a picture of eight or ten bells is shown with the bells swinging. Can any reader enlighten an enquirer as to (1) which are the six bells, (2) what is the location of the bell frame and bells shown?

A correspondent writes: 'The "Daily Sketch" is running a competition called "Win a Pub." They show a picture of a public house called the "Ring of Bells," and an attractive village church.' Can anyone tell him the name of the village?

Two well-known Hastings ringers, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Downing, celebrated their silver wedding with a quarter peal. For 38 years Mr. Downing has been a member of the Christ Church, Blacklands, band and tower captain for nearly 30 years. Mrs. Downing and their two children are also members of the Blacklands band.

## GOSSIP

We regret to learn that Mr. F. J. Dodson, Ringing Master of the Chertsey District, Guildford Diocesan Guild, is in hospital. As he will be unable to ring for some time Mr. J. King was appointed, at the District meeting at Weybridge, Assistant Ringing Master for the rest of the year. Good wishes were sent for Mr. Dodson's speedy recovery.

Mr. A. Hubert Eplett has now 'circled' Carbis Bay tower.

Mr. K. R. Dunstan, of Watford, wishes to thank Norwich ringers for their cordial welcome to him.

We said recently that St. Dunstan's in the East spire was to be rebuilt. We find that this has already been done. It is the spire of St. Mary-le-Bow which has to be taken down and rebuilt.

Mr. Josiah Morris is very seriously ill in the Leicester Royal Infirmary (Oliver Ward). Mr. Morris, who was 89 on July 1st, underwent an internal operation last week. Our sympathy is extended to Ernest, Stedman and other members of his family in the anxious time they are going through.

The alarm bell which is rung at Spurn Point to call out lifeboatmen was dismantled and up-turned and filled with holy water for the christening of the son of Mr. J. P. Hanley, a lifeboatman, and Mrs. Hanley, on June 14th. The ceremony was performed at Spurn because Lifeboatman Hanley was still on duty.

St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, N., is one of the few towers in London where Surprise is rung for Sunday services, and the local band have a repertoire of nearly 30 methods. Latest member of the tower's quarter peal band is 11-year-old Pat Rowe. She is in the company of several girls who have progressed from Rounds to London in the last six months, states our correspondent.

# THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY

ESTABLISHED



1570

MEARS & STAINBANK,  
BISHOPSGATE 2599.

34, WHITECHAPEL ROAD,  
LONDON, E.1.

# RAILWAYMEN FORM THEIR GUILD

## Inaugural Meeting at Crewe

THE B.T.C. Railwaymen's Ringers' Guild came into being on Saturday, June 23rd, at a meeting at Crewe—and what better town for the birth of any railway project!

After six months of correspondence in 'The Ringing World', 'The Railway Magazine', in a lesser degree, and 'The Crewe Chronicle', railwaymen ringers from as far afield as Scarborough, across country to Ormskirk, to Bath and Exmouth, including South Wales, to Wadhurst, Sussex, Ditton and Ashford, Kent, Great Yarmouth, to Melton Mowbray, attended, not forgetting two young ringers from the Apprentices' Training School, Crewe.

Mr. Rodney Meadows, Bath, and of the Oxford University Association, was unanimously voted to take the chair. Mr. I. C. Forsyth, works manager, L.M. Region, Crewe, welcomed the ringers and said there was evidently something more in life beside work, which brought them together from so far afield. He was once, when at Duffield (famed for ringing), very interested in ringing, but he did not progress very far. He wished the ringers pleasure and profit in their deliberations and success to the Railwaymen's Guild.

Also present to welcome the ringers was Alderman John A. Madeley, former Mayor of Crewe, a Christ Church 'Boy' and Area Welfare Officer, L.M. Region, Crewe. Alderman Madeley said he was not there in the latter capacity but as a railwayman, interested in railwaymen ringers.

Last, but not least, to welcome the ringers was the genial Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe, the Rev. Francis G. Gentry, in whose Parochial Hall the meeting was held, and who granted the use of his bells for what, most happily and successfully, turned out to be the first peal for the newly formed Railwaymen Ringers' Guild (and a real first class peal of Grandsire Caters it was).

The meeting then settled down to consider the main object, the formation of a Guild, which was discussed from every angle. It was eventually moved, seconded, supported and unanimously resolved, 'that a Railwaymen's Guild of Ringers be formed on the lines of this meeting; which was that all had come at their own initiative and expense, and would like to continue to do so, at least annually.'

The question of the Regions was discussed and it was decided to ask the following ringers to see what could be done, on a regional basis, in their respective Regions: Mr. Harold Walker (York), North Eastern Region; Mr. Peter Newstead (Great Yarmouth), Eastern Region; Mr. Sydney Foskett, the real prime-mover (Bedford), London Mid. Region; Mr. B. W. Kynaston (Swindon), Western Region, and Mr. Charles Bassett (Wadhurst, Sussex), Southern Region.

Quite a number of prominent ringers, also interested supporters, were unavoidably absent owing to other duties, including numbers 1, 2 and 4, S. G. Sulley, South Molton, Devon; R. E. Dannett, Chelmsford; L. W. Giles, Burwash, Sussex; and Jack N. Brown, Ormskirk. All sent messages of good wishes for the success of the venture. A similar message was received from Sergeant J. G. A. Prior, of the Police Guild.

Mr. W. Frank Stenson, retired locomotive inspector, Crewe, who, along with Mr. Sydney Foskett, driver, Bedford, organised the meeting and carried out the secretarial duties, was thanked for doing a good job, and was unanimously elected to act as general secretary, but he asked not to be kept on too long.

A proper constitution will be drawn up and submitted to a further meeting, probably in September.

Those taking part in the peal at Crewe were John W. Griffiths, Chester, Rodney B. Meadows, Bath, Richard D. Langford, Crewe, Frederick Seager, Leeds, Edmund J. Morris, Skewen, South Wales, Albert J. Pitman, Aberavon, South Wales, George A. Packer (conductor), Crewe, Bert Sutton, Scarborough, Brian D. Threlfall, Gresford and Liverpool, and John R. Cooper, Ashford, Kent. Another peal attempt at Nantwich came to grief half way.

Other towers open were Acton (Nantwich), Sandbach, Holmes Chapel and Goostrey. Our grateful thanks are due to the incumbents, and to the ringers who met us. W. F. S.

## This Is The Week

This issue starts the second half of 1956 and is an appropriate time for the enrolment of new postal subscribers. Subscription—14s. 6d. for six months or 7s. 6d. for three months—to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, or to the Editor. Renewals are also due, and prompt payment simplifies clerical work.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

### West Midland District

The summer meeting was held on June 9th in the Forest of Arden, at the charming village of Tanworth. Here, within a few miles of Birmingham, was country untouched by modern civilisation—ringers arriving by train had to walk a mile to the church, and those who travelled by bus even further. Rounds, Stedman, Grandsire, Bristol, London and other methods were heard on the lovely bells during the afternoon and evening. A course of Bob Major was rung by an all ladies' band.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon D. W. Lee.

A splendid tea was prepared in the Village Hall under the admirable supervision of Mr. J. Corbett, the local tower captain. Before the gentlemen returned to the tower, Evelyn Fletcher thanked Canon Lee, the organist and the local ringers, all of whom had helped so much with the arrangements.

One new member from Chilvers Coton was elected and also another King's Norton lady. The next meeting will be held at a Staffordshire Church early in September.

### Western District

A quarterly meeting of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Withycombe Raleigh on June 9th. A coachload of members and friends travelled from the Bath-Bristol district. A stop was made at the Exeter Orthopaedic Hospital to enable some members of the party to call upon the general secretary of the Devon Guild, Mr. E. J. Taylor, where a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells around his bedside, to the astonishment and, apparently, interest and enjoyment of the other patients in the ward.

Good justice was done to a sumptuous lunch at the local hostelry at Clyst St. George, where members also enjoyed a ring on the new six in the recently restored church.

After ringing at Withycombe Raleigh the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar. Tea was taken at Exmouth, and at the business meeting which followed it was decided that the meeting in June next year should be at Lyme Regis, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

The following new members were elected: Miss M. Lidgley (Cornwall), Mrs. Bathe, Miss Bathe and Miss P. Matthews (Clyst St. George).

## BEDS & HERTS ASSOCIATIONS

### Summer Festival at St. Albans

In spite of a wet day on June 16th, a very successful Summer Festival was held by both associations at St. Albans, with several other towers in the vicinity at the disposal of over 100 visitors, who came not only from all parts of the diocese, but also from Lichfield, Leicester, Wolverhampton, Kettering, Ossett, Southampton and many other centres.

Ringing commenced at 9.30 a.m. at Redbourn (six, 15½ cwt.), then Sandridge (six, 6½ cwt.), Welwyn (eight, 8½ cwt.), Hatfield (ten, 23 cwt.), North Mymsms (eight, 13 cwt.). Unfortunately, Wheathampstead's six (15 cwt.) were not available owing to defective ropes, but being apparently unaware of this ruling, a party from Bedfordshire arrived by coach and enjoyed a ring on this ground-floor six.

Afternoon ringing was arranged at Harpenden (eight, 15 cwt.), Sandridge again, St. Peter's, St. Albans (ten, 21 cwt.) and the Cathedral (twelve, 23 cwt.). The ancient clock tower containing a large curfew bell and a small market bell, although open to the public, was used by special permission for handbell ringing.

At evensong the Dean of St. Albans (the Very Rev. K. Matthews), who appreciates the niceties of ringing by way of Cuddesdon and Rogate and has at least taken part in rounds on his twelve bells, gave a warm welcome to the ringers and showed a very real understanding of their work in the church. A titum course of Grandsire Caters was rung on a large set of handbells at the close of the service by T. J. Southam, G. Dodds, W. Ayre, C. W. Woolley and H. V. Frost.

After an excellent meat tea at the Abbey Institute, the Dean again spoke to the members and said how pleased he was to be with them on the eve of St. Alban's Day for their summer festival. He apologised for the absence of the Bishops of St. Albans and Bedford, who were at the Diocesan Conference at Harpenden.

Mr. W. T. Holmes (president of the Hertfordshire Association) welcomed the visitors and said that he wished more peals could be rung by combined bands of both associations. Miss Steel, for Bedfordshire, thanked the Hertfordshire Association for their invitation and said how much they had enjoyed their outing and hoped it could be arranged again.

Mr. H. V. Frost (the organising secretary) gave notice of the evening ringing arrangements and said that peals by both associations could be rung if they were in a diocesan guild and that he thought that one might be formed to advantage without interfering with the rules of either association.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. W. Ayre, who mentioned the Bishop's note concerning the festival in his Diocesan Leaflet.

Further ringing took place at St. Michael's (eight, 13 cwt.) and the other St. Albans towers. It is hoped that the bells of St. Stephen's will be available after restoration by next year if it is decided to make this Diocesan Festival an annual gathering.

## OBITUARY

### MR. RICHARD WHITE

With deep regret we announce the death on June 25th of Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, aged 78 years. The funeral was at Appleton on June 28th, and was followed by a peal of Grandsire Caters, rung half-muffled.

An appreciation of Mr. White's service to ringing will appear in our next issue.

### MR. REUBEN CHARGE

We regret to learn of the sudden death at his home at Mitcham on June 27th of Mr. Reuben Charge, aged 77. The funeral was at Mitcham last Wednesday.

## STEDMAN CINQUES ON HANDBELLS

UNTIL 1888, only two peals in this method had been rung on handbells, both in London, the first being by the St. James' Society on February 10th, 1854. The ringers were H. W. Haley 1-2, J. Cox 3-4, G. E. Ferris 5-6, M. A. Wood 7-8, W. Cooter 9-10, J. Dwight 11-12. Time, 3 hours 28 minutes; number of changes, 5,014.

The second was by the College Youths on January 2nd, 1858: H. W. Haley 1-2, W. Cooter 3-4, M. A. Wood 5-6, G. E. Ferris 7-8, W. Green 9-10, J. Dwight 11-12. Time, 3 hours 25 minutes; number of changes, 5,016. Both these peals were conducted by H. W. Haley and were in the tittums throughout until the last course.

The third peal was rung in 1888 by the Holt Society, Aston-juxta-Birmingham, on April 4th, in 3 hours 12 minutes, at the residence of H. Johnson, jun., 102, Queen's Road, Aston, by T. Russam 1-2, W. Kent 3-4, T. Miller 5-6, H. Bastable 7-8, B. Wittell 9-10, H. Johnson, jun. 11-12. Composed by H. Johnson, sen., conducted by Henry Bastable. This was the first peal of Stedman Cinques ever rung on handbells out of London, and the first with the bells turned half way. Referee: A. Thomas. Witnesses: H. Johnson, G. W. Townsend, W. Bryant, W. H. Godden, W. Munday (Exeter).

### THE 1888 PEAL

We give an extract from 'The Bell News' of April 14th, 1888, which shows how determined the Aston men were to reach their objective:—

As it is not an everyday occurrence to see touches or peals in the above method rung double handed on handbells, it may be interesting to some of the readers of 'The Bell News,' especially those who are fond of change ringing upon handbells retained in hand, to know of the progress of this peal from the first practice.

It was at the anniversary dinner of Mr. Johnson, sen., on February 28th, that the members who took part in the peal decided to practise for a peal of Stedman Cinques.

The following week found the six members of the Holt Society at their meeting house, the Ring of Bells, Aston, having a good try to ring three courses, but without success, getting within a few sixes from home.

The next meeting was at the home of Mr. Tom Russam on March 8th, and was more successful, four courses being attempted, but still without bringing the bells home. Another attempt, however, the same evening resulted in bringing round the first touch of 790. The next meeting was arranged for March 11th, when they surpassed themselves by completing 1,047 in fair style, considering the short time since they started.

The following Thursday found them at it again, when they rang the same 1,047, which was well struck. A few days later they attempted a longer touch, which was well rung and brought round in 1 hour 1 minute, namely, 1,575 changes. Having been so fortunate, they decided to start for the peal on the following Thursday at the house of Mr. H. Johnson, 63, Vicarage Road, Aston, when to the surprise of some of them on arriving there they found that A. P. Heywood, esq., had made a purpose journey from home to listen to them, remarking that he could not resist the temptation.

because it was only about twice in a century that anyone had the chance to listen to touches or peals of Stedman Cinques rung upon handbells. A start was made at 7.30 p.m. for the peal, and when in the third course, the ringing not being satisfactory, they stopped and made another start, this time with more success, for they sailed on course after course till they began to think their efforts would be crowned with success, but it was not to be so, for after ringing so far as 32 courses out of 38, or 4,214 changes, in 2 hours 43 minutes, the whole thing came to grief when least expected. They were much disappointed after ringing so near to the finish, but were pleased to learn that Mr. Heywood stayed in the next room long enough to hear twenty-three courses before leaving to catch the train home and expressed himself highly pleased with what he had heard.

The next attempt was unavoidably postponed till Saturday, March 31st, when a meeting was arranged at the home of Mr. H. Johnson, jun., 102, Queen's Road, Aston. A start was made at 6.45, when they managed to ring 2,200 in 1 hour 10 minutes. Nothing daunted, they made another start at 8.5, which also resulted in failure after ringing 1,400 changes in 58 minutes, so that they had to console themselves with the fact that they had a couple of good practices. Wednesday evening, April 4th, was selected for the next meeting at the house of Mr. H. Johnson, jun., when 'Go' was called so late as 8.15, and very little else was said except the calls from the conductor, till the welcome words, 'This is all,' brought a well-struck peal to a successful termination in 3 hours 12 minutes.

### THE 1916 PEAL

Twenty-eight years later, the Birmingham men rang the first peal by the St. Martin's Guild, in the city of Birmingham, on June 15th, 1916. The following extract from 'The Ringing World' shows how they fared:—

We give on this page the photograph of the band that rang the first peal on twelve bells 'in hand' in the city of Birmingham. This was accomplished on June 15th last, and was noteworthy because, while more peals of Stedman Cinques have been rung at the famous Church of St. Martin than upon any other peal of bells in the country, no such peal had been rung on handbells in the city, which for so long has been one of the chief centres of Stedman ringing. Peals of Cinques had, of course, been rung on handbells in the district, the last having been by the Holt Society of Aston on April 4th, 1888, but Aston was not then included in the city of Birmingham.

The band that scored this first peal for St. Martin's Guild were not long in accomplishing their object. They met for the first practice on May 27th and rang six and eight courses. At their next meeting on June 8th they decided to start 'peal fashion' and rang 14 courses, while two days later they met again and got as far as 18 courses, when the bells were brought round owing to a 'change course.' An attempt reaching to 27 courses followed on June 13th, and then on June 15th came success. Mr. Tom Russam was the referee, and on June 29th he took part in another peal of Cinques, it being 28 years since he had rung a peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand.' In that previous peal of

(Continued at foot of next column)

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### Eastern Branch at Pakefield

The reputation which the Eastern Branch has hitherto held for fine weather at its meetings was sadly let down on June 16th, when the Branch visited Pakefield. Heavy rain and blustering winds, however, failed to dampen the spirits or to diminish in any way the warm welcome which Pakefield always extends.

Ringing to cater for all tastes and talents was soon in progress under the guidance of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. Godfrey G. Walpole. The fully choral service (Pakefield possesses several dual role types, i.e., choristers-cum-campanologists) was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle) assisted by his curate.

After one of the mammoth teas, which over the years have come to be a feature of meetings here, the business meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate) supported by the Association president, secretary and Ringing Master (the Rev. H. Lillingston, Mr. W. Love and Mr. H. W. Barrett) and Branch officials.

Messrs. Bickers, Bokkis and Cattermole were elected ringing members, and Mrs. R. Bickers an honorary member. Halvergate was proposed as the venue for the next meeting, on September 29th. Other subjects discussed were the Rev. A. St. J. Heard Memorial Fund, for which funds are still urgently needed, non-resident members' subscriptions and the recent Central Council meeting at Leicester.

Satisfaction was expressed at the nomination of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Vicar of Great Yarmouth and a member of the Branch, as a candidate for the vice-presidency of the Council.

The meeting closed with hearty votes of thanks to the Rector, curate, organist, Mr. Peter Kindred, of the local company, and the lady helpers for the excellent arrangements.

### North Norfolk Branch

Between 30 and 40 members attended an interim meeting at Heydon on June 9th.

The service was conducted by the Rev. A. E. Dickinson, who afterwards was elected an honorary member; also elected were five probationary members.

The Rev. H. G. Lillingston was present, along with members from Aylsham, Caston, Cromer, Hovingham, Marsham, Norwich, Northrepps, Snettisham, Southrepps, Wroxham, Wymondham, Great Yarmouth and Ealing (London).

An enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent ringing from call changes to Cambridge Minor.

### STEDMAN CINQUES—Continued

his 3-4 was rung by W. Kent, who came in as referee on this occasion.

Copy of photo wording:— The band that rang the first handbell peal of Cinques in the City of Birmingham: F. W. Perrens 1-2, G. F. Swann 3-4, A. Walker 5-6, T. Russam (referee), J. E. Groves (conductor) 7-8, J. F. Smallwood 9-10, J. George 11-12.

Forty years later, the survivors of the 1916 peal, with P. J. Staniforth, F. E. Haynes and G. E. Fearn, rang another peal to commemorate the anniversary. J. F. S.

'POULARD' (Regd.)

**BELL ROPES**  
& CHURCH FLAGS

Nearly 2½ centuries of experience to give you the  
FINEST POSSIBLE QUALITY

**JOSEPH BRYANT LTD.**

Phone 2-4026

BRISTOL 2

Established 1718

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## EARLY RINGING

Dear Sir,—A recent letter on 'Early Ringing' adopted a really shocking attitude. The celebration of Church festivals by ringing at an early hour to 'hail the festal day' is the time-honoured practice in all Christian countries—and in Moslem countries the place of bells is taken by firing of guns or other festive sounds. In some parts the ringing begins a good deal earlier than is usual in England. In the south of Spain I have heard bells rung on the octave of Corpus Christi at 3.30 a.m. This might be regarded as a somewhat 'unearthly' hour, but it would be absurd to apply such an appellation to 6.30. Within half-an-hour of that time most of the adult population are up and moving about, or they would be late for their duties. It would be deplorable in the extreme if the 'Ringing Isle' abandoned the godly tradition of universal Christendom. Indeed it would be a sacrilege.—Yours sincerely,  
Kington Magna. F. LI. EDWARDS.

## SHOULD PEALS BE DISPLAYED?

Dear Sir,—I was unable to attend this year's Council meeting and have therefore read your detailed report of the proceedings with greater interest than usual. 'The Ringing World' was apparently the subject of a lively debate. The publication of peals and their cost quite rightly came under consideration. I wholeheartedly agree with the view that peals are news. The peal reports indicate the progress of method ringing in the Exercise, but should not alone be accepted as evidence of the ringing health of the Associations. Quite frequently a band gathered from various towers will ring an amazing collection of peals, but their home towers, if they have one, might be very poor. Again, peals are often the result of one man's initiative, because he wants to complete some personal record. In passing, it often happens that the reasons for inflicting on the public three hours' continuous ringing are often fantastic, and if the true facts were known there would be a public outcry.

This is by the way, for what I want to draw attention to is the extravagant layout by which the news of peals is recorded. A comparison will demonstrate my point. In the issue (June 1st) I am looking at there are some 40 peals rung by 300 ringers (the number of individual ringers would be less as many of these took part in more than one peal) and their performances occupy 3½ pages. There are some 46 quarter peals rung by 340 ringers (this figure very nearly represents the number of individuals as well) and their performances occupy one page. And, we must not overlook that the majority of these performances were demonstrably to the glory of God, being rung for Sunday services.

This kind of thing occurs in every issue. We have just referred to a figure of 300 peal ringers. The weekly circulation is 5,400. Is 'The Ringing World' Committee convinced that the 5,400 agree to the activities of the 300 being given such extravagant treatment in the paper when the 300 are not prepared to finance this traditional but expensive layout? Is it not possible for the paper actually to be reduced in size by drastically curtailing the space devoted to peals, using the layout adopted for quarter peals and so cutting the cost of production?

My Association found the cost of its annual report impossible to maintain, so we altered the traditional layout of the peal reports, saved several pages and restored financial stability. I suggest 'The Ringing World' should do the same. The circulation might even go up, for I feel many of the so-called slackers do not buy the paper because it 'is all peals.' What do your readers think?—Yours sincerely,  
Iver Heath. F. W. GOODFELLOW.

## 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—Your leading article in the current issue of 'The Ringing World' leaves little doubt that drastic action is lurking around the corner which will either raise its price or seek other sources of revenue to meet rising costs. In your article we read: 'This sum was supplemented by about £250 in donations from peal and quarter peal ringers.' But just how does this figure analyse? Taking four copies at random I find 168 peals and 180 quarters reported but donations from 27 peals and 65 quarters only.

Mr. Sedgley's letter in your issue of June 15th states that this publication exists on the support of one-eighth of the ringers of the country, which shows that previous appeals for increased circulation have fallen on stony ground, and if, as it now seems likely, drastic action is to be taken then, sir, I suggest a direct charge for printing peal and quarter peal reports, bearing in mind that quarter peal ringers have been the more generous in the past.

The printing of these reports are seemingly necessary to those who compile elaborate records of personal achievements, and are, in my opinion, equivalent to advertisements and should be paid for by those who read them.

If this is too drastic, then I suggest as an alternative that you do away with your Gratefully Acknowledged feature and print the amount contributed with the sometimes over-elaborated footnotes. This will give all readers a chance to appreciate those who support 'The Ringing World' as it should be supported. The only people who would object are those who want something for nothing and hope to get by unnoticed.—Yours sincerely,

W. J. GAIT.

High Littleton, Bristol.

## IMPERIAL INSTITUTE TOWER

Dear Sir,—As I was responsible for starting the correspondence about the possible demolition of the tower of the Imperial Institute at South Kensington, and the question that would then arise as to the future of the fine ring of ten bells there, I think I should now say that the tower is likely to be saved.

In the Commons debate on technical education on June 21st, Mr. Butler announced that a revised plan regarding the site of the Colcutt Building has been prepared, which will enable the central tower to be preserved by the Imperial College as a free-standing campanile. Before a decision on the tower can be taken, it will be necessary for expert advice to be obtained on the stability of the tower as a separate unit.

I don't doubt that the revised decision has been made as a result of the protests of the public and the Royal Fine Arts Commission, to whom is due the gratitude of ringers generally for saving the tower (and possibly the bells) from destruction.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. GOODFELLOW.

Iver Heath.

## 100 CONSECUTIVE SURPRISE PEALS

Dear Sir,—The report of the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association (p. 380) includes a statement that Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris is most likely to be the first member to ring a hundred consecutive Surprise peals for the Association. I concluded such a century on November 15th, 1952, with the last peal I rang for the Association.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. CAWSE.

Lichfield.

## DEDICATION

### ST. GWINEAR, CORNWALL

The last unringable ring of bells in West Cornwall has been put in first-class order. Until the eve of Whit Sunday, May 19th, the six bells at St. Gwinear, near Hayle, had not been rung for more than 50 years. The late Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Benaton) started a bells fund, but the war and his retirement left its completion to his successor, the Rev. W. G. Revill, who, on coming to the parish about three years ago, set to work with great zeal, and at the dedication rejoiced in the results of his labours. With his parishioners he has raised over £2,000 to restore tower and bells.

The tower originally contained a complete ring of six, cast in 1767 by the Penningtons. In 1903 the fifth cracked and was recast by Warner. The year after that the tenor cracked and the bells had never been rung since. The restoration has been complete and thorough. The tower has been repointed, pinnacles rebuilt and new floors and roof installed by Messrs. Dawson Bros. The new cast-iron bell-frame has been built on African hardwood beams of Iroko. All fittings are new. The cracked tenor has been recast and is now a splendid bell of 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. Details of the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—4 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. 'I call all ye to follow Me. 1767.'

Second.—4 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. 'God preserve the Church. 1767.'

Third.—5 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lb. 'God Save the King. 1767.'

Fourth.—5 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb. 'Penningtons cast us all. 1767.'

Fifth.—6 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. 'Recast by John Warner and Sons, Ltd., London, 1903.'

Tenor.—12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. 'Ego Sum Vox Clamantis Parate, 1767. Recast 1956. Taylor's Sheld. W. G. Revill, Vicar. F. W. Trehella, W. Faulk, Churchwardens.'

The bells were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Cornwall (the Ven. F. Boreham) and the lesson was read by the Rev. A. S. Roberts, Rural Dean. As the procession returned to the chancel the bells were raised faultlessly by six of the Kenwyn band: A. Carveth 1, Mrs. B. Simpkin 2, Miss M. Matthews 3, A. Matthews 4, D. E. Penrose 5, R. A. Southwood 6. Amongst the clergy present was the Rev. W. H. R. Trehella (secretary, Truro Diocesan Guild).

The full church included ringers from many towers in the district and beyond, and until late in the evening the bells were kept going to rounds, call changes and methods up to Cambridge Minor. A pleasant feature was that the service and ringing of the bells had been recorded, and several were able to go to the Vicarage to hear the dedication again.

A strong band of young people had commenced to learn to ring in Carbis Bay tower several weeks before the dedication, and now they are progressing in their own tower. The practice night is Monday at 7.30.

## A Visit to London

On June 16th ringers from Sussex and Surrey, W. Rogers (Rotherfield), F. Hicks (East Grinstead), G. Jennings (Crawley), E. Rapley (Horsesham), A. Lewry (Crowborough), C. Wood (Billingshurst), W. Slaughter (Horley), G. Olliver (Bletchingley) and E. Talbot (Beddington) visited All Saints', Poplar, and with the assistance of H. Weedon, of Stepney, a good touch of Caters was enjoyed.

After tea, a well struck quarter of Grandsire Caters was rung at Southwark Cathedral by W. Rogers (cond.) 1, G. Olliver 2, E. Rapley 3, A. Lewry 4, G. Jennings 5, C. Wood 6, E. Talbot 7, F. Hicks 8, J. Euston 9, W. Slaughter 10. All the band extend thanks and appreciation to those in charge at both towers for their help and friendship.

# THE SUNDAY SERVICE CONDUCTOR

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

(Continued from page 231)

## 3. GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

In Grandsire Triples the conductor will, of course, find far more scope for musical arrangements than can be hoped for in Doubles or Minor. He will discover, nevertheless, in a logical approach to the handling of Triples, that the principles he has mastered on the lower number of bells are by no means without significance. The means used to bring 4 and 5 together in Doubles or 5 and 6 together in Minor are the means used to bring 567 together in Grandsire Triples, and the operations performed in producing 42356 and 34256 in Minor are those pursued in securing 423567 and 342567 in Triples.

The text books contain for the conductor large and varied selections of touches and peals, and these are not, of course, to be ignored by the student. But as our purpose in these papers is to deal chiefly with the principles upon which touches are constructed and bells called round, we shall say little about set touches, and shall confine ourselves, as in Doubles and Minor, to the task of trying to give to the conductor what might, not inaptly perhaps, be called 'the freedom of the method'; and by this we mean the power to get bells into musical positions just as he wishes, and the ability to call the bells round in a reasonable time when he desires to do so.

It would seem logical to approach first the question of calling the bobs and singles at the right moment and with absolute confidence. If the conductor feels already confident of his competency in this respect, then he will doubtless wish to skip the present paragraph and push on to later passages. But let him

take care that his skill is equal to the accurate placing of calls before he attempts touches of any length or intricacy. The best practice for the beginner is the calling of the touch of three leads given here, and the varying of it by the extension given below it. Each call should be timed by watching which bell comes down in front of the treble (as we did in Minor); and in the second touch the beginner should not attempt to count the leads between the singles, but should rather note that the singles are called when 2 and 3 are coming down in front of the treble.

The attention of the student is particularly drawn to the important phenomenon of S.B.B.S., for a short study of the second touch will show that this arrangement of calls (S.B.B.S.) has taken the place of a bob and has produced the same lead-end as a bob would have produced. In the process three leads have been added to the touch. We shall return to this question of the Bob Block (as it is called)

## KETTERING GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Eight members of Kettering Grammar School spent a day among the bells on May 23rd, visiting some of the lesser-rung rings in the county.

The journey was made by bicycle, and ringing took place at Kelmars, Maidwell, Brixworth, Spratton, Creaton, Guilsborough, Ravensthorpe, Thornby, Naseby and Walgrave.

At Brixworth four ringing personalities who had been to Leicester for the Central Council meeting appeared, including A. Patrick Cannon and Wilfred Williams. Seven different methods were rung by the Society alone during the day.

later on. Meanwhile, for further practice in calling the bobs and singles accurately the beginner may call touches with a single at each lead, or with a single at alternate leads, or with bob and single alternately, all of which will give him practice in placing calls accurately without having to commit to memory any particular compositional plan.

Once the power to call accurately has been acquired the conductor should devote his study to two important minor skills, the one the calling of a bell Before, and the other the calling of a bell Into the Hunt. The first will present little difficulty, provided the learner has mastered the requirements of the preceding paragraph, for to call a bell Before means merely to call it to make ordinary thirds place, and that means calling the bob when that bell comes down in front of the treble. To call a bell Into the Hunt requires some extra alertness, for it involves spotting when the bell comes down in front of the bell coming down in front of the treble.

This is undoubtedly somewhat more difficult than just calling a bell Before, but it is not so very difficult, and in a very short time the persistent conductor will master the process. But easy or difficult as it may be found, it is a vitally important skill, for without it the conductor will stand little chance of mastering the art of calling from a non-observation bell or of calling the bells round.

| 2 3 4 5 6 7   | 2 3 4 5 6 7   | 2 3 4 5 6 7   |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| — 7 5 2 6 3 4 | 2 5 3 7 4 6   | — 7 5 2 6 3 4 |
| — 4 6 7 3 5 2 | — 6 7 2 4 5 3 | 7 6 5 4 2 3   |
| 4 3 6 2 7 5   | — 3 4 6 5 7 2 | 7 4 6 3 5 2   |
| 4 2 3 5 6 7   | 3 5 4 2 6 7   | — 2 3 7 5 4 6 |

For the purpose of practice in calling bells Before or In and Out of the Hunt, the well-known touches quoted here provide excellent material. They are all really one and the same touch, and each must be twice repeated to produce 168 changes. In the first the 7th is called In and Out of the Hunt, in the second the 6th is so called, and in the third, an interesting and musical fragment, the 2nd is called Out, and after an interval is called In again. In these touches the beginner should steadfastly cast aside the temptation to count the leads, and should call the appropriate bell Into the Hunt by making himself observe when that bell comes down in front of the bell Before.

[To be continued.]

## Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee acknowledge with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

Personal.—F. W. Burnett 5s. 6d., E. Jenkins 17s., N. D. Lane 3s. 9d., R. Brooker 8s. 9d., E. E. Gosling 5s., 'Southwark Cathedral' 5s., 'Peals lost and Sunday services missed' 1s. 6d., F. W. P. 3s. 9d., G. G. 2s. 11d., A. T. P. 8s. 9d., J. B. 3s. 9d., F. F. 3s. 9d., M. H. 8s. 9d., K. G. O. 3s. 9d., L. B. 3s. 9d., Railwaymen's Guild £1, Stanwick ringers 2s. 6d., Yorks Association (Eastern District) £1 10s. 6d., A. E. Barlow 2s. 6d., J. H. Cook 2s. 6d., Miss K. Lye 2s. 6d., C. J. Matthews 8s. 9d., Joan Hills 2s. 6d., H. Moss 2s.

Peals.—Broxbourne 4s., Birmingham 5s., Leverington 3s., Daventry 2s. 6d., Ashbocking 2s. 6d., Wicken 8s., Orston 3s. 3d.

Quarter Peals.—Yatton 4s., Buckland Newton 3s. 6d., Old Basford 4s. 6d., Long Ashton 4s., Hastings 2s., Southgate 2s., Stanmore 4s., Ottery St. Mary 2s., Epsom 5s., Margate 3s., Green's Norton 2s. 6d., Welshpool 2s. 6d.

## IN THE 'BORDER' COUNTRY

Ringers from Backwell, Clutton, Long Ashton, Nailsea and Wembdon enjoyed a half-day tour on the Somerset-Dorset border on May 26th. The fine six at Pylle, restored by Mears and Stambank in 1952, were put to good use in methods up to Cambridge.

A 15-mile run brought us to Tintinhull and a good ring of five in a tower unusually situated on the north side of the church. An enormous clock took up most of the ringing chamber but there was just room for four ropes along one side and the treble being the clock's woodwork. These bells are hung on two tiers, the back two 'shouting' down the stairs and the front three, on the top storey, being a little difficult to hear.

At Yetminster we first prevailed upon a lady living opposite the church to boil us up gallons of water to make some tea and, when duly fortified, we pulled the bells up (not very well) in peal and rang on this heavy six with a long draught.

Several members of the new band which has been formed at Melbury Osmond (still in Dorset) met and welcomed us there—five bells, recently restored. The fine wooden screen in contemporary style which divides the ringing gallery from the church was greatly admired.

Back over the boundary again to Somerset to the hamlet of Closworth (5), where the Vicar had warned us that the bells did not go too well and had not, in fact, been rung since his induction in December last. Having oiled the bells and mended a rope—which broke in the first few changes of Stedman—we were agreeably surprised to find that the bells were not too bad after all. The front three, however, had a habit of 'jumping' at handstroke.

Before leaving Closworth for home we all inspected the grave of the bellfounder, Perdue, the tomb having a bell cut in the stone on one end and bearing the inscription:

'Here lies the Bellfounder,  
Honest and true,  
'Till Resurrection,  
Named Perdue.'

M. J. H.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

### Monmouth Branch Make History

On June 9th, the first meeting ever to be held at a five-bell tower in Monmouthshire took place at the beautiful little church of Llanover.

Some 45 ringers attended and exhausted the Doubles methods provided in the Ringer's Diary. The Rev. W. G. Walker, who has recently started to ring, gave everyone a hearty welcome to the church and later conducted the service. The Rev. I. J. Richards, Vicar of Llanarth, read the lesson.

A beautiful tea was afterwards provided in the Church Hall, and Mr. F. J. Hannington thanked the ladies concerned.

The Rev. W. G. Walker took the chair at the business meeting and new members were elected from Llanover, St. Woolos and Abergavenny. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Caldicot in September.

The members then returned to the church and the excellent ring of five bells was kept going until 9.30 p.m. Everyone agreed that the meeting had been exceptionally enjoyable and that five-bell towers should be visited more frequently.

J. S. E.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Seventeen Hertfordshire towers were represented at the Northern District meeting at Great Wymondley in substitution for Backway on June 21st. There were also present visitors from Turvey, Beds, and Mr. Frank Haynes, of Birmingham.

At the business meeting Masters S. Hutton and J. Bray, of Baldock, were elected members. The next meeting will be held at Norton on July 21st, with Ashted as the special method.

# RINGERS' OUTINGS

## ROTHERHAM

Early in the morning of May 25th ringers from Rotherham, Sheffield and Huddersfield set off for an outing into Shropshire. The absence of the late Mr. Arthur Firth, a stalwart ringer of Rotherham Parish Church and splendid organiser of the outings for many years, was deeply felt.

After an excellent breakfast at Whitchurch the ringers made their way to the Church of St. Alkmund (8, 19½ cwt.) only to find that the fifth wheel was broken. Therefore, only the remaining seven bells were rung to some Minor methods with the tenor covering.

On the journey to Shrewsbury a few enthusiasts filled in the time by ringing courses of Plain Bob and Grandsire on the handbells, and the belles of the coach entertained the company with tune ringing, aided by the captain.

Soon after arriving in busy Shrewsbury the beautiful bells of St. Chad's (12, 39½ cwt.) were being rung to a variety of methods. This enjoyable hour provided a chance for five ringers to strike their first course of Maximus. Then a happy time was spent in the Church of St. Mary (10, 19½ cwt.), where the bells proved to be easy going.

Later in the day the splendid ring of eight (17½ cwt.) at Market Drayton was brought round to many pleasing methods. During the whole day methods had ranged from rounds and Plain Bob to Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Major.

## UPPER CLAPHAM

St. Matthew's, Upper Clapham, ringers saw a very fair cross-section of the 'Garden of England,' on April 28th, when a pleasant day was spent in Kent.

The first tower was Westerham, and the rather penetrating N.E. wind might have explained the slightly sub-standard ringing. One lady of the party had a remedy for keeping warm by vigorously rubbing some of the famous brass memorials in the church!

The eminently-striking eight at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, produced in a touch of Stedman the best ringing of the day. After an excellent lunch the route was through the hop-fields and orchards to West Malling, another lovely example of a Kent ragstone church, hidden away in a valley, which reminded one of Kipling's lines—'the little lost parish churches who praise the Lord who made their hills.'

The tea at Sevenoaks was equal in volume and quality to the lunch of not so long before with the result that there was some jet-propelled Stedman on the heavyish but most handy eight at Sevenoaks.

At St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, where some inspected the 'Walsingham tomb, others dallied with the almost equally controversial details of Spliced Plain and Little Bob. So ended another good day of good fellowship and enjoyable ringing for which thanks are due to Charles Neal, for his efficient organisation, and Dennis Neal, who acted as Ringing Master.

## ST. GEORGE'S, CAMBERWELL

The third annual outing of the Guild of St. George's, Camberwell, took place on June 9th. We left a very overcast Camberwell after lunch but arrived in Berkshire to fair weather and, at times, very hot sun.

Towers visited were Wargrave, Shiplake and St. Paul's, Wokingham. Ringing went from rounds to Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent, during which six members had their first touch of Kent Major.

We arrived home at 11.35 p.m. after a very happy half-day, tired, but in merry mood. Our grateful thanks are due to the incumbents and tower captains and also to John Sansom, who gave us guidance both before and on the outing.

F. B.

## SUTTON-ON-TRENT

Sutton-on-Trent ringers had an outing into Leicestershire and Warwickshire on June 2nd. Calling first at South Wigston (8, 14 cwt.), these fine bells were raised in peal and rung to standard methods and a touch of Double Norwich with the assistance of Mr. B. G. Warwick, who kindly met us at his home tower.

Ringing at Rugby was delayed owing to a wedding, but some lucky couple left the church to the ringing of Stedman Doubles on a very good five (9 cwt.) to be found in the west tower. These were followed by the eight (24 cwt.), which are hung in the north-east tower of this unique church.

The six (19 cwt.) of St. Peter's, Dunchurch, went well for their weight, and Cambridge was accomplished with reasonable care. The last tower before tea, St. James', Southam (8, 15 cwt.), were rung to various methods, but Single Oxford Major could not be brought round.

The very fine ten (24 cwt.) of St. Mary's, Warwick, were then rung, and with the help of two local ringers a touch of Grandsire Caters was accomplished. The last tower of the day was the ten (13 cwt.) of All Saints', Chilvers Coton, where, with the help of Mr. and Mrs. A. Beamish, Stedman Caters was rung.

Methods rung included Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Triples and Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Single Oxford Major, Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob, Kent, Single Oxford and Cambridge Minor.

Many thanks are due to the incumbents and local ringers and to Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson for arranging such a successful outing.

W. L. E.

## ASHTEAD, SURREY

The Ashtead ringers, with some friends from neighbouring towers, had a day's ringing in Surrey and Hampshire on June 2nd. An early start was made and the towers visited before lunch were Chobham, Bagshot, Yateley and Alton, all eights. All the ringing was enjoyed, but the most enjoyable bells were at Alton, when even the most inexperienced made a good showing.

Lunch was taken at Alton, and before tea the visitors were privileged to ring at Privett and Petersfield.

After tea at Petersfield, the last church of the day was visited, the 10-bell tower of Haslemere. Those who had not previously rung at a 10-bell tower were a little concerned to know how they would perform, but the ringing was perhaps the best of the day, and courses of Grandsire, Caters and Bob Royal were successfully rung. Other methods rung during the day were Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

Thanks are due to all incumbents and tower captains who made the outing so enjoyable.

J. T. S.

## BALDOCK AND NORTON

Windsor Castle proved a big attraction to many who accompanied the Baldock and Norton ringers on their outing on June 9th. The fine octave of St. John-the-Baptist, Windsor, was enjoyed.

Before reaching Reading the rather heavy eight at Hurst were tested. After lunch came the highlight of the day, the 12 at St. Laurence, with its ringing chamber beautifully decorated with peal boards, and St. Giles' good heavy octave. A break for tea and then to the famous eight at St. Peter's, Caversham. The beautiful lettering in the peal book recording nearly 180 performances was much admired.

Finally, Henley-on-Thames, and the eight bells here were voted by some of the party as 'the best of the day.' Thanks are due to those who made the outing such a success.

## WEDDINGS

### MR. DENNIS NEAL—MISS G. L. FRISWELL

The marriage between Dennis Neal and Gwendoline L. Friswell, two members of the local band, took place at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on June 16th. Several ringing friends were present at the service, which was fully choral, and included the hymns, 'O Father all creating' and 'Love divine.' The Rev. C. H. Shaw Kew, Vicar of St. Matthew's, officiated.

Ringing took place both before and after the service, those taking part being Miss N. Hales, Miss M. Prockson, Messrs. W. Prockson and W. Jarvis, and the band which took part in the peal of Bob Major which followed the service ringing.

Dennis and Gwen are the third couple from the Upper Clapton belfry to be 'spliced' together in matrimony. Two brothers and two sisters are involved in this unusual sequence, but it seems the flame has now been spent.

Of those taking part in the peal, Mr. George Parsons taught most of the local ringers, including the bridal couple, to ring. Mr. Alec Richardson, the blind ringer attached to St. Mary's, Finchley, was educated at the East London School for the Blind, and although not now existing, the school was very close to St. Matthew's Church. The late Bertram F. Tubb taught Alec to ring and he would have been overjoyed at his pupil's performance on the treble, for it was first class. Not once was he spoken to throughout the peal; he struck his bell over all the other bells immaculately, and it was only a very occasional trouble in catching the sally that prevented a perfect performance.

K. L.

### MR. G. R. TEBBLE—MISS K. HARRISON

A wedding of great interest to Norfolk and Suffolk ringers took place at Diss Parish Church on June 16th between Miss Kathleen Irene Harrison and Mr. Geoffrey Robert Tebble.

The bride is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Harrison, whose family has been prominent in the life of the town for generations. Mr. Harrison has been the efficient secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association since 1937, helped by his daughter in the secretarial work for some years, and has welcomed to his tower—the best kept in the Diocese—hundreds of ringers loud in praise of the standard in which the bells are maintained.

Kathleen has the distinction of being the first lady to be taught here, and took part in her first peal at the age of 15. She has on several occasions obliged by taking part in peal attempts at short notice.

Bells played an important part in the ceremony, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. O. Kenyon) before a large congregation. The bride was 'rung in,' and as the couple left the church the bells were 'fired' and a touch of Double Norwich rung. In this method, a peal, recorded in the usual columns, was rung after the reception at the Church Hall, where ringers formed a good percentage of the 110 guests. One of the many messages of congratulation received was a telegram from the chairman on behalf of the Southern Branch couched in ringing parlance. Among the large number of presents were two from the local band. The honeymoon was spent touring the south of England.

Mr. and Mrs. Tebble, who will be residing in the town, have the congratulations and good wishes of all the many business and ringing friends of the family.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Stoke-by-Nayland (tenor 26 cwt.), have been removed for renovation and retuning. The timbers of the old oak frame are riddled with death-watch beetle, and a new steel frame is to be provided and also two new bells given in memory of the late Rear Admiral and Mrs. C. H. Simpson.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

### New Scale of Charges from July 6th, 1956

Meetings: 3/6 (minimum) for 30 words, afterwards 1½d. a word. Each additional insertion half charge.

Other Notices: 4/- (minimum) for 36 words, afterwards 1½d. a word.

Displayed: 6/6 per single column inch.

Latest Date: Monday first post.

### RETURN THANKS

The family of the late Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, wish to thank all their ringing friends for kindness and sympathy shown to them in their recent bereavement, also for the floral tributes sent. 8596

### PUBLICATIONS

**BELLRINGERS' GUIDE TO CHURCH BELLS (DOVE).**—Order now from W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. Price 6s. 6d. or full cloth 9s. 6d. (postage 6d.). Interleaved 12s. (post 9d.). 8481

### AN IDEAL GIFT

**'TOWERS AND BELLS OF BRITAIN.'**—This beautifully produced book will soon be out of print. Obtain your copy now, before too late. Direct from the author: Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S., M.R.S.L., Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester. Price 21s. net. 7100

### HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

**ROMSEY, HANTS.**—Comfortable accommodation, bed and breakfast, or bed, breakfast and evening meal. Well situated for shops, buses and trains. Good centre for bellringing, within easy reach of Winchester, Salisbury and Southampton. Moderate terms.—Write: Knight, 60, Alma Road, Romsey. 8564

### MISCELLANEOUS

**ALDERSHOT, HANTS.**—There will be no ringing practices at St. Michael's, Aldershot, on Friday, July 13th. and Friday, July 20th. 8580

**FRAMSDEN.**—July 15th, 6.30, dedication of peal board to the late Leslie C. Wightman. Ringing before and after service. All welcome. 8595

**GUILD AND DISTRICT SECRETARIES** are advised to save time and poundage by opening a credit account for their notices with Mr. J. E. Jeater ('Ringing World' accountant), Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

**UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.**—1956 Ringing Week at Leiston, Suffolk, Aug. 25th–Sept. 1st. Will all those wishing to attend who have not received preliminary circular please write to B. D. Threlfall, Weston House, Gresford, Denbighshire. 8557

**THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA, ROMSEY, HANTS.**—There will be no ringing during July owing to a general overhaul of the bells. 8569

**PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS** can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum change). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

**COMPLETE YOUR FILES.**—Back numbers of 'The Ringing World' are available at the 'R.W.' Office, price 6d. per copy, post free.

### MEETINGS

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting at Darley Dale, July 7th, 2.45 p.m.—A. B. Cooper, H. E. Taylor. 8538

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely and Wisbech Districts.—Joint meeting at Littleport on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Carruthers' Café, Granby Street; price 3s. 6d. per head.—J. E. Fox and R. J. Housden, Dis. Secs. 8540

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Hutton, July 7th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Shenfield bells (6) available from 7 p.m. 8514

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, July 7th, Christ Church (10), 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. Bennet. 8556

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—Annual general meeting at Worcester on Saturday, July 7th. Claines (10) 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. St. John's (8) 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. All Saints' (10) 2 to 4.30 p.m. and in the evening. Service at All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea in The Abbot's Kitchen, Old Palace, Deansway, at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after tea. 8411

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Next meeting at Hoar Cross, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. W. Cotton, Overseal. Tel.: 264.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mortimer St. John's, July 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—Burton. 8492

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Dore 3 p.m., July 7th. Cups of tea available—bring sandwiches.—J. Seager, Sec. 8550

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at Great Waltham, Essex, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Chelmsford Cathedral (12) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Bus service to Great Waltham: Pleshey service 1.30, 2.30, 3.30 p.m.; Dunmow service 2.15, 3.15 p.m.; Braintree service 15 and 45 minutes past each hour, alight Ash Tree Corner, ¼-mile walk. All very welcome—good attendance, please. N.B.—All buses from Chelmsford.—P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 8545

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting at Barnby-in-the-Willows on Saturday, July 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., at Willow Tree, for those who notify me.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark. 8490

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting at Coleshill, July 7th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPRingfield 1025. 8496

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fairwarp, Saturday, July 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 8500

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Annual general meeting will be held at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells: Ryde (8) 10.30 to 11, 12 to 1, 1.30 to 3.15, 6.30 to 8.30; Freshwater (6), Arretton (6) and Godshill (6) 11 to 2; Brading (8) 11.30 to 2.30. Other towers as announced at meeting. Service, All Saints', Ryde, 3.15. Tea in St. John's Ambulance Hall 4.15, followed by business meeting.—J. A. C. King, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8512

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Chipstable, July 14th. Tea for notifications by July 10th.—A. R. Tudball, 3, West Close, Dunster. 8559

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford (6) on Saturday, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to: Mr. A. G. Cannings, 2, Church Street, Bathford, Bath. 8520

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Compton Dando, Saturday, July 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 8569

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Over Stowey, July 14th. Bells 3 to 4.15 and 6 to 7 p.m.; Holford 7.30 to 9 p.m. Names for tea essential.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 8583

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 8556

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting, Hutton Cranswick, July 14th. Bells (6) 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by July 13th to Rev. G. Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick, Driffield. 8588

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—July 14th. Chiddingstone (8) (Withyham and Frant not available). Tea at Castle Inn. Names by 12th.—Chas. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 8577

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, July 14th, Battle (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 8563

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Saturday, July 14th. Widford, 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam. 8573

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Please note: The advertised meeting at Northchurch on Saturday, July 14th, has unavoidably had to be cancelled. Meeting will now be at Flamstead (6), July 14th. Names for tea to Mr. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead, Herts, for the 11th, please.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 8594

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling, Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 8548

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Borden (8) on Saturday, July 14th. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 10th, to Mr. E. C. Barton, 11, Mount View, Borden, near Sittingbourne.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 8533

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Coltschall, Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 10th, to Mr. W. Stibbans, The Limes, Coltschall.—C. Bird, Sec. 8519

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Hoghton, July 14th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 8561

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Francis Xavier, July 14th. Ringing 2 p.m. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to T. Egan, 6, Norwood Grove, Liverpool, 6.—G. Howlett. 8585

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Barnet on Saturday, July 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock. 8562

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival and meeting, Saturday, July 14th, Oxford. Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m. Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Tickets from A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks (5s. 6d.), 8559

not later than July 11th. Choristers, as usual, please contact M. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. Ringing: Merton (8) 3 to 4 p.m., St. Thomas' (6) 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., Magdalen (10) 4 to 5 p.m., St. Giles' (8) 3.45 to 4.45 p.m., St. Mary Magdalen (6) 5 to 6 p.m., New College (10) 5 to 6 p.m., Carfax (6) 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6 to 7 p.m., Iffley (6) 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., Radley (6) 7.30 to 8.30 p.m., Cathedral, before service and 7 to 8 p.m.—W. Hibbert, Retiring Gen. Sec. 8502

**PETERBOROUGH AND LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.**—Kettering and Market Harborough Districts.—Joint meeting at Weston by Welland, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names by July 9th to Miss J. Luck, 40, Broadway, Kettering. 8582

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Polebrook (5), July 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 8597

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting at West Haddon, Saturday, July 14th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 8578

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Evershot, July 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Melbury Osmond (5) bells available from 6 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Mrs. E. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 8571

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Church Stretton, not Atcham, Saturday, July 14th (Atcham meeting postponed). Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. V. Jones by Wednesday, July 11th. 8551

**SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Downham, Saturday, July 14th, at 3.30 p.m. Bring own food; cups for tea provided.—B. C. Sadler. 8568

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts District.—Meeting at Clayworth (6), Saturday, July 14th. Tea, 3s. each, only for those who notify by 10th Mrs. Gill, The White Hart Hotel, Clayworth, Retford. Buses from Retford.—H. Denman. 8575

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting at Stonham Aspal, July 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business: Election of new secretary, Debenham District. Names for tea, by Thursday, July 12th, to W. J. Button, 7, The Street, Stonham Aspal.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 8567

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting at Hersham, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., at Walton, followed by tea and meeting. Names by July 11th to Mr. G. Barnett, of 42, Annett Road, Walton-on-Thames. Walton bells after.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 8493

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Westbourne, on July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 8593

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Diocesan Festival at Gulval, Saturday, July 14th. Service 4.30, Gulval, followed by tea (1s. 6d.). Bells: Gulval (8), Madron (8), after 3.30; Paul (6) Ludgvan (6), Zennor (6), Towednack (8), Lelant (6). Replies, if coming, by Monday, July 9th. Rev. H. Trehella, Penhevel, Crantock, Newquay. 8467

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, July 14th, Shedfield. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Vicarage 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by previous Monday to Miss B. Daysh, Woodman's Cottage, Waltham Chase, Southampton. 8504

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Glaston Branch.—Meeting, Pylle, Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea before Tuesday, 17th.—W. H. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 8584

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Port Sunlight, July 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. For free tea notify by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8589

#### EXTRA POSTAGE

We thank the 136 Postal Subscribers who have remitted this week the extra postage (1s. 3d.) on 'The Ringing World.' Many have kindly paid for those who have forgotten. Remittances to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, or to the Editor.

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Bidford-on-Avon, with Salford Priors, July 21st, after tea. Ringing 3 p.m. Meeting in Church Hall 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. It is important that I have names for tea by Wednesday, July 18th.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 8572

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting at Harwich, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, July 18th, please, to W. Felgate, 25, Una Road, Parkestone, Harwich. 8579

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** and **SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Leatherhead and Southern Districts (respectively) joint meeting, Dorking (8) and Ranmore (8), on July 21st. Dorking bells 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Ranmore bells available after tea. Names for tea by July 19th to Miss E. Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking.—A. Smith and D. J. Parr, Dis. Secs. 8586

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Langdale, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to F. Birkett, Braegarth, Elterwater, near Ambleside. Note change of date.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 8591

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly general meeting at Bottesford (8), July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. in Bull's Head. Names for tea (accommodation strictly limited) must be sent by Tuesday, July 17th, without fail, to Mrs. P. A. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray, Leics. (Tel. Melton 723).—B. G. Warwick, Gen. Hon. Sec. 8587

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Interim meeting, Gaywood, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 8590

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lambourn, July 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Would those requiring tea please send names before July 18th to Miss P. Gaunt, 38, Bath Road, Thatcham, Berks. 8581

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Downtown, July 21st. Bells 2.30 and after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Britford also from 7 p.m. Names for tea, without fail by 17th, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 8526

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, All Saints', Pontefract, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food; cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8566

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Break for tea 5.15 p.m., for which make own arrangements.—R. S. Payne, Southwold. 8574

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath (6), Saturday, July 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Bell Hotel.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 8592

**LAXTON, NOTTS.**—Dedication of rehung ring of six on Sunday evening, July 29th, at 6.30 by the Rev. W. H. Snow. Please make a note! 8576

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual dinner, Saturday, October 6th, at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 13s. each, now available from the undersigned.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 8546

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Sudbury District.—Supper and social will be held at Lavenham on Saturday, October 27th. All members and friends welcome. Please book this date. Further details later.—R. J. Seabrook. 8560

#### QUARTER PEALS

**KENWYN, CORNWALL.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandvire Triples: Miss M. Cork (first quarter) 1, Miss V. M. Matthews 2, Miss M. A. Birch 3, P. Rowe 4, A. F. Burley 5, A. H. Eplett 6, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 7, Miss P. R. Hosken 8. First 'inside' for 3 and 4. Rung after Evensong.

**STAMFORD HILL, N.**—At St. Ann's Church, on June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (one extent each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Old, All Saints', four extents of Plain and 180 Grandvire: Pat Rowe (first quarter, aged 11) 1, M. Rowe 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. Green 6.

**WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. D. T. North 1, S. N. Bristow 2, D. T. North 3, J. Martin 4, G. Salter 5, G. J. Gammon 6, C. W. J. Tarr (cond.) 7, C. Webber 8. First in method for 2, 4, 5 and 8. Rung for Parish Gift Day.

High Class Tower Clocks

by the

WORLD'S OLDEST MAKERS

Established Over 300 Years

Illustrated ART CATALOGUE on request

**J. B. JOYCE & CO. LTD.**

WHITCHURCH, SALOP

We have experts visiting all parts of the British Isles, and shall be pleased to carry out restorations or give reports regarding any make of Tower Clock

## 'THE WORLD'S BEST BELLROPES'

Noted for Easy Handling and  
Non-stretching  
Established 1820 Phone 2400

### JOHN PRITCHARD

(ROPES) Ltd.

### LOUGHBOROUGH

CLOCK AND CHIMING ROPES  
SPlicing AND REPAIRS  
BELL MUFFLERS

Price List on Application

## PUBLICATIONS

BY THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

|                                                          | s. | d. |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----|----|
| PRESERVATION AND REPAIR<br>OF BELLS, etc. . . . .        | 2  | 0  |
| ON CONDUCTING . . . . .                                  | 1  | 0  |
| COLLECTION OF PLAIN<br>MAJOR METHODS . . . . .           | 3  | 6  |
| COLLECTION OF COMPOSITIONS<br>(MAJOR) . . . . .          | 3  | 0  |
| COLLECTION OF DOUBLES<br>METHODS . . . . .               | 2  | 0  |
| FOUR-WAY TABLE MINOR<br>METHODS . . . . .                | 6  |    |
| CHANGE RINGING ON HAND-<br>BELLS . . . . .               | 2  | 6  |
| METHODS SHEETS—<br>Cambridge Surprise Major . .          | 6  |    |
| Double Norwich . . . . .                                 | 6  |    |
| Stedman and Grandsire Triples                            | 6  |    |
| Bristol Surprise Major . . . .                           | 6  |    |
| HINTS TO BEGINNERS . . . . .                             | 6  |    |
| COLLECTIONS OF PEALS—<br>Sect. III., Double Norwich C.B. | 1  | 0  |
| REPORT OF CONFERENCE<br>WITH S.P.A.B. . . . .            | 8  |    |
| INSTRUCTIONS ON CARE OF<br>CHURCH BELLS (Card) . . . .   | 6  |    |
| MODEL CODE OF RULES—<br>Ringers' Society or Company .    | 6  |    |
| VILLAGE BELLS (New Edition)                              | 1  | 2  |
| METHODS COMMITTEE'S RE-<br>PORT ON EXTENSION . . . . .   | 1  | 0  |

Post free.

MRS. J. G. STEEPLES,  
Hall View, Launton, Bicester  
Oxon.

## OUTING

STANWICK, NORTHANTS

Some 20 ringers and friends joined the Stanwick ringers on their annual outing on June 16th. Ringing took place at Deeping St. James, Deeping St. Nicholas, and after tea at the Greyhound Hotel, Spalding, at Crowland Abbey, said to be the first ringing peal in Britain. These bells have a very long pull with over 70 feet of rope. The last call was at St. Mary's, Peterborough. Home was reached at 11.15 p.m. The tower keepers are thanked for their kindness.

## 5,056 FINCHLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

BY R. F. B. SPEED

23456 M B W H

34256 2

45362 x

45623 x 1

26435 2A

62534 2 2

65324 1 2

54326 1 2

53246 1 2

24653 2B

56342 1 1

64523 x

42635 x

23456 x

Rung at Willesden on June 7th, 1956

## The Ringers' Handbook

Fifth Edition

FOR ALL LEARNERS

GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN,  
PLAIN BOB AND KENT

4 to 8 bells 4/6 :: 4 to 6 bells 3/-  
Plus 2d. towards increased postage

Obtainable ONLY from Mrs. E. S. Powell,  
Poleshill Cottage, Langford Budville,  
Wellington, Somerset

## FOR PROMPT DELIVERY OF HIGH QUALITY BELL ROPES

As supplied to St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Imperial Institute, Canterbury, Edinburgh, St. Albans, Lincoln, Durham, Peterborough, Melbourne (Australia), Rochester, Dublin St. Patrick's, Manchester, Durban and Worcester Cathedrals, etc.

Apply to

### JOHN NICOLL

Established 1760

CHURCH BELL ROPE MANUFACTURER

64, LEWISHAM PARK :: LONDON, S.E.13

LATE OF BERMONDSEY AND PECKHAM

## The JASPER SNOWDON SERIES

NEW PRICES on account of  
increased postage

'ROPESIGHT,' 12th edition; 150 pages;

1955 reprint 3/8

'GRANDSIRE,' by J. A. Trollope; 130  
pages; 3/6

'STEDMAN,' by J. A. Trollope. Out  
of print.

'STANDARD METHODS,' 12th edi-  
tion. Letterpress 3/2. Diagrams 2/8

'SURPRISE METHODS,' by Rev. C.  
D. P. Davies, 126 pages; 3/-

All post free on receipt of postal order  
from

MISS M. E. SNOWDON

The Cottage,  
Cavendish Street, CARTMEL,  
Grange-over-Sands, Lancs.

## WILLIAM POTTS & SONS, LTD.

Cathedral, Church and Tower Clocks

BANKFIELD TERRACE, LEEDS, 4

Established 1833

Clock Repairs and Dial Restorations

And 9, Adelphi Chambers, Shakespeare Street, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,  
and 96, Carver Street, SHEFFIELD, 1