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### RICHARD WHITE OF APPLETON

**I**N the passing of Richard White, of Appleton, the Exercise has suffered a severe loss, and one which will be keenly felt by numerous ringers. Born at Besselsleigh, near Appleton, in Berkshire, in 1878, son of Frederick and grandson of Alfred White, he followed like them the trade of a bellhanger, and his whole life was devoted to bells.

Familiarly known as Dick to his friends, he was greatly beloved by all who knew him; a man of great integrity, a ringer of outstanding quality and one of the finest of master craftsmen. In writing of him the greatest difficulty is to describe effectively his true worth: he was big in every way, a true Christian and a true gentleman; and, like all great men, he was graced by sincere humility and modesty. But above all he was a happy man, full of natural wit and good humour, and even in his latter years he never appeared to be growing old. His home had an ever open door to ringers, and visitors to Appleton tower will always remember the cordial welcome they received from him.

Dick White rang his first peal in 1893. He was then 15 years of age and assisted his brother, Stedman, to ring the badly going tenor at Great Tew, in Oxfordshire, as a cover to a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. So began a peal ringing career of remarkable achievement, not so much in the number of peals successfully accomplished, but in their length and quality. So far as can be ascertained he rang just over 230 peals, most of them at Appleton. In over 100 of them he rang the ninth bell, while his brother, Fred, rang the tenor. How magnificently they rang them is well known, not only in the Oxford Diocese, but by the Exercise in general.

A few of Dick White's long peals deserve especial mention. He rang the ninth at Appleton to 10,043 Grandsire Caters in 6 hours 5 minutes on November 19th, 1921, and on April 22nd in the following year the world's record returned to Appleton when a mixed band of members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 21,363 Stedman Caters in 12 hours and 25 minutes. This still remains the record length of Stedman Caters, although recently exceeded by an even greater length of Major. In the year 1932 the Grandsire Caters record was regained by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Appleton when a peal of 16,271 changes in that method was successfully accomplished in 9 hours and 20 minutes on December 27th. In these record lengths Dick, as usual, rang the ninth.

Possessed of fine physique and the keenest of ears his striking was faultless. But perhaps one of his greatest achievements was the participation in the ringing of the record peal of 12,663 Stedman Cinques at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on August 24th, 1946, in 8 hours 48 minutes. He was now 69 years of age and some members of his family tried to dissuade him from ringing, saying he would kill himself in making the attempt. Dick just smiled and said: 'Ah well, if so I shall die happy.' He rang the eleventh bell on this memorable occasion. In later years he was to be found ringing one of the smaller bells with the same ease and accuracy as in the record peals, and in his last peal, one of Stedman Caters, rung on the 'March-the-Fourth' ringing day at Appleton this year, he rang the treble.

As a master craftsman Dick White had few equals and he was proficient in working in either metal- or woodwork. In 1909 he inherited from his father the family business, which under his capable management prospered and flourished. Many are the rings of bells rehung by him; from Yorkshire in the north to Hampshire in the south, and from Somerset and Devon in the west to Suffolk in the east. In Oxfordshire alone over fifty rings of bells were restored by him since 1909, and he was even more active in his native Berkshire and the adjacent parts of Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. Very appropriately the Rt. Rev. Dr. Riches, Bishop of Dorchester, offered thanksgiving prayers 'for the skill, craftsmanship and devotion of the White family' at the recent dedication of a new cast iron frame and an augmented ring at Langford. Dick continued to work in the bellhangers' shop until a few weeks ago. His last new cast iron frame was installed at Warborough where he supplied new gear and augmented the bells to form a ring of eight. The last tower in which he worked personally was Hanborough, where he added a treble to make six; and he turned and fitted gudgeons to headstocks for Mapledurham bells, which are still in process of being rehung.

Dick White will be sorely missed—in his own native village, in the church from which he was never absent on Sundays, and in the belfries of England. As a valued member of the General Committee his loss will be keenly felt by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. But, perhaps, most of all ringers will miss him on the 'Fourth-of-March' ringing day, where for so many years his outstanding personality and his anecdotes of the old days were so greatly enjoyed. The 'Fourth-of-March' is noted for its traditional songs.

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One of the more recent of these commemorates the 10,043 Grandsire Caters peal and those who took part in it. One verse runs:—

'Richard White rang the ninth, a bellhanger by trade;  
He's been ringing bells since he was but a blade;  
He was a young man, and was strong and was well;  
And that was the reason that he rang the ninth bell.  
Hurrah! for the Appleton Ringers I say;  
Who rang a ten thousand on a November day.'

His passing removes the last link with the first 'March-the-Fourth' ringing day, for Dick had rung with those who knew the ringers who rang on that never to be forgotten occasion in 1818. Appleton will not seem the same without him. May he rest in peace. F. S.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. . 7
MURIEL REAY .. .. . 2	*G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 8
ALBERT WALKER .. .. . 3	J. L. GARNER HAYWARD .. 9
CLAUDIA CRITCHLEY .. .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 10
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. . 5	JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. . 11
HAROLD MARCOM .. .. . 6	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. .. 6
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 2	WILLIAM H. COLES .. .. 7
JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. . 3	STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 8
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. .. . 9
RONALD D. SHORT .. .. . 5	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In two methods: 2,600 Cambridge and 2,440 Yorkshire with 102 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

NORMAN SMITH .. .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. . 2	ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
MRS. A. E. MARSH .. .. . 4	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 9
GORDON BENFIELD .. .. . 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Arranged by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal for the Association and for all the band except the ringer of the sixth.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 25, 1956, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

PAUL L. TAYLOR .. .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 7
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 8
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. . 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 9
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 5	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

WALTER F. JUDGE .. Treble	FREDERICK SHARPE .. .. 6
FREDERICK C. WHITE .. 2	HENRY C. WHITE .. .. 7
J. RICHARD CHAUNDY .. 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. .. 8
PHILIP WALKER .. .. . 4	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 9
ALFRED H. WEBB .. .. . 5	EDWIN W. DREWITT .. Tenor

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled after the funeral of Richard White. A tribute of affection from ten of his old friends. 'Farewell, Dick, until we meet again.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. . 2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 7
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 8
DOREEN DUTTON .. .. . 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 9
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 5	†RONALD G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal of Royal on tower bells. † First peal of Royal in the method.

A compliment to Josiah Morris (now in Leicester Royal Infirmary), who attained his 89th birthday on July 1st.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

*GEORGE NORTH .. Treble	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 7
†JAMES H. LILLEY .. .. 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 8
‡JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. 4	§FREDERICK PAGE .. .. 9
FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY 5	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal on ten bells. § 350th peal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ALBERT MALLIN .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 6
†ARTHUR PEAKMAN .. .. 2	JOHN LLOYD .. .. . 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	FREDERICK HANDLEY .. 8
*FREDERICK JUKES .. .. 4	THOMAS HEMMING .. .. 9
‡BERNARD LAWTON .. .. 5	*STEPHEN MALLIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

\* First peal on ten. † First of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First of Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 31, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 21½ cwt.

Heywood's Transposition.	
HERBERT EPLETT .. Treble	MALCOLM CLOKE .. .. 5
ALFRED GREENOUGH .. 2	JAMES BLOND .. .. . 6
HENRY BISHOP .. .. . 3	ROBERT BLOND .. .. . 7
FREDERICK SMITH .. .. 4	EDWARD SAWYER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

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

*On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In 12 methods, being 960 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

A wedding compliment to Denis Heapy and Sheila Livesey, married at this church prior to the commencement of the peal.

**BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

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

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E.

JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. Treble	STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 6
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. .. 3	ROGER O. FRY .. .. 7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. .. 4	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

**HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Hinckley District.)

*On Mon., June 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 22 cwt. in D.
MRS. M. E. BROWN .. Treble	*MICHAEL VERNON .. .. 5
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 2	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. 7
FRANK K. MEASURES .. 4	FRANK MELLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman.

Rung for the wedding of Nancy E. Marklew (ringer at this church) to John Bramley (ringer at St. Margaret's, Leicester), which took place on Saturday, June 16th.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., June 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,*

*AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPAMLE,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

ERNEST J. JELLEY .. Treble	SAMUEL J. HAINES .. .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 3	*JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 6
*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. .. 7
†JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 4	WILLIAM THORNLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

\* 100th peal together. † First peal of Bristol 'inside.'

**MARK, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., June 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 6
RONALD D. SHORT .. .. 3	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 7
STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

**BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD,**

*On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

F. H. Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*GILLIAN REA .. .. Treble	PHILIP N. TUBBS .. .. 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 2	JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3	FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 7
MICHAEL J. BEST .. .. 4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

\* First peal of Stedman.

**FRINDSBURY, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt.

DEREK G. SPITTLE .. Treble	†CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 5
JOHN HILL .. .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 6
BRIAN BLADON .. .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
*JAMES M. BAILEY .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* 25th peal for the Association. † 175th peal.

**CLARE, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sun., June 24, 1956, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 28 cwt

*FREDERICK J. PAYNE .. Treble	OWEN BALLARD .. .. 5
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 2	†STANLEY HONEYBALL .. 6
*RICHARD SEABROOK .. .. 3	SAMUEL TWITCHETT .. 7
PETER MAYLE .. .. 4	FREDERICK KEMP .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by SAMUEL TWITCHETT.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major.

Rung to commemorate 25 years' ministry at this church by the Rev. F. S. Swithinbank.

**MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.**

**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., June 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

*AT THE WATCH TOWER,*

**A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

*CAROL HALL .. .. Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 2	KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 6
GWEN I. RUSBY .. .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal. The first peal in the method for the Association, in the county, and by all the band except Charles McGuinness.

**OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

*On Tues., June 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

J. J. Parker's Six-part (No. 13).	
*GEORGE W. RIDGWAY .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 5
*WILLIAM H. CURSON .. .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
ALAN G. FOSTER .. .. 3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE .. .. 7
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT .. .. 4	EDWARD J. WHITE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal in the method.



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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., June 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

### A PEAL OF 5152 KNOSSINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. Treble	SAMUEL J. HAINES .. .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. 7
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.  
The first peal in the method, which is Asstead with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end. Rung at first attempt.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., June 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

### A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Treble	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. .. 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. .. 2	PETER D. BEEDIE .. .. 6
*MARGARET B. MESLEY .. .. 3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. .. 7
WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. 4	ALBERT C. WENBAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
\* First touch of Surprise Major.

HERSHAM, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Fri., June 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.

*EUNICE A. HILEY .. .. Treble	*DAVID G. WRIGHT .. .. 5
*JOHN HILL .. .. 2	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. 6
*RALPH BIRD .. .. 3	ROLAND W. MORANT .. .. 7
*DUGALD M. MACPHERSON .. .. 4	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.  
First peal in the method on the bells.  
Rung to the glory of God on St. Peter's Day and on the 55th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, OXTON.

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1 Variation.	Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.
LESTER L. GRAY .. .. Treble	JACK N. BROWN .. .. 5
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. .. 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. .. 6
ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS .. .. 3	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. .. 7
THOMAS R. BUTLER .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

In memoriam Frederick H. Dexter. It is 50 years since the first peal of Stedman was rung on these bells, the only surviving member of the band being Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

### A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

LEONARD STILWELL .. .. Treble	RAYMOND OVERY .. .. 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON .. .. 2	*W. LESLIE WELLS .. .. 6
*GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 3	*WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 7
WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.  
\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal of Superlative. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

DAVID VINCENT .. .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5
*RUTH M. JACKSON .. .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 6
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 3	ALAN J. BROWN .. .. 7
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by PETER BORDER.  
\* First peal in the method.  
A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

HARPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JANET GODFREY .. .. Treble	†LESLIE COBURN .. .. 5
ARTHUR DAY .. .. 2	FRED C. JACKLIN .. .. 6
†AMY COBURN .. .. 3	DESMOND PAINTER .. .. 7
FRED W. ELLIS .. .. 4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DESMOND PAINTER.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.  
All except the ringer of the tenor are members of the Sunday service band.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Furness and Lake District Branch.)  
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 25½ cwt.
*BARBARA LAWSON .. .. Treble	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. .. 5
†LAURENCE CLEMENTS .. .. 2	JAMES E. BURLS .. .. 6
JOHN BAGNALL .. .. 3	†RAYMOND SUART .. .. 7
ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. 4	†ARNOLD JACKSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method on eight bells.  
Rung for the appointment of Laurence Clements as captain of this tower.

MONMOUTH.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 19 cwt.
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. .. 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. .. 2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. .. 6
JOHN E. MORGAN .. .. 3	*DAVID J. KING .. .. 7
DONALD G. CLARKE .. .. 4	*ROBERT E. COLES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

\* 25th peal together. Fastest peal on the bells.  
Rung on the 70th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was in the same method and was conducted by the father of the treble ringer. Also for the 250th anniversary of the installation of the bells by Abraham Rudhall in 1706.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.  
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. .. 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 2	*PETER BERESFORD .. .. 6
DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. 3	†EDMUND MALIN .. .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 4	*GEORGE E. OLIVER .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.  
\* 100th peal together. † First peal in the method away from the treble.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,600 changes of London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, with 120 changes of method.

NORMAN SMITH .. .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. .. 6
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 3	*VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. .. 7
*ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal of eight-spliced. First peal of Surprise on the recast bells.



# FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MARCH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENDREDA,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of St. Clement's and 1,440 each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

TREVOR A. BEVIS .. .. Treble	†GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 4
ARTHUR YARROW .. .. 2	STANLEY SHIPP .. .. 5
*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.. 3	WILLIAM ROSE.. .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

\* 25th peal. † First peal in four methods.

ASH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE .. .. Treble	H. E. GEORGE JEANES .. 4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 2	*FRANCIS J. WHITE .. 5
SIDNEY W. WHITE .. .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

\* First peal in two minor methods.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. Treble	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 4
STANLEY SHIPP .. .. 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
GEORGE E. CRISP .. .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

The first peal in the method by all the band.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of Norwich and 1,440 each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. Treble	TREVOR A. BEVIS .. .. 4
GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.. .. 2	ARTHUR YARROW .. .. 5
WILFRED E. YOUNGS.. .. 3	STANLEY SHIPP .. .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

WOODCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and three extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER .. .. Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4
OLIVE M. BOULDEN .. .. 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

Rung to celebrate the gift of a son (Adrian Louis) to Mr. and Mrs. Russell, both local ringers. Also to commemorate 25 years' service at Woodchurch by Mr. Ernest Town, local captain.

STOCKBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores (ten callings) Grandsire, and 12 six-scores (four callings) Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ANTHONY BAX .. .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 3
*TERENCE BARTON .. .. 2	ALBERT DUNK .. .. 4
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

\* First peal in two methods.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Piper, churchwardens at the above church, and also birthday compliments to Mrs. A. Dunk and Mr. J. C. S. Benson.

AMPNEY CRUCIS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wed., June 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Old, ten of Plain Bob (four callings), ten of April Day (three callings) and 12 of Grandsire (six callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN DOWDESWELL .. .. Treble	RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. 3
MERVYN DAY .. .. 2	PATRICK BARTLETT .. .. 4
WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*HAZEL J. COCKRILL .. Treble	REV. H. G. LILLINGSTON.. 4
HANBURY F. CARTER .. 2	WALTER C. MEDLER .. .. 5
MRS. H. F. CARTER.. .. 3	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

\* First peal.

Rung for St. Peter's Day and in memory of Frederick H. Dexter.

BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, one of Oxford Single Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. Treble	WILFRED J. NEWMAN.. .. 4
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 2	HAROLD RAXTER .. .. 5
FREDERICK NURDEN .. 3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

BUNNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

SYDNEY ADAMS .. .. Treble	ALLAN SIMPSON .. .. 4
MRS. A. SIMPSON .. .. 2	WALTER NICHOLS .. .. 5
MARGARET E. HILL .. 3	CHARLES W. TOWERS .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. TOWERS.

First peal on the reconditioned bells. Believed to be the first on the bells.

ILLSTON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 48, 50, 34, 52, 37, 29, 28).

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*ROGER K. STRETTON .. Treble	†JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 4
*JOAN K. BROWN .. .. 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN.. .. 5
ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. 3	‡BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. ‡ 100th peal together.

RAMPTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

STANLEY SHIPP .. .. Treble	HENRY C. FOSTER .. .. 3
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.. .. 4
HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. Tenor	

Conducted by HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY.

First peal as conductor.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

MARY R. ANDREWS .. Treble	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE .. 4
*JULIE M. TUNBRIDGE .. 2	BRIAN BLADON .. .. 5
*PATRICK G. BRAUND.. .. 3	JOHN L. MORRIS.. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

\* First peal.



# WEST HARTLEPOOL, COUNTY DURHAM. THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

MARION S. CAPEY .. .. Treble	KENNETH LAWSON .. .. 4
GWEN I. RUSBY .. .. 2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. .. 5
ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

A compliment to Frank G. Bloomfield, B.Sc., upon the successful completion of a three-year course at the King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne.

# CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

AUBREY T. BAREHAM .. .. Treble	JACK H. BRETT .. .. 4
ERNEST W. BROWN .. .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 5
THOMAS BIRD .. .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.**—On June 24th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Halliday 1, Miss P. S. Gatty 2, N. Bennett 3, A. W. Stone (cond.) 4, J. Coffey 5, J. P. Schoolden (first of Triples 'inside') 6, D. Ogden 7, R. M. Edwards 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Manchester to the church.

**BACKWELL, SOMERSET.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Ogbourne (first quarter) 1, T. Phillips 2, P. Blake 3, J. Young 4, D. Smith (first quarter) 5, K. Lewis (first as cond.) 6, J. Lott 7, R. Lewis 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, and for the silver wedding of the parents of the ringer of the fifth.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—At St. Peter's Church, on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. North 1, J. Riddleston 2, A. W. Bond 3, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 4, C. Norris 5, H. Stalham 6, W. A. Riddington 7, F. J. Lewis 8. Rung for the patronal festal Evensong.

**BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXON.**—On June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Place Bob, Grandsire and Bob): M. Harmer 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, W. Fulkner 6.

**BROCKENHURST, HANTS.**—On June 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Finch 1, Isobel Inman 2, Ruth A. Carey 3, P. W. M. Jones 4, J. Knight 5, M. V. White (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Plain Bob Minor for all except 3rd. First quarter of Minor by the Southampton University Guild.

**BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): B. Cheeseman 1, E. H. Amey 2, R. J. Vardy 3, S. W. White 4, E. P. T. Field (cond.) 5, A. J. Goodfellow 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Lily Cross, a member of the P.C.C. and wife of the churchwarden.

**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.**—On June 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Sylvia Heasman (first quarter) 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, Mrs. T. H. Norris 3, Shirley Dorey 4, R. E. Waters 5, C. E. Slade 6, R. G. Bell 7, T. H. Norris (cond.) 8. First in method for 4, 5 and 6. Rung for opening of church garden fete.

**CRESSWELL, DERBYS.**—On July 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. A. Richardson (aged 11, first quarter) 1, Mary E. Barlow 2, D. A. Smedley 3, R. Fletcher 4, S. L. Barlow 5, G. L. Chambers (first as cond.) 6.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On July 1st, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Razzell 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, Miss H. Talbot (first 'inside') 3, N. Brown 4, H. G. Pratt 5, G. H. Humphries 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, W. F. Oatway 8.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, G. Gray 2, H. F. Saunders 3, Miss A. Banks 4, D. J. Thomas 5, P. Westwood 6, C. George (cond.) 7, E. T. Ellender 8. Rung for the 70th birthday of Mr. H. J. Saunders, a member of St. Mary's, Dover, band for 58 years.

# HANDBELL PEALS

## HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 25, 1956, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT No. 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

## A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 15 in C.

*VALERIE WILLARD .. .. 1—2	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 7—8
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. .. 3—4	*DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 9—10
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 5—6	*VIVIAN BARNES .. .. 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\*First peal of Stedman Cinques and first of Stedman 'in hand' by ringer of 1—2. First peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' as conductor.

# CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 26, 1956, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor size 12 in F.

RONALD G. BECK .. .. 1—2	DAVID HOARE .. .. 3—4
*EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

\*First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal on the bells.

# QUARTER PEALS

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**—At the Church of St. Mary, on July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. Rollison (first quarter) 1, F. Lee 2, Mrs. R. Reynolds 3, H. G. F. Reynolds 4, L. J. Baldock 5, J. Rollison 6, R. W. Pankhurst (cond.) 7, J. Hayes 8. First quarter by a local Sunday service band for many years. An 84th birthday compliment to Mr. R. Cowling, oldest member.

**EWELL, SURREY.**—On June 24th, 1,302 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Good 1, C. W. Munday 2, D. Spittle 3, J. E. Beams 4, R. C. Spittle 5, J. Hill (cond.) 6, J. Whitehorn 7, G. Hill 8. To celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Beams, who were married in this church on June 27th, 1931.

**HELMDON, NORTHANTS.**—On June 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. R. Haynes 1, C. Hinton 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. R. Saunders 4, G. Shellard 5, B. Saunders (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Kathleen Ivy Ballard and Mr. William Alfred Yates.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On June 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Hoskins (first quarter) 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss A. Lowings 3, J. Carrott 4, J. Fowler 5, F. V. Gant 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8. Also on June 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. J. Salisbury 1, Miss A. Lowings (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 2, J. Carrott 3, R. Brown 4, J. Fowler 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

**LOCKING, SOMERSET.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Doubles (being 360 Plain Bob, 360 St. Simon's, 300 Grandsire and 240 April Day): F. Millier 1, Rosemary Hutchings 2, J. Weadon 3, Marjorie Legg 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, M. Hutchings 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Derek Millier, ringer at the above tower.

**MELKSHAM, WILTS.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. S. Cockell 1, J. Lucas 2, D. Barr 3, S. Cockell 4, C. Conway (cond.) 5, H. Cockell 6.

**NETLEY ABBEY, HANTS.**—On June 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Exwood (first of Minor) 1, Miss J. Inman 2, P. W. M. Jones 3, M. V. White 4, J. Knight 5, R. E. Finch (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung on the back six by members of the University of Southampton Guild after meeting short for a peal attempt. A coming-of-age compliment to Miss M. E. L. Beamish and R. E. Finch.

**ROYDON, ESSEX.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Ward 1, F. Wright 2, W. Sams (cond.) 3, B. G. Barton 4, A. Livings 5, C. Claydon 6. Rung for patronal festival.

**SHOREDITCH, N.**—On June 24th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: H. Belcher 1, B. K. Lunn 2, A. F. Thirst 3, W. Williams (cond.) 4, J. Chilcott 5, L. W. Wiffen 6, M. Moreton 7, James Phillips 8, R. F. Deal 9, J. Crampion 10, John Phillips 11, B. Baker 12.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At St. Peter's Church, on July 1st, 1,259 Little Grandsire Caters: G. W. Debenham 1, C. F. Sayer 2, A. R. Tysoe 3, H. G. Mason 4, F. J. Spicer 5, R. W. Darvill 6, T. J. Southam 7, H. V. Frost 8, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 9, A. Ewer 10. First in the method by all the band. Rung for the patronal festival of St. Peter.

**STANWICK, NORTHANTS.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): S. Chambers (first quarter) 1, A. Wilson 2, A. Gibbs (first of Doubles) 3, W. Whitmore 4, E. Whitmore (cond.) 5. For the Eve of St. Peter's.

**STREATHAM, S.W.**—On July 1st, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Sanders 1, Miss E. Wooldridge 2, K. Minter 3, J. Chapman 4, S. Howard 5, R. Sanders 6, R. F. Story (cond.) 7, J. Simmons 8. First of Stedman by 2 and 3. In memoriam Reuben Charge.

**THORNFORD, DORSET.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire)—R. J. Vardy 1, P. Cox 2, D. Sweet 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, A. Bown 5, E. H. Amey 6.

**TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire, and 300 of Plain Bob): J. Bonnett 1, Evelyn Adams 2, F. Hicks 3, C. Bonnett 4, I. Butcher (cond.) 5, M. McLeod 6, H. J. Wilde 7, E. Constable 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 behind. First in five methods for 1, 2 and 7. For Evensong on the 61st anniversary of the consecration of the Church (St. Leonard's).

**UPHILL, SOMERSET.**—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Yvonne West 1, Marion Macfarlane 2, D. H. White (first 'inside') 3, H. Collings 4, T. K. Price 5, K. W. Price (cond.) 6. Rung for the conductor, who is flying shortly to Iraq.

**WEST LAVINGTON, WILTS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Cully 1, A. T. Wicks 2, M. Bailey 3, W. Bevan 4, S. Grant (cond.) 5, W. Daniels 6. Rung for Devizes Deanery Festival service.

**WHITBY, YORKS.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss T. Duck 1, A. V. Coates 2, A. Sykes 3, D. Elwick (first of Minor) 4, G. W. White 5, S. R. Elwick (first as cond.) 6, F. Lamerton 7. First in method and Minor 1, 3 and 7. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Sykes.

**WHITCHURCH, GLAM.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): F. J. Bailey 1, Miss D. Hulbert 2, R. Lucas 3, M. Williams 4, W. Dare 5, A. Ryan Price 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. Eddie Bailey, a Whitchurch ringer, and Miss Freda M. Walsh, married June 16th.

**WOODSTOCK, CAPE TOWN.**—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. V. Sheppard 1, J. Riley 2, J. Wood 3, L. Hewitt 4, W. Smith (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Fred G. May.

**DONCASTER**

The annual outing of St. George's, Doncaster Guild of ringers took place in South Lincolnshire on Whit Monday.

At St. Vincent's, Caythorpe, the party was given a warm welcome by the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Ison). This fine ring of eight was soon ringing out to various touches, including a fine course of Cambridge Major.

St. Michael's and All Angels', Edenham, was reached after a drive through beautiful country and the ringing included a touch of Superlative, which turned out to be the highlight of the day.

A pleasant drive through the Fen country, where some of the tulips were seen, led to St. Lawrence's. Surfleet, with its well-known light twelve. The ringing here included rounds on twelve. Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Cambridge Major.

After an excellent tea at the Greyhound Hotel, Spalding, the company set out for the final tower, St. Andrew's, Ewerby. So ended a good day's outing with uninterrupted sunshine, and many thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and the ringers who met the party.  
D. A. C.

**FARINGDON, BERKS**

Ringers and friends from Faringdon, Shrivenham, Stamford-in-the-Vale, Buckland and Aldenham (Herts) journeyed to Bath on June 16th, proceeding later to St. Cuthbert's, Wells, Evercreech and Trowbridge via Longleat.

Lunch was taken at Wells and tea at Evercreech. The best ringing of the day was on the fine twelve at Trowbridge. The outing was arranged by Mr. F. H. Whipp and Mr. D. Vincent. Thanks are due to all incumbents and secretaries for their assistance.  
F. H. W.

**OUTINGS****HITCHIN AND DISTRICT**

On Whit Monday a party of ringers and friends from Pirton, Great Wymondley, Clifton, Norton. St. Ippolyts and Stevenage had a pleasant coach out to the Thames Valley.

Ringling took place at Great Missenden, Hughenden, Marlow, Henley, Boyne Hill (Maidenhead), Beaconsfield and Amersham. Thanks are accorded to the tower keepers and all who made the party so welcome.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH**

The Twerton-on-Avon ringers held their annual outing on June 23rd and were accompanied by many friends. The recently-rehung five (tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp) at All Saints', Clevedon, were a joy to ring. Our visit ended with an excellent fall in peal.

At St. Andrew's, Clevedon, we were met by Mr. James. This Taylor octave (tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.) go very well.

After tea we made our way to St. Mary's, Yatton, where we found Mr. Price waiting to welcome us. The eight bells (tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D) are glorious. All too soon time came for us to leave.

Our last tower was St. Andrew's, Blagdon (8 bells, tenor 19½ cwt.), where Mr. Andrews met us.

Thanks are due to Mr. R. O. Fry for the excellent arrangements and to the local men who met us.  
A. F. L.

**ST. ANN'S, STAMFORD HILL**

Hertfordshire was the venue chosen for this year's outing, which took place on June 2nd. Visitors included Mr. Peter N. Bond, who acted as Ringing Master.

Touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge were rung at St. Ann's until it was time to leave. At 12.30 p.m. the tour commenced, and a convoy of cars conveyed us to Hoddesdon (8, 12 cwt.), where we found the bells already 'up.' Stedman Superlative and Grandsire Triples were rung and the bells lowered in peal. Our second tower, Great Amwell (6, 7 cwt.), has a pleasant ring. Methods up to Superlative were rung at Hunsdon (8, 10 cwt.); these bells were not easy to strike. Next we visited Standon (6, 17 cwt.) the heaviest six of the tour.

Half-way, at Braughing (8, 19 cwt.), was marked by tea—which we enjoyed in the churchyard. There were no onlookers to watch us eat. The entire local population appeared to be concentrated in the Village Hall, where a wedding was being celebrated. A good course of Yorkshire was rung before leaving.

At Great Horstead (6, 14 cwt.) we rang some touches of Kent, York and Plain Bob on the easy-going bells despite a sudden failure of the electric light. The bells at Ardeley (6, 12 cwt.) were next raised in peal and rung to Plain Bob and Cambridge, following which we paid a visit to Westmill (5, 7 cwt.) with its anti-clockwise circle. Difficulty was also experienced at Great Munden (6, 11 cwt.). Our tenth and last tower was Little Munden (6, 13 cwt.), where courses of London and York came as a climax to an exciting afternoon.

The thanks of us all go to the authorities at the towers concerned, and also to Mr. Ernest J. Rowe for his excellent arrangements. M. C.

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The Rev. F. L. Edwards, now leaving Kington Magna after 48 years, has something strong to say about increased postal charges in his parish notes: 'By raising the postage on printed matter to the outrageous figure of 2d. they (the Government) have destroyed the last despairing vestige of civilisation in our long-suffering country.'

Mr. Kenneth W. Price, of Weston-super-Mare, leaves for Iraq today.

Errata.—The quarter peal at Ashford, Kent, on June 12th (page 422) was rung to the memory of Mrs. H. Wickens, and not as printed. The error is regretted. It was at Halling and not Holling, Kent, that the peal of Minor (page 420) was rung.

Apropos the site of the Ring o' Bells, referred to in this column last week, there are two claimants. Mr. M. Ward, of Bottesford, states that it is at Swinton, Mexborough, Yorks, opposite the church, and Mr. Charles Clegg informs us that it is at Winkleigh, Devon, where All Saints' Church has a ring of eight with a 20 cwt. tenor.

The De Profundis bell at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Christchurch, New Zealand, weighing 2½ tons, which crashed in October, 1936, has been repaired by Mr. D. M. Thompson and an associate. There was a crack of about two inches and this has been repaired with a nickel alloy.

The suggestion made at the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild to establish a College of Campanology is developing. Details of the 'Manual of Ringing Training,' the handbook of the College, particularly in regard to the elementary part, will be published at an early date. Information should be sought from the Registrar, College of Campanology, 24, Doyle Avenue, Portsmouth.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. F. G. H. May, a member of the Central Council for nine years, who died at Capetown on July 2nd, aged 81 years, was the uncle of Mr. Peter May, the England cricket captain.

Scarborough Parish Church bells will be heard prior to the broadcast of the morning service from there in the North Home Service on Sunday, July 22nd, at 9.30 a.m.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. inform us that the weight of the tenor bell of Baslow Church as weighed at the foundry in 1923 is 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Aston on June 30th was a birthday compliment to the Master of the Guild, Mr. Frank E. Haynes, and Miss Juliette Hayward, daughter of J. L. Garner Hayward.

The only other peal of Superlative rung at Bolney was conducted by J. W. Washbrook on May 13th, 1891, in 2 hours and 55 minutes, on the oldest ring of bells in Sussex, and our 'Pat' was thrilled to clip this time by two minutes.

The peal at Loughborough Bell Foundry of Yorkshire Royal (June 29th) coincided with the engagement of Nancy Toon, of Hinckley, and Roger Hayward, of Stoney Stanton, both having been 'tutored' by Alf Ballard. We congratulate them and wish them 'all the best.'

After the peal at Bedford on June 25th, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jeffries kindly entertained the band to supper. The visitors were very grateful to Mr. S. Foskett and the local band for forgoing their practice night to that the peal could be rung. The peal was rung on Mrs. Poole's birthday, and other birthdays were Mrs. Lock's (June 17th), Mr. Lock's (June 23rd) and Mr. P. A. Corby's (June 22nd).

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**PIONEERS OF THE RAILWAYMEN'S RINGERS GUILD** at the inaugural meeting at Crewe on June 23rd. Kneeling on the right is Mr. W. Frank Stenson, who with Mr. Sydney Foskett, of Bedford, organised the meeting.  
[Photo by permission of 'Crewe Chronicle']

## The Worcestershire Association Receive Civic Honours

Inclement weather did not prevent an excellent attendance on the occasion of the Northern Branch meeting at Bewdley, one of the gems of the upper Severn Valley, on June 16th, when the gathering was honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress at the service and afterwards at tea.

Bewdley had been without a full band for some considerable time before the arrival of Mr. Raymond C. Sayers, late of Claines, who, with Mr. T. F. W. Harris as secretary, reorganised the St. Anne's Guild of Voluntary Church Bell Ringers, so that the bells are once more rung regularly for Sunday services.

The bells, a fine-toned eight with a tenor of approximately 18 cwt., were made good use of before the service, at which the Rector, the Rev. Ronald A. Jones, gave an excellent address upon the functions of ringers and the value of their ministry to the well-being of the Church.

Tea was afterwards served in the Town Hall, and approximately 70 sat down to enjoy the first-rate meal provided by the local ringers and their ladies.

The Association Master, Mr. W. B. Cartwright, referred to the great honour bestowed upon the gathering by the Mayor and Mayoress in being present with them, and in thanking them hoped that they had enjoyed what was to them, probably, a unique occasion. At this point the Mayor was unfortunately compelled to hurry away to keep another appointment and was unable to make the full reply he would otherwise have done.

At the business meeting, reference was made to the passing of two very valued members of the Association in the persons of Messrs. William C. Dowding, Kings Heath, and Donald Potter, leader of the Bromsgrove band, and the members stood in silence for a short space.

Several new members were elected and Cradley was chosen as the venue for the next quarterly meeting on September 15th. The secretary gave a résumé of the proceedings at Leicester on the occasion of the Central Council meeting and referred to the position of 'The Ringing World' as then given, asking all members to give the journal the maximum support possible,

particularly in making every effort to secure new subscribers, and to bear in mind the Editorial Committee's request for more local news, a request which had hitherto met with very little response.

The Bow Bells Appeal was then dealt with and it was decided that each tower secretary should be asked to make a local collection for the fund, as was being done in other areas, in time for the next quarterly meeting, when the total collected would be forwarded to help the fund.

A hearty vote of thanks was then proposed by Mr. W. B. Cartwright to all concerned in the excellent arrangements which had been made, and the meeting was then declared closed, members dividing themselves between handbells in the Town Hall and the heavier metal in the tower.

B. C. A.

## BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

On June 9th the Society held its monthly meeting at St. Mary's Church, Scarborough, which was a joint meeting with the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association. Some 48 members attended. The eight bells (tenor 21 cwt.), which were retuned and rehung in 1952, were raised and rung to various methods during the afternoon.

A short service was conducted by the Curate, who welcomed the Society on their first visit to Scarborough, and made apologies for the Vicar who was on an out-of-town engagement.

Tea was served in an adjoining café and was followed by the business meeting, with Mr. A. E. Sellers, the president, in the chair. Mr. Sellers asked the members to stand in remembrance of Mr. George F. Williams, of Hull, and went on to say what a great loss the passing of this brilliant ringer, conductor and composer, who was the first president of the Beverley and District Ringing Society, and the prime-mover in its foundation, would be to the ringing community.

After tea ringers returned to the tower for further ringing, until time to cease the bells, bringing another successful meeting to a close.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The annual meeting of the Society took place at Lichfield on June 23rd. Presenting the committee's report, Mr. F. Bennett, lay secretary, said it had been a most encouraging feature during the year to see an increasing number of young ringers attending the Society's meetings.

Mr. G. Hughes, Ringing Master, stated that the number of peals rung, 50, showed an increase of 14 over the previous year. These peals had included a good proportion of young ringers and learners in a variety of methods.

Mr. F. Brotherton, hon. treasurer, reported that the Society's balance in hand of £68 9s. 7d. was an increase of £8 11s. compared with the previous year. A donation of £4 4s. had been forwarded to Bow Bells Appeal.

Summing up the year under review, the Society's president, Ven. W. A. Parker, Archdeacon of Stafford, said that the results showed steady progress and the officers were to be congratulated on their efforts.

The officials elected for the year 1956/7 were: Ringing Master Mr. G. Hughes, clerical secretary Rev. C. H. Barker (for the 41st year), lay secretary Mr. F. Bennett, hon. treasurer Mr. F. Brotherton, peal secretary and auditor Mr. E. Speake, Central Council representatives Messrs. B. G. Key and G. Hughes.

Meetings for the next 12 months were provisionally arranged as follows: August, Kings Bromley; October, Tutbury; January, Sedgely; March, Penkridge; May, Penn; and the annual meeting at Lichfield in June, 1957.

Thanks to the Archdeacon for taking the chair, and Prebendary Cresswell for taking the service at St. Mary's and allowing the use of St. Mary's schools for tea and the meeting concluded the proceedings.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening took place at the Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Michael's.

F. C. A. B.

According to 'Ringing Towers,' Mr. Marsden Horden, of St. James', Turrumurra, is now on his way to England, where he will be residing for the next four years or so. We are sure he will receive a welcome from any tower he visits.



## AN AUSTRALIAN RINGER IN ENGLAND

SINCE I arrived from Australia, 18 months ago, I have been convinced that there is no better way of seeing England than as a bell-ringer. My whole picture has been built up from my experiences in or on my way to or from church towers. Guide-books have been used in conjunction with a 'Dove,' and my guides were ringers who know and love their churches and districts. While I have probably missed many of the points of interest sought by the orthodox traveller, I cannot help but feel that mine is a far truer and lovelier picture.

From Hawkshead, Lancs, south to Kerwyn, Cornwall, and west to Walmer and Canterbury, I have met with the kindness of ringers that is so often taken for granted, but which can be truly appreciated by someone as far away from home as I. Through visiting towers while on touring holidays, going to meetings or on various outings I have rung in over 80 towers, and in my diaries I have always found it difficult to record adequately the welcome of the local ringers and the beauty in and around these historic churches.

The casual 'snatching' of half a dozen towers on outings arranged by my home tower here, Christ-the-Saviour, Ealing, and others to which I have been invited, amazes me when I think of such an outing from St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. For a similar 'bag' the return journey would cover about 1,200 miles, the nearest towers being at Ballarat, Bendigo, Yass and Sydney.

It is a pity that my ringing is not yet of a sufficiently high standard to be of much use to the Exercise; but this fact in itself would prove to any other ringing visitor to England that ringers are tolerant people. And if perhaps, when letting down bells in peal, I am ringing hand-stroke and everyone else back, it at least affords the opportunity for pointed remarks about Australia and similar upside-down nations!

I have tried on several occasions to convince other travellers who have not been as happy as I, that only by following up some such interest can one ever hope to know something of England—or, for that matter, of any other country. None has been prepared to give up the vague frivolling of ordinary tourists, who must be lost and lonely when the weather breaks or their arches fall. My membership of a local tower and Association, and the knowledge that there are friends in a dozen nearby towers always gives me that comfortable feeling of belonging here.

Among the unforgettable memories of my first year or so in England are those of Winchester, as shown by our guide, Mr. G. A. Pullinger; carols sung by the Kenwyn ringers last Christmas; stories of London churches told by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey before he went to Canada; the alarming sight of Southwark Cathedral bells ringing; the small children of Wrotham seriously cleaning the church's ornaments, while the Stanmore ringers rang overhead; the Pilgrims' Way churches of Puttenham and Seale; and, of course, the incomparable setting of any English church in spring . . . to name just a few.

There is a type of person in all countries with whom people like ringers have nothing in common, and on one occasion I found myself surrounded by three or four of them. I was introduced as an Australian, and once the rest

had digested this, my hostess also volunteered the information that I was a bellringer. One good lady was really shaken, and eventually cried, 'But the ringers here are the people of the village.'

When left to my own thoughts I chose a kinder and truer meaning to this statement, knowing the value of my delightful friends, the local ringers, who had only that morning offered to help me through a quarter peal on my next visit. 'People of the village' . . . be it the tiniest hamlet or London, the greatest village of them all, I do not think that better words, kindly and correctly used, could be found to describe bellringers.

F. C. B.

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch

A meeting of this Branch was held at Knutsford on June 23rd, when over 70 members and friends were present from a wide area. The six bells were in full use from early in the afternoon until the service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. H. M. Harris), who gave a very fine address.

A typical Knutsford tea, served in the Parish Hall, was enjoyed by all. The business meeting was under the chairmanship of the Vicar, who welcomed the Branch to Knutsford. The deaths of Allen S. Gordon (Stockport St. Mary) and Edward A. Jackson were reported, and the meeting stood for a moment in tribute to their memory. Mrs. D. B. Sproson, of Hyde, and Adrian Hough, of Knutsford, were elected members of the Guild.

The secretary reported on the proceeding of the annual festival for the benefit of those who were unable to be present, and made an appeal for more subscribers to 'The Ringing World,' drawing attention to the leading article of the previous day. It was agreed to make the meeting at Bowdon on September 29th a joint meeting with the North Western Branch of the Ladies' Guild. The meeting concluded with a very cordial vote of thanks to all who had contributed to its success. Members were glad to see Mr. and Mrs. S. Hough looking so well and whilst the number of young members was considerable, one touch at least contained two octogenarians, Mr. Alfred Barnes (87) and Mr. John Wheadon (84).

C. K. L.

### GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS Joint Meeting at Plymouth

The Mid-Devon and South-West Branches held a joint meeting at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on June 30th, the event being well supported by members of both Branches and visitors.

The fine ring of ten was made good use of throughout the afternoon, a short service being later held in St. Andrew's Chapel. This was followed by a bountiful tea in the Abbey Hall.

Mr. T. G. Myers welcomed the visitors on behalf of the South-West Branch, and Preb. E. V. Cox, the president, and Mr. J. E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot, suitably replied, returning thanks to Mr. Myers for making such excellent arrangements.

Further ringing took place in the evening, and included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Royal.

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION Western District Annual Meeting

The happy couple who were married at All Saints', Bingley, on June 16th, were no doubt pleasantly surprised, upon leaving the church, to hear the bells ringing out their greetings. This by no means unusual coincidence occurred when the Western District held its summer meeting. The word summer was on this day something of a misnomer as a steady drizzle descended. In spite of this, the meeting was an outstanding success, and a very representative attendance of about 60 members was recorded.

Ringing continued throughout the afternoon and there was a good variety of methods catering for all. The visitors' tastes were further catered for in the excellent tea which had been arranged by the local company. The vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, took the chair at the business meeting, when votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company of Bingley for their kind hospitality.

This being the annual meeting of the District, the election of officers then took place. The officers due to retire were the hon. District secretary, Mr. A. E. Marsh and Messrs. J. Ambler, P. Birkett and H. Lofthouse, of the District committee. These were all re-elected for further terms of three years, and Mr. J. Ambler was re-elected to serve on the general committee of the Association for a similar period. Miss M. Barker was obliged to retire from the committee as she will shortly be leaving the district, and Miss S. Schofield was elected to serve for the unexpired portion of Miss Barker's term of office.

The usual date for the September meeting coincides with a general meeting of the Association to be held at Ripon. Rather than move the date of the District meeting it was agreed that an effort should be made to organise an afternoon bus trip to Ripon on September 15th and so give some additional support to the general meeting. It is hoped that as many members as possible will rally round and ensure the success of this venture.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION Cheltenham Branch

The majestic church of Chipping Campden, bathed in sunshine, was an ideal setting for the June quarterly meeting of the Cheltenham Branch on June 23rd. It was the first Branch meeting to be held there for nearly 20 years.

It proved to be a popular choice for during the afternoon and evening more than 50 ringers visited the tower to ring on the heavy eight. Among the many visitors who came from the surrounding counties of Worcestershire, Oxfordshire and Staffordshire was P.C. W. F. Scudamore, of Winterbourne, the Association general secretary, who, with his family, was paying his first visit to the Branch since his election as general secretary earlier this year.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. B. O'Loughlin, who in an inspiring address spoke of the great Christian work performed by ringers. A special vote of thanks for allowing the use of the bells was accorded to him at the business meeting which followed tea. It was disappointing that so few Branch members were present at the business meeting. Ringing continued until about 8 o'clock.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## PLAIN BOB MINOR TESTS

Dear Sir,—Some weeks ago one of your correspondents wanted to know how many 720's of Plain Bob Minor there were with no 65's at backstroke. When associated with a six-bell tower I tried not to repeat a calling and I seem to have called about 50 720's with the tenor always the right way. Many years ago I made a pack of 60 cards representing the 60 leads of Plain Bob. In recent weeks I have been playing 'Patience' with them, and so far about 190 different 720's or variations have appeared with the required conditions. This does not exhaust the possibilities by any means.—Yours, etc.,

EDWIN H. LEWIS,

Lochgilphead, Argyll.

## BOW BELLS APPEAL

Dear Sir,—Last March you were kind enough to refer in your columns to the appeal for the restoration of Bow Bells and St. Mary-le-Bow Church. Since that date I have received contributions from no less than 45 Associations totalling £125. May I, through the courtesy of your columns, express to them all our very sincere thanks. We shall keep a permanent record of those who have contributed in our Church here, and will be glad to welcome any other gifts which may be sent to us, and to create a link between this Church and all whose interest in the craft of bell ringing has led them to help restore our famous ring.—Yours, etc.,

HUGH EVAN HOPKINS.

Rector of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.

## THINK OF THE POOR SECRETARY

Dear Sir,—Having had a short experience of acting as a Guild Branch secretary, I feel that I am voicing the opinion of others who do similar work for their Guilds in organising meetings, etc.

Do ringers, I wonder, stop to think what their secretaries have to put up with organising these meetings, and in particular the difficulties in arranging teas?—if they did I am sure they would not be so reluctant sending their names in. Caterers find it very helpful if you can give them the exact numbers to avoid waste.

I feel that the get-together at tea once a month is just as important as the ringing, so I appeal to ringers to give this matter some thought and in future spend 2d. on a post card rather than turn up and embarrass your secretary.—Yours faithfully,

J. L. GARNER HAYWARD.

Coventry.

## EARLY MORNING RINGING

Dear Sir,—Whilst making every allowance for Mr. Rowe's objections to what he calls 'inconsiderate ringing,' he has surely chosen two very bad examples with which to illustrate his case. New Year's Eve and Christmas morning—the latter especially—have been associated with the ringing of bells for centuries.

When we go to church on Christmas morning to ring in the Festival, there are few houses in which there are not lights at 6 a.m. in the children's bedrooms. So why bring the poor children into the discussion? They are examining the contents of their stockings and the sound of the bells is a fitting accompaniment to that pleasant task.—Yours faithfully,

W. GARNER.

Ashford, Kent.

## NO INDISTINCT JANGLE

Dear Sir,—Of late there have been several letters in 'The Ringing World' regarding early morning ringing on festival days and New Year's Eve. In this village it has always been the custom to ring for early services on festivals, and we have our few critics who object to it, and would have one believe they hate the sound of bells at 6 a.m. But, let us miss one festival morning and those same people are the ones who create because we didn't ring.

Owing to the closeness of a railway level crossing we do not ring in foggy weather: occasionally this has meant no ringing on New Year's Eve, then our critics really 'go to town' and blame us for not ringing. Therefore I would say don't take your critics seriously.

One point I would like to mention: On a ringing tour yesterday I stood near the church, and although the touch was well struck the sound of the bells all merged in together was hideous, and that same ringing at 6 a.m. would have made any bell-lover living near the church see red. Yet that same ring of bells rung at a slower pace so that each bell was clear sounded lovely.

Therefore, to those who get undue criticism I would say, look to your striking and ring slower than normal so that each bell can be heard clearly and distinctly.

It is too easy to say: 'These bells want ringing fast'; perhaps they do handle better if rung quickly, but after all let us not forget the people outside who are forced to listen to what is very often an unmusical noise.

Finally, I would like to add that circumstances alter cases, and whether or not early morning ringing is practical must depend on local reception; but clear and distinct bells are received much better than an indistinct jangle.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN R. ELLIOTT.

Kelvedon, Essex.

## MR. W. E. BOX REPLIES

Dear Sir,—May I crave your indulgence yet again to say a few brief words to the gentlemen who upbraid me for my views on ringing early in the day?

Their attitude seems to me to reveal an incredible intolerance coupled with a strong tinge of mediævalism. It was, not so long ago, an immemorial custom for people to live in disgusting hovels, lacking sanitation, and easy prey for frightful diseases but, as I cannot imagine either Mr. Grover or Miss Oliver advocating a return to such conditions, I fail to see why they should be so anxious to retain the atmosphere of the Middle Ages in the belfry when their efforts almost certainly only irritate the very people they are trying to attract.

I am afraid, although it was certainly not my original intention to start a controversy on ecclesiastical history, that I cannot accept Mr. Grover's assertion that man's rise from barbarism to humanity is the particular monopoly of the Christian religion, for quite apart from the ancient civilisations of Egypt and Babylonia, etc., in the pre-Christian era, my reading of history has shown me that the 'black night' of the thousand years following the collapse of the Western Roman Empire in A.D. 476 was the so-called 'Age of Faith' (or, better, Age of Filth) with its accompanying cruelty, vice, superstition and ignorance, and all that when the Christian Church was absolutely supreme. Nor is the record of our own Church of England much cleaner as a little study of social conditions from 1550 to 1900 will quickly show. Let us not in seeing the mote in our brother's eye overlook the beam in our own.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham, 17.

## SAFFRON WALDEN'S GREAT RINGING DAY

Dear Sir,—On p. 414 of 'The Ringing World' dated June 29th, one reads: 'Saffron Walden Society (Estd. 1623)—The 333rd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields.'

I live over 50 miles away from this very pleasant Essex town with its near-7,000 souls, but the notice was sufficient to attract me to go and listen—the 333 years, 'Great Ringing Day,' 12 bells, the service and the name of Pitstow were all a draw.

I arrived while the service was in progress, and I crept in by the west door of this beautiful church, with its inspiring tower and spire reaching, perhaps, 150ft. There, in the lofty nave, with sunshine streaming through the windows, sat 18 people, and I guess that not all of them were or had been ringers. The preacher had undoubtedly taken trouble beforehand with his sermon—it was a good one and extremely well delivered.

The organist—not the regular one—played very nicely from the three-manual console, which is wonderfully concealed on the centre of the rood screen high above the floor. (Up there he must feel in a position of full control of everything, although unseen by 99 per cent. of the congregation, I expect.) Those 18 people sang very nicely.

The service over, the congregation turned towards the tower. I found that I did not know a single face. One of them approached me in a friendly way. I found that he came from Biggleswade (Bedfordshire), so he was roughly 30 miles from home. I was anxious to meet that Essex lady who likes to get on the tenor even if it weighs well on for two tons—see p. 409 of 'The Ringing World,' June 29th, 1956, for instance—but, no luck!

I wandered round the church outside wondering if I should hear 12 rung. Presently the back eight started up (tenor behind) and soon had to stand. Then eight again, and again, always tenor behind.

So, after noticing that, as well as the sound of the bells, we got some clickety-clicks from the bell chamber—loose clapper(s), perhaps—I set out for my 50-odd miles home, but not before I had a pleasant two minutes with Mr. Parish, who told me that he couldn't ring that day because he had had an accident, and showed me his name on two of the peal tablets at the base of the tower. He is a tenor ringer, and rang his first peal half-muffled for Queen Victoria's funeral in 1901. Let's hope he will soon be fit to climb the stairs again. (If he feels a bit off-colour his looks don't pity him!)

I admit that I was not at Saffron Walden from 2.30 to 6 p.m. so I do not know how many ringers were there then, nor who they were, but the number I did see disappointed me, and I feel sure that the preacher and Mr. Pitstow were disappointed, too. Also, I didn't hear the sound of the front four bells at all! It was a warm, fine day, so the weather ought to have brought ringers out. I trust it was not lack of interest, but simply so many other attractions and engagements which made the party so small on this Great Ringing Day. It would be nice to know.—Yours very truly,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Eye, Suffolk.

## SPliced RUTLAND, YORKSHIRE AND NEW CAMBRIDGE

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out to me that the 9th course has been omitted from the peal on p. 384. This should be 24365 R x R produced from 43265 by a bob Home.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN L. MORRIS.

Orpington, Kent.



# THE SUNDAY SERVICE CONDUCTOR

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

(Continued from page 428)

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

It is the avowed intention of these papers to encourage the conductor to experiment with his calling, to invent his own touches, and to practise calling the bells round. It is time now to approach more closely to these aims, and the matter that must be considered first is the question of calling the bells into rounds. Until the conductor has at his command an easily remembered and easily manipulated means of getting the bells into rounds from any position he will hesitate to venture away from the well-trodden paths of musical sequence and the well-worn touches of the text books. We must therefore now proceed to the principles governing the gathering together of the bells into their plain coursing order, and it will be necessary at the start to make some reference to the sequence of Odd and Even rows in Grandsire Triples. In Grandsire Triples the rows are alternately Odd and Even, which means that, while bobs and plain leads only succeed each other, the handstroke leads of the treble are Odd and the backstroke leads are Even, because the bells are In Course. After a single has been called the reverse is the case, and all the handstroke leads of the treble are Even and the backstroke leads are Odd. The important result of all this is that when the bells are Out of Course rounds can come only at handstroke, and when the bells are In Course rounds can come only at backstroke. There are, of course, many more things dependent on, and affected by, the Odd or Even nature of the rows in Grandsire Triples, but for the time being let the above facts concerning the coming round of the bells suffice, and let us proceed to the actual calling round.

The process is a perfectly logical one, but where it starts will depend on the position of the bells. Let us assume that the bells are nowhere near the plain course order, that 5, 6, and 7 are not coursing each other but are widely scattered. There are three stages.

1. Getting 67 together to produce a course end 000067.
2. Getting the 5th into line to produce a course end 000567.
3. Rotating 234 to produce 234567.

We take each of these in order.

1. *Getting 67 together.* In Grandsire, as in many other methods, in order to get two bells together it is necessary to keep one of them plain hunting until the other one comes to it. Applying this principle in the present case we shall call 7 into the hunt, and then call 6 Before. This will produce the position 067000, and 6 and 7 will be in their required coursing order. (The student should prick this out on paper and satisfy himself that the procedure produces the stated result.)

We now come to Stage 2, which is not quite so simple as Stage 1.

2. *Getting the 5th into line.* This follows the general principle, and so 5 must be got into the hunt and left there until 6 and 7 are in the correct relative position. But 5 has to be placed in the hunt without disturbing the order of 6 and 7, and it is here that some care has to be used so that the work achieved in Stage 1 is not undone.

The safest plan for the beginner is to call 5 into the hunt by means of a single and not by a bob. By following this rigidly the conductor can be sure of calling 5 into the hunt without disturbing 67; and though doubtless he will speedily discover the places where a bob might with advantage be used, it will be well for him to adhere to the use of the single in the early stages of experiment.

At the moment in Stage 1 when the 6th is called Before the position of the three back bells is bound to be one of the following:

067050 567000 067500 067005

In the first of these 567 are in their plain course order and will come to lead 6-7-5. There is therefore no need to put 5 in the hunt.

In the second, the bells are not in plain course order, but 5 is already in the hunt and so is favourably placed. It must be left where it is for a short time.

In the third and fourth contingencies the 5th is not in line with 6 and 7, nor is it in the hunt. It can be got into the hunt, nevertheless, very quickly, and the conductor must be alert and ready at this point to make a quick decision. From 067500 a single called immediately puts 5 in the hunt. From 067005 a bob would put 5 into the hunt, but as we are proposing to use only the single for this part of the work, we must allow one more lead to go by plain, watch for 5 coming down in front of the treble and then call the single. [To be continued.]

## WEDDING

MR. W. A. YATES—MISS K. I. BALLARD

The picturesque Church of St. James, Paulerspury, Northants, provided a pleasant setting on June 23rd for the wedding of William Alfred, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yates, of Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham, and Kathleen Ivy Ballard, of Plumpton End, Paulerspury. The church itself was filled with a large number of relatives and ringing friends.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. P. Foster, wore a gown of white taffeta and lace and carried a bouquet of Talisman roses. Roger Keeley was best man. The service began with the singing of the hymn, 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation,' with the choir leading the bride to the foot of the chancel in procession. The Rector, the Rev. J. Lewis, paid fitting tribute to both bride and bridegroom for their active church work in his brief address.

As the newly-wed couple left the church a short touch was rung on the bells by the local band, of which the bride was a member.

The reception was held in the village school-room. Mr. L. Flynn proposed the toast to the bride and bridegroom, to which Mr. Yates suitably replied, and the best man followed in the traditional way, toasting the bridesmaids and reading a large number of telegrams from all over the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates have made their new home in Dodford and plan to spend their honeymoon later in the year at Lyme Regis.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

For the first time since 1945, the bells of Weybridge Parish Church were available for a meeting on June 23rd. Rounds to Double Norwich were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Spencer, with Mr. H. D. Hillier at the organ.

After tea, Mr. W. Shepherd took the chair for the business meeting, in the absence of the Ringing Master, Mr. F. J. Dodson, who is in hospital. Five new members were elected from Weybridge, one from Send and one from Chobham.

As Mr. Dodson will be unable to ring for some time Mr. J. King was appointed as assistant Ringing Master for the rest of the year. The secretary said he would send the meeting's good wishes to Mr. Dodson for a speedy recovery.

In the evening, ringing was at Oatlands Park, where rounds to London was rung. E. A. H.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

Yorkshire District

A very pleasant meeting was held at Bolsover on June 16th, when members were present from Bolsover, Chesterfield, Cresswell, Handsworth, Rotherham and Thrybergh.

During the afternoon and evening the lovely light ring of eight was put to good use. With the help of the gentlemen, methods rung ranged from Plain Bob and Grandsire to Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major. Two touches of Bob Minor were rung by the ladies.

After a very substantial tea in the Church Hall, a warm welcome was extended to the Ladies' Guild by the Vicar (Rev. W. Speakman). He said that he had been trying to decide what qualifications were required to make a good lady ringer—brain, brawn, or a good figure. He finally decided on the last one!

At the business meeting four new members were elected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on September 8th in the Leeds area.

Grateful thanks were given to the Bolsover band, and especially Mr. A. B. Cooper, for making the excellent arrangements E. B.

## Central District

A large gathering of members and friends met in a blaze of sunshine outside St. Mary's, Beddington, on June 30th, and eight of the ten bells were soon ringing in various methods, including Cambridge and Stedman. After a short service everyone adjourned to tackle a really tremendous tea.

At the business meeting three new members were elected, and Mrs. T. J. Lock was unanimously proposed as this District's candidate for the presidency of the Ladies' Guild. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Curate for taking the service, to Mr. Jennings for making the arrangements and supervising the tea, and to all his willing helpers. Further ringing took place until 8 p.m., the pièce de résistance being a well struck course of Grandsire Caters by ten ladies.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District

The quarterly meeting of the Winchester District, which was held at Stockbridge on June 30th, was an extra special occasion for it coincided with the local captain's (Mr. S. B. Carey) completion of 50 years as a ringer at Stockbridge. Many ringers came from a wide area to do him honour, and the bells were kept going under the leadership of Mr. R. Smith, Ringing Master.

The Rev. N. A. S. Tupholme, Vicar of Stockbridge, took the service and, in his address, said that Mr. Carey's record was an example all should try to copy.

Tea was held in the Town Hall, where the ringers were joined by Bishop Lang (Assistant Bishop of Winchester), the Rev. Mr. Uppington (former Vicar of Stockbridge) and other local dignitaries.

After tea, Mr. Carey thanked everyone for turning up, and said that the tea had been donated by his sons, daughters, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law. He spoke briefly of his career as a ringer, mentioning that he had served under seven rectors. The Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth (District chairman), Bishop Lang, the Rev. N. A. S. Tupholme and others made suitable replies.

One ringing member was elected—Mr. Forder, of Old Alresford, and one honorary member—Miss H. D. Roxburgh, Headmistress of the County High School, Winchester.

The secretary reported arrangements for the District outing, which is to be held on September 8th.



# RINGERS' OUTINGS

## NEWARK PARISH CHURCH

For their annual outing on June 23rd Newark Parish Church ringers decided to visit Shakespeare's country.

Leaving Newark at 8 a.m., St. Nicholas', Kenilworth (6, 14½ cwt.), was reached by 10.15 a.m., despite a long delay due to a traffic jam. The bells are rather heavy, but go reasonably well, and Minor and Doubles methods were rung, with the exception of Cambridge Surprise, which would not go, possibly due to the Ringing Master being unable to count his dodges!

Stratford-on-Avon, Holy Trinity (10, 19 cwt.), the next tower of the day, was reached by 12 noon. Here we were greeted by the Vicar and one of the local ringers. The Vicar, who was once a curate at Newark, said he was very pleased to be able to welcome a party from Newark and that he hoped they would enjoy ringing on his bells. Grandsire and Stedman Caters followed, and the time allotted passed all too quickly, and it was with deep regret farewell was said to this fine ring of bells.

A pleasant couple of hours was then spent in Stratford, including a visit to Shottery, to see Ann Hathaway's Cottage. It was here that our Oxford friend was nearly left behind.

The Roman Catholic Church of St. Peter, Leamington Spa (8, 16 cwt.), with its fine, slender, very tall brick tower almost detached from the church, was also visited. Due to the bells being extremely high in the tower it sways alarmingly when the bells are rung. Here the Rev. Father came up to see us ring, saying it was the first time he had seen the bells rung up. It is recommended that visiting ringers have some practice on the third before attempting to ring the second, which due to the sway of the tower it is almost impossible to keep up.

Homeward bound via Coventry, a call was made at All Saints', Allesley (8, 11 cwt.). A very fine eight, which perhaps we did not do full justice to, probably due to the previous ringing at Leamington and a large tea.

The last call was the ground floor ring of St. Michael's, Stoke (Coventry) (8, 13½ cwt.). Ringing here was much improved, and with the help of some of the local ringers Double Norwich was rung.

Methods rung included Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Triples and Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Double Court Minor and Cambridge Surprise.

Many thanks are due to the incumbents and the ringers who so kindly met us, and to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, the organiser of this pleasant day's outing. W. L. E.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS

When planning an outing several weeks in advance, it is not possible to foretell the mood of the clerk of the weather. This year he frowned upon the North Stoneham band, and it rained solidly all day. Despite this—or because of it—an enjoyable day was had with some fine ringing at Highclere, Newbury, Marlow, Denham and Windsor.

An excellent high tea was taken at Denham after the rather heavy ring there had tested the skill of many of the band, used to a light ring in the home tower. Members of the Southampton University Ringers' Association, together with friends from neighbouring towers, joined with the Stoneham band, and there was no lack of response to 'catch hold.' Ringing ranged from rounds to advanced methods, with the lady members acquitting themselves with honours.

Grateful thanks are expressed to those tower captains, ringers and incumbents for their co-operation. L. W. S.

## DARTFORD AND DISTRICT

On June 16th Dartford and District ringers chose to make a trip to Cambridge for their outing, and although the weather was far from pleasant a very good day's ringing was enjoyed by some 30-odd ringers, who were accompanied by a few friends.

At Bishop's Stortford we were met by the Vicar and local ringers. This pleasant ring of ten was kept going from rounds to Royal without difficulty.

After lunch the afternoon's programme of three towers in Cambridge took us first to the grand twelve at Great St. Mary's, where only a short period was taken owing to the proximity of the market. Here Mr. Quinney had arranged everything for our convenience. St. Andrew's was visited with mixed feelings, but although these bells are soon to be rehung, some good touches were obtained. Good use was then made of the easy-going six at St. Benet's.

After tea a stop was made on the homeward journey at Harlow, a very good eight, which provided some of the best ringing of the day.

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Surprise Minor, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Royal, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Kent Royal, and the final touch of the day, Cambridge Surprise.

As we understand that four parties of ringers were in Cambridge, a special vote of thanks must go to those tower secretaries who arranged the ringing so that little or no overlapping took place. This in addition to thanks to all clergy and local ringers for the use of bells and belfries. R. G. B.

## THERE WERE 122

of our postal subscribers who last week remitted the extra postage (1s. 3d.) for the current year. We again thank those who kindly sent a little extra to provide for those who forgot. There is still time to remit either to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, or to the Editor, c/o 'The Ringing World,' Guildford.

## ELLAND, YORKS

Elland Parish Church ringers and friends spent Whit Monday very pleasantly with a coach trip from Yorkshire into Lancashire.

After a brief ring on the five bells at Skipton the route was through the delightful limestone country of the Yorkshire Dales to Hornby, with a good eight in its octagonal tower, and lunch at the Royal Oak.

The Lancashire countryside made a strong appeal and ringing took place at Ribchester, Downham and Whalley (a fine old parish church truly in keeping with its fine ring of eight bells). It was really a delightful outing.

## HELMINGHAM AND DISTRICT

On June 30th 'Pipe's Pilgrims' jet coach took off at 5.45 a.m. for a tour of Herts and Beds. All Saints', Edmonton, where the party was met by the Vicar (the Rev. S. W. Wright), was the first stop. At Rickmansworth the handy ring of ten was made good use of in the short time before lunch.

The fine ring at Hemel Hempstead was much appreciated as were the light bells at Totterhoe. Here a bounteous tea, organised by Mrs. Scott and her lady helpers, was thoroughly enjoyed.

Luton, with its fine ten, was a grand finish, and courses of Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters were rung, also Yorkshire Major. Home was reached on July 1st, some 270 miles having been covered.

## ST. AMBROSE, BRISTOL

The annual outing of the St. Ambrose Ringing Guild, or rather the outing organised by the St. Ambrose Ringing Guild, and well supported by ringers from other Bristol Guilds, was held on June 16th, and the places visited were Yeovil, Kingston, Swanage and Evercreech.

A coachload of 41 ringers and friends left St. Ambrose Church at 8 a.m., en route for Yeovil, which was reached at 10 a.m., where we were met by Tom Setter, and a very enjoyable hour was spent on this very nice ten. After enjoying a very nice lunch at the White Horse Inn, Swanage, the ringers indulged in an hour's ringing at the parish church, where we were welcomed by Mr. Lott, and then we made the short journey to Kingston for an hour on the glorious ring of eight, returning to Swanage for tea.

The weather had not behaved itself all day until now, having been a continuous downpour all day, but it improved when we had to leave Swanage at 6 p.m.; but more rain met us on the way to Evercreech, which we reached at about 8.15 p.m., and were welcomed by Harry Sanger who had everything ready. Some nice ringing was enjoyed until 9 p.m., when a move was made to the Bell Inn where a sumptuous supper had been prepared, to which the party did justice.

After supper the Vicar of St. Ambrose (the Rev. M. H. W. Hocking) thanked the ringers for their work during the year, and remarked how pleased he was to have the bells rung for both morning and evening service every Sunday. He also had a very pleasant duty to perform by presenting a Book of Common Prayer, with Hymns A. & M. Revised, suitably inscribed, to Mr. Charlie Baker, who had been captain of St. Ambrose tower for nine years, a position he resigned at this year's Guild meeting.

Mr. Reg Hooper, the present captain, thanked the secretary for organising the outing, and Mr. Skidmore thanked the visitors for their always willing support to these functions. On behalf of the visitors, Mr. John Jefferies thanked the St. Ambrose Guild for their welcome, and spoke of the close association that had always existed between St. Ambrose and Mangotsfield Guilds. He also thanked the incumbents and steeplekeepers for the use of the bells, with a special word of thanks to Harry Sanger.

A move was made for home at 10.30 p.m., which was reached before midnight.

## NOTTINGHAM

The weather on June 23rd for the Nottingham and District ringers' outing was ideal—warm and dry, but not too hot. The first tower visited was the recently-augmented eight at Donington, which we found rather difficult to handle. During the short journey from here to Boston an excerpt from Holt's Original was rung on handbells in the coach.

At the famous Stump we much admired the fine ten, the well-kept ringing room and the view from the top of the tower. After an excellent lunch at the White Hart we enjoyed some good ringing on the easy-going eight at Sutterton. The next stop was at Spalding, where we had the best ringing of the day on the pleasant octave.

After a substantial tea the last tower of the day, Heckington, was reached ahead of schedule. In this beautiful church we had over an hour's good ringing. Methods rung during the day included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Spiced Triples, Mixed Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Little Bob.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents, to the local ringers who met us at every tower, especially Mr. W. E. Clarke, of Boston, who arranged the lunch, to the Ringing Master for the day (Mr. F. A. Salter) and finally to the hard-working pair who arranged the whole outing, Mr. and Mrs. A. Simpson.

B. M. B.



## OBITUARY

### MR. RICHARD WHITE

Mr. Richard White, the well-known bell-hanger, died at his home in Appleton, Berkshire, on June 25th, aged 78 years. The funeral took place at Appleton on June 28th.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. C. Joyce, Rector of Appleton, assisted by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) and the Rev. C. F. Cross (chairman of the North Berkshire Branch of the Guild).

The village church would scarcely hold those who came from far and near to pay tribute to the memory of a dearly beloved friend. All the officers of the Oxford Diocesan Guild were there, as were those of the North Berkshire Branch, and representatives of other firms of bellhangers.

The service was simple and sincere, and after the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by W. F. Judge, W. Hibbert, F. Sharpe and A. H. Webb, on a deep-toned octave of handbells made by Richard White's father.

Afterwards a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on the tower bells, as reported in our peal columns. Mr. White's wife predeceased him by a few years, and he leaves one daughter and four sons, one of whom, Frank, will (D.V.) carry on the great bell-hanging and ringing traditions of the White family.

### MR. F. G. H. MAY

Mr. Frederick George Heywood May, who died in Capetown on July 2nd, was born on January 4th, 1875, at Avening, Glos, and learned to ring there and at Cirencester, scoring his first peal at St. Michael's, Gloucester, on November 21st, 1895, when he rang the tenor to Grandsire Caters. Progress was rapid, for three years later he became Master of the Bristol and Gloucester Association, and followed this by being secretary until 1905.

Leaving Gloucester for Bristol, he founded there, on November 6th, 1900, the St. Nicholas' with St. Leonard's Guild, and served the following nine years on the Central Council. By 1913 he had rung over 300 peals, his probable total being 666, mostly accomplished in the West, the last at Stroud on August 4th, 1919. He went to South Africa in 1925 as an accountant and had travelled widely in this country. His funeral was attended by members of St. Mary's, Woodstock, who also sent a wreath.

### An Appreciation

A composer and noted conductor who favoured Stedman Caters, he extended Cambridge Surprise Royal to Maximus, and was in the first band to ring it. A College and also a Cumberland Youth, a member of more than ten territorial Associations, he had conducted many 'firsts' and the last peal at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

His friends of old were great names—Challis Winney, John Hesse, the Rev. F. E. Robinson (whom he had the unusual pleasure of correcting, and saving the peal), William Pye (the best man on the heavy end he had ever met), John Austin (the competent and respected leader of the St. Michael's Juniors), Sidney Romans, and the brothers James (of whom he wrote 'My vote would go to Edward, who was in my day a slave to mathematics').

Nothing gave him greater pleasure in recent years than receiving from Mr. Croft, of Southampton, his long-lost copy of 'Clavis'; this was made possible by Mr. Spencer, a Merchant Navy ringer. Some years ago he had patented a perpetual calendar.

Always a keen follower of English cricket, especially the fortunes of Gloucestershire and his nephew, Peter May, he remembered (with the Rev. F. L. Edwards) W. G. Grace, (not the least for the great doctor's 'lent language').

Mr. May kept meticulous records of his peals, and I hope his first books which are in England will not be lost to the Exercise. A. V. S.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

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### BIRTH

WARWICK.—To Winifred (nee Burton) and Brian (hon. general secretary of Leicester Diocesan Guild) the precious gift of a daughter (Audrey Mary) on July 3rd, 1956. Home address: 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 8607

### FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

WATERS—HAFFENDEN.—The wedding between S. Geoffrey Waters and Jill Haffenden will take place at St. Michael and All Angels, Marden, on Saturday, July 21st, at 2 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. 8610

### IN MEMORIAM

POOLE, Harold J., passed away July 14th, 1955. With love and gratitude we remember him. 8603

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### MISCELLANEOUS

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, HESTON.—Change of practice night. Please note change of practice from Thursday to Tuesday evening at 8. Visitors welcome. 8600

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in August.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 8619

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.

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### MEETINGS

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

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—July 14th. Chiddingstone (8) (Withyham and Frant not available). Tea at Castle Inn.—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

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.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 8533

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

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

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

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.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 8567

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, July 14th, Shedfield. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Vicarage 4.45 p.m. 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

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Wrington, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, 5 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8620

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting at Husbory Crawley, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Bedford-Aylesbury buses hourly past church. All welcome.—H. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 8617

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Summer meeting, Farndon, July 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (approx. 2s. per head) reserved for those notifying by first post July 18th.—Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole. 8604

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Taxal, Whaley Bridge, July 21st. Service 3.30 p.m. (note change). Tea 5 p.m. For tea please advise before July 17th Mr. G. Cook, 165, Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge.—C. K. Lewis. 8630

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

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Bovey Tracey, Saturday, July 21st. Names for tea, please.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 8608

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, Chester-le-Street. SS. Mary and Cuthbert, Saturday, July 21st. Names to Mr. S. C. Walker, 21, Avondale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8599



**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Monthly meeting, Ripley, Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. J. Brown, 33, Slack Lane, Ripley, Derbyshire. —B. A. Soltis, Hon. Sec. 8609

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Godmanchester (8), Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8616

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—A meeting will be held at Dullingham on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's (6), Newmarket, from 6.30 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8602

**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

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Hawley (8) on Saturday, July 21st, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8605

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—Meeting, July 21st, at Goodrich. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday to Miss M. Tilbury, 34, Claytons, Bridstow, Ross. 8606

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Norton, July 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Ashted Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8621

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting at North Myms, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service, tea.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 8622

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Miles Platting, 3 p.m., July 21st No. 82 bus from St. Peter's Square or Piccadilly. Cups of tea. Note change from Mossley.—R. Benson. 8630

**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

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—July programme. Quarterly meeting, Saturday, 21st, St. Mary's, Leyton (8) (Church Road), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Short service. Tea, own arrangements, 5 p.m. St. Mary's, Woodford (8), 6 to 8.30 p.m. Practice, Wednesday, 25th, St. John's, South Hackney, E.9. 6.30 to 8 p.m. A cordial welcome to all.—Bullock, Sec. 8624

**MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Boughton Monchelsea on July 21st at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Non-members cordially invited. Names, please, to Mr. Sayers, Fairway, Boughton Monchelsea.—Pamela J. Butcher, Sec. 8613

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Saturday, July 21st, Hampton, 3 to 5 p.m.; Feltham, 6 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Finch. 8611

**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

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Great Tew (8), July 21st. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 8555

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sonning on July 21st at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 8626

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Great Tew (8), July 21st. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Mr. E. C. Pearson retires after 25 years as hon. secretary. All ringers welcome. Notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 8555

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**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Downton, 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

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Lynham (6), July 21st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—F. Godwin, 83, Lynham, Chippenham, Wilts. 8625

**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

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield (8) (Newick unavailable), Saturday, July 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify by July 18th to K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec., 17, The Gattens, Burgess Hill. 8629

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Binstead, July 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by July 18th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash. 8627

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly Meeting, Eckington, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business.—W. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 8615

**KNEBWORTH, HERTS.**—Sunday, July 22nd, at 6 p.m. Service of thanksgiving for restoration of bells. A cordial invitation to all. Cup of tea available. Regular practices held each Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. 8634

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—Meeting, Batcombe, July 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify early for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat. 8632

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Radwinter (8) on Saturday, July 28th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 8628

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Selling, on Saturday, July 28th. Full details later.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8623

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting at Cudham, Saturday, July 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 8614

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Hereford District.—Meeting at Weston-under-Penyard (6), Saturday, July 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, please, by July 25th to Rosemary Jarrett, 22, Bulmer Avenue, Garden City, Hereford. 8565

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Meeting at Anstey, July 28th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 26th to Mrs. P. A. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray, Leics. 8633

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Burton-on-Stather (8), July 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 25th to Mr. P. Barnes, Tee Lane, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe. 8612

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Bunwell, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Village Hall. Business meeting follows. Names for tea by Tuesday, 24th, to Mr. C. F. W. Philippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich.—A. G. Harrison, Sec. 8618

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Great Barton (6), Saturday, July 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 21st.—K. G. Brown, Dis. Sec. 8598

**MARKSBURY, NR. BATH.**—Corporate Communion at Marksbury, Sunday, July 29th, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Names for breakfast to W. A. Prescott, South Road, Timsbury, near Bath. 8635

**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

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