

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

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TAKING STOCK

THE RINGING WORLD has been running steadily since 1911, and with one break due to industrial troubles in the newspaper and periodical Press, has not failed to make a weekly appearance. It is well under such circumstances for the Editor to take stock. Looking back to the publication in 1946 when the present Editor assumed office, there have been various improvements in lay-out and technique generally and to present such ringing news available in an attractive manner without sensationalism. But 'The Ringing World' differs from most publications; its ownership is not individual but collective, and every ringer who is a member of one of the affiliated associations shares in that ownership—not for any personal profit but for the general enrichment of the Exercise.

The purport of 'The Ringing World' is to knit the great body of ringers into one big brotherhood. And there is this to be said for ringing generally—there is no body of lay church people where the family spirit is more manifest, where individuals are known to a very wide circle, if not personally, by their deeds and accomplishments. Towards this family spirit a start was admirably made by the founder, and his example has been in front of the Editor during these past 12 years.

But a family cannot stand still, neither can 'The Ringing World.' There are big gaps. On the one side there are towers that are silent on Sundays, and on the other there are many ringers who are not subscribers to the journal. Our experience has been that there is a change in subscribing membership of approximately 6 per cent. a year. Fortunately, newcomers of late have counterbalanced losses, and we are a little to the good.

What are the reasons, apart from deaths and marriages? In the first place, young ringers lose interest in the Exercise, often through leaving home. Secondly, there are many ringers who are not really in the family. Their ringing is confined to their own tower; they rarely go to meetings and their only contact with the big outside world of ringing is when an itinerant ringer or a coach party comes to their tower. They take the journal for a season and give it up. And when one's vision is restricted to Grandsire Doubles and there is an absence of outside social contacts it is understandable.

Then we have the fluctuating readers who take the journal for one quarter, drop out for one or two quarters

and then rejoin for another period. But a glance at our peal and quarter peal columns indicates that they are still keen on their ringing; they are invariably readers of the journal through belfry or friends' copies. In many cases the lapse arises through being 'too busy' to buy a postal order. Last week-end, for example, we sent out 144 overdue subscription reminders, asking for a reply. The 'too busy' section didn't even reply.

Finally there are those to whom the journal fails to make an appeal. Some complain about the four pages devoted to peals, others that compositions and letters on theory are Greek to them and a waste of space. (Incidentally, one subscriber told the Editor that the only thing he read in 'The Ringing World' was compositions.) There are complaints that reports of outings are curtailed, others think some of the contributions are too flippant, or again 'The Ringing World' is far too stodgy and the special articles too heavy. The Editor to some is too dictatorial and to others not 'having the guts' to use the waste-paper basket. It is obvious that 'The Ringing World' will not please all its readers, but we go so far as to say that the majority find it a very welcome arrival on a Friday.

What is the remedy? The answer is surely the greater postbag the more varied the contents. We welcome everything though not necessarily for publication. We need good articles of interest to ringers and also suitable contributions for the front page of the journal. To those who send reports of outings or tours remember that 'Bert' or 'Shelagh' is not sufficient identity. A report of an outing has to be written for the interest of 5,500 readers, not for the 20 or 30 in the coach party.

Now for a few grouses. All journals get bad copy—difficult to decipher. A fancy signature at the end of a letter or contribution has caused many wasted minutes—searching guild reports and other means to establish the identity of the sender. It may be a protection against forgery on a cheque, but the good old-fashioned block capitals are still the best.

Names in peals and quarter peals cannot be accurately printed unless plainly written. Do not economise in paper—write on one side only, especially peals and quarter peals. When submitting a report of any performance, have a copy of 'The Ringing World' in front of you and see how it is set up. There are great men in the Exercise who feel that the number of the bell should be printed before

the name of the ringer and the sign for a footnote afterwards. Then there is a proper sequence for footnote signs, starting with an asterisk. This has been traditional since 1911.

As to the future, the Exercise can only have the newspaper it requires in relation to the degree of co-operation from its readers. The individual reader's enthusiasm is the crux of everything: he or she can get new subscribers and can add to the interest of its pages. And now for bumper postbags and more subscribers.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE.

A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 lb.

ALBERT M. TYLER .. Treble	DAVID HEIGHTON .. 7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. 2	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 8
*MARY H. HALL .. 3	†FRANK D. MACK .. 9
*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 4	†TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 10
*PATRICK J. BIRD .. 5	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 11
*MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 6	FRANK E. HANSFORD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Grandsire Cinques.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

J. F. SMALLWOOD (1951) Treble	JOHN S. MASON (1956-57) 7
E. P. DUFFIELD (1934-35) 2	PHILIP A. F. CHALK (1958) 8
ALFRED B. PECK (1910) .. 3	JOHN CHILCOTT (1954) .. 9
JAMES G. A. PRIOR (1952) 4	JACK A. WAUGH (1949) .. 10
THOMAS G. FOX (1950) .. 5	FREDK. E. COLLINS (1953) 11
G. W. CECIL (1947-48) .. 6	CYRIL G. J. WATTS (1955) Tenor

Composed by PHILIP A. F. CHALK. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Rung by the Master, Senior Past Master and Past Masters of the Society.

TEN BELL PEAL

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Fri., July 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN H. GARTSIDE .. Treble	†PETER GARDNER .. 6
*LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 2	†ERIC P. SPARKS .. 7
†JOHN H. OWENS .. 3	*JAMES BLACKBURN .. 8
†STANLEY WALMSLEY .. 4	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 9
*PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 5	†JACK HIGHAM .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First in the method and first of Caters. ‡ First in the method.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Peter Barrand (a ringer at this tower) and Enid Taylor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KIRTLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

Heywood's transposition.	
PETER R. SANDERS .. Treble	ROBIN N. PITMAN .. 5
D. ROY STODDARD .. 2	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 6
JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. 3	JAMES H. PAILING .. 7
GLYN F. JENKINS .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

First peal of Stedman Triples.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*E. ALAN JACQUES .. Treble	SAMUEL J. HAINES .. 5
†WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 6
‡DOREEN D. DUTTON .. 3	ANTHONY S. JESSON .. 7
GORDON H. ARGUILE .. 4	JOHN E. COOK .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † First in the method away from the treble. ‡ First of Major in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Ralph Elkington, now with the R.A.F. in Malta, on his 21st birthday.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

IAN M. HOLLAND .. Treble	MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. 5
JOHN S. CHETTLBURGH .. 2	JOHN S. SEAGER .. 6
MARGARET JOHNSON .. 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 7
MARION ANCHER .. 4	CYRIL RUSBY .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CYRIL RUSBY.

First peal of Major as conductor. The ringers of treble and tenor have now 'circled the tower.'

Specially arranged for John S. Chettleburgh, home on a month's leave from serving with the R.A.F. in Cyprus.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*LEWIS HEMSTOCK .. Treble	LESLIE BACON .. 5
*MRS. JOAN CROSBY .. 2	†JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 6
GEORGE CHAMBERS .. 3	*DENNIS SMEDLEY .. 7
HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 4	†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 4). Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. H. Rooke.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Treble	EDWARD J. JENNER .. 5
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 2	JOHN O. WELLER .. 6
ERNEST J. LADD .. 3	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 7
MARGARET A. LADD .. 4	STANLEY JENNER .. Tenor

Composed by DAVID W. BEARD. Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

First peal of Plain Bob Major as conductor. Mr. C. A. Bassett and Mr. E. J. Ladd have now 'circled the tower.'

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOE HOBBS .. Treble	EDWIN J. UPTON .. 5
RONALD W. R. PICTON .. 2	*D. JOSEPH GOODMAN .. 6
WALTER AYRE .. 3	†RODERICK V. WALLIS .. 7
*MIKAELA F. C. ERIC .. 4	BRIAN M. BARKER .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal on eight and first attempt. † First of Major. First peal on the recast bells, which were dedicated by the Bishop of Bedford the previous evening.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Middleton's.	
*PETER F. T. SMITH .. Treble	GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 5
KATHLEEN M. YEO .. 2	*WILFRED W. RING .. 6
†DAVID STAPLES .. 3	JOHN R. COOPER .. 7
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

‡ 150th peal.
Rung to commemorate the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to Wye for the 511th anniversary of the founding of Wye College.

STONELEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Mon., July 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*JAMES A. HILL Treble	JOHN VERNON 5
JOHN H. BAILESS 2	†HARRY HARPER 6
†RODNEY RICHARDSON 3	GRAHAM T. BALL 7
†GEORGE E. VERNON 4	MICHAEL VERNON Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

* First peal. † First of Major. 125th peal on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., July 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 ORWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

ERNEST H. KILBY Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	JOHN L. MORRIS 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 6
*IAN H. ORAM 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	†PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* 50th peal for the Association. † 300th peal for the Association.
The conductor's 250th peal on the bells.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

(Yorkshire Association.)

On Fri., July 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. Treble	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 5
MILTON FOWLER 2	*JOHN SEAGER 6
*SUSAN CHADDOCK 3	IAN M. HOLLAND 7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal in the method.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

NORAH M. BIBBY Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
*MARY C. PAYNE 2	GEOFFREY PAUL 6
MARGARET A. SWANN 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER 4	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (30). Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Superlative Surprise.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK B. LUFKIN Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	FRANK G. OLIVER 6
EVELYN R. M. CANDALE .. 3	†BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 7
*WILLIAM J. BRUNT 4	HARRY J. MILLATT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † 25th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, except the treble ringer.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Ernest J. Butler, of Colchester.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. Treble	ALAN R. ANDREWS 5
HARRY D. LISTER 2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 6
RONALD G. BUGG 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY 7
IVAN COOPER 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

A compliment to Mr. G. E. Symonds, of Ipswich, on his 83rd birthday.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5088 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. HART Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 6
LEONARD STILWELL 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Composed by H. POYNER.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

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

HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

FREDERICK J. PLUMMER .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR 5
*A. REX AGG 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
†WILLIAM F. TODD 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
C. ANNE AGG 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside'.
A birthday compliment to Charles V. Hare (80) and C. Michael Orme (21).

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

HARRY BOSWELL Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
MURIEL REAY 3	PAUL J. RIGBY 7
RUTH M. BORDER 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

A birthday compliment to Henry H. Fearn.

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BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.
 *ROGER TOMKINS Treble | FREDERICK J. BEDFORD .. 4
 JOHN H. THOMAS 2 | JOHN CLEMENTS 5
 *W. GARRY CLINTON .. 3 | GEORGE CORBETT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

* First peal.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 23 methods, being four extents each of St. Osmund, St. Vedast, Huntspill, New Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent each of Stedman and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.
 JILL I. MARTIN Treble | ALAN L. M. SHEPHERD .. 4
 PAMELA LATCHFORD .. 2 | DEREK E. SIBSON 5
 DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 3 | HARRY F. CHURCHMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in 12 Doubles methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

KENTISBEARE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., June 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 240's and ten 120's. Tenor 10½ cwt.
 FRANCIS PARR Treble | W. DONALD SALTER .. 4
 LESLIE V. MORELL 2 | WILLIAM WEBB 5
 CHRISTOPHER D. J. WEBB .. 3 | W. RONALD TRICKEY .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

First peal on the bells since being rehung.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.
 *ROY EASSON Treble | BRYAN PATTISON 4
 ANNE E. AMOR 2 | SYDNEY FOSKETT 5
 KEITH FLEMING 3 | ROY A. WARD Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two of Cambridge and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.
 DEREK C. JACKSON .. Treble | †HOWARD COLLINGS .. 4
 MARJORIE LEGG 2 | †HENRY C. CLARKE .. 5
 *DAVID WHITE 3 | GEORGE PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First of Minor in three methods.
 ‡ First peal.

WHITCHURCH, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5400 DOUBLES

Being three six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, four six-scores of April Day, 20 six-scores of Plain Bob, and two twelve-scores (Morris's arrangement), two twelve-scores (Pitman's arrangement) and ten six-scores (ten callings) of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.
 *JAMES GOODFELLOW .. Treble | JEFFERY W. WALLACE .. 4
 †ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY .. 2 | ANTHONY M. COOMBS .. 5
 BRYNLEY TAYLOR 3 | DAVID N. HOARE .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY M. COOMBS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Longest peal on the bells, and by the band.

Rung as 21st birthday compliments to E. J. R. Hartley and G. Harding, ringers at Penarth.

EDITH WESTON, RUTLAND.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B. combined, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

W. RUSSELL READ .. Treble | *ROY STEPHENSON 4
 *†FREDK. W. PINCHBECK .. 2 | *J. MICHAEL SIMPSON .. 5
 *PATRICIA HOLMES 3 | †DENIS A. FRITH .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. † 25th peal together. First in seven methods on the bells.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) Hereward and Oxford Bob, (2) Double Court, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain, Double and Fulbeck Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

BRIAN J. LUFF Treble | BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 4
 ROBIN G. LEALE 2 | TREVOR A. CROSS .. 5
 ALAN J. FROST 3 | RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in 13 methods on the bells, and for the Association.

KINGSCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM S. DEASON .. Treble | BRIAN J. LUFF 4
 ALAN J. FROST 2 | ROBIN G. LEALE .. 5
 GEOFFREY K. DODD 3 | RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

The first peal in seven methods on the bells.

PENHOB, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

*PATRICIA H. JONES .. Treble | ERIC T. LEE 4
 JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2 | CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 5
 DAVID J. KING 3 | E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Patricia H. Jones and John E. Morgan on their engagement.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.
 RODNEY J. MUSSON .. Treble | WILLIAM R. MARSH .. 4
 PERCY D. BALDOCK 2 | *BARRY BROWN 5
 RONALD RUSSELL 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

In memoriam Arthur I. Holmes, of Edenham, Lincs.

HARDINGSTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob and one 240 Grand-sire (Morris's). Tenor 12 cwt.

*DAVID J. WARREN .. Treble | GEORGE F. ROOME .. 3
 GEORGE F. FAWCETT .. 2 | MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 4
 ROBIN V. BAKER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal.

A compliment and farewell peal to Mr. R. C. H. Sibley on his appointment as registrar in Chester.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 30, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 22 methods: Two extents each of Stedman, Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob; one extent each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place and Spliced Stedman and Grandsire; and two Spliced extents each of the following: Grandsire and Chase, Grandsire and Union, St. Simon's and Rugby S.C., St. Simon's and Braywood S.C., St. Martin's and Saplton S.C., St. Martin's and Welford S.C., St. Nicholas' and Longford S.C., St. Nicholas' and Fundenhall S.C., Winchendon Place and Thornborough S.C., Winchendon Place and Haddiscoe S.C., Reverse Canterbury and Dorton S.C., Reverse Canterbury and Raveningham S.C., Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., Plain Bob, Candlesby S.C. and Boxford S.C.; 172 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

JAMES BROOKS Treble	WILLIAM BUTLER 4
*JENNIFER SHUTTLE 2	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON 3	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal. † First in more than one Doubles method.

Arranged and rung especially for the ordination and first Mass of the Rev. A. F. Treadwell, ordained priest at Christ Church, Oxford, the previous day.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNFARCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Double Oxford and two each of Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

PERCY SWINDLEY Treble	GEOFFREY PARTING 4
JOHN S. DEAN 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 5
JOHN F. HUGHES 3	JOHN T. TILSTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Hughes, wife of the Rector of Hope.

HARLESTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

ROBIN V. BAKER Treble	ROBERT S. ROBERTS 4
*RAYMOND HENMAN 2	JIM C. RAINBOW 5
ALLAN R. JONES 3	MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. Treble

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

HARRY HALL Treble	C AUBREY HARRISON 4
*RICHARD HALL 2	JACK BRAY 5
RONALD CHAFER 3	GEORGE W. MOODY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of St. Simon's, ten of Plain Bob, ten of Reverse Canterbury and ten of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*ANN WHITE Treble	FRANK PARRAMORE 4
MARJORIE LEGG 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
HAROLD HOOPER 3	*JOHN HOOPER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

Rung to celebrate a year's ministry by the Vicar.

SOPLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Ten different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt.

MICHAEL J. BEST Treble	JAMES E. DANIELS 3
COLIN CONWAY 2	FRANK L. HARRIS 4

LEWIS F. COBB Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

First peal of Stedman Doubles for all, except the ringer of the second.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 73 methods: (1) Peveril, Melandra, Beeston, Leasowe, Chelsea, Oswald, Barham, Kentish, Edinburgh, Pembroke and Berkeley Delight, Berwyn and Waterford Treble Bob; (2) Cambridge, Primrose, Surfleet, Hexham, Beverley and Berwick Surprise, Burslem and Waltham Delight; (3) Lightfoot, Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London Surprise; (4) Balmoral, Chepstow, Skipton, Fotheringay, Wilmslow, Rostherne, Knutsford, Bogedone and Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (5) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate, Marple, Taxal, Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Elston and Clarence Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel, Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, Pontefract, Donottar, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (7) St. Werburgh, Vale Royal, Combermere, Crowland, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight; 165 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. KENNETT Treble	BERNARD GROVES 4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 5
FRANK OSBALDISTON 3	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in 73 methods by all the band, and for the Association. Average age 16½ years.

This is the maximum number of Treble Bob methods that can be spliced into seven extents, and was first rung on these bells on June 12th, 1937, conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Rung as a compliment to William A. Smith, a ringer at Fairfield, on attaining his Ph.D. degree (Manchester), and also as a 15th birthday compliment to William H. Dowse.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Cambridge, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and one of Kent and Oxford T.B. combined.

Tenor 13 cwt.

H. LESLIE SQUIRES Treble	JOHN E. COOK 4
PATRICIA HOLMES 2	DENIS A. FRITH 5
FREDK. W. PINCHBECK 3	*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* 25th peal. First in nine methods by all, except the conductor, and his first in nine methods as conductor.

LANGDALE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt.


ALAN CAPSTICK Treble	†ERIC W. BIRKETT 4
EDWIN C. BIRKETT 2	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY 5
*BRAITHWAITE RIGG 3	FRANK BIRKETT Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal. † First in three methods.

Rung to mark the centenary of the church and the centenary of the casting of the tenor bell.

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HALF PEAL

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on July 10th, 2,520 Plain Bob Royal: Monica E. Collins 1, Ann M. Cox 2, J. L. Queen 3, J. P. McDermott 4, A. V. Queen 5, P. G. Smart 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, A. R. Tysse 8, D. A. R. May 9, T. A. Cross 10. First on 10 for 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9. A farewell compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Puntis. The Rev. H. A. Puntis (curate of St. Nicolas) is leaving to take up a living in Devonshire.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On June 21st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Margaret Ward (first of Treble Bob Major) 1, Joan Beresford 2, Mary R. Andrews (first of Yorkshire Major) 3, Beverley A. Thompson 4, S. J. Woodcock 5, J. L. Morris 6, P. Beresford 7, D. Beresford (cond.) 8. For Matins and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ward.

RIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Albury (first of Minor) 1, P. Payne (first 'inside') 2, Mary Tysoe 3, R. Harrison 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, R. A. Ward 6.

BOXLEY, KENT.—On June 14th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): Olive D. Couchman 1, M. L. Howe 2, L. Mannering 3, G. Pearson 4, C. A. Tester 5, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Mary Hollands and Mr. Peter J. Hayward, married this day at Wilmslow, Cheshire.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. B. Schofield (aged 11, first of Triples) 1, Miss B. G. Schofield 2, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 3, H. B. Schofield 4, F. Rayment 5, A. Ashton 6, E. H. Simpson 7, T. Pedder 8. Rung for the 500th anniversary service attended by the Lord Mayor, at which the Archbishop of York preached.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of the Good Shepherd, on July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Stalham 1, G. North 2, Florence Martin 3, S. G. Ridge 4, A. W. Gravett 5, C. W. Riddlestone 6, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 7, F. J. Lewis 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to William J. Webb (87), a member of this tower for 31 years, from his fellow-ringers of Brighton.

CARISBROOKE, I.O.W.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Cotterell 1, Doreen Gibbons 2, S. Moody 3, W. Upton 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, H. Long 6, C. A. Drake 7, C. F. Guy 8. For Matins, and birthday compliments to the conductor and W. Upton.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss K. Bell 1, L. Trevor 2, J. E. S. Moreton 3, J. Draycot 4, G. A. Bell 5, J. Gibbons 6, H. Harris 7, H. Harper 8, J. F. Clarke 9, J. A. L. Thompson (cond.) 10. First quarter in method for 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8. For Evensong.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Spliced Plain Bob Minor and Doubles: Margaret Shuttle 1, Jennifer Shuttle 2, A. J. Bird 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, W. Birmingham 5, J. Brooks 6. For Confirmation.

COURTENHALL, NORTHANTS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of Kennington, Canterbury, and 540 Plain Bob): D. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Curtis 2, I. Markham 3, A. C. Cozens 4, K. D. Perkins (cond.) 5. Also on the same day 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Norfolk, All Saints', Canterbury, Kennington, and 300 Plain Bob): J. Powell (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Curtiss 2, Miss P. Neesham 3, H. Curtis 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On June 21st, 1,312 Bristol Surprise Major: Joan Beresford 1, Beverley A. Thompson (first of Bristol) 2, A. G. Mason 3, J. L. Morris 4, I. H. Oram 5, S. J. Woodcock (first of Bristol) 6, P. Beresford 7, D. Beresford (cond.) 8. Rung prior to the Divisional Guide service.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On July 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Hilary Johnson (first of Major) 1, Avril Thackray 2, S. J. Ivin 3, S. F. Webb 4, A. A. Chown (first of Major) 5, M. J. V. Chown 6, S. G. Osborne 7, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 8. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mrs. E. P. Pinfold, who has completed 65 years as teacher and superintendent of the Sunday School.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On July 6th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. F. Carter 1, D. E. R. Knights 2, M. J. Dyer 3, D. F. Mufet 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. E. Preston 1, W. W. Wright (cond.) 2, P. N. Murgatroyd 3, G. S. Joyce 4, R. C. Turner 5, A. E. Lifford 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. For Evensong and the 21st birthday of the treble ringer.

HARTHILL, YORKS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Bishop (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Chaddock 2, I. Fraser 3, I. Tilling 4, D. G. French 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, D. Fraser 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all the band.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLEX.—At St. John's Church, on July 6th, 1,260 Double Court Triples: M. J. Seymour 1, F. C. Price 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, A. R. Turley 4, T. G. Bannister 5, N. W. Robinson 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, C. A. Ashford 8. First quarter in method by all the band. For Evensong.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On July 2nd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Mrs. J. W. Sinfield 1, A. R. Agg 2, P. Mehew 3, A. E. Rushton 4, F. J. Plummer 5, J. W. Sinfield 6, C. M. Orme 7, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 8. First in method for 2 and 7. Rung for St. Mary's patronal festival.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Stokes 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, Miss J. M. Clements 3, E. Fosberry (cond.) 4, S. A. Paice 5, I. Windwood 6, D. Mitchell 7, J. Smith 8. For Whitsun Evensong. Also on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. St. C. Langton (first of Triples) 1, Miss A. M. Trot 2, Miss J. M. Clements 3, Miss E. J. Langton 4, S. A. Paice 5, D. Mitchell 6, P. H. Langton (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. Rung to welcome the Rt. Rev. A. Partridge, Bishop of Nandyal, India, to the parish this week-end, and for Evensong.

LEAMINGTON SPA, WARWICKS.—On July 9th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Allen 1, P. Oram (first of Triples) 2, J. L. Allen 3, F. W. Perrins (cond.) 4, R. J. Edden 5, C. H. Grindley 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, L. F. Kinchen 8. First quarter for 1 and 3. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. A. R. Howell, priest-in-charge of St. Alban's in this parish, died July 5th, 1958.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Leeden 1, A. T. Palmer 2, W. Moore 3, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 4, F. S. Parsons 5, J. Moore 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Creasy on the occasion of their diamond wedding anniversary. Mr. Creasy being a bellringer at March.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Medland (14, first quarter) 1, E. For 2, Esther Hamby (15, first 'inside') 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. J. Hamby 6. A farewell to the ringer of 2, who is leaving for National Service.

NORTHAMPTON.—On June 29th, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: K. D. Perkins 1, R. S. Roberts 2, A. R. Jones 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, E. Billings 5, J. C. Rainbow 6, R. V. Baker 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 3, 5 and 6. For Evensong on the festival of St. Peter as a farewell compliment to the Rev. V. Reynolds and a birthday compliment to Eric Billings.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nancy Kempell 1, G. Olliver (cond.) 2, Valerie Hawkins (first 'inside') 3, R. Bird 4, E. Carvell (first 'inside') 5, Freda Hankey 6. For Evensong.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Glover (first quarter) 1, J. Ayres 2, C. J. Turner 3, E. J. Manley (cond.) 4, E. H. Marks 5, C. C. Turner 6, R. T. Wood 7, J. A. Price 8.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): R. Gale 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Strong 3, H. Hardwidge 4, A. Gould 5, P. Walters 6, R. Way 7, G. Rowbotham 8. For the Feast of St. Peter.

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On July 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Welch 1, R. Welch 2, H. Bungay 3, R. Dean 4, J. Drew (cond.) 5, G. Monkton (first 'inside') 6. Conductor's 100th quarter peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Ward 1, H. Worboys 2, G. Blower 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, P. Coward 6, A. House (cond.) 7, E. Peett 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. Rung for Evensong.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of All Saints', Canterbury, April Day, Old and 300 Plain Bob): R. Keeves (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Neesham 2, H. Curtis 3, A. Osborne (cond.) 4, A. C. Cozens 5.

ROWBERROW, SOMERSET.—On July 14th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: Mary Powel 1, D. Cobb 2, Monica Fray 3, K. Prime 4, J. Brain 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7-8 covering): Rosemary G. Hicks 1, Linda M. Southerden (first 'inside') 2, M. Winter 3, Noreen Winter 4, J. Small 5, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 6, A. L. Terry 7, R. Chadwick 8. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 4.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Powell (first quarter) 1, A. Cox 2, A. Westwood 3, H. Yardley 4, Wm. B. Cartwright (cond.) 5, C. Parker 6, J. Pinfold 7, H. J. Turner 8. For the patronal festival Evensong.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diana Cobb 1, E. H. Smith 2, Monica Fray 3, Lesley Roberts 4, M. J. Horseman 5, F. G. Henbest 6, D. E. Cobb (first as cond.) 7, F. Bonsey 8. For the patronal festival and as a 21st compliment to the conductor.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.—On June 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. W. G. Elliott 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, R. A. Brown 3, G. R. Crisp 4, B. E. Matthews 5, P. H. Langton (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for St. Peter's Church garden festival.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Hobbs (13) 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Linda Kew (13) 3, Pamela Jervis 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, M. Harbord 6, J. C. Birt 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8. For the patronal festival and the visit of the Bishop of S.W. Tanganyika.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Fletcher 1, K. R. Foot 2, Alma Graves 3, J. Corbett (first of Triples as cond.) 4, Mrs. C. A. Barron 5, J. K. Foot 6, C. A. Barron 7, J. W. Perrins 8.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Marian Mills 2, F. Harvey 3, P. Mills 4, I. Cooper 5, W. Downs 6. For morning service.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On June 29th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: H. Prout 1, J. T. Rooke 2, R. Lucas 3, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. For patronal festival.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss T. M. Lloyd 1, Mrs. S. J. Haines 2, S. J. Haines 3, T. E. Harrold 4, A. J. Williams (first of Triples) 5, K. A. Roe 6, J. S. Carter (cond.) 7, A. R. Carter 8. For Evensong, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Williams on the birth of a son (Paul Julian).

WISBECH, CAMBS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Barnes 1, A. Gowen 2, G. Sharpe 3, J. Bird 4, L. Harvey (cond.) 5, E. Shippey 6. First quarter for 1 and 2. Rung after morning Eucharist. Also on July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Green 1, Mrs. J. Parker 2, J. Bird 3, G. Sharpe 4, M. Parker 5, L. Harvey (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 4. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Sharpe (tower captain).

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Single Oxford: H. Haynes 1, E. Tebbut 2, J. Newton 3, C. W. Hall 4, N. James 5, F. Chambers (first as cond.) 6. First quarter for 3 and 5. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. Geoffrey P. Druitt).

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 420 Grandsire, 840 Plain Bob Doubles: M. C. W. Seymour (first quarter) 1, A. W. Cansdale 2, A. E. Leggett (cond.) 3, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 4, B. E. Gibbons (first in two methods) 5, D. G. Davison 6.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On July 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. R. Gilling 1, H. Yeates 2, R. Woodyard (cond.) 3, W. Kingcott 4, Mrs. W. Kingcott 5, R. Brice 6, G. Prescott 7, S. Smith (first 'inside') 8, H. Knight 9, M. Board 10. Rung after the christening of George Sidney, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Collins, both local ringers.

5,024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE

BY D. R. CARLISLE and G. A. HALLS

B	M	W	H
x	—	—	23564
—	—	3	62534
x	—	—	62345
—	—	—	34625
x	—	—	34256
—	2	2	52436
—	—	3	42635
x	—	—	42356
—	—	3	54326
—	—	2	46325
—	—	3	36524
x	—	2	23645
x	—	—	23456

Rung at Ripley on April 12th, 1958.

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE

BY ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B 39)

23456	B	M	W	H
35264	x	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
52436	—	—	3	—
23564	x	—	—	—
62534	—	—	3	—
23645	x	—	—	—
42635	—	—	3	—
42356	x	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	3	—
52364	x	—	—	—
53624	—	—	2	—
34625	—	—	2	—
23456	x	—	—	2

First rung at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, on March 8th, 1958.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**Devizes Branch**

The half-yearly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at All Saints', Westbury, on July 5th. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Galloway.

After tea in the Institute the business meeting was presided over by Mr. A. T. Weeks (chairman), who welcomed visitors from Backwell (Somerset), Chippenham, Clutton, Corsley, Frome, Malmesbury, Nailsea, Salisbury and Brother Ronald of the Order of St. Francis (Dorset). Seven new members and one honorary member were elected. Thanks were extended to the Vicar, the organist, and to the ladies who provided the tea.

The next three meetings were arranged for Steeple Ashton, Longbridge Deverill and Bradford Holy Trinity. Methods rung during the afternoon ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major.

**RINGING PROGRESS AT
HARTHILL**

Appreciable progress towards establishing a change ringing band has been made at All Hallows' Church, Harthill, Yorkshire, where the ring of eight bells (tenor 18½ cwt.) has for the past two years been rung fairly regularly for both morning and evening services.

Six members of the band have now taken part in 720 Bob Minor, which qualifies them to become members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers. On July 14th three of these six rang in a quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples (1,260 changes): they are Hugh Bishop and Ian and Donald Fraser, and the other three who have qualified for the Yorkshire Association are Jean Pemberton, Patricia Hartley and Janet Meek. N. C.

**BARNSELY DISTRICT RINGERS'
OUTING**

Barnsley District ringers outing on July 5th was into Derbyshire, and a 7.15 a.m. start was made to pick up ringers and friends at Silkstone, Cawthorne, Shelley and Ecclesfield. Owing to floods the route to Clowne was diverted, and despite arriving one and a half hours late a warm welcome was received from Mr. Cooper. The six bells were soon ringing to Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob.

At Bolsover Mr. Cooper and Mr. Joseph Saxon not only made us welcome but joined in the ringing. An excellent lunch was served at the Diamond Horseshoe Hotel.

The afternoon's ringing was at Fairfield, where Mr. Richardson had made arrangements for tea, provided at the Pavilion Gardens Restaurant. The last tower was St. Matthew's, Hayfield, where Mr. D. Johnson made us welcome. The outing was well organised by Mr. Noel F. Moxon and our thanks are accorded to him, the incumbents and everyone who met us. J. W. B.

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At Sharrow, Yorkshire, the Gainsborough ringers on their outing were surprised to see a stained glass window recording a peal. Is this unique?

Featured in the July issue of the British Railways Magazine (North-Eastern Region) is the Guild of Railwaymen Church Bell Ringers at York.

The ringer of the treble in the quarter peal at Penarth (see page 346) was E. J. R. Hartley and not R. T. Escott, as printed. Our correspondent's apologies.

During the University Whitsun tour a valuable fountain pen was left in the belfry of Crookham Church. If the owner will send 1s. 6d. to Mr. T. Fowler, Crookham, Berks, it will be returned by registered post.

During ringing for Evensong at St. Martin's, Dorking, Surrey, on July 6th, the bells were rung by eight ladies, all resident in the parish. There must be few parishes which can emulate this feat.

The peal of London Surprise at Daventry (page 460) was rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Webb, of Staverton, on the birth of a son and heir.

The Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of more than ordinary interest at Croydon on July 12th, when the band was composed of the Master and 11 past-masters. Perhaps some other Society will also try to emulate this performance among its past-masters as apart from an officers' peal.

The Army peal at Richmond, Yorks, on July 9th was the culmination of 23 months' waiting by Mr. J. R. Taylor, of Bedford, who is doing his National Service. The peal was finally possible by the posting of Mr. Bruce Grainger to Caterick on a two weeks' course. The band hope that more Army peals will be forthcoming.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. P. E. Preston, a member of the Farnborough (Hants) Parish Church team, celebrated his 21st birthday by taking part in his first quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on July 6th. It was also the first quarter for Mr. A. E. Lifford, and the eighth successful quarter this year for the Farnborough band. Handing over the Central Council Library was no light task. It involved Mr. Frederick Sharpe moving 12,000 books—and it was not a 'ground floor ring.'

The peal at St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, on June 18th (page 426) should be credited to the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

The Railwaymen's Guild's slogan for 1957 'On to the Century' was exceeded: the slogan for 1958 is 'On to the Double Century.'

Good fellowship abounded at the joint meeting of the Shropshire Association and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford at Shrewsbury on July 12th. A company of 76 attended.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild made 265 new members during 1957. Some members would like to see Mr. Cupid banned from the belfry! Marriage is one of the reasons for loss of members.

His friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. Philip Gray has recovered from his serious eye trouble that has involved two operations and has prevented him working since the end of April. He hopes to start work next week.

A feature of the Oxford Diocesan Guild Festival on Saturday was the dedication of a beautiful banner for the Guild by the Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg. Designed by Mr. F. G. Edmans, of Great Horward, Bucks, it was woven by Mr. M. Jamieson and embroidered by Miss E. Irving. The pole for the banner was made by Mr. Edmans from the old oak bell frame of Great Horwood Church, dated 1660.

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GREAT RINGING DAY AT SAFFRON WALDEN

The 335th anniversary of Great Ringing Day was held on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing commenced at 11.15 a.m. with visitors from Bedford, and others. The Oxford Diocesan Guild arrived about 11.45 on their annual outing and commenced their ringing with Stedman Cinques, followed by Stedman Caters and Grandsire Cinques. They all went to the Oulde Hoose at 12.30 for lunch. By this time a party from the South-West Division of Essex Association, under the leadership of the Master, Mr. John Crampion, arrived and went to their lunch at the Abbey Hotel.

After lunch the party from Oxford said 'Farewell' and continued their journey on their outing, and the South-Western ringers made their way to the tower, where other visitors had gathered. The bells were kept going all the afternoon. Stedman Cinques appeared to be the favourite method, but a half-course of Cambridge Royal was successfully brought round.

The festival service was held at 4 p.m., conducted by the Vicar (Canon M. R. Sinker), the preacher being the curate (the Rev. W. Uden). Tea was taken at 5 p.m., some going to the Abbey Hotel and some to the Oulde Hoose.

It is much regretted that the key to the tower could not be found after tea and we express our sincere regrets to those visitors who could not ring. We trust they enjoyed watching the carnival procession. We now know that the key made a journey to Surrey. On the whole it was a very enjoyable day, with some good 12-bell ringing. There were over 100 visitors during the day. L. E. P.

A Visitor's Impressions

For the second successive year, 'S.W.' has meant the occasion of the Essex Association's lively South-Western Division outing to Saffron Walden's Great Ringing Day on the last Saturday in June.

Composed largely of the younger generation from Waltham Abbey and Walthamstow, with friends from Leytonstone and Epping, and the largest Cumberland, from Tunbridge Wells, the coach set forth equipped with handbells and hunting-horn, the latter to warn sleepy Essex villagers of the impending shattering of the deep peace which is, alas, so rarely disturbed by the sound of their own bells.

En route, Peter Bond and Hugh Neill beguiled us with a well-rung course of Bob Major, perfectly synchronised. At Ickleton the excellent octave was put to good use from rounds to Bristol. A very unusual feature here is that, whereas other churches' Norman arches are their treasured 'oldest feature,' Ickleton goes one better and has its Norman arches supported by Roman columns!

Saffron Walden was 'en fete' and the sound of the bells, well rung by a party from Bedfordshire, mingled with that of fairground organs. After lunch at the Abbey Hotel we were welcomed at the tower by Mr. Pitstow and ringing, delayed by a funeral (last year it was a wedding), started off with a well-struck touch of Stedman Cinques. Rounds on 12, more Cinques, Royal and Caters followed, with a service at 4 p.m. and tea.

Leaving Saffron Walden abandoned to the spirit of carnival (in a damp English way) we set off for Radwinter. A difficult eight, with some ropes hanging down against the walls and others discovered hiding coyly behind beams and clock-case. A continuous and alarming rumble overhead was found to be due to an incredible swinging movement of the entire bell frame. Here the aforementioned largest Cumberland, frustrated in casting aside the tenor box by finding it screwed to the floor, knelt sideways



SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES.—The band who rang the peal of Scientific Triples at Hampton, Middlesex, on July 5th (left to right): Michael P. Moreton, Robin G. Leale, Brian Bladon, David A. S. Hawkins, John M. Jelley, Alan J. Frost, Frederick R. Scott and William S. Deason.

upon it to ring. It is pleasant to see him adopt such a devout posture occasionally, even if only for reasons of comfort.

The road to the last tower took us through Thaxted, where the famous horn-dancers, in white knee-breeches, were performing slow and solemn gyrations before the Moot Hall. Lionel Woods' thoughtless greeting on the hunting-horn produced from them the sort of hostile glare which was only to be expected from anyone wearing antlers on hearing such a sound.

Hatfield Broad Oak's pleasing octave sounded well, and a good lower in peal concluded the day's tower ringing.

Once again the Good Intent at Sawbridge provided a vast buffet-supper and the well-remembered draught cider. Music on handbells and piano brought our stay all too soon to an end and the journey home was resumed, during which one noted with interest an increase this year in the number of closely-paired heads!

Our grateful thanks are given to Lionel Woods for organising this happy day—a particularly difficult job since he is at present on National Service.

In view of the curious correspondence about Cumberland Youths and a 'new beat' which followed the writer's last report of an outing, he desires it to be known that on this occasion no untoward incident or odd striking (apart from a course of 'Howling Bitch' Grandsire Doubles on handbells, 1, 2, 5, 4, 6, 3) was attributable to the Cumberland Youths present, even the largest of whom behaved as well as could be expected.

A. St. J. B.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On July 12th. 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Bartholomew. 360 Plain Bob. 540 Grandsire): G. Garwood 1. M. Willoughby 2. F. Payne (cond.) 3. H. Clarke 4. R. J. Truin 5. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the treble ringer.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on July 6th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Murden 1. Mrs. W. Vann 2. A. Barlow 3. C. Underwood 4. P. Howitt 5. P. Fisher 6. J. Underwood 7. S. G. Osborne (cond.) 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Mr. G. Peck.

KIMPTON SAGA

'Tis nearly four years since the game was begun
And ringers assembled to plot
How Kimpton Church bells be retuned and
rehung.
The verdict—six hundred the lot!

The Vicar looked grave as the tale he was told,
For where could the money be found?
'The fabric and organ come first'—we resolved
To work for it, penny and pound.

Our jumble and handbells soon saw light of day,
The sales and the carols went well,
A concert, a social, all helped on the way,
And then the misfortunes befell!

The new Village Hall was completed at last
'Mid cheers—and a whacking great debt.
Folk rallied to pay it—formidable task—
Alas! they are rallying yet!

The Methodist Church then a kitchen required,
Two ringers with babies were blessed,
Three youngsters apiece made the parents
so tired,
The Bell Fund was given a rest.

Now slowly and surely the money comes in,
Till three hundred pounds we record:
O, soon may our bells cease their odd-
striking din,
And worthily ring to the Lord!

Halfway, and new hope, so a fete we did plan
For August, the ninth of this year;
So Herts and Beds ringers do come if you
can,
If only to drink up the beer!

There's sports, dance and baby show, something for all
(And ringing, we hardly need say),
So mind you're at Kimpton (the School
Field and Hall)
In time to enjoy a good day. H. P.

THE HALIFAX OPENING IN 1787

By DAVID CUBITT

'In 1787 a visit was paid to Yorkshire. . . . The band (of College Youths) . . . went first to Halifax, where a new ring of eight was opened on October 19th, and on the next day they rang 5,088 Oxford Treble Bob Major. . . . They claimed this as the first peal ever rung in that county, but the claim is not a sound one. Two years previously 5,120 in the same method had been rung at Sheffield. . . . J. Armiger Trollope, 'The College Youths,' 1937.

Early in 1787, the inhabitants resolved that the eight bells at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Halifax, should be replaced. It was decided that the money for the scheme should be secured by voluntary subscription and not by a rate levied on the parish, 'to avoid all litigation, as to any townships, districts or places, being, or not being, liable to contribute thereto.' The old eight were a miscellaneous lot. The treble had been cast (or recast) in 1660; the second bell bore the date 1722; the third and fourth bells were dated 1720; on the sixth was inscribed 'Gero nomen Sanct. Johannis D 1599 F'; on the seventh 'Thomas Fourness of Halifax the first founder of this bell 1472 recast 1639'; the tenor, called Stancliff, was dated 1691, and had been cast by Samuel Smith at York.

QUAINT INSCRIPTIONS

A moderate estimate of the cost of the work involved was £350, and promises of subscriptions, including one of 20 guineas from the Halifax ringers, were quickly received. In due course the new bells were cast at the Whitechapel foundry, transported northwards and installed. The names of the founders appeared on the seventh bell; the other bells each carried two lines of doggerel; for example, the third:

'Let Parker's liberal deeds be known
To future ages yet unborn.'

(A Mr. Parker gave 20 guineas.)

The fourth:

'Ye ringers who would happy be,
In concord live and unity.'

While on the tenor the inscription from Stancliff was repeated:

'All ye who hear my mournful sound,
Repent before you lie in ground.'

and the names of the wardens, who had together given five guineas, were added.

It was arranged that the bells should be opened in October, 1787. The opening, in fact, took place early that month, and occupied two days, but which two it is difficult to discover. Mr. Trollope said the opening day was the 9th; Parson and White's 'Annals, History and Guide of Leeds and York, etc.', and John Mayhew's 'Annals of Yorkshire,' both gave the 10th as the opening day; a 'History of Halifax' (the printer of which was E. Jacobs,) but no author's name or date of publication—though I think it was about 1790—appeared in the copy I saw) gives Wednesday, October 11th, as the first day of the opening—October 11th that year was, however, a Thursday.

On the first day, whichever it was, early in the morning, the Halifax ringers raised the bells in peal, rang a touch of Bob Major, followed by a lower in peal, taking 40 minutes.

CROWN BOB TRIPLES

Bradford ringers followed them with a peal of 5,040 Crown Bob Triples in three hours and ten minutes. Crown Bob on six bells (as rung, for example, at Rotherham in 1752 and Addingham-in-Craven in 1759) was a combination of Oxford Treble Bob, College Treble Bob and College Pleasure. Similarly, Crown Bob Triples was a combination of College Triples, Oxford Triples and London Triples, and a peal described as 'Royal Union or Crown Bob Triples' and as 'perhaps, the first Peal of the Kind ever rung in this Country,' had been rung at Leeds on September 22nd, 1769.

The Wakefield Society next rang a peal of Triples—method unidentified—in three hours and twenty-nine minutes.

The third and last peal that day was rung by the Leeds Society—5,040 Bob Triples in three hours and sixteen minutes.

The next morning, the College Youths were first up the tower and rang the peal referred to in the opening quotation, in three hours and thirty-five minutes. The ringers were:—Robert Donkin, treble; Thomas Blakemore, second (conductor); John Inville, third; Joseph Monk, fourth; William Lyford, fifth; George Webb, sixth; Joseph Holdsworth, seventh; and Samuel Muggeridge, jun., tenor. It was unpardonable arrogance to claim the peal as the first in Yorkshire; but a peal in the method would be new to some, and perhaps all, of the ringers assembled at Halifax that day.

Ringers of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society were next, and a peal of Triples—method unknown—was rung in three hours and three minutes, after which the Sowerby ringers started for a peal of Triples, but failing light forced them to call off their attempt after about 4,500 changes.

SACRED SYLVA'S PRAISE

So ended two full days of ringing, and while the other visitors travelled homewards the College Youths moved on to York.

Soon after the opening the following verse appeared:—

Artists from the Metropolis to you,
The laurels of the day are doubtless due:
'Tis granted all your brethren have done well,
But my opinion ye far excel.

Accept the honour Halifax bestows,
Expect it too from all but fools and foes.

A very high degree of praise is due,
Ashtonia's artists, as I think to you:
Grudge not the praise to London Ringers given.

The merit of your work was nearly even!
Ye both excel somewhat in different ways.

Let both accept of sacred Sylva's praise.
(Sylva, I find, was the name once given to a collection of literary pieces, especially poems; thus, in 1787, was published 'Sylva: or the Wood: being a Collection of Anecdotes, Dissertations, Characters, Apophthegms, Original Letters, Bons Mots, and other little things . . . by a Society of the Learned'.)

Less than a month later, on November 5th, in commemoration of the Gunpowder Plot, a peal of 5,088 Bob Major was rung on the new bells in three hours and thirty-three minutes,

by: James Green (conductor), treble; John Fawcett, second; Samuel Firth, third; Joseph Flather, fourth; Samuel Pearson, fifth; John Crowther, sixth; John Fournise, seventh; and William Taylor, tenor.

LATER PEALS

The College Youths' peal inspired the Leeds and Bradford Societies each to ring a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, as two paragraphs in 'The Leeds Mercury' of Tuesday, June 10th, 1788, show:—

'On Wednesday last (being the anniversary of His Majesty's birthday) was rung at our Parish Church, by the Society of Ringers there, an Abstract of Union Treble Bob, consisting of 5,088 changes, in three hours and twenty minutes, being the first time it was ever rung in this part of the kingdom, except by a select set of ringers from London, who rang the same peal at the opening of Halifax new bells.

'On Wednesday the same peal was rung at Bradford on the same occasion, by the ringers of that place in three courses complete; and was performed in three hours and six minutes (though the tenor weighs 20 cwt.) in a most masterly manner, to the satisfaction of all lovers of that music, who had the pleasure of hearing them.'

The words 'in this part of the kingdom' in the report of the Leeds peal are intriguing; for if synonymous with 'Yorkshire' they would, of course, mean that the Sheffield peal of Oxford Treble Bob in 1785 was unknown to ringers in the woollen towns of the county—in which case, I suppose, the College Youths might have been justified in calling their peal at Halifax the first of Treble Bob Major in Yorkshire.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

After 30 years Sandal have again won the annual prize contest of the Halifax Association. Their success took place at Thornhill, near Dewsbury, on June 28th, against four other teams.

The judges—Mr. Harry Marsden, of Hanging Heaton, and Mr. Dyson Scargill, of the local company, gave their decisions as follows:—Sandal 100 (five penalties, 95 faults), Shelley 161 (10 penalties, 151 faults), Meltham 215 (215 faults), Batley 290 (five penalties, 285 faults), Friezland rang out (five penalties, 96 faults).

Mr. G. Cutts, conductor of the Sandal team, proposed a vote of thanks to the judges and recalled that it was 30 years since they had won the trophy. It had really been a case of 'If at first you don't succeed . . . try, try again.' He regretted that Mr. Will Moxon was not in the ringing team, as he had competed so often and had persevered in his work of training, advising and helping the present band. Mr. Cutts also thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the ladies for the splendid tea, and the local company for their hospitality. Mr. J. W. Buxton seconded and the Vicar suitably replied.

The audited accounts were then presented and showed an increased balance of £1 5s. 1d. The officers were re-elected en bloc and the secretary was instructed to contact Crofton for the next meeting on October 18th. A vote of thanks to the officers for their work during the year was proposed by Mr. G. Crompton and carried with acclamation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SAD PLIGHT OF HULL

Dear Sir,—This is a very urgent appeal from Holy Trinity, Hull. We have ten excellent bells, the tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb., and two experienced ringers: we sometimes manage 120 Grandsire Doubles on Sundays if we are lucky. Are there any good friends in this area who will help to get the back eight going for Triples or Major? There must be half a dozen good ringers in this city of 300,000 who could come and help us out. It is more than disappointing and sad to see the bell ropes hanging and no ringers to man them, so if there are any kind friends willing to help out we shall be more than pleased to have them. I pray to God sincerely that my letter will be answered as we wish it to be.

This lovely old church—and it is lovely—is the largest parish church in England and dates back some 600-700 years or more. Churches aren't built like this any more, mankind appears to be more interested in seeing how quickly they can destroy them to-day. Our church stands as a symbol of Christianity. With its massive tower reaching skywards it belongs to us—men and women of God, we Christians.

Surely there are a few men and women who will come and aid us and let the sound of the bells be heard by all.—Yours faithfully,

AUSTIN STONE.

Hull.

TANTNEY

Dear Sir,—I wonder if any reader could give me any information on the following:—

When I was a lad, at the village church I attended the last bell, after chiming for service, was chimed alone for some three or four minutes, and this was called the 'Tantney.'

Several times since both my sister and I, in various parts of the country, have tried to find how it ever got the name of 'Tantney,' without success.

I should be very pleased if anyone could give me some knowledge of this title 'Tantney.'—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE F. KNIGHT.

Irthlingborough.

HENRICIANS' PEALS

Dear Sir,—I would refer to an item of 'Belfry Gossip' in your issue of July 4th, stating that a peal at Middle Littleton on June 21st was believed to be the first 'Henricians' peal.

Your informant should be referred to the following peals rung for the Worcestershire Association: (1) On April 23rd, 1955 (No. 3240) and (2) on July 8th, 1955 (No. 3252).

It is quite possible that other 'Henricians' peals were rung prior to those noted above.—Yours, etc.,

MAGIC MOMENTS.

INCUMBENT AND CURATE RINGING PEALS TOGETHER ON OWN BELLS

Dear Sir,—There have been two instances of an incumbent and his curate ringing a peal on the bells of their own church. The first was on August 5th, 1912, when the Revs. A. H. F. Boughiey (president of the Cambridge University Guild) and H. S. T. Richardson (brother-in-law of Mr. Edwin H. Lewis) rang their first peal of Stedman Cinques at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge. The second instance was in Wales a few years ago.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Note.—We thank other correspondents who have given an answer to our reader's query.—Editor.

PRaise FOR LONDON UNIVERSITY GUILD

Dear Sir,—Being far from satisfied with the standard of striking generally, I have been waiting for someone to give credit to the members of the London University Guild, who at Whitsun rang at many towers in this area and did truly give an object lesson to most.

I was present at Burnham (8, 12½ cwt., Hitcham (6, 6 cwt.), Bray (8, 26½ cwt.), Langley (6, 18 cwt.) and Slough (10, 17½ cwt.) and thoroughly enjoyed the ringing at these towers, as did many local ringers with me.

If all visiting bands to other towers would only attempt what they are capable of they would leave a much better impression behind them. May I appeal to all to leave the experimenting in methods beyond their capabilities to their own towers or area. I am not trying to be rude.—Yours sincerely,

Burnham, Bucks. GEORGE GILBERT.

'IN DEFENCE OF AN EPIC'

Dear Sir,—Reading a letter in 'The Ringing World' of July 11th, 'In Defence of an Epic,' I was reminded of another ringer—Lewis Carroll's Bellman:—

The Bellman perceived that their spirits were low,

And repeated in musical tone

Some jokes he had kept for a season of woe—

But the crew would do nothing but groan.

Yours faithfully,

DAVID CUBITT
(One of the Wakefield Crew.)

P.S.—If you don't recall the writer of the letter to which I refer, 'Musical Tone' might, I suppose, be used as a clue to his name.—D.C.

GAINSBOROUGH & DISTRICT RINGERS' OUTING

Few June days could have been so wet and dismal as Friday, the 27th, the day the Queen came to Lincolnshire, and the Saturday dawned little better. However, by the time the bus had picked up from the villages and got well into Yorkshire, a beautiful day developed.

Wetherby, with a nice ring of eight, was the first call for coffee and ringing. Lunch en route to Kirby Hill, and here we found a good light ring of six and a delightful church. We would have liked to have rung at Ripon but a service made this impossible and so Sharrow was substituted: a very good substitute it turned out to be. The ringing chamber will long be remembered as an example of how one should be. The stained glass window recording a peal is most unusual and beautiful.

Time was found for a pause in Ripon for shop window gazers, Cathedral gazers, etc., and so on to Knaresborough for a delicious tea. Then a brief sample of what this lovely spot has to offer in the way of scenery and boating on the river. What a shame the bells are not rung! Leaving late, the driver certainly coaxed the miles per hour out of the luxury coach to Chapel Allerton—Dove's tower, and in the news recently through the Bishop of Ripon. Every man, woman and child declared this to be the best ring of six they had heard or rung. The bells are a credit to Messrs. Taylor, the local people and the Nonconformist lady who gave them.

More speeding was necessary to reach All Saints', Pontefract, by 8 p.m. The tower, surmounted by an octagonal lantern, contains a musical, good-going ring of eight. We rang Stedman, Grandsire, Bob Major and Kent, with rounds for the non-change ringers. All too soon the outing was over. Where next year? is the burning question.

G. S. C. L.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch At Gorleston

The Eastern Branch held an interim meeting at Gorleston-on-Sea on July 5th, the first for several years and since the recent renovation work carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. All tastes and ringing talents were catered for and favourable comments were heard as to the improved sound of the two trebles.

In the absence of the Vicar (on holiday) the service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. J. H. Squibb), who also joined the members at tea.

At a short emergency business meeting two young local ringers, Joseph Bradley and John Soames, were elected to ringing membership of the Association, and the date of the autumn meeting was changed to October 11th, at Pakefield.

The members were given a brief account of the Dublin meeting of the Central Council by their president, Mr. Nolan Golden, with suitable asides from the new vice-president of the Council!

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. J. H. Squibb, Mr. Mayland (the organist) and Mr. A. W. Bird (local Ringing Master), who, together with Mrs. Bird and other ladies, had provided an excellent tea.

North Norfolk Branch

Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung at the quarterly meeting of the North Norfolk Branch at St. Michael's, Aylsham, on July 12th.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. B. Evans) conducted the service and in his address he spoke of copper and tin fused together to make a bell; and that human lives could be compared to a bell, as we were fused together by a spiritual and mortal life. Their aim, whatever our job, was the same as a bell, to ring true. The lesson, taken from Psalm 15, was read by the chairman, Mr. A. G. Bason.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the chairman welcomed the new president, Mr. F. N. Golden, and spoke of the work he had already done for the Association and ringing as a whole, and he was confident in his new capacity this high standard would continue. He also paid tribute to the services of the retiring president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston) and wished him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Golden thanked the chairman for his remarks and the honour which had been given him; he also expressed thanks to the Rev. F. B. Evans for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, Mrs. Wells for playing the organ, Mr. Pumphrey for arrangements made, and to Mrs. Howard for serving the tea.

The next meeting will be at Mulbarton on Saturday, September 18th.

After tea it was a pleasure to welcome ringers from Beccles on their annual outing.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Marks 1, F. Stanton 2, R. Cadamy 3, W. Yates 4, J. Meager 5, R. Howson 6, G. Holland (cond.) 7, H. Sear 8. Run to mark the 80th birthday of the tenor ringer, after peal attempt failed.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): D. E. Leigh 1, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 2, E. C. Leigh 3, B. F. Jeffrey 4, S. Jenner 5, L. Fox (first quarter) 6, N. V. Greenaway 7, J. Warner 8. 7, 6, 8 cover. For the national festival.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Griffith 1, Joan Cheney 2, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Grant 5, L. G. Pickering 6.

ST. ATHAN, GLAM.—On July 12th, 1,296 Bob Minimus: G. R. Marchant (cond.) 1, W. H. Hartford 2, B. Taylor 3, D. J. Llewellyn 4. First of Minimus by all.

ST. MARY'S, PUTNEY

THE two towers of Fulham and Putney standing on either side of the Thames by Putney Bridge must be a familiar sight to many readers. The embattlemented tower of Putney Church is 80 feet high and was built of Kentish ragstone in about 1450. It is a fine, solid-looking structure.

There have been bells in this tower for many centuries, for in the Inventory of Church Goods made in the reign of Edward VI it is stated:—

'Item in the steeple V belles,'
and in a later return

'Fyve belles in the steeple and a saunce bell'

Up to the year 1836 the tower contained a ring of six bells with the following inscriptions:—

1.—'This bell was first cast by Mr. William Throckmorton, Churchwarden, and re-cast by Mr. Humphrey Graves, Churchwarden. Anno, 1674'

2, 3, 4.—'Robertus Mot me fecit 1586'

5.—'Robertus Mot made me 1582'

6.—'Feare God 1642'

From the Churchwarden's accounts it appears that Number 1 was cast by William Eldridge at Chertsey. The total weight of the ring was 46 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

In 1836 all these bells were recast and the octave completed. They are now inscribed:—

1-7.—'Thomas Mears of London, Founder, 1836'

8.—'The Six Old Bells were recast and Two Treble Bells added A.D., 1836 The Revd. Christopher Thomn(?)'s Robinson, Minister Mr. James Miller, Mr. William Thompson, Churchwardens 'Thomas Mears of London, Founder'

* Founder's mistake for an 'a.'

Their total weight is 70 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs. The tenor weighs 16 cwt. 25 lbs., and is in the key of F. Its diameter is 46 ins. and that of the treble 28 ins.

These bells were all rehung in 1911. They must now undergo a thorough restoration. They will be rehung one-eighth turned and tuned to bring out their already good tone. They will be supplied with completely new fittings and rehung in the oak frame of 1836 which is still in good condition. This will cost about £900 and it is the hope of all Putney ringers that the bells will be ringing, as they have done for so many centuries, at Christmas.

There must be many ringers who have rung in this tower and still more who have passed outside it, not least on Boat Race Day. To all these and ringers in general we appeal for a donation, however small, towards the work of restoration.

A. Clayton, 126, Kenilworth Court, Putney. S.W.15.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on July 13th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob): Linda Forward 1. Christine Woodward 2. A. Marian Gould 3. C. R. C. Coussmaker 4. P. R. Sanders (cond.) 5. R. James 6. For Sung Mass.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Stratford 1. Jennifer Stratford 2. Dorothy Stratford 3. R. Brandrick (first 'inside') 4. M. E. Brown (cond.) 5. A. Chapman 6. For Evensong by Sunday service band.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

A very enjoyable meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held on July 5th at Christ Church, Dore, and good use was made of the melodious, light ring of eight bells during the afternoon. After tea and a short business meeting, members adjourned to the tower, where rounds and methods ranging from Plain Bob Minor to Bristol Surprise Major were rung. Much time was also devoted to learners.

S. C.



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PUTNEY

Major and Grandsire Triples. Mr. Wagstaff kindly showed us his handbell workshop and we are grateful to him for looking after us while we were at Northill.

The band rang for the morning and evening services at St. Peter's, Arlesey.

Two interesting points were brought to light during the week-end. The retiring chairman, Graeme Hughes, failed to set the tenor at the word 'stand' in all six towers rung in during the week-end. If anybody is thinking of becoming his wife—think again. He snores louder than anybody else I know.

A. S.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY TOUR

THE Birmingham University week-end tour took place in Bedfordshire on June 27th-31st. The tour started on a bad note when a car load of students got lost while on the journey from Birmingham to Arlesey and did not arrive until 11 o'clock on the Friday night.

The two graduates in the party travelled to Bedford by train, arriving at 10.15 p.m., but when they were picked up about midnight to complete the journey to Arlesey, they were thinking of catching the next train back.

The male members of the party intended to sleep in tents, but were forced indoors by the weather. Mrs. Charles, the wife of the Vicar of Arlesey, kindly allowed us to use a room in the vicarage as a tent.

On the Saturday morning, it was found that transport was required for seven. Six were squeezed into a Morris Minor, leaving one. It was decided to use a bicycle, each male taking a turn on the saddle. Paul Webb, the society's chairman and driver of the car, hurriedly explained that the car was only insured for him to drive and the two 'young ladies' could not be asked to ride a man's bicycle, so this left four very unwilling pedallers.

Alex Simpson took first turn on the bicycle (endearingly known as 'Penelope') to the first tower, St. Mary's, Henlow. Here we were greeted with the sad news of Lewis Bywaters' sudden illness. We send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Graeme Hughes took 'Penelope' to Clifton, where the Rector and some of the local ringers welcomed us and joined in the ringing—the only eight-bell tower of the day. Methods rung were Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major.

'Penelope' took Arthur Crump to All Saints', Southill. The ringing here was not of very high standard, probably due to the great thirst of some of the party (it was getting on for 1 p.m.). Packed lunch was eaten outside one of Southill's public houses, although some spent more time in it.

Old Warden was the next tower and it was Warrick Rich's turn to manoeuvre Penelope through the woods of Southill Park (oh: for a tandem!). Having been refreshed, the ringing at Old Warden was much improved and a good touch of Cambridge Minor was rung. The only complaint was from Arthur Crump, who said that he kept catching the wrong sally.

The last tower was at Northill. It was a delight to ring this heavy but easy going six. When the bells had been stood after a well-struck

extent of Cambridge Minor, we were surprised to hear the sound of bells ringing below in the church. On investigation, we found that the Vicar of Northill had recorded our ringing on his tape-recorder and later he recorded a touch of Grandsire Doubles and an extent of Bob Major rung on Mr. Wagstaff's handbells.

A very enjoyable tea was had in a nearby public house, and then we were taken around the church museum where Mr. Wagstaff's collection of 'bicycle-bells' was rung to Bob

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A COLLECTION OF SUMMER OUTINGS

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX

Sixty ringers and friends formed the party for the 28th annual outing into Kent on June 28th. A 7 a.m. start was necessary, but we were punctual at Rainham and enjoyed the welcome refreshments at the White Horse Hotel, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Cheal, to be followed by ringing on the good bells in the tower across the road.

An hour's ringing followed at Ospringe and then came the best ringing of the day at Faversham and a welcome from Mrs. Palin. An excellent lunch was served at the Delbridge House Club.

A stop was made at Canterbury but as a service was in progress we were unable to see round the Cathedral. At Chilham, the Vicar (the Rev. Sir Reginald Champion) gave us a hearty welcome to his lovely old church. Tea, another first-class meal, was at the Church Hall, Ashford, and an hour and a half was spent at the fine old parish church with its lovely bells. Brentwood was reached at 11.30 p.m. Thanks are accorded to those who helped to provide us with such an enjoyable day in Kent. J. H. S.

HORNCHURCH

There cannot be many counties where such a grand collection of bells are to be found in such a small area as in Suffolk.

Ipswich (St. Mary-le-Tower), Helmingham, Debenham, Woodbridge and Cecil Pipe's musical box at Grundisburgh thrown in for good measure was the Hornchurch itinerary on July 30th.

It has been reported that the younger members of the party refused 'Mum's' supper when they got home, and this surely speaks for some grand Suffolk hospitality.

What are we to remember of the day? Well the writer remembers George Symonds at Ipswich pointing out with pride the fine collection of Maximus peal boards and remarking wistfully, 'They don't ring 'em like that now.' This was before we had rung: what he thought afterwards I'm not so sure. Well, George, we might not have rung them as well but we had a good time and it was a pleasure and joy to meet and ring with you all. Thank you very much.

F. V. G.

RYE, SUSSEX

Rye Church ringers held their annual outing on June 21st. Twenty-one ringers left Rye by coach at 1 p.m., and for four beginners it was their first outing.

Hailsham was the first tower visited and this lightweight was much appreciated and a successful touch of Plain Bob Triples was managed.

The next two towers were both eights, being St. Mary's and All Saints'. Eastbourne. We took some time to get used to the former but settled down to the pleasant ring at All Saints' in order to ring for a departing wedding party. At this tower we enjoyed some of the best ringing of the day, despite a considerably longer draught than we are accustomed to. Grandsire and Plain Bob Triples were rung.

High tea was enjoyed at a nearby restaurant and everyone had a look round Eastbourne before rejoining the coach to travel to Westham (6), near Pevensey, the last tower of the day, where the Vicar called in to see us ringing. Ground floor ringing and outside sallies made ringing quite a handful, but we managed Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles.

We extend our thanks to all incumbents and to the local ringers who met us. S.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE

The dull morning of June 28th saw Colehill ringers, with friends and relatives, off for their annual coach tour. Following refreshments and touches on the six at Towcester, a move was made to Wicken. Here they enjoyed the fine eight, and were reluctant to leave for lunch at Bedford and ringing at St. Peter's. A pleasant drive brought them to Rushden, where another fine ring of eight was kept going for the time allowed.

At Northampton tea was taken and then the ten at St. Giles' claimed attention for a while. Weedon was eventually reached and train-spotting, Cambridge and simpler methods were accomplished. With an all-ladies' touch at Staverton the programme for the day was completed and Ham's Hall soon came into view.

Thanks are expressed to incumbents for permission to ring, and to all those who helped in various ways.

HUNTINGDON

The annual outing of the Hunts District ringers and friends took place on July 5th, the venue being Essex. Huntingdon was left at 8 a.m. and the first ring of the day was at Great Yeldham (6), and on to Bocking St. Mary, where we were met and introduced to the fine eight: here our limited time passed all too quickly. By this time we were looking forward to lunch, which proved to be excellent.

Kelvedon (6), where hangs a Festival of Britain tenor (21 cwt.) and Witham, with a very nice handy eight, were visited before tea.

At Boreham a well-struck course of Cambridge Major was the highlight, then on to Springfield (6), and afterwards our last stop at Broomfield (6), where hangs in this delightful round tower the most musical ring of the day.

Ringing finished at 8.30 p.m. and then the course was set for home. On the way we were provided with somewhat light entertainment by the blended harmony of Ely's Sutton Singers Choir, etc., who tried to sing some of their native folk songs.

During the day, Grandsire, Stedman Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Major, St. Clement's, Kent, London, Norwich, Beverley and Ipswich Minor, Cambridge Major and Minor were rung.

The thanks of the company are due to Mr. H. S. Peacock, who arranged yet another successful tour.

M. J. D.

LYME REGIS

Members and friends of the St. Michael's Guild enjoyed their annual trip on July 12th through Somerset and Wiltshire with Swindon as the farthest point. The ring of eight at Mells had been hoped for, but this not being available Shepton Mallet was substituted and, after a break for coffee, the musical eight there were kept going for an hour.

Westbury was reached a little late, but Mr. Grist was patiently waiting for us and the heavy bells were up in readiness. Some good ringing resulted here. On the 33 miles run to Wootton Bassett, passing the historic Avebury Stones on the way, a short break for picnic lunch was welcome. At the tower the veteran, Mr. L. A. Wilson, and Mr. Brooks greeted us and the easy-going ring of eight was much appreciated. The lovely ring of ten at Christ Church, Swindon, provided, perhaps, the greatest joy of the day. Dr. Craig and others of the local band gave us kindly welcome and were not too critical. Indeed, the Caters were quite respectable, while our novices performed well in their first experience on ten bells. Our send-off from this tower was accompanied by some beautifully-struck Kent Minor with tenor covering.

Another long run on some busy roads and down the picturesque Avon Valley via Upavon and Enford, brought us to Amesbury, where all did full justice to an excellent tea. Mr. Harvey was waiting for us here and the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Hazelton) visited the tower during the ringing. This quite good ring of eight was easily handled, albeit the tenors rather predominated through the opening for the clock weights. Rain held up a little for a brief visit to Stonehenge, where the restored transom stones are now in position again.

All then settled down for the 46 miles run to Yeovil, touching the pleasant Wylde Valley and getting some splendid glimpses of the rolling Plain country. A short break taken for refreshments at Yeovil as the evening drew in, and then an uneventful journey home, which was reached soon after 11 p.m.—only about half an hour behind schedule.

Methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Royal, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol, Yorkshire and London Surprise Major.

The warm thanks of all are expressed here to those who met us at the various towers; to the incumbents for their permission to ring; to the coach driver; and, not least, to Mr. G. S. Morris for his capable organisation.

C. C. C.

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OUTINGS—Continued

EMMANUEL, PLYMOUTH

On Friday, July 10th, at 4 p.m., Emmanuel ringers set off with wives and friends for their annual outing, this being the most ambitious tour undertaken by the band in some 28 day and half-day trips since 1944, being an overnight affair.

The weather was ideal and the journey to Bristol in our usual 33-seater coach belonging to Messrs. Pridham was greatly enjoyed. We had several old friends with us—Mr. T. G. Myers, of St. Andrew's, who has never missed one of our trips, and Mrs. Joe Woodley, whose late husband was for a number of years the captain of Emmanuel ringers, and who was well known to many Bristol ringers in the 1920's and early 1930's.

We were due at Chewton Mendip at 8 p.m. and arrived a few minutes ahead of schedule. Ringing on these grand bells was a good start. We arrived at our hotel in Clifton about 11 p.m.

Mr. Bert Perkin took on the job of 'knocker-up,' at least for the top storey, and we were all set going at 7 a.m., but I think he overlooked the fact our party occupied 17 bedrooms!! However, breakfast at eight and 'all present,' and Mr. Lavers' bugle was not required!! And what a day! It rained and rained, but did that damp our spirits? No, and neither did it prevent our wives and friends from having a good look round Bristol both in the morning and afternoon, whilst the ringers did the rounds, meeting at our hotel for lunch and tea.

We were off to a good start at 8.50 at St. Ambrose's, there to be met by several members of the local band, Miss Smith, one of our newest recruits, who had spent four years at Bristol University, did a grand job in piloting us from Clifton through parts of Bristol unknown to her. Here we were joined by our old friend, Mr. R. J. Bowden, who then became our pilot, although to reach our next church, Holy Nativity, Knowle, he took us up a hill about one in two!! Next to St. Thomas', with that grand old ring of eight and its 29-cwt. tenor, where we were greeted by Mr. Mack. Here we had to say goodbye to 'Dick' and wish him well: we shall miss him in Plymouth.

Back to our hotel for a good lunch, then off again to St. Stephen's, and although ours is an eight-bell tower, we were very pleased with the job we made of Grandsire Caters, thanks to the help of Mr. Tom Myers, and to our being able to visit St. Andrew's and ring on the 16 bells at any practice night. On to SS. Philip and Jacob's, where there was a wedding, and the bride and bridegroom left to the strains of Stedman Triples. A visit to Emmanuel Church, Clifton, concluded our ringing in the city, and at 4.30 we were back at our hotel for tea and were soon on the homeward journey—still raining!! The journey home was pleasantly broken to ring at Burnham-on-Sea.

During the trip we rang at eight churches. The ringing was, for some reason, not our best, someone so often wanting to take the wrong turn, although we had at least one good touch at each church, and in our 'rises' and 'lowers' we were complimented at several places. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung, also rounds.

A short halt was made at Chudleigh for the usual 'end of trip' refreshments, and it was here that that well-known ringer from St. Andrew's beat the secretary back to the coach for the first time for the day! Plymouth was reached at 11 p.m. Mr. J. B. Sims, the captain of Emmanuel ringers, had quite a job on to see that everyone had his or her share of ringing, and he made a success of this.

At tea thanks were accorded by Mr. Sims to Mr. Pridham, our driver, the proprietors of the hotel and Mr. H. H. Thomas, hon.

secretary, who had made all the arrangements. Regret was expressed that Mr. W. Collier and Mrs. Owen Thomas were unable to be with us, both being ill, with the hope for their speedy recovery.

Through 'The Ringing World' sincere thanks are expressed to the Vicars of all the churches visited, local ringers and Mr. 'Dick' Bowden. H. H. T.

GAMSTON, NOTTS

Fine weather favoured this outing on July 5th into Northamptonshire. Ringers from East Retford, Rampton, Worksop, Tuxford and Sutton-on-Trent joined, and Retford was left at 7.15 a.m. A short stop was made at Stamford for cups of tea before continuing to Titchmarsh. It was at Oundle that flood notices were out but the driver thought he would take the risk, and after going through about two feet of water we emerged safely. On account of this, Titchmarsh was reached a quarter of an hour late, but 45 minutes were enjoyed on this grand octave. Rushden was next on the list, and here the males had to listen to rounds and Queen's rung by the fair sex, who did it to their satisfaction. We should have liked to have stayed with these grand bells longer.

Earls Barton has a lovely Saxon tower and the belfry is reached by a long wooden ladder. A good course of Cambridge Minor on the back six was rung. St. Giles', Northampton, was reached late owing to the driver taking a 'wrong turn,' but these ten bells are a pleasure to ring and hear. Some rang their first Grandsire Caters and some their first rounds on ten. The Holy Sepulchre eight followed and a good touch of Oxford Bob Triples was brought round.

Tea followed and afterwards a call was made at Moulton (8), where some of the locals joined in and a good hour was spent. It was here we said goodbye to Margaret, who was on her way to join the Manchester University Guild tour.

Thanks must go to Mr. G. H. Roome for his kind help in arranging the outing, the local clergy and local ringers who met us on arrival.

Thank you, Northamptonshire, we shall be pleased to see you again in Notts. H. D.

LUTON

The Cotswolds! There's magic in the very name of this fair stretch of England, and here it was that the Luton ringers took their wives and friends for this year's outing.

The first stop was Dorchester, where, owing to the bell mechanism, we were unable to ring, but we enjoyed a look round the ancient Abbey and a cup of coffee. At Stroud, after an excellent lunch, we made good use of the very pleasant ring of ten bells, and then on to Painswick, set in the heart of some glorious scenery, and with 12 splendid bells—something for everyone!

Next came tea at Northleach (well up to standard!) and more ringing on the recently-restored ring of eight at Bourton-on-the-Water before the journey home via Chipping Norton and Bicester. Altogether a lovely day.

Looking back, there was not much amiss with the Bristol at Bourton, and at Stroud, Cambridge Royal was going well until . . . !! Perhaps some day I shall have the pleasure of hearing the remarks of the conductor of an orchestra when interrupted in the middle of a performance. But there it is, it's all in the game, and our only real regret was that once again Mr. A. King was unable to be with us.

Our sincere thanks to the incumbents and local ringers who met us and so contributed to our enjoyment of this very successful trip. A. E. R.

OBITUARY

THE REV. A. OGLE

Many friends in East Ilsley and district will learn with regret of the sudden death on July 4th of the Rev. Arthur Ogle.

Coming from a living at Maidstone, Kent, he was Rector of East Ilsley for 30 years and retired seven years ago to live at Clanfield, on the Thames, where he spent many happy hours boating, which was one of his favourite hobbies.

Mr. Ogle spent his boyhood in Lancashire and his University years at Magdalen College, Oxford. A scholar and a gentleman, he was always ready with help and advice for anyone who sought it.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church, East Ilsley, on July 9th, when a large number of friends and parishioners attended. In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by the local band: J. W. T. Hibbert 1. Miss P. E. Hibbert 2. Mrs. M. C. Hibbert 3. E. T. Sneller 4. Miss E. M. Wilson 5. J. W. Wilson 6. C. J. Hibbert (conductor) 7. H. R. Wells 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

MR. WILLIAM J. WEBB

The death at 87 of Mr. William J. Webb, severs the last link with the original band, formed in 1927, when the tower was opened with its new ring of bells at the Good Shepherd, Brighton. Since that date he had been a consistent and regular ringer, both for Sunday service and practice alike.

As a youth, employed in the gardens of Hever Castle, Kent, he learned to ring with the local band at the parish church, where the limit of their capabilities at that time was the 'old 120' of Grandsire Doubles. Becoming employed on the railway and moving away from Hever, ringing was given up until at the age of 58 the new tower and bells at the Good Shepherd were opened on the hill above his home in Preston.

Beginning again, almost from the start, and by persistent practice at other towers, including constant attendance at Association meetings, he finally realised his ambition of ringing the Surprise methods. Although having rung only three peals, two of Stedman and one of Bob Major, it was his never-vacant rope in the tower on Sunday that commanded our respect. Until three weeks before his death in hospital after an operation, William Webb regularly climbed the steepest hill in Brighton and then the tower steps almost on hands and knees in order to make the band complete.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of the Good Shepherd (the Rev. R. J. Hills) and was preceded by the bells rung half-muffled by representatives from the three Brighton towers as the coffin approached. To the many who had gathered to honour his memory, the Vicar paid a high tribute to his unfailing qualities as a churchman and ringer, his constancy of character and never-failing devotion. In the evening a representative Brighton band successfully completed a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples.

The tower of the Good Shepherd has lost a devoted servant, and his fellow ringers a valued companion and an old friend.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On June 29th, at St. Peter's Church, 1.280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. J. Butler (79) 1. Brenda M. Balls 2. E. P. Duffield 3. W. J. Brunt (first of Surprise Major) 4. H. J. Millatt (cond.) 5. F. G. Oliver 6. B. W. Fairhead 7. E. E. Davey 8. Rung on St. Peter's Day for the patronal festival.

EALING, MIDDLEX.—On July 13th, at the Church of Christ-the-Saviour, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Palmer 1. Miss F. Brown 2. Mrs. H. M. Price 3. Miss J. Scrutton 4. G. Harvey 5. F. Ranson 6. W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7. H. M. Price 8. For Evening Song.

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BIRTHS

HAW.—On Tuesday, July 15th, 1958, to Ruth (née Morgan) and Jim, 31, Eastgate, Deeping Saint James, Lincs, a daughter (Carol Shirley). 2736

TAPPENDEN.—On July 17th, 1958, at 46, Court Avenue, Old Coudson, to Helen (née Gorringe) and Roy, the gift of a daughter, Jane Elizabeth. A sister for Roger William.

ENGAGEMENT

CARVETH—CORK.—The engagement is announced between Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. N. Cork, 11, Frances Street, Truro, and Alan, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. N. Carveth, Shenfield, Falmouth Road, Truro. 2717

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

BORER—HIGHLEY.—The wedding will take place at All Saints' Church, Frindsbury, on Saturday, August 2nd, 1958, at 1.30 p.m., between Peter, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Borer, and Jennifer, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Highley. All ringing friends welcome at church. Ringing 12.45 p.m. 2720

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MISCELLANEOUS

LELANT, CORNWALL.—Will visiting ringers please note that ringing practices have been suspended for the present. 2726

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, KILBURN, will not be holding any practice nights during August.—A. D. Herbert, Sec. 2713

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—No meeting this month.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 2734

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on July 26th at 6 p.m. Ringing 3.30 p.m. at St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park.—John Chilcott. 2703

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—District meeting at Cranleigh (8) on Saturday, July 26th, from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—D. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 2689

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Lydd on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 2653

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Hoar Cross, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. All welcome. 2708

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Hugghenden (8), July 26th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. (Windsor 1484). 2691

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Kedington, Saturday, July 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the White Horse. Names to Miss R. Seabrook, Clare. 2649

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting at Coddendam, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Henley (8) 6.30 p.m. 2701

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A practice meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 2707

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mickleton, Saturday, July 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business. 2695

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Upton, Aug. 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2733

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Histon (6) on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 2721

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Stoke Bishop (6), Aug. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Method, London.—A Bennett. 2729

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Ottershaw (6) on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Otter. Names for tea not later than previous Tuesday.—Mrs. H. Hancock, Malsanger, Chobham Road, Ottershaw. 2715

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Abbots Langley (6) on Aug. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 2719

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Kildown on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash (2/6) please, by Tuesday, July 29th, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 2719

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting will be held at Ribchester on Aug. 2nd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2719

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Wavendon, Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells (6) at 5.30 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 2730

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Steeple Ashton (6), Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 2722

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Meeting at South Anston on Saturday, Aug. 2nd, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 29th, to Mr. H. M. Turner, 10, High Street, South Anston, Sheffield.—J. Seager, Sec. 2727

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Warnham (8), Aug. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by previous Wednesday certain, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 2723

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Lymington (8), Aug. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 30th, please.—Godfrey, Pinchurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Hants. 2724

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 4th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea at nearby cafes, owing to building new Church Hall. Bells available in evening.—A. H. Smith, 9, Dorking Road, Great Bookham. 2725

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Norton, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. H. Haynes, Whilton, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 2718

OBITUARY

THE REV. C. J. HANCOCK

The Rev. Charles John Hancock, who died in his sleep on June 12th, had been Vicar of Kimpton for 6½ years and was very active until his sudden death at the age of 54.

Soon after his induction at Kimpton he was taught to ring. He would never have become a great ringer (although he was nephew to Walter Buckingham, a well-known St. Albans ringer), and never to our knowledge rang out of his own tower, but here he was most regular for practice and service ringing, until recently, when the band became strong enough to manage without him. (He conducted at least four services and Sunday School every Sunday.) We believe he enjoyed ringing, but definitely as 'service.'

Visiting ringers were always welcome at Kimpton, and those fortunate enough to have met him will mourn his passing.

Mr. Hancock was an exceptional priest, with a friendly manner which made him welcome and 'at home' anywhere. He was a tireless visitor, especially to the sick of his parish, whatever their religion. Last November he was made Rural Dean of Welwyn.

Twenty priests and the Bishop of St. Albans walked in procession at his funeral service in Kimpton Church on July 17th: the church was crowded. A course of 120 Bob Doubles was rung on the half-muffled bells by Maurice Butterfield 1, Shirley Dyer 2, Robin Arnold 3, Helen Price 4, Donald Price 5, John Gatward 6.

A memorial service is to be held in Kimpton Church on Sunday, July 27th, at 6.30 p.m.

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