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GEORGE BAKER

THE brief obituary in May told us of the passing of an old timer, and also of one who made his mark in the Exercise. The name of George Baker may mean nothing to many of the present generation of ringers, as his peal ringing days were in the 1890's, but some of his work lives on. He was a member of the Brighton Parish Church band, and also a member of the famous peal band who used to organise peal-ringing weeks and attempt a peal every night.

After ringing peals in most of the Surprise methods, including the first ever of Bristol, George turned his attention to composition and produced a number of peals, some of which are still rung. Then he began the study of method construction and extension. He evolved a system of his own and worked more by figures than by diagram. It seemed almost certain that this system would die with him as very few ringers understood his 'Round Blocks and Transpositions.'

The late John Goldsmith once satirised him in an article which he called 'The Brains Bust.' 'Round blocks and transpositions,' said Mr. Goldsmith, 'can be made to prove anything.' But G. B. took it in good grace and kept silence. In the 1920's G. B. wrote dozens of letters to the 'R.W.' and carried on a voluminous correspondence with Messrs. J. A. Trollope, Wm. Taylor, York-Bramble, and sometimes G. Lindoff and H. Law James joined in. G. B. once told the Rev. H. Law James that there was nobody so blind as those who would not see. John Goldsmith was never short of copy when these gentlemen were on with their highly technical arguments. Mr. A. York-Bramble is the only one left, and he is very quiet nowadays.

There were several extensions of London put forward, starting with the one by the College Youths in 1907. No. 2 was by A. York-Bramble, No. 3 by G. Baker, and No. 4 by W. Taylor. Time has shown that the only one which appeals to ringers is No. 3, and it is the only one now rung. It would be a nice gesture to call it Baker's Extension instead of No. 3 Version. (Incidentally, if any extensions have been missed, it is not intentional.)

Very few people would think of emigrating at the age of 90, but G. Baker did, and lived to be 92. He went to New Zealand with his daughter and, sure enough, he found some of the New Zealand ringers. Of course, his active ringing days were over, but he was interested in theoretical matters to the end. He had a fine collection

of ringing books (so I am informed), and we hope that these will find a 'safe' home and not be lost. So we say farewell to one who by his energy and originality made the Exercise sit up and take notice. He often used the pen name of 'Owen Kay,' but this did not hide his identity.

M. R.

THOUGHTS ON SURVEY OF SUNDAY RINGING

THE survey is now complete and has been published.

It has presented many facts about ringing generally, but the two words Sunday and Christianity have been kept hidden. If it is true to say that . . . 'the bells of any parish church are some of its best missionaries and publicity agents . . .,' then surely it should be of the utmost importance that every ringer should be first and foremost an active member of the Church. If this is so, then it follows that the connection between the tower and the body of the Church will be strong.

All of us who have tried to strengthen our bonds will know that it is not the size of the population that controls the number of eligible recruits but it is the life within the Church itself that is the controlling factor. I think that every Ringing Guild or Association could assist here by stipulating that every learner, and in fact every member, could only join by passing a proficiency test and by attending church regularly.

I notice also that it is considered cheerful to record that 'love of ringing' is a favourable factor, and yet would it not be more joyful to record 'for the love of God'? I wonder if anyone did?

I do not suggest that if one collected together the most intense members of one's congregation and instilled into them concentrated bellmanship they would be able eventually to ring Spliced Surprise Major for service ringing—they wouldn't, but they would bring into the belfry generally a feeling of Christianity which I feel is sadly missing in most towers to-day. Go to any Guild practice and see just how many ringers stay to the service, and of those that stay how many take an active part in the service.

To sum up, I would say that it is high time we ringers strengthened our ties with the Church before we pat ourselves on the back and say, Yes, but there are 41,700 ringers in the British Isles.' How many of these stay to church every Sunday? How many of them are regular communicants—700? No, I am being pessimistic. But WHY has the survey been so quiet about this all-important matter.

M. HATCHETT.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes.

In ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	*STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 7
*MARY C. PAYNE .. 2	JOHN FREEMAN .. 8
NORAH M. BIBBY .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 9
*MARGARET A. SWANN .. 4	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 10
†PETER A. SHARP .. 5	RAYMOND F. SMITH .. 11
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6	JOHN WALDEN .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. † First 12-bell peal.

BIRMINGHAM

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

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in D.

*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. Treble	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	PAUL J. RIGBY .. 8
ALBERT WALKER .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 4	PETER BERESFORD .. 10
JOHN PINFOLD .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 11
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
*PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
MRS. G. A. HALLS .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal on ten bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. Treble	F. BRIAN COOKSON .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 8
PAUL J. RIGBY .. 4	PETER BORDER .. 9
JOHN McDONALD .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

GLASGOW, LANARKSHIRE.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in C sharp.

No. 3 version.	
WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 7
BASIL JONES .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

STEPNEY, LONDON, E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	JOHN D. ROCK .. 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 2	STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 7
ALAN J. FROST .. 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 8
DAVID E. PARSONS .. 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 9
BARRIE HENDRY .. 5	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.

First peal in the method by the Society.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 SWINDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

BRIAN BLADON .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	ERIC SUTTON .. 7
MARION J. SKINNER .. 3	VICTOR GRIFFIN .. 8
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 9
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 5	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., July 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. Treble	PAUL J. RIGBY .. 6
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 8
PETER BERESFORD .. 4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 9
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 5	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.

Pritchard's.	
*J. YORKE PARKER .. Treble	A. GEORGE ORBELL .. 5
†DAVID COUPERTHWAIT .. 2	*CHARLES F. SARGEANT .. 6
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 3	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT .. 7
*C. REX WALLER .. 4	ANTHONY R. MANN .. Tenor

Conducted by W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' First of Major as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to David and John Couperthwaite on their removal to Hutton, near Preston.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*JOHN GILDEN .. Treble	†CAROL FERNLEY .. 5
†MARGARET BOUMPHREY .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
†EILEEN M. FEARN .. 3	†PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 7
SHIRLEY HARRIS .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

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2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

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GORLESTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

JACK PILGRIM Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 6
*A. WILLIAM BIRD .. 3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 7
JAMES M. BAILEY .. 4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 10 cwt.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Ebbe.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

D. KAY ADKINS Treble	ALAN R. PINK 5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 6
EDGAR J. SMITH 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 7
CHARLES COLES 4	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
Rung in thanksgiving for the birth of Peter David Niblett.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

PETER F. BORER Treble	IAN H. ORAM 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
*LEONARD MANNERING .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 22). Conducted by JOAN BERESFORD.
* First peal in the method. Rung in memoriam Alfred H. Pulling.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

PATRICIA A. WARDIE .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 2	*JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* 50th peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on tower bells.
In memoriam Ali Pulling, buried this day. Tenor 12 cwt.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

JOSEPH M. STRETTON .. Treble	†RICHARD BENTLEY .. 5
*JOHN BISHOP 2	†JEFFREY HANKIN .. 6
HERBERT H. MORLEY .. 3	WALTER F. JUDGE .. 7
†MRS. OLIVE GILLET .. 4	*HARRY BISHOP .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal Rung for the wedding of Miss Janice Grimsley.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

PERCY SWINDLEY Treble	ARTHUR B. CLOSE .. 5
*DENISE SHALLCROSS .. 2	GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 6
†JOHN S. DEAN 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
JOHN PARSONAGE 4	GEOFFREY PARTING .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Major 'inside'. † First 'inside' and of Major.

CHIGWELL, ROW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON Treble	*BRIAN DOWNES .. 5
AIDAN ST. J. BOYACK .. 2	ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. 6
*VALERIE K. HESTER .. 3	LIONEL S. WOODS .. 7
*MICHAEL C. AUSTIN .. 4	HARRY TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Surprise.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5184 COMBINED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston variation.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.
DENIS A. FRITH Treble	JOHN H. BLUFF 5
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK .. 2	ROY STEPHENSON .. 6
CECIL WADE 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT .. 7
LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 4	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Watch Tower.

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

*MRS. C. N. LEA Treble	ERIC N. HARRISON .. 5
*GEORGE S. DEAS 2	KENNETH ARTHUR .. 6
*CHARLES N. LEA 3	*KENNETH LAWSON .. 7
*PETER M. GILES 4	DENIS A. BAYLES .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to Adrian Kenneth Arthur, born the previous Sunday.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ARTHUR J. HART Treble	GEORGE FRANCIS .. 5
LEONARD STILLWELL .. 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.
In memoriam Alfred H. Pulling.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Treble	*REV. ROBERT M. H. NIND 5
FRANK TAYLOR 2	MAURICE BENNETT .. 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3	JOHN G. AMES .. 7
A. ROY WITHYMAN .. 4	RONALD C. NOON .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal and first attempt. Tenor 16 cwt.

YATTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb.
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Treble	SIDNEY G. SMITH .. 5
CECIL F. MOGFORD .. 2	*P. HENRY MARSHALL .. 6
MARJORIE LEGG .. 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 7
ROBERT BRICE .. 4	JOHN K. BAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

*RITA M. JOWETT .. Treble	J. COLIN ASHWORTH .. 5
†KENNETH RUSHWORTH .. 2	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 7
JEFFREY KERSHAW .. 4	PETER SCHOLFELD .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PETER SCHOLFELD.
* First peal and first attempt. † First of Major.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Hilda.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARGARET A. SOFTLEY .. Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN 5
ERIC N. HARRISON .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 6
ENID SOFTLEY .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 4	CHARLES N. LEA .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.

**EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**
(Sheffield and District Society.)

*On Mon., July 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.*

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

PATRICIA WALKER Treble	*IAN TILLING 5
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. . 2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. . 6
ELSIE CHADDOCK 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. . 7
SUSAN CHADDOCK 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

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

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.
PETER ADCOCK Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. . 2	ROLAND H. COOK 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. . 7
KENNETH L. BROWN 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

In memoriam Alfred H. Pulling.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 124 cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK Treble	*FREDERICK JACKSON .. . 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON 2	*DENIS MADDOCK 6
WALTER ALLMAN 3	CYRIL VALENTINE 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

MARTIN C. FAULKES Treble	PETER R. JOHNSON 5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. . 2	JOHN M. JELLEY 6
ALAN E. HARTLEY 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. . 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

*HARRY HALL Treble	*JOHN HALL 5
*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. . 2	*MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. . 6
*RONALD CHAFER 3	GEORGE W. MOODY 7
JACK BRAY 4	*PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 16, 1959, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

STANLEY G. PONTING Treble	FREDERICK OLDROYD .. . 5
MONICA E. COLLINS 2	E. JOHN WELLS 6
DOUGLAS A. R. MAY 3	HAROLD A. MAY 7
A. PATRICK CANNON 4	COLIN A. HOPPER Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Alfred H. Pulling, for 67 years a ringer at this tower.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).	Tenor 14½ cwt.
A. SIDNEY READE Treble	*WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. . 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. . 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	FREDERICK C. LYME .. . 7
ARTHUR T. SHOREY 4	JACK MOORE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	HAROLD WAGSTAFF .. . 5
CYRIL WRIGHT 2	IAN M. HOLLAND 6
MARION ARCHER 3	LEONARD GOODALL 7
*GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. . 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND. Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

* First peal. First as conductor. Tenor 16 cwt.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS .. Treble	WILLIAM HOLLAND .. . 5
*TONY GRANT 2	*JAMES DUNN 6
RONALD BIRCH 3	BARRY HOLLAND 7
LESLIE SMITH 4	DENNIS HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by BARRY HOLLAND. Conducted by DENNIS HOLLAND.

* First peal. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER Treble	FRANK REED 5
HARRY D. LISTER 2	*RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. . 6
JOHN L. GIRT 3	†DAVID BRAND 7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON 4	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal of Major. † First of Treble Bob 'inside'.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in G.

ALFRED BALIARD Treble	A. MAXWELL LINDSAY .. . 5
GRAHAM T. BALL 2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. . 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
*MARTIN C. FAULKES .. . 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

ALBERT J. PITMAN Treble	*ANDREW N. STUBBS .. . 5
*MICHAEL J. AUSTIN 2	*JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. . 6
*JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. . 3	*DAVID T. DARBY 7
*F. NEVILLE PAILING .. . 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

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

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

*J. JAMES JEFFERIES Treble	†HAROLD L. PARFREY .. . 5
†PHILIP W. WEEKS 2	†ALAN F. LEE 6
†S. ARTHUR READ 3	†GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. . 7
†CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. . 4	†WILLIAM H. HURFORD .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Treble Bob Major. ‡ First of Kent Treble Bob Major. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation.	Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.
ARTHUR G. MASON Treble	JOHN W. SMITH 5
*MARGARET A. LADD 2	*EDWARD J. JENNER 6
†BERNARD V. COLLISON .. . 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. . 7
ERNEST J. LADD 4	*JOHN T. MEDHURST Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal in the method. † 150th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. Treble	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
*MRS. PAT. A. M. HALLS .. 3	*GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor
Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.	Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* 100th peal together.	

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	COLIN WIGNALL .. 5
†G. NELSON SLOAN .. 2	FRED PRICE .. 6
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 7
M. JOHN HALLIWELL .. 4	VICTOR J. C. WOOD .. Tenor
Composed by H. W. WILDE.	Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* 700th peal. † First of Major.	

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 22, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's.	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. Treble	†MARTIN L. HOWE .. 5
KATHLEEN M. YEO .. 2	COLIN A. TESTER .. 6
*PATRICIA E. BUSS .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 4	MAURICE E. DOWNS .. Tenor
Conducted by MAURICE E. DOWNS.	
* First peal 'inside' and of Major. † First of Major. First as conductor.	

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*KEITH D. WAPLES .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN .. 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 2	GEORGE P. ADAMS .. 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	†MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 7
DAVID HEIGHTON .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. Tenor
Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.	
* First peal on eight. † First touch in the method.	

HUCKNALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*BRIAN HINCHLIFFE .. Treble	†F. NEVILLE PAILING .. 5
MRS. M. I. PAILING .. 2	SIDNEY W. FOSSEY .. 6
MRS. PETER NIX .. 3	PETER NIX .. 7
HERBERT LEWIN .. 4	JAMES H. PAILING .. Tenor
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.	Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.
* First peal. † First in the method. First on the bells.	

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TRYSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sun., June 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) and (2) St. Clement's College	
*Bob, (3) and (4) Kent Treble Bob. (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob.	
Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb. in F.	
*MARGARET PRITCHARD .. Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 4
C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER .. 2	*†JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 5
†STELLA HUGHES .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal in three methods. † 25th peal together.
Rung for the wedding on this day of Mr. Dennis Granger, secretary of Trysull Church Council, to Miss June Pritchard.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., June 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in B flat.
*JANET MORGAN .. Treble	*MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. 4
*MARGARET PRITCHARD .. 2	CLIVE M. SMITH .. 5
JEFFREY B. WEBB .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor
Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.	
* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Kent Treble Bob Minor by all the band except the conductor.	

BEOLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.
*ALMA M. GREAVES .. Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 4
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 2	†NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
JOHN PINFOLD .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor
Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.	
* First peal of Minor and of Surprise. † First of Cambridge Surprise Minor, and now completes Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.	

CASTLE ACRE, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 1,440 Ipswich, 2,160 Norwich and 1,440 Cambridge.	
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G sharp.	
HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. Treble	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 4
GEORGE E. CRISP .. 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 5
DONALD F. MURFET .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor
Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.	

STEBBING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*WILLIAM CHAPMAN .. Treble	PETER WOOD .. 4
FRANK HARRINGTON .. 2	ALFRED H. LITTLE .. 5
†GEORGE HARRINGTON .. 3	RONALD SUCKLING .. Tenor
Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.	
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First on the bells since rehanging.	

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GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.
 ALAN J. FROST Treble | PATRICK J. CHAPMAN 4
 RICHARD A. WEBSTER 2 | DAVID C. URQUHART 5
 DIANA M. LAWLESS 3 | BARRIE HENDRY Tenor
 Conducted by BARRIE HENDRY.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob Minor and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.
 TONY OWEN Treble | EDWARD HOWES 4
 G. DREW 2 | LESLIE HOUGHTON 5
 FRED A. GREAVES 3 | NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor
 Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob.
 Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

IAN A. RICHARDSON .. Treble | *MALCOLM PHIPPS 4
 DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 2 | LESLIE W. BACON 5
 S. LESLIE BARLOW 3 | JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor
 Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal on six bells.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PENNINE TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
 Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. Treble | KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4
 DENNIS LAUD 2 | JOHN R. MAYNE 5
 RAYMOND G. SMITH 3 | ROBIN G. LEALE Tenor
 Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method. 50th peal on the bells.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.
 *HARRY J. GAYLARD .. Treble | HENRY G. KEELEY 4
 *WALTER H. POOLE 2 | ROGER KEELEY 5
 *RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 3 | WILLIAM A. YATES Tenor
 Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal in the method.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two 120's Spliced, ten 120's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 20 120's Grandire. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.
 JOHN E. GODDARD .. Treble | MARTIN J. BAILEY 3
 JOHN H. WILLIAMS 2 | EDWARD M. THRESHER .. 4
 MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. Tenor
 Conducted by EDWARD M. THRESHER.

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. York.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.
 GEORGE OLLIVER .. Treble | ERIC NIXON 4
 *DAVID J. MUNDAY 2 | TREVOR A. CROSS 5
 †WILLIAM PARROTT 3 | F. ERIC ROBERTS Tenor
 Conducted by F. ERIC ROBERTS.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.
 Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Treble | *PEGGY SKINNER 4
 JOSEPH J. BATCHELOR .. 2 | IAN H. ORAM 5
 ELIZABETH ROGERS 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 2 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

PETER R. JOHNSON .. Treble | G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 4
 JOHN R. SMITH 2 | ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
 MRS. J. R. SMITH 3 | JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In two methods, being four extents of Norwich and three extents of Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.

TED HOWES Treble | THOMAS E. SPIGHT 4
 JOHN R. SMITH 2 | WILLIAM CLOVER 5
 HENRY TOOKE 3 | *GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal in two Surprise methods and first of Surprise as conductor.

ABSON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 10½ cwt.

GILBERT S. SPRULES .. Treble | †BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4
 *HENRY TAYSON 2 | D. JOHN HUNT 5
 REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 3 | HERBERT T. FERRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. FERRIS.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor in two methods. First of Minor in two methods as conductor.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Ockley and Duke of Norfolk, (2) Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise, (3) College Exercise and Norbury, (4) Capel and Sandal, (5) London Scholars' and Kingston, (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars'. Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Oxford and Kent. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*VALERIE WATERFIELD .. Treble | LOUIS WILLIERS 4
 HAROLD DENMAN 2 | RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
 *RICHARD HOBBS 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in ten Treble Bob Minor methods.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 35 methods: (1) 192 Peveril, 120 Melandra, 120 Beeston, 168 Leasowe and 120 Castleton Delight; (2) 168 Wilmslow, 120 Rostherne, 120 Knutsford, 192 Bogedone and 120 Ely Delight; (3) 144 Balmoral, 120 Chepstow, 120 Skipton, 216 Fotheringay and 120 Dover Delight; (4) 192 Willesden, 168 College Bob IV, 168 Old Oxford, 72 Newdigate and 120 Marple Delight; (5) 120 Norbury, 120 College Exercise, 120 Duke of Norfolk, 120 Ockley and 240 Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) 168 St. Werburg, 120 Vale Royal, 120 Combermere, 192 Crowland and 120 Abbeyville Delight; (7) 168 Wragby, 120 St. Albans, 120 Neasden, 192 Charlwood and 120 Baintree Delight; 45 changes of method. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

ORDSALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	Treble	JOHN H. BLUFF 4
*JOHN COATES 2	HAROLD DENMAN 5
VALERIE WATERFIELD	.. 3	RICHARD HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 21 extents Grandsire and 21 extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt.

WILFRED C. GODWIN	.. Treble	EDWARD VENN 3
ALEC GAMMON 2	ROY H. JONES 4
JOHN DREWITT Tenor		

Conducted by EDWARD VENN.

Rung in memoriam W. Brain.

BENTLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (4) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) and (6) Cambridge, and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E.

ANDREW D. GRANT Treble	DEREK E. SIBSON 4
DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH	.. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE 5
GILLIAN NEAL SMITH	.. 3	BARWELL B. DIBBEN Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Sandal, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent, Merchants Return, Oxford and Bob Minor.
Tenor 9 cwt.

CYRIL RUSBY Treble	*DOUGLAS N. STABLES 4
TREVOR TARBATT 2	HERMAN RUSBY 5
FRED COWLING 3	NOEL F. MOXON Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

* First peal.

CLIPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 20 six-scores of Plain Bob, 20 six-scores of Grandsire and one 240 Grandsire (Morris's arrangement). Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

VICTOR A. PERRY Treble	ROBERT S. ROBERTS 3
ERNEST MORRIS 2	BARRY R. CARE 4

PERCY AMOS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT S. ROBERTS.

First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	.. 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD 5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	.. 3—4	JOHN VERNON 7—8
JOHN A. ACRES 9—10		

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung to the affectionate memory of Harold J. Poole (July 14th, 1955)
and Alfred H. Pulling, of Guildford.

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Mr. Frederick Sharpe is back in harness after a holiday in Wales. He has now ten towers to complete for his book 'The Bells of Cardiganshire.' Awaiting a publisher is his book on 'The Church Bells of Guernsey.' There are 18 towers on the island and many are by French bell-founders.

Yatton's claim to have rung the first quarter of Erin Triples in the Chew Deanery comes as a surprise to the band who rang one at Long Ashton a year ago on August 29th, 1958 ('R.W.' No. 2,476, September 12th, 1959).

The missing ringer in the quarter peal of 11 Doubles methods at Nailsea, Som ('R.W.', August 14th), was J. Brain, who rang the fifth. The conductor (M. Horseman) rang the fourth, not the fifth, as stated.

Supt. Claude Rush, of Eye, has retired from the Suffolk Constabulary and is now living at Felixstowe. Towards the bell restoration at Eye he raised £1,500, of which £877 was from the sale of 160 tons of salvage.

The Master (Mr. Wilfred Williams) conducted a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus for the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, on August 15th. Mr. Cecil W. Pipe was on the tenor, the peal being completed in, one minute under four hours.

On a recent West Country tour, Sherborne Abbey tenor was rung to a peal of Bob Major by a 20-year-old ringer. Is this a record for that weight? Also the same ringer was ringing Wells Cathedral tenor single-handed when the peal was lost after 3 hours 25 minutes! Other peals scored on the tour were 4-Spliced S. Major at Chewton Mendip by a 17-year-old band, 3-Spliced at Broadclyst, Yorkshire at Heavitree, Exeter, and peals of Cambridge and Southwell S. Major.

BELFRY GOSSIP

For the first time in some 30 years, Canon Cox missed the annual outing of St. Michael's Guild, Lyme Regis, to the Isle of Wight. In mid-Solent a touch of Grandshire Caters was rung on handbells, to the interest of fellow passengers. The band was quite shaken, however, when one lady was heard to remark: 'They must be foreigners!'

Oakley, Suffolk, bells are to be rehung. A total of £300 has still to be raised.

The quarter peal on page 452 credited to Burwell was rung at Exning and was conducted by Mr. J. Gentleman.

The week's tour of West Countrymen in North Wales and Cheshire was in no sense a tower grab—only 15 towers were visited. This must approach an all-time low record.

An attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques at Winchester Cathedral on August 15th to welcome the Dean, the Very Rev. N. Sykes, was lost after 1 hour and 50 minutes due to a broken rope.

On one of the hottest afternoons of the year (July 4th) the fourth bell at Little Waltham, Essex, started to run dry. The ringer, 16-year-old Ian R. Pantom, was nearly finished. As the last 720 was being entered Mr. Joe E. H. Roast, with a neat side-stepping action, exchanged ropes with Ian, and the peal was finished in good style.

Good work is being done by Mr. Stephen Thompson (69) at St. Mary's Church, Wickham, Co. Durham. The last of the church's regular band, he could not bear the thought after 54 years of ringing in this Norman tower, for the bells to be silent. He has now recruited four girls, and with the help of Miss Dorothy Best, by plenty of practice, has hopes of something useful in three months' time.

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RAVING RINGERS TOUR SOUTH WALES

The increased number of Raving Ringers present on the 1959 tour enabled a much more ambitious programme to be attempted than had been possible on previous tours.

Twelve ringers, average age 21, and representing eight counties, assembled at Chepstow on July 20th at the beginning of an eight-day ringing tour, including 62 towers in Glamorgan, Brecknockshire, Herefordshire, Monmouthshire and Carmarthenshire.

The headquarters was at Bedwas, where the Ravers, true to tradition, camped 500 feet up the side of a mountain. Slight difficulty was found in transporting the Ravers and equipment to the camp site, but all eventually arrived, even if on foot and not by car as initially intended. Two of the more enthusiastic Ravers cycled from Gloucester, and grabbed an extra tower en route.

Sunday, the first full day of the tour, dawned grey, and it eventually decided to rain continuously all day. Only four towers were visited, however, including Llandaff Cathedral, where we enjoyed being conducted around the Cathedral, reconstructed after war damage, as much as ringing on the ten. We later joined the local band for service ringing at Penarth, where we rang some well-struck Grandsire and Double Norwich.

Monday saw the party ring their way across Monmouthshire and into Herefordshire.

Nine towers in all were visited, including Usk (8), Monmouth, and several difficult-going 5's and 6's in Monmouthshire and Herefordshire. The day's ringing finished at Abergavenny, where we were pleased to join the local ringers at practice on the lovely ten.

12-BELL RINGING

Tuesday was another full day and eight towers were visited, including the only 12 in Wales and Monmouthshire at St. Woolos', Newport, where with the local ringers we were able to ring Grandsire Cinques and Plain Bob Maximus. Earlier in the day we were pleasantly surprised by the unexpectedly good tone and handling of the steel bells at Bassaleg.

Wednesday's programme included ten towers, mostly in Brecknockshire, calling at Ebbw Vale en route. Before ringing could commence at Llangasty Tal-y-Uyn (a four), we had to do some carpentry with a saw to six inches of extra stay on two of the bells. We also rang at Bronllys, one of the only two detached towers in Wales. The party posed outside Bronllys for a photograph.

Thursday dawned a bit brighter than it had been all the week, and we spent a pleasant day touring Glamorgan, ringing at nine towers, including Pendoylan (6). (N.B.—The dedication is St. Cadoc, not St. Teilo.) We joined the Cardiff ringers at St. John's (10) for their practice night.

The highlight of Friday's ringing was St. Mary's, Swansea, where the lovely eight went well to Stedman and Plain Bob Major. We also rang at Burry Port, the furthest point west that we visited. On the way back we had an excellent practice at Neath, Cadoxton, where we rang Reading and St. Albans Doubles, having representatives from both towns on tour.

Saturday's programme included eight towers in Monmouth and Glamorgan, starting at Llanbradach (8), where we were pleased to

see that the sallies had been removed from their mothballs. Just before Rumney, however, we ran into transport difficulties when one car developed chronic clutch trouble; but thanks to local ringers we were able to finish the day.

Sunday dawned again bright, and we were joined by two more Ravers from Gloucester. Nine Ravers piled into the 'Heavy Austin,' 1929 vintage, and six into the Morris Minor, and we set off. Despite these rather cramped conditions we arrived safely at Pontypridd, and after ringing for morning service we reloaded and moved on to Pentre, the heaviest eight in Wales. The ringing was much enjoyed by all the Ravers, and we were sorry to have to move



THE RAVING RINGERS AT BRONLLYS, BREC. — Standing: Chris Clarke, Roger Price, Peter Warran, Tony Mann, Howard Oglesby, Michael Ling. **Kneeling:** David Wood, Ron Russ, Dennis Bowen. **Seated:** Christine Pullen, Clare Chambers and Olga Critchlow.

on, over the mountains to Llangynwyd (6). The last call of the day was at Cowbridge (a lovely eight), where we enjoyed the ringing and service.

Owing to further clutch complications, the gear box of the afflicted car was quickly removed to Pontypridd in the early hours of Monday morning, and despite frantic efforts by the tour's mechanics we arrived at the last tower of the 1959 tour seven hours late (we hadn't been more than ten minutes out all week). Even then things wouldn't go right, and the fifth insisted on jamming as soon as 'Go, Cambridge' was uttered. Eventually we gave up, rang some rounds and departed.

Five miles out of Monmouth the ailing car finally gave up the ghost, and we spent our last evening ringing handbells on the side of the road. We were eventually rescued by the Morris, and we abandoned the car and spent Monday night on the floor of one of our nobler member's sitting room in Gloucester. Degraded, we caught the 12.18 to Paddington, with hopes of next year's tour the only things to lighten our pain. The Raving Ringers would like to thank the incumbents and tower foremen for helping such a successful tour, and also Mr. and Mrs. K. Lewis, of Bedwas, for their wonderful hospitality.

VICAR AS BELLHANGERS' LABOURER

Rededication At Offton, Suffolk

Roughly eight miles north west of Ipswich lies the small parish of Offton, with barely 300 inhabitants. There is quite a lot of history here, and this shows that every now and then a big sum of money has been spent on renovations and adornments to the Parish Church of St. Mary, but never so much as £1,150 at one go, which is the bill for the overhaul of its five bells and adding a new treble to make a ring of six. The parish has set itself this task, and has had the job done by Messrs. John Taylor & Co.

On July 31st Dr. Harold Morris, Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, performed the dedication ceremony and preached the sermon to a church so full that some stood at the foot of the tower and in the porch.

Ringers were there from all over the area: some came from Buckinghamshire, and that stalwart Urban Wildney, from Essex, was there. Veteran Charles J. Sedgley, and the leader of Pipe's Pilgrims (Cecil W. Pipe) were there, too, the latter having rung his first peal, called by Geo. A. Symonds (now 84 years old) 39 years before on that same date in 1920.

The Vicar (Rev. P. L. Strickland) read the first lesson, and the Rural Dean (Canon S. H. de la Bere) the second.

The Bishop expressed his appreciation of what was being done with the bells, and that a new floor had been put in the tower. Over £300 had been raised towards the cost and the diocese would grant about £100. Although much work had been done, he knew that the parish would not be any happier than the rector until all the money had been raised. He said: 'Don't worry too much about this large debt—the money will come in time. It is that which you work for that really gives pleasure. May your bells give you very great joy and happiness.'

He was not infrequently dedicating and rededicating bells and other church fittings in the diocese, and that showed that there was loving care of the church. Loving care of the church meant loving care of the people and concern about the deeper things of the spirit.

ARCHBISHOP IN SUFFOLK

The Archbishop of Canterbury had spent a holiday in Suffolk this year—five days at Lavenham and five at Aldeburgh. In that time he had visited 30 churches in Suffolk and had expressed his appreciation of how well cared for all but two were. He found hymn books carefully stacked and women of the parish cleaning. He had found the people friendly. Often he was not wearing a clerical collar so it was likely that many that he spoke to did not know who he was. Offton might well be one of the churches he visited.

But, the Bishop continued, churches should not only be kept beautifully but *well* used for the purpose for which they existed. He believed that there was now a coming back to church in town and country.

'When you hear church bells, you may ask yourself: "Why am I not on my way to church instead of the garden or the allotment?" To sick people who cannot attend church, the

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REMINISCENCES OF OLD LONDON RINGERS

MR. GEORGE E. SYMONDS, of Ipswich, is the first to respond to the request of Mr. Joe Thornley for reminiscences of London ringers. His period covers the years from 1895 to 1900. In those days Mr. Symonds often travelled to Ipswich by a train on a Sunday morning called "The Sunday League." For the extraordinarily low fare of 2s. 6d., he writes, he not only travelled 140 miles but had the privilege of ringing with Bill Catchpole and Jimmy Motts, who were the first two to call peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus. The only two living ringers to do this, he adds, are Charlie Sedgley and himself.

"I left the Suffolk village of Thornham, near Eye (6 bells), in 1895 for "The Smoke," as London was often called. I was living near St. John's, Waterloo Road, and was soon ringing with W. Barron, nicknamed "Tubby," who was renowned for calling Holt's Original. There were also brothers Harold and Arthur, and cousin Jimmy Davis. Harold was a noted composer.

"Others at that time were the brothers Tom, Bill and Bert Langdon, with their father, "Topsy," as he always wore a high silk hat; brothers Bill and Harry Pasmore, the latter being an expert at double handbell ringing of Surprise methods. Another was William Weatherstone, who always remarked, after losing a peal: "We went as far as we knew." There was also Bill Fussell, commemorated at Slough, who later went on the Australian tour, and designed the heading of "The Ringing World."

"A good conductor was Harry Barton, especially in Stedman Caters, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. George Wilde was steeple keeper at St. John's, Vassal Road, Brixton, which was bombed."

AT ST. PAUL'S

"Ezra Carter was then a member of St. Paul's Cathedral band, and as his duties kept him at work on some Sunday afternoons, I deputised for him, thereby meeting the College Youths' genial secretary, W. T. Cockerill. Madgewick used to say he trembled to think what would happen to the A.C.Y. if Mr. Cockerill died. The conductor at St. Paul's then was James Pettitt, and it was said of him that he called 52 different three-courses of Stedman Cinques in one year. With them were Bob Haworth, a printer and philanthropist, Billy Cooter, Fred Newman and many others.

"I also knew Francis Dawe (Frank, to friends), who was a rent collector for very expensive flats. It was said he sat down to lunch under Great Paul (17 tons) when it was a few feet above the ground prior to being hoisted into the south west tower of St. Paul's Cathedral. When peal ringing, Dawe always had a damp sponge at his waist to moisten his hands.

"At St. Martin-in-the-Fields was jovial Jack Mansfield, who sat on a stool and "clocked" hymn tunes on eight bells. John Nebus was the conductor here. He was "passing" the bell for the late W. E. Gladstone when he had a seizure, was taken to hospital, and died."

'BACK SLANG'

"There were jokes about Fred Perrin, who lived at Walworth and was the umpire for the silent peal of Holt's Original at St. John's, Waterloo Road, in 1898. His usual expression was "Don't forget Walworth, Sunday morn-

ing." After ringing a peal, a wag put a footnote something like this: "Rung as a farewell to Derf Nirrep, Esq., [back slang], who is leaving the country for Walworth, near Johannesburg." This was published in the now defunct "Bell News."

"Ted Horrex, well over four-score, should have been chairman at a College Youths' dinner, but just before the event he was taken ill and never recovered.

"I also rang at St. Magnus' and St. James', Bermondsey, both having very nice-sounding ten bells.

"Another worthy was Matt Wood, of Bethnal Green, whose previous surname was the French word Bois, which he changed to the English, Wood. He was very particular about punctuality. One ringer arrived a little late, whereupon he exclaimed: "If you cannot come on time, stay away."

"Several ringers from East Anglia migrated to London about the end of the last century. These included George Newson, J. A. Trollope, Alf Brighton, Harry Dains, John Oxborrow, with whom, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, they practised some Surprise methods.

"Others I call to mind are Ted Gibbs, the brothers Sam and Murray Hayes, and Challis Winney (a piano tuner, who rang on the same bells as William Corder, hanged for the murder of Maria Marten in the red barn). Corder's ringing book is now in the library of Cambridge University, bequeathed there by the late Rev. W. C. Pearson, of Henley, Suffolk. Finally, I must not forget Tich Symonds (no relation), of Lavenham, who lived at Islington."

G. E. SYMONDS.

JOINT MEETING AT GILLINGHAM

Some 86 ringers attended the joint meeting of the Rochester District (K.C.A.) and the Ladies' Guild at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Gillingham, on July 11th. The Vicar of Gillingham (Rev. J. R. Johns) conducted the service and presided over a short business meeting which followed tea in the Vicarage Hall. Four new members were elected.

A discussion on finances of 'The Ringing World' again resulted in no decision on making a charge of 6d. a rope on all members ringing a peal. The secretary was asked to convey the meeting's good wishes to two old members—Mr. Fred M. Mitchell, of Milton-next-Gravesend, and Mr. Dick Constant, of Gravesend. Thanks were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. L. Harmer and helpers for arranging the meeting and tea, and also to the Vicar.

Regret was expressed that peal boards recording some of the first peals rung for the Kent County Association were now nearly out of sight in the tower, having been moved higher up to the next floor. A fine summer's day was enjoyed by all at this once-famous tower for peal ringing some 50 years ago.

The bells of All Saints', Stradbroke, Suffolk, will be silent for some time as the tower, built in the 15th century, is being repaired. The clock is also being regilded and repaired. The total cost is estimated at £1,000.

NOTES ON THIS WEEK'S PEALS

In Mr. Ernest Morris' composition of 5,040 Plain Bob Royal, rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile on July 13th, every call was a single.

The peal of 5,040 London Surprise Royal rung by Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis' party at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on July 18th, was the first peal in the method in Scotland and the first of Royal on the bells.

To mark the 125th anniversary of the consecration of St. Thomas' Church, Norbury, Cheshire, the local band rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

A farewell peal to Roy Stephenson was rung at Heydour, Lincs, on July 11th. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. John H. Bluff.

The in memoriam peal to Mr. Alfred H. Pulling, rung at Southover on July 11th, was intended to be Albanian Surprise Royal. Unfortunately the band met short, and Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung.

The new Vicar of Spalding (the Rev. D. G. Jakeman), who was inducted on July 2nd, was welcomed by a peal on his bells on July 11th.

Two ringers from Rochdale—Michael D. Fishwick and Roland H. Cook—stood in the peal at Hethersett, Norfolk, on July 15th.

Mr. G. Nelson Sloan, of Christchurch, New Zealand, figures in our peal columns this week. The peal of Bob Major at Church, Lanes, was specially arranged for him.

Members of the Oxford Society rang at Handsworth, on July 18th, a peal of Superlative to welcome Peter David Niblett. It was also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jean M. Addicott, who was ringing her first peal in the method.

The 70th anniversary of the installation of the bells at St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, was commemorated by a peal on July 22nd.

A farewell peal to David and John Couperthwaite, who are going to live at Hutton, near Preston, was rung on the bells of St. Mary's, Burwell, on June 6th.

Mr. Henry Taysom rang in the peal at Abson, Glos, on July 13th, in honour of his engagement to Miss Janice N. Organ, of Purton, Berkeley. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. John Ferris, of Westerleigh.

Another engagement peal recorded this week was at Gamston, Notts, on July 14th. The betrothed are Mr. Richard Hobbs and Miss Valerie Waterfield.

The peal at Cawthorne, Yorks, on July 18th, was to mark the 50th year of the founding of the Barnsley and District Society.

The peal at Clipston on July 18th was to mark the bicentenary of the birth of George Frederic Handel. A similar tribute at Cogenhoe was recorded in our previous week's issue.

LEWKNOR, OXON. — On June 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. Fulker 1, F. Smith 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absalom (cond.) 5, W. Collins 6. For morning service and as a welcome to the Bishop of Dorchester.

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LETTERS TO

LONDON ASSOCIATION'S RINGING PRACTICES

Dear Sir,—The London County Association is fully conscious of and has stressed from time to time the need for collaboration between the principal ringing Associations holding regular meetings in central London. By this means ringers in the area would have an opportunity of joining in the activities of all the Associations of which they are members and also of meeting, as visitors, the Associations of which they may not be members.

Last year the writer offered, through the columns of your journal, to provide a meeting room and to convene a meeting of the secretaries of all Associations and Societies interested in such collaboration.

As no response was received to this suggestion, the London County Association discussed at its recent meetings the unfortunate situation which has arisen as a result of the *monthly* practices of three Associations all falling within the first week of each month, and two of these actually being held on the same day and the same time.

The result of these discussions is that in order to 'practise that which it preaches' the London County Association has moved its general body monthly practice from the first Monday to the *third* Monday in each month. The venue will still be St. Mary's, Lambeth, and the time 7.30 p.m.

Although the London County Association practice has, for very many years, been held on the first Monday in the month, the transfer has been made entirely in the interests of London ringers generally.

Can we not plan 1960 Saturday and practice meetings so that a minimum of clashing occurs?—Yours very truly,

H. W. ROGERS, Hon. Gen. Secretary,
London County Association.

FURTHER EDUCATION COURSES

Dear Sir,—In response to a request from one local education authority, I have had to prepare, at rather short notice, a list of material from which a syllabus for a further education course in campanology can be drawn up.

Copies of this outline syllabus may be obtained from me on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope. They may be useful (a) to any Association official or evening institute contemplating such a course, or (b) to any responsible person who would like to offer brief suggested additions or ideas for this committee to include in future reprints or issues of the suggested syllabus.

The outline syllabus consists of main headings and is designed to stimulate the interest of local education officials and to make the subject matter appear as varied and interesting as possible.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK,
Convener, Central Council Committee on
Sunday Service Ringing,
17, Herringthorpe Grove,
Broom, Rotherham.

THE EDITOR

GREAT YARMOUTH ON TELEVISION

Dear Sir,—Matins is to be televised from St. Nicholas' Parish Church, Great Yarmouth, on Sunday, August 30th, from 11 to 11.45. The bells will not be heard, although they are completely hung and in perfect order, because (a) the tower restoration is not yet complete and it is therefore not yet safe to ring them, and (b) they are not yet opened for ringing—this will be on October 31st—but they will receive honourable mention!—Yours sincerely,

GILBERT THURLOW.

Great Yarmouth.

OFFER OF A 'BELL NEWS' INDEX

Dear Sir,—There must be a number of ringers who have occasion to consult 'The Bell News' and early issues of 'The Ringing World' in search of information, and to whom an Index would be of the greatest value. The early 'Bell News' did have one of sorts but, for instance, quite a few items were listed under 'The.'

A ringer has offered to start on the enormous task of compiling a comprehensive Index, but before he begins he would naturally like to be sure that no one else is engaged on a similar project and that no other Index exists. He would also be glad to know what sort of information people would wish to have included. For example, should it be on the same lines as the one which Mr. H. L. Roper has produced for 'The Ringing World' in recent years, or a more condensed version?

I should be grateful if those interested would write to me on these points.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford.

PEALS AT HUNTLEY

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal rung at Huntley on May 30th and published on page 434, I should like to point out that on September 24th, 1922, a peal of Bob Minor was rung in this tower for the Hereford Diocesan Guild, conducted by W. Poston, former Ringing Master of Ross District.—Yours, etc.,

J. J. WEBB.

Ross-on-Wye.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mrs. Patricia A. M. Halls and Mr. Gordon A. Halls rang their 100th peal together on July 20th at Loughborough.

To avoid disappointment in an attempt of Rotherham Parish Church band for Yorkshire Surprise at Eastwood, Mr. H. O. Chaddock, a former member, stood in at the last minute for an absentee. The peal was successful.

A young ringer who was taught at Redhill some 18 months ago, Mr. David Munday, rang his first peal very creditably at Nutfield on July 11th. On the previous Tuesday he rang a quarter peal at Redhill.

As a compliment to the work of Messrs. S. G. Faire and A. O. J. Edge, as churchwardens of Bidford-on-Avon for over 20 years, a peal was rung on the parish church bells on July 18th. They have now relinquished their wardenships.

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sound of bells tells them that the parish priest is there to pray for them as well as others.'

Of bell-ringers, the Bishop said: 'God bless them—they are doing a valuable work, as are other church officers. More women are taking up ringing than ever before. It is a mental as well as a physical exercise and it gives pleasure to so many. As I go through different parts of the diocese on Sunday—perhaps 100 to 150 miles—and I hear the bells ringing as I pass the churches, it does me good: I know the faithful are there, even if there are not many of them.'

After referring to the different purposes for which bells are rung, the Bishop touched upon the amplifying of recorded bells in some towers. He has decried this in previous bell dedication sermons, calling the system 'phoney' and taking away 'the human touch in this mechanical age.'

Before the service ended the Vicar said that they were particularly grateful to the Barking ringers for the help they had given. As the choir left their places, the bells were rung to rounds by the Offton ringers—two men and four girls—all new to the job except one girl, grand-daughter of Mr. Gilbert R. Goodship, who has been training this new band. There have been no ringers at Offton for many years—the five bells have not been ringable for ages and the frame was so rotten that all that could be done with it, when it reached the ground, was to burn it. After their rounds, the Barking ringers rang a course or two, and they were followed by members of the Suffolk Guild.

Very delightful refreshments were served at the nearby Village Hall. With the sound of the bells as a background, the Vicar here voiced further thanks to those who had worked so hard. One of these was Mr. Meason, who lives near the church. He has acted as secretary and correspondent for the fund. (He will be pleased to hear from anyone who has a contribution to make!)

The Vicar was able to announce that the collection at the service came to over £40. This brought the total to £404.

THE BELLS

Messrs. Taylor give these particulars of the bells:—

- Treble.—3 cwt. 18 lb. (Taylor), 1958.
- Second.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. (Gardiner), 1733.
- Third.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. (Pleasant), 1700.
- Fourth.—4 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. (Bury Foundry), c. 1500.
- Fifth.—4 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. (Darbie), 1667.
- Tenor, in A.—8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. (Pleasant), 1700.

Dove shows the tenor as 9 cwt. Raven gives the date of the second as 1735, and states the inscription on the pre-Reformation bell is Sancta Maria Ora Pro Nobis.

The Vicar had quite a lot to do with the actual taking down of the bells for overhaul and, when they were rehung, the job was done entirely by two people—Joe Smith (hanger for Messrs. Taylor) and his labourer—the Vicar. Bravo!

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HALF PEAL

CHESTER.—On July 31st, 2,520 Plain Bob Royal at the Cathedral: V. Roberts 1, G. W. Massey 2, A. J. Sanger 3, R. W. Rex 4, R. D. Short 5, S. A. Read 6, G. Salmon (cond.) 7, B. B. Dibben 8, R. N. Marlow 9, D. Hoare 10.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. J. Hayne 1, Betty J. Marsh 2, Maurice W. Ford 3, J. H. Hayne 4, Henry J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. Runz after the induction of the Rev. B. P. H. Ball as Vicar.

ADVENT, CORNWALL.—At St. Adwena's Church on June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Heard 1, E. R. Warner 2, F. E. Corfield (cond.) 3, D. Garvie 4, H. Stacey 5.

ASHBURY, BERKS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Parsons 1, F. White 2, F. C. White 3, F. Messenger (cond.) 4, F. A. White 5, W. J. New 6. With grateful thanks for the 25 years' ministry of the Rev. E. C. Mortimer, who is leaving to take an appointment in Devon.

BEBESBOURNE, KENT.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Rogers 1, M. J. Holness 2, B. J. Luck 3, T. H. Holmes 4, N. J. Davies 5, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 6. A first birthday compliment to Elizabeth Mary Chapman.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On June 10th, 720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob in 43 minutes: W. Tebbutt 1, Evelyn Steel 2, H. Gayton 3, H. Robinson 4, E. White 5, P. Inskip (cond.) 6. Runz to commemorate Miss Steel's 80th birthday.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. N. Richardson 1, P. C. Pitchford 2, G. C. Jackson 3, F. Derry (cond.) 4, C. T. Rodgers 5, J. J. Marshall 6.

CAPTOWN.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Riley 1, L. Hewitt 2, R. Law 3, W. Abraham 4, W. Smith 5, R. Stickley (cond.) 6, O. Lamb 7, V. Sheppard 8. For the birthday of H.M. the Queen, and a bon voyage to W. Abraham.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Josephine Pole 1, P. Woodgray 2, W. H. Coles 3, June Richardson 4, D. Fowies (cond.) 5, R. S. Young (first quarter) 6.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On June 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. E. Goddard 1, E. G. Orland (cond.) 2, G. Lian Tavenor 3, Hilary Johnson 4, D. J. Marshall 5, H. M. Johnson 6, E. M. Thresher 7, P. I. Chapman 8. First of Major 1, 3, 5 and 6. Also, on July 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Williams 1, E. M. Thresher 2, E. G. Orland (cond.) 3, R. S. Holland 4, M. J. Bailey 5, J. E. Goddard 6, E. A. Gautrey 7, M. F. Amos 8; by Long Bucky band.

ECCLESTON, LANCs.—On July 11th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor: J. Nelson (first as cond.) 1, Miss D. Crook 2, J. Hailwood 3, J. Owens 4, J. E. Sumner 5, W. H. Hunter 6. First quarter 3 and 5.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Gander (first quarter) 1, I. J. Attwater 2, T. Hawkins 3, Trudy Newcombe 4, J. Towers 5, D. Towers 6, J. Duggan (cond.) 7, I. Hawkins 8. For Evensong.

ESHER, SURREY.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Maulby (first quarter) 1, J. F. M. Maybrey 2, F. Oakshott 3, Joan K. Smith 4, Christine M. Harbott 5, Catherine Powell (first of Grandsire) 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, Mrs. M. Powell (first on eight) 8.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Coker (first quarter) 1, J. D. Painter (cond.) 2, Sheila Cameron 3, F. B. Cookson 4, Amy Coburn 5, A. W. J. Anneton 6, F. C. Jacklin 7, L. G. Coburn 8. For Evensong.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. B. Cowan 1, F. Bowden 2, Janet Miles 3, Raphael Corner 4, Mrs. F. Bowden 5, A. Queen 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, C. G. Johnstone 8. First quarter 1 and 8. For Evensong.

HECKLINGTON, Lincs.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. Fenney (first quarter) 1, D. Brown (first quarter) 2, R. Asher 3, R. Trevitt 4, J. Ward 5, E. Cole 6, R. Pocklington (cond.) 7, A. Dixon 8. For morning service on Feast Sunday.

QUARTER PEALS

HONITON, DEVON.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Real (first quarter, 14) 1, C. Webb 2, A. Hodge 3, W. Sparks 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6. Also, on July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, W. Sparks 2, C. Manley 3, W. Baker 4, D. Salter 5, W. Webb (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, E. YORKS.—On July 12th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: M. Harrop 1, H. Parker 2, Miss J. Porter 3, J. Perrett 4, D. Johnson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For the 1,000th anniversary of the church.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS.—On July 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Woolgrove (first quarter) 1, Hazel White 2, O. G. Smart 3, R. F. Crook 4, B. Granger 5, C. K. Dodd (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor 2 and 3. In honour of the birth of Nigel Graham, grandson of Oscar Smart.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On July 12th, at St. Margaret's: 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Bowen 1, T. Greenacre 2, N. Sloan (Christ Church Cathedral, N.Z.) 3, H. Crome 4, J. Spicer 5, J. Wilson 6, W. Rose 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. Nelson Sloan on the occasion of his visit to Norfolk.

KINGSTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Colcombe 1, R. C. Powell 2, M. V. Powell (first 'inside') 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, T. J. Gundy 5, A. J. Williams 6.

LITTLE HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Perkins 1, E. Leggett 2, D. Culham 3, P. Perkins 4, B. Gibbons (cond.) 5. First quarter as conductor.

LONDON.—At St. Mary's Church, Lambeth, on June 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, F. H. Taffender 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, M. Hawkes (50th quarter) 4, F. P. Mead 5, C. M. Meyer 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, C. W. Otley 8. Also, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on April 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, C. W. Otley 3, C. M. Meyer 4, M. Hawkes 5, F. A. Ranson 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, J. A. Hales 8. Also, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on April 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, P. J. Hutchings 3, J. A. Hales 4, C. W. Otley 5, C. M. Meyer 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, F. A. Ranson 8.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On July 17th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: R. G. Bowden 1, Joan Gray 2, Elisabeth Bowden 3, D. E. Cobb 4, M. J. Horseman 5, J. H. Gilbert (first of Bristol as cond.) 6, P. M. J. Gray 7, F. D. Mack 8. First quarter of Bristol for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8. A welcome to Peter Gray (born July 5th).

NAISEA, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mary Powell 1, Mrs. R. Quint 2, Mrs. D. Strong 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On July 28th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 540 Plain Bob): M. McQuistan 1, Anne Hancock 2, L. Cordell 3, H. King 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6.

PENTRE, GLAM.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. French (first quarter) 1, J. Lovett 2, J. Thomas 3, J. Evans 4, K. Jones (cond.) 5, R. Brabham 6. Runz half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Crabb, a ringer in this tower for 51 years.

RADYR, GLAM.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Stickland 1, Miss J. Harvey 2, W. Harford 3, B. Taylor 4, J. Goodfellow (first of Plain Bob Minor) 5, D. Llewellyn (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On July 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Ward 1, W. Ellis 2, H. Worbois 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House 7, G. Sandwell (first of Major as cond.) 8. Birthday compliment to F. May.

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.—On July 4th at St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. Cheater 1, L. F. Cobb 2, Yvonne Eole 3, J. E. Daniel 4, F. L. Harris 5, J. Russell 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, J. Lewis 8. Runz for the wedding of Ann Bacon and Herbert Abrahams at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, this day.

SEAL, KENT.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Pankhurst (cond.) 1, B. Russell 2, A. Wenban 3, G. T. Acott 4, G. Godfrey 5, H. Wheeler (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to 3 and 4.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On July 19th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus, with 5, 6 covering: D. M. Skinner 1, P. C. Plant 2, P. Stevens 3, J. L. Queen 4, I. Collins 5, I. R. Slec 6. First quarter for all except 4th.

SHELLEY, YORKS.—On July 18th, 720 Kent and 600 Oxford: F. Brook 1, Cynthia Lockwood (first 'inside') 2, R. Pasden (first quarter) 3, S. Ramsden 4, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 5, T. Tarbutt 6.

SHERBOURNE, WARWICKS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian C. Brown (17, first quarter) 1, Stella T. Trindall (17) 2, E. Ann Trindall (20) 3, Jean M. Addicott (21) 4, Shirley E. Stroud (18, first as cond.) 5, Caroline A. Evans (15, first quarter) 6. Runz to commemorate the 80th birthday of The King's High School, Warwick. Ringers on 1, 2, 5 and 6 are members of the School and the others Old Girls.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.—On July 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Powell 1, Sandra Hunt (first of Minor) 2, D. Purnell 3, E. Ford 4, C. T. Clarke (cond.) 5, M. Stone 6.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—On July 12th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Tyler (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Potter 2, T. A. Blow 3, J. Davis 4, J. Reif 5, C. Hampton (first as cond.) 6, W. Brownett 7, J. Adcock 8.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church on July 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. G. Gates (first quarter) 1, Ann Aldridge 2, R. Channon 3, H. Miller 4, J. Perrett 5, S. G. Peck 6, M. Stanvon 7, C. Aldridge (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's, on July 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Jean Williams (first on eight) 1, J. Tomkinson (first quarter) 2, B. Cox (first on 8) 3, D. Hawkins 4, E. Skipsey (first on 8) 5, M. Lane (first of Bob Major) 6, C. Fynes (first on 8) 7, R. Shepherd (cond.) 8. Also, on July 20th, 1,272 Minor (552 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): C. Burgess 1, J. Tomkinson (first of Minor) 2, D. Boniface (first quarter) 3, M. Lane 4, R. Shepherd 5, D. Hawkins (cond.) 6.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On June 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Lacey (first quarter) 1, C. Mannerings jun. (first quarter) 2, J. Davey (first quarter) 3, M. Lacey (first in method) 4, A. Dunk (first in method as cond.) 5. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife. Also on July 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Lacey 1, C. Mannerings jun. 2, J. Davey 3, G. Kenward 4, A. Dunk (cond.) 5. For the visit of the Lord Bishop of Dover to dedicate the restored chancel.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On July 5th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: E. Sibley 1, Mrs. P. Wright 2, R. D. Hayne 3, D. Sibley 4, N. Haile 5, H. Folwell 6, A. R. Wright 7, W. Stote (cond.) 8. First in method for all except treble ringer. For installation of Rector as chaplain to the Guild of Freemen of Coventry and for the 89th birthday of Adolphus Roberts.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On July 19th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss I. Porter (cond.) 1, Miss M. Verity (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. R. Ducker 3, Miss B. Fisher 4, D. Johnson 5, R. Ducker 6. For Evensong and the christening of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ducker's third daughter. Band of parents and godparents.

THORNFORD, DORSET.—On July 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. V. Gare 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, J. E. Looker 3, F. Priddle 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. J. Gaylard (first in method as cond.) 6. First Cambridge Minor for 2, 3 and 5.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. V. White 1, J. S. B. Powell (first quarter) 2, H. S. Banwell 3, D. H. White (cond.) 4, H. Collins 5. Runz at the Old Church of St. Nicholas prior to the 68th 8 a.m. Communion Service. A Communion Service has been held annually on the second Sunday in July since the church was re-opened for public worship on July 12th, 1891, following a 45-year period of disuse.

WESTON-ON-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On July 1st, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Sheila Matthews 1, J. Hunt 2, D. Cobb 3, R. Hooper 4, J. Brain 5, M. Horseman 6. First of London by all the band.

OBITUARY

YOUNG RINGERS' DEATH IN AIR CRASH

We regret to announce the deaths in the Barcelona air crash of a young Newcastle couple who went to Spain to celebrate the first anniversary of their wedding.

They were Mr. Colin Hammond (25) and his wife Valerie, of St. George's Terrace, Jesmond. Mr. Hammond had just qualified as a mechanical engineer with a Newcastle firm. His wife was a domestic science and needlework teacher at Cramlington Secondary Modern School. They went to Newcastle from Nottingham about 18 months ago.

MR. A. SANDERSON

The sudden death at the age of 61 of Mr. A. Sanderson, of St. Peter's Church, Bentley, South Yorks, is deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends, especially members of the Doncaster and District Society.

The funeral service was held on August 14th at the church he served so well as ringer, sidesman and member of the Parochial Church Council. The Doncaster Society was represented by the Ringing Master, Mr. F. A. Staveley.

He will be remembered for his work as a Sunday service ringer and the encouragement and help he gave to learners at the practices. In this he was assisted by his only son, Ronald, who is treasurer of the Doncaster and District Society, and his cousin, Dennis Chapman, late secretary of St. George's Parish Church.

The Doncaster Society always received a cordial welcome from him when they visited Bentley, and on the last occasion he showed the visitors the new heating system in the church and gave members a brief history of the church. To his widow and family the Society extend their deepest sympathy. G. W.

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

After an unsuccessful attempt to obtain Watford Parish Church bells for the school's Founders' Day services in May, 1958, about a dozen young ringers from the Watford Grammar Schools decided to form a Change Ringing Society for the schools. Our aim was to practise regularly together and to get a good band so that we would be able to ring for the Founders' Day services in 1959.

Officers were elected at a business meeting, and our first ringing meeting was held at King's Langley in July, 1958. This was very successful, and since then we have held six more equally successful meetings. One of our highlights was when Mr. Russell S. Young, from Groton School, America, came to our Berkhamstead meeting to see the activities of an English school bell-ringing society.

This year we were able to ring for both the girls' and boys' school Founders' Day services, and the ringing was good. We are grateful to some visitors who helped with the heavier bells, and to Mr. R. G. Bell and Mr. Durrant who gave up their time to be with us for safety's sake.

All our members are members of the Hertford County Association. At the beginning of this year our secretary wrote to the secretary of the Hertford County Association, who replied that as long as we arranged our meetings so as not to clash with the local District meetings, we are welcome in the county.

This month is the end of our first year. We have scored our first quarter peal and are hoping for many more. Our meetings will now be announced in 'The Ringing World,' and any visitors are welcome to join us. G. G.

REDEDICATION

MARSTON TRUSSELL, NORTHANTS

For much of its course, the river Welland forms the boundary between the county of Northamptonshire and its northern neighbours Leicester, Rutland and Lincoln. A thousand years ago this river was navigable for much of its length. The invading Vikings and Danes used it to penetrate into the heart of England and formed settlements upon its banks: this may well have been the beginning of such villages as Marston Trussell, near Market Harborough.

In this quiet spot our forefathers built a lovely little church dedicated to St. Nicholas, using—so the legend has it—the bow timbers of a Viking ship to form the arch of the main doorway.

Between the years 1612 and 1623 Hugh Watts, of Leicester, cast five bells for this church which were hung in a wooden frame. Age, and perhaps neglect, made this structure so unsafe that in 1953 the bells were lowered from the tower and removed to Messrs. Taylors' bell foundry.

The task of raising £1,000 to provide for their restoration has been successfully completed through the generosity of Mrs. Barwell-Ewins. The tenor has been recast and is now 10 cwt. 14 lb. in A flat, and the whole ring hung in a new 'H' frame with canon-retaining headstocks for the front four bells.

The service of dedication on August 15th was conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. Whiteman) in the presence of a large congregation, which included Mrs. Barwell-Ewins, Miss Barwell-Ewins and Mr. K. Knightley-Law, the patron of the living. Messrs. Taylors were represented by Mr. P. Taylor and Mr. J. Fidler. The bells were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Northampton, the Ven. J. Grimes, and were rung immediately after the dedication and again after the service by members of the Guildborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

After tea and refreshments at the Rectory, several ringers from neighbouring towers joined in to keep the bells in action until 7.45 p.m.

E. G. O.

OUTING

St. Michael's Guild, Lyme Regis, visited the Isle of Wight for their annual outing on July 18th. Leaving Lyme at 7 a.m. for the Lymington Ferry, we were particularly pleased that Dr. Taylor and Canon Cox turned out so early to wish us an enjoyable day.

Landing at Yarmouth, we were soon on our way to Carisbrooke and our picnic lunch, which was thoroughly enjoyed on Mr. Tunncliffe's lawn overlooking the Castle. With reluctance, we dragged ourselves away to St. Mary's tower where, despite poorish ropes and some odd-struck bells, the tone and 'go' were pleasing and some good ringing from Grandsire Triples to Yorkshire Major enjoyed.

Nearby St. Thomas', Newport, saw us quickly in action again, and here the inaudibility of this otherwise pleasant octave made even our 'experts' hope for the best with regard to striking. Next came All Saints', Ryde, with eight bells audible enough for anyone, so some first-class ringing was expected. However, the afternoon heat and the attraction of the fine views from the parapet caused some ringing to be patchy. Bristol Surprise and an excellent 'fall' made some amends.

Climbing out of Ryde we were soon high on the chalk hills, with extensive views to the south and west, before descending to Arreton and its lovely old Church of St. George. Here the Rector told us that he had 'A', 'B' and 'C' teams. Six of our 'experts' then performed like a 'Z' team by making very heavy weather of Cambridge Minor. They redeemed this later with some excellent London. By this time, throats having become parched, tea at Shanklin was welcome.

Our last tower was All Saints', Godshill, standing high above the pretty village. The very nice ring of six was put to good use in the time available, with everyone wishing our stay could have been longer.

On the mainland again, we took leave of our friends from Yeovil, Yetminster, Evershot and Powerstock, and so brought to a close one of our best outings yet. Our thanks are again expressed to the various incumbents and tower keepers for their welcome to us.

Ringling during the day included rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples: Plain Bob, Cambridge and London Minor and Major, and Yorkshire and Bristol S. Major.

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MARRIAGE

JOYNER — TRIPPETT. — On Saturday, August 8th, 1959, at St. Hugh's Church, Old Brumby, Scunthorpe, Lincs, John R., only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Joyner, of Rugeley, Staffs, to Margaret M., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Trippett, of Scunthorpe, Lincs. Future address 104, Orchard Road, Erdington, Birmingham, 24. 4783

GOLDEN WEDDING

UPTON.—On August 25th, 1909, at the Church of St. Mary, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, William Upton to Nellie Eliza Attrill. Present address 69, St. John's Road, Newport, Isle of Wight. 4762

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Peter and Kate Wright is now 15, Stoberry Avenue, Wells, Somerset. 4769
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TO GUILD SECRETARIES: The RINGER'S DIARY is going presswards. If you haven't received my acknowledgment you haven't yet replied to my request ('Ringing World,' June 19th, 1959) for amendments. Please send now.—W. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 4765

MISCELLANEOUS

EDMONTON BELL FUND.—The bells of All Saints' Church, Edmonton, are being recast and retuned and will soon be hanging on new fittings in a new frame. Members of the local band are working hard to raise some necessary money, and it is felt that there are many ringers who, having most probably rung in this North London tower with famous ringers, would be pleased to be associated with this work. Please send contributions, all of which will be gratefully acknowledged, marked 'Bell Fund,' to Rev. S. W. Knight, The Vicarage, Edmonton, London, N.9. 4763

ASHTHEAD bells and frame are now to have attention by the bell-hangers and bell-founders. Will visiting ringers and secretaries please note that restricted ringing is possible on the front six bells only.—J. T. Symonds. 4797

IT'S RATHER EARLY to mention this, but I shall shortly be publishing a series of 12 CHRISTMAS CARDS specially produced for ringers. They will feature pencil sketch reproductions of well-known towers, with notes on the bells, etc., and conventional greetings. Also, if time permits, a month-at-view CALENDAR will be marketed. Full details and prices later.—W. Viggers. 4764

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—All ringers coming as freshers to Bristol University in October please contact the secretary, Jane Cook, Dockmaster's House, Royal Dock, Grimsby, Lincs. 4757

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

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Crowcombe on Saturday, Aug. 29th, 7 p.m. 4747

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Evening meeting, Houghton, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (5) 6 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4765

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Radwinter (8) on Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 4721

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Yorktown (8), Saturday, Aug. 29th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4756

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 29th, North Mymms. Bells (8) 3 p.m. No service. Please note change of date.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 4748

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 29th, Whatton (6). Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided in the Vicarage—please bring own food. All welcome. 4712

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 4789

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting, Ripponden (8), Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells afternoon and evening. Tea, 3s. 6d. per head, 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday previous to A. W. Bond, 49-51, Lidget Street, Lindley, Huddersfield. 4767

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Stevington (5 bells), 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 5th. Please send names and addresses to me by Wednesday.—R. L. Piron, 8, Bowhill, Bedford (61835). 4795

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Wath, Saturday, Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 2nd, to J. Reed, British Railways, Melmerby, Ripon.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 4769

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 5th, Long Compton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 (collection). Tea (provided free) 5 p.m. Names to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa (8388). Whichford bells will be available 6 p.m. if sufficient members are present at Long Compton. 4791

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Sowton, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 31st to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lymington. 4746

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Over, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 4755

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Bridge-north District) and SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Coalbrookdale (10), on Saturday, Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, to Mr. A. S. Bayley, 19, Church Road, Coalbrookdale. 4740

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kingston District.—Meeting, Dilwyn, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) available 6 till 9 p.m.—J. Preece, Dis. Sec. 4782

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—King's Walden, Saturday, Sept. 5th, 5.30 p.m. Special method. Warkworth Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4788

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Elstree (6), Saturday, Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 4786

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ash, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, to Mrs. H. O. Peattie, 1, Chequer Lane, Ash, Canterbury.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4742

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent District).—Joint meeting, Chiddingstone, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea. 4787

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting, Wadhurst, September 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss Margaret Wilson, 75, Park View, Hastings. All very welcome.—Daphne Lester, Hon. Sec. 4745

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Emmanuel, Southport, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 n.m. for those notifying by Sept. 2nd Mr. R. Kenrick, 19, Glenpark Drive, Southport.—M. E. Ridyard. 4767

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The annual meeting arranged for September 5th at Lancaster St. Peter's is postponed to October 3rd.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 4795

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting, St. David's, Bangor, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by business and tea. Names for tea not later than Sept. 1st.—W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 4771

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Dickleburgh (6), Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 1st, to Mr. C. R. Catchpole, Station Road, Burston, Diss.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 4738

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer festival will be held, D.V., on Saturday, Sept. 5th, at Davenry. Service 4 p.m. Tea in the Abbey Buildings, 5 p.m. Tea tickets at 3s. each, C.W.O., to be obtained not later than Tuesday, Sept. 1st, from Mr. H. Johnson, Greenford, Badby Road West, Davenry, Northants. Ringing has been arranged as follows: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Willoughby, Harpole, Kisingbury, Lower Heyford, Byfield: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 3 p.m., Braunston, East

Haddon, Staverton, Great Brington, Long Buckby, Watford, Whilton; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Weedon; 2 to 3 p.m., Newnham; 2 to 4 p.m., Daventry; all after tea; 6 to 8 p.m., Badby; 7.30 to 8.15 p.m., Rugby.—G. W. Jeffs. 4739

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bromham (6), on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 4770

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Motcombe, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 p.m. All welcome. Names by Sept. 2nd to Richard Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. 4781

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Howden, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (moderate charge), Church Hall. Names on or before Sept. 3rd, please, to Mr. E. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4751

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Conisbrough, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent by 3rd to Mrs. Braithwaite, The Vicarage, Conisbrough, Doncaster. All welcome.—J. Seager. 4752

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Holme Pierrepont. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea only.—S. Adams, Hon. Sec. 4760

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A ringing practice will be held at Lakenheath on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Sept. 2nd.—L. Wright, Organiser, 5, Horringer Road, Bury St. Edmunds (1297). 4764

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly Meeting, Ewell, Saturday, Sept. 5th. No afternoon ringing owing to weddings. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Church Room 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells after. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 4746

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Balcombe (8), Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to E. H. Knapp, 2, Stumblemeads, Balcombe. 4758

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Swansea, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. A charge will be made for tea—names by Sept. 1st to J. T. Williams, 56, Morfydd Street, Morriston, Swansea. 4737

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Hoylandswaine cup contest held at Hoylandswaine, near Sheffield, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Entrance fee 6s., to James W. Buxton, 21, Roydhouse, Shelley, Huddersfield. Tea—please notify Mr. John Whitehouse, Guyder Bottom, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield. 4770

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12th. North Curry. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosas, George Street, Taunton. 4748

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Third quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Congleton (8), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 8th to H. C. Lanyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. Frequent buses and trains from Manchester, Macclesfield, Stoke, etc. 4745

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Wanstead. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Leytonstone (St. John's) (8) also available at 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Chalk, 6, Latchett Road, Wanstead, E.18. 4750

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Tring, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea only.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 4766

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Ightham, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at The Chequers for those who notify me by Thursday, 10th.—R. L. Silks, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, W. Malling, Kent. 4761

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Northfleet, Saturday, Sept. 12th. (N.B.—Not Hoo on Sept. 5th.) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. G. J. Butcher, 51, Dover Road, Northfleet. — T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4753

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Next monthly meeting, St. Peter's, Woolton, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 9th, to Mr. D. B. Lyon, Tethers, Hillside Drive, Woolton, Liverpool.—T. E. Radcliffe. 4774

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Quarterly general meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Ringing arrangements: Blaby (5), 2 to 3; Whetstone (6), 2 to 3; South Wigston (8), 3 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 7.30; Countesthorpe (6), 7 to 8; Willoughby Waterless (5), 7 to 8; Peatling Magna (4), 7.15 to 7.45. Service, South Wigston, 4.30. Tea (followed by meeting) in Sunday School, 5 p.m., price 2s. 6d., only for those who notify undersigned by Thursday, Sept. 10th. Important business affecting date of annual meeting for 1960. General committee meeting in vestry of St. John-the-Divine's, 7.45, Monday, Sept. 7th.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. Tel.: Wigston 3244. 4755

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Bigby (6), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Names for tea by Sept. 9th to Canon H. Thackeray, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, Lincs. 4780

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Old Bolingbroke, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 7th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 4749

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Whilton, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. H. Haynes, Whilton, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 4792

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Havfordwest, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 4773

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Shrewton (6). Chitterne (5) also available in evening. Names to reserve tea (2s. 6d.) by Sept. 8th, please, to Miss Sweeney, 26, The Close, Salisbury. 4778

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Little Aston, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Sept. 9th, to Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, Staffordshire. 4793

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Chislehurst, Kent, on Saturday, Sept. 12th, The Church of the Annunciation, High Street. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Bus No. 227 from Chislehurst Station (S.R.) or Nos. 161 and 161A from Mottingham Station (S.R.) to High Street, Green Line No. 725. Names for tea not later than Monday, Sept. 7th, to Mr. I. H. Oram, 18, Crown Court, Home Park Lane, Lee, S.E.12. St. Nicholas' bells available after meeting. 4790

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Crawford cup contest and meeting, Clayworth (6), Saturday, Sept. 12th. 3 p.m. Ham and tongue tea (4s. 6d.) only for those who notify by 8th Rev. C. Blomely, Clayworth Rectory, Retford.—H. Denman. 4763

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Charlwood (6), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. A. J. Ede, Claremont Villas, Charlwood. 4766

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover and Basingstoke Districts.—Combined meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12th, at Kingsclere (6), 1.30 to 3 p.m.; Sydmonton (6) 3.15 to 4.15. Service, Burghclere, 4.30, followed by tea in the Parish Room. Burghclere (6), 5.30 to 7; Highclere (8), 7.15 to 9 p.m. Names for tea essential not later than Sept. 7th to the Rev. Mr. Ince, Burghclere Rectory, near Newbury.—G. K. Dodd, Sec. 4775

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—Tower Sunday, Sept. 13th. Ringing 5 p.m. and after service at 6.30 p.m. Preacher, Preb. E. V. Cox (president, Guild of Devonshire Ringers). All ringers welcome. 4779

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Sept. 26th, Corn Exchange, Rochester, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (10s. 6d.) from District Secretaries or direct from Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham, Maidstone. Chatham bells from 4 to 6 p.m. 4754

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 10th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (9s. each) shortly available and obtainable from Branch secretaries, the dinner committee or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Aubyns, Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 4785

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Snowdon dinner, Windmill Hotel, York, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Tickets 14s. each. Applications, with remittances, to Miss M. E. Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York. 4768

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WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, J. P. Blond (cond.) 2, F. S. Smith 3, R. B. Blond 4, F. E. Godden 5, A. R. T. Greenough 6, F. Absolom 7, W. Fulker 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on July 12th, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: P. D. Chapman 1, F. C. Maynard 3, H. Rumens 4, E. E. Holman 5, B. R. Downes (cond.) 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, T. Hawkins 8. For Evensong. Also on July 19th, 1,344 Little Bob Major: H. Rumens 1, B. R. Downes (cond.) 2, F. C. Maynard 3, J. A. Hales 4, T. Hawkins 5, F. W. Sykes 6, D. Hewitt 7, L. S. Woods 8. For Evensong.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Bull (first quarter) 1, Judith Harding 2, E. F. M. Samson 3, Olive G. Cherrett (first of Triples 'inside') 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, A. M. Cunningham 6, C. T. Brown (cond.) 7, C. J. Fooks (first quarter) 8.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. G. Harris (first on treble) 1, F. J. Howard 2, A. Fortin (first of Triples) 3, Harry Wingrove (cond.) 4, Jesse Harrison 5, D. W. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, R. Hazell 8.

WIGTOFT, Lincs.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Padlev 1, Mary Morriss 2, F. Elkington 3, Mrs. P. Reynolds 4, J. P. Morriss 5, J. W. Baily (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robinson.

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