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COMMON FALLACIES

A 'FALLACY,' according to 'The Concise Oxford Dictionary,' is a 'Misleading argument, sophism, (Log.) flaw that vitiates syllogism, one of the types of such flaws; delusion, error' (PATHETIC f.); unsoundness, delusiveness, disappointing character, (of arguments or beliefs).'

All this I know because I looked it up when I learned that the Professor was making a collection of 'Common Fallacies connected with Bell Ringing.' Not, of course, that I was unaware of the meaning of the word 'fallacy,' but I wanted to be sure of my ground. True, I was a little confused at first because I thought that '(Log.)' stood for 'Logarithm,' but having discovered that it meant 'Logic' I was prepared to do battle: Logic is, I maintain, my principal asset. I forget what the other is.

I even looked up 'syllogism' on the offchance that I might throw the word into the impending conversation—casual like—but changed my mind because I couldn't fully understand the explanation.

The Professor has, apparently, prepared a long list of such fallacies. I do not propose to reproduce the list here, as I feel sure the proper course is to deal with each one in turn, giving readers the benefit of the Professor's arguments and reasons for the promulgation of the same, together with the counter-arguments, albeit feeble ones, that I sometimes offered on their behalf.

The day he handed me the list I read it through carefully, reflecting that if these were 'misleading arguments' then, indeed, I had been misled. I read the first one aloud: 'Bells were installed for Sunday service ringing; therefore, change ringing, as a hobby, should be subservient to Sunday service ringing.'

'You don't mean to tell me,' I demanded, 'that you consider that *that* is a fallacious statement?'

I was shaking with indignation. My withering tone was an education in itself. The Professor was, however, unmoved.

'This fallacy is a curious mixture of truths and half-truths: it falls into two halves: let us examine them both. Anyone who is familiar with the history of ringing and has read Morris' "History and Art of Church Ringing" or J. A. Trollope's "The College Youths," particularly the latter, will know that although at the present time and during the Middle Ages the primary purpose of bells is or was ecclesiastical, in the 17th and 18th centuries their use was almost entirely secular. Indeed, Trollope states that (and he picked up his "College Youths"): "bellringing was a purely secular sport, just as much as football and wrestling. Many rings of bells were installed or augmented for that purpose and that purpose alone."

'I suppose,' he said conclusively, 'that many of the bells in use today, although they may have been rehung, were originally cast and hung in that period, and for that purpose.'

'All this may be true,' I said, 'but now that it is generally accepted that the primary purpose and function of the bells is to be rung for church services do you really think that the second part of your statement is fallacious?'

I suspected mere cussedness on his part.

'I once heard,' he declared, 'a well known ringer, who was a regular church worker, a churchwarden and a real live wire on the Church Council, state emphatically that the only reason he went to church three-quarters of a hour before the service started was to enjoy change ringing, and that if he knew that for the remainder of his ringing life he was to ring only rounds or call changes the belfry would see him no more, although this would not affect his church attendance.'

'I wonder,' I said. 'I know of proficient ringers who toil along, week after week, month after month, trying to teach a crowd of learners, when in many cases they could move to another tower and enjoy a high standard of ringing.'

'True; but think of the sense of achievement in launching even a single ringer into change ringing and multiply this by five, six, seven or eight. Isn't it more than likely that the derived satisfaction or natural human pride is the carrot dangled before the donkey's nose rather than the more laudable desire to produce a band for Sunday service ringing? Besides, most people have an innate desire to teach, although I suspect that in most cases it is merely an urge to demonstrate their own knowledge or superiority.'

'Really,' I remarked, 'you must have been singularly unfortunate in your choice of friends and companions, for you ascribe ulterior motives to all human endeavours.'

'Perhaps. Anyway what is wrong with bellringing as a hobby? Consider what would happen if all who treated it as such suddenly abandoned it; there would be many vacant ropes and silent towers. Surely it is better to have the bells rung on Sundays by people who regard it as a hobby than not to have them rung at all! Even if many ringers do not stay to service afterwards if they didn't come to ring they wouldn't come to church anyway, and, at least, the chances of roping them into church life are higher than if they were in bed or pursuing some other secular activity.'

The argument about this particular fallacy continued for a long time and I hope I gave as good as I got, but to report it in full would occupy too much space and rob us of the opportunity of studying others on the Professor's list.

Number two was worded thus: 'The usefulness of a Ringing Society is proportional to its size.'

'I must say,' was my considered observation, 'that I fail to see how you can regard that statement as a fallacy. Surely the larger any Society is the stronger it will be and the stronger it is the more useful work it can do.'

'Ringing Societies are not unions and their usefulness cannot be measured by the numbers on their books or the "balance" shown on the yearly financial statement. More useful work is often done by smaller societies moving quietly, with a more limited or less ambitious scope. They usually meet more frequently and because their numbers are not so great the individual demand for ropes and ringing is less and more evenly distributed, and they are, therefore, able to devote more time and attention to learners. Everybody is familiar with his neighbour and "strangers" become more quickly absorbed.'

'They have their place in the scheme of things! The drawing together of ringers from larger areas so that the "cream" may be more concentrated at the top; the collection of compositions, data and the like; the publication of reports, which include this type of information, with sometimes lists of churches and ringers; these are things which cannot be undertaken by the smaller societies, at any rate to the same extent. Their meetings have a broader basis, often, but not always, held at 10 or 12 bell towers. Very often they draw on their smaller brethren and therefore are apt to regard themselves (not always correctly) as the parent Society.'

The discussion of these first two fallacies continued far into the night. On certain points I was bound to agree with the Professor, but I came away far from convinced that he was right.

What do you think?

H. C.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

Honour for Mr. W. G. Wilson

A RECORD of 43 years' attendance at annual meetings of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, has been broken this year. When the festival and annual meeting was held at Oxford on July 6th, Mr. Sharpe was in America; he sent his wishes for a happy and successful meeting.

The festival started with a Corporate Communion in St. Aldate's Church, at which the Master, Canon C. Elliot Wigg, was the celebrant. He also conducted the service in the Cathedral, which took the usual form and had a choir of ringer-choristers. The sermon, preached by the Rev. A. Tindall Hart, D.D., Rector of Appleton, was an interesting research into the history of bells. Mr. Harry Badger was the organist and the lesson was read by Mr. David Smith, of Witney.

The annual meeting was held in the Chapter House, with the Master in the chair. Sending his apologies and best wishes, the Lord Bishop of Oxford wrote appreciatively of the services of the ringers to the Church.

The Master reported the receipt of a letter from Miss Jenkyn, offering to present her brother's war medals, books and papers to the Guild. When she moved house he had arranged for them to be sent to the honorary librarian.

REPORTS

The Master, in his report, stated that 1962 had been a year of steady progress in the Guild, and had been marked by an obvious desire on the part of members not only for increasing efficiency in the belfries but also for a deepening of the corporate spirit of the Guild. Commenting on the growing custom of organising striking competitions, Canon Wigg said this was an excellent method of increasing the keenness to understand and value the meaning of really good striking.

In regard to school ringing societies, the Master drew attention to the formation of one at Wolverton Secondary Modern School. 'We wonder how long it may be before an inter-school ringing association on the model of the Universities Association is contemplated. Perhaps the ringing schools in the Oxford Diocese may prove to be pioneers of such a move!'

The Deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe), in his report, stated that during the year he had attended 16 Branch meetings and visited 10 Branches. Commenting on the 21 tower inspections he had made, he stated when restoration work was necessary to both tower and bells it was of vital importance that the two should be done together.

COURSES BENEFICIAL

Miss M. R. Cross (general secretary) paid tribute to the value of courses. 'It has been very noticeable that where towers or Branches send their young members to the Radley course, there one can see a new and vigorous growth.' It may be that we should consider either organising a course (residential) within our own diocese or joining with another Guild in doing so during 1964.

One matter which came up for much discussion at Oxford and Burford was the motion put to the Central Council at Cardiff, concerning the abolition of non-resident life membership subscriptions for ringers who were members of an Association affiliated to the Central Council. This motion was thrown out partly because the question of subscriptions to Guilds is their concern and not the Central Council's. The idea behind the motion had much in its favour, but unfortunately it was not fully discussed at the General Committee meeting. Because of this she proposed to give notice at the autumn meeting of an alteration to the rules so that in future any motion to the presented to the Central Council must be discussed in full at a general meeting of the Council.

The membership of the Guild for 1962 showed a decline on the previous two years. It was: ringing 1,836, life 57, honorary 61; total 1,934. Rehanging had taken place at Hurst and Aston Clinton, and work was being undertaken at Clinton, Raynes and Padbury.



MR. W. G. WILSON,
the new vice-president.

In the obituary list, Miss Cross mentioned Messrs. W. H. B. Wilkins (Oxford), F. White (Appleton), F. Wigmore (Twyford), P. Wilson (organist of South Oxon Branch), L. Moering (Langford), T. Harris (Bampton), R. H. Cave and W. Watson (Banbury Branch) and H. K. White (East Hagbourne).

There were now six school societies, and of these Wallingford Grammar School had rung a peal and several of the others quarter peals. The international influence of the Guild continued to grow. One of the band at Cuddesdon was an American, and another a South African. An Old Radleian, a ringer, met in Swaziland Father Bertwell, who was at Radley and was believed to be the last pupil of Canon Coleridge. At the present time there were three ringers who had returned from Rhodesia in the diocese, one of whom learned to ring at Salisbury, taught by Peter Rayner. Ringing continued to flourish in both the University Societies of Oxford and Reading, and at Cuddesdon and Culham.

The honorary librarian, Mr. H. L. Roper, after reporting additions to the library, said Mr. C. Lewington had deposited an old manuscript peal book and he would like to draw the attention of Branch secretaries to the possibility of preserving old minute books and other records by depositing them in the library.

GOOD YEAR FOR PEALS

At the time of writing 178 peals had been rung for the Guild in 1962, which compared very well with the record number of 183 rung in 1961, when there was the added incentive of ringing for the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Guild.

The honorary treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) said the General Funds of the Guild amounted to £1,697—of which £1,572 was in the Restoration Fund. During the year £56 13s. was contributed to the Restoration Fund by 61 P.C.C.s.

Presenting the report Mr. Barker said they were all in a much better position than two years ago.

The Master thanked Mr. Barker and the other officers for their work during the past year.

Officers re-elected were: Master, Canon C. E. Wigg; Deputy Master, Mr. F. Sharpe; hon. general treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; honorary general secretary, Miss M. R. Cross; honorary

librarian, Mr. H. L. Roper. The work of Mr. P. Walker as report editor, and Miss D. J. Pollard as assistant to honorary general secretary was mentioned with appreciation.

The six members elected to the General Committee were: Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. A. Diserens, Miss D. Fletcher, Messrs. E. Pearson, P. Walker and F. A. White.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

Three applications for grants were before the meeting. Regarding Wheatley, Mr. J. E. Godman said the cost of rehanging was about £550. Miss Cross said the parish had spent £500 on a new heating system and £2,050 on reroofing the church, which was also to be rewired. It was agreed to make a grant of £20.

An application from Chinnor for rehanging, etc., was received and Mr. Godman said this would cost £900. Work on repairing the outside of the church, at a cost of £900, had been met. A grant of £30 was agreed to.

Mr. Bailey presented the case for a grant to High Wycombe. The total cost was about £2,000, plus the cost of an extra bell (£388). There was extra work also done to the tower and this had approached £4,000. The ringers were meeting the cost of recasting two trebles. The meeting granted £40 on the understanding that it was not applied to the 13th bell, but for bell restoration.

SUBSCRIPTION UNCHANGED

The General Committee recommended that the subscription remain at 3s. 6d. for 1964. Mr. Barker said they seemed to be keeping their heads above water with the present subscription; in fact they might be able to publish a printed report every year.—Agreed.

MR. W. G. WILSON HONOURED

The General Committee recommended that Mr. W. G. Wilson be made a vice-president in recognition of his services to the Guild.

The Master said this was a very pleasant recommendation. They always welcomed Mr. Wilson at their annual meetings.

Mr. A. D. Barker, supporting, said he did not think the majority of members realised what a lot Mr. Wilson did for the Guild. He thought he spent as much time in the Diocese of Oxford as in the City of London, where he was Master of the London County Association. He proposed and Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey seconded, the recommendation being carried with acclamation.

Mr. Wilson in reply said he found it difficult to believe that he had done as much as had been made out. He congratulated the committee on a well kept secret as the first he heard of it was when he received a copy of the agenda. Before he knew of this he had received two letters from members of the Guild. The first sent a lot of questions and figures, which involved an eight-page reply. The other was asking him to judge a striking competition. Although he had something else on that day he replied 'Yes'.

As to whether the service in connection with the autumn general meeting at Windsor on October 5th should be held at the Chapel Royal, where it would be Choral Evensong, or at the Parish Church, with ringers' hymns, gave rise to discussion. After much counting of hands the Chapel Royal won: Miss Hague reporting that everything was in readiness for the service being held there.

'RINGING WORLD' GRANT

In recent years the Guild had made an annual grant to 'The Ringing World.' Mr. H. L. Roper proposed that the grant be increased to £40. He pointed out that the journal had increased difficulties in meeting rising costs this year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lock and carried.

Two other votes of thanks found great acceptance with the meeting. The first was to Mr. P. Walker for editing the report, and the other to Col. Hill, who had recently retired from the post of steward of Christ Church. Miss Daphne Pollard, the assistant to the secretary, had a pleasant surprise—

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an honorarium of five guineas was voted to her for cutting the stencils for the report.

The vote of thanks was proposed by the Master. This included the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church for the use of the Cathedral and Chapter House, the college authorities for use of the dining hall, the preacher and the Rector of St. Aldate's and Mr. P. Walker for making the ringing arrangements.

THE LUNCHEON

The luncheon was held in the hall of Christ Church, with the Master, accompanied by Mrs. Wigg, in the chair. He was supported by the officers and the Archdeacon of Oxford and the Revs. A. Tindall Hart, M. F. Gibbs, J. E. Greaves and L. G. Reeves, Dr. James Milford, and Capt. A. R. Poyntz (a former Deputy Master) and Wing Commander J. S. Mason.

The toast of 'Church and State' was proposed by Mr. Donald Wheeler, honorary secretary of the newly-formed Chiltern Branch, and replied to by the Rev. J. E. Greaves, Vicar of Wootton Underwood.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was given by Mr. H. L. Roper, who mentioned among the visitors Mr. Simmonds, who had brought a party up from Devon, Mr. Goodfellow, treasurer of the Middlesex County Association, and the new vice-president, Mr. Wilfrid Wilson.

Dr. James Milford, who now lives in Southern Rhodesia, where he is a schoolmaster, said he was born and went to school at Oxford, and afterwards at Magdalen.

Wing-Comdr. Mason, former Master of the College Youths, also replied and compared conditions that day at Oxford, with 20 towers available, with California, where he spent three years and the nearest tower was 1,300 miles away in British Columbia.

Speeches ended with the Master wishing the company happy ringing during the afternoon.

Collections taken at the services for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £7 18s. 6d.

Penn Ringers Honour Their Captain's 50 Years' Service

We record this week a peal of Stedman Triples rung to mark the completion of 50 years' ringing service of Mr. Edward (Ted) G. Bowyer.

For 46 of these 50 years Ted has been captain at Penn and is still a very active ringer. Although his peal ringing has been very limited, his devotion to Sunday service ringing and special occasions is most meritorious, and his active interest in the training of young recruits has been a lifelong pleasure.

On June 30th, at Evensong, the Vicar, the Rev. A. R. Gaskell, dedicated an oak table (which was presented by the parishioners) for use in the ringing chamber, commemorating Mr. Bowyer's faithful service. The Vicar paid tribute to Ted's unstinted service, and thanked him for his devotion.

Mr. B. D. Thelfall's 250 Peals

Mr. Brian D. Thelfall recently rang his 250th peal. The peals have been rung at 133 towers, in 30 counties, for 25 Associations and with 485 different ringers. A summary of his peals is as follows:

Maximus: 17 on tower; Cinques: 12 tower; Royal: 20 tower, 6 (cond. 1) 'in hand'; Caters: 12 tower, 1 (1) hand; Major: 136 (8) tower, 19 (3) hand; Triples: 8 tower; Minor: 16 (4) tower; Doubles: 3 (1) tower. Total: 224 (13) tower, 26 (5) hand.

In regard to Surprise ringing, 16 of his 17 peals of Maximus are Surprise, and in his Major list 39 different Surprise methods have been rung.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

Beaumaris, Anglesey, overlooking the Menai Straits, with a fine afternoon proved a delightful setting for about 80 members, including wives and visitors who attended the annual meeting of the North Wales Association, held on June 22nd.

An hour's ringing preceded the service, conducted by the Vicar (Canon Ramage), and assisted by the president of the Association (Chancellor Dr. J. Alun Thomas).

The Vicar, in his address, welcomed the members to this first meeting at Beaumaris for over 50 years. He gave a special welcome to the president, who was a very old friend, and mentioned two of his ringers in Mr. R. J. Jones (captain) and Mr. D. P. H. Raban (tower secretary), who were dedicated ringers. The bells, he said, were the only ring in Anglesey, and were originally six, installed in 1819, with two bells added in 1904 to compete with other rings of eight at Bangor and Barmouth. They were restored and re-hung two years ago.

Following an excellent tea, served by local ladies, the president proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the ladies, which was seconded by Mr. D. H. B. Millward, who also thanked the organist and choir, and welcomed the visitors from Cradley, Chester, Chepstow and Somerset, and Mr. Tom Butler (Liverpool), an old friend of North Wales ringers.

TOGETHERNESS

The president presided at the business meeting, supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. F. R. Evans). In his opening address, the president spoke of what he called this 'togetherness' of ringers meeting from various towers. He thought it very important the members should purchase 'The Ringing World' in order that they should know what meetings were taking place.

The members stood in silence as a token of respect for the loss by death of two of its oldest members in Mr. J. Goodwin Flint and Mr. L. I. Griffiths, Llandudno.

The accounts were presented by the honorary treasurer (Mr. W. Cathrall). The year's working showed an excess of receipts over payments of £13 3s. 11d., and a balance of £19 1s. 7d.

The officers elected were: President, Chancellor Dr. J. Alun Thomas; vice-presidents, Canon Ramage (Beaumaris) and Canon Knight-Jones (Rhyl); Ringing Master, Mr. F. R. Evans; honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Cathrall; District secretaries, Dr. Woodcot (Wrexham), Mr. Russell Edwards (Rhyl) and Bangor).

The resignation of Mr. D. H. B. Millward, as secretary of the Wrexham District, owing to ill-health, was accepted with much regret. As an expression of thanks for his work over many years he was elected an honorary life member. Mr. W. H. Lewis was re-elected honorary auditor.

Next half-yearly meeting, Gresford, September 14th; annual meeting, 1964, Barmouth on the second Saturday after Whitsun. The meeting closed with the pronouncement of the Blessing by the president.

East Derbyshire and West Notts Association

Double Court and Norwich Surprise were among methods rung at the East Derbyshire and West Notts Association's meeting at Selston on June 22nd. The Vicar (the Rev. H. V. Simmons) conducted the service.

Provisional meetings: July, Heath (5); August, Bolsover.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**Newark District**

Despite the torrential rain and the difficulty of reaching the village, approximately 20 ringers enjoyed a pleasant evening on the five bells of Staunton-in-the-Vale on July 6th.

Several Doubles methods were rung and Bob Minimus and Rounds, and we were pleased to welcome visitors from Radcliffe-on-Trent and Whaddon-in-the-Vale.

Unfortunately there is no local band, but the captain, Mr. Drury, joined in the ringing, and was afterwards thanked for making the arrangements.

Next meeting: Elston, September 21st.

B. N. R.

Bingham District

South Lincolnshire was chosen for the first outing of the Bingham District on June 8th, and a more glorious, sunny day couldn't have been wished for. Six towers were visited, where rounds, call changes and advanced methods were rung.

Dinner at the Granada Restaurant, Grantham, completed a perfect and enjoyable tour. At a committee meeting at the Red Lion, Bottesford, Cotgrave was confirmed for the next meeting on July 13th, and Hicking for August 10th.

Three new members were elected—Mr. and Mrs. S. Guy and Mr. R. Wild (East Bridgford). R. B.

SKITTLING RINGERS

On a fine May Saturday afternoon a contingent of car-borne ringers from the Bridgewater area and parties of ringers from North Somerset met at Linegar to make the bells resound to some good ringing, including London. Later came ringing at Leigh-on-Mendip and an excellent tea at Midsomer Norton. The imposing tower at Kilmerton had purposely been left until after tea and the mellow, easy-going six bells gave out some creditable St. Clement's, Kent and Clewer.

The second stage of this social occasion, at Farmborough, consisted of a two-hour skittles match, between Bridgewater and North Somerset, interrupted only by the entrance of a well prepared buffet supper. North Somerset, represented by five towers, just beat Bridgewater, also from five towers. Prizes for highest individual scores were won by Mrs. B. Gilbert (Long Ashton) and Mr. R. Smith (Farmborough).

The 33 ringers present heartily endorsed the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. C. Clarke (Wembdon) to the organiser, Mr. M. Horseman, and everyone present asked for a return match. MAX.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

For the St. Albans District's meeting on June 15th ringing in the afternoon was at Tewin by a small but useful band. Methods rung were up to Killamarsh, the special method, and several people rang their first course of Treble Bob.

After the Vicar had conducted a short service, a very good tea was taken in a cyclists' cafe at Burnham Green, there being many more people at the eating than there had been at the ringing.

Mr. Penney kept control of the short business meeting, with the wooden bell shaped mallet which is now a feature of St. Albans meetings. Mr. K. Darvill thanked the incumbents.

Evening ringing took place on the light eight at Welwyn, though a handbell meeting in the churchyard proved something of a counter attraction. J. D. C.

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Letters to the Editor

Turramurra's Greetings

Dear Sir.—The bellringers of Turramurra, Sydney, send congratulations to Mr. Alan Pink and his band upon scoring the second peal of Turramurra Surprise Major on the bells of St. Ebbe's, Oxford.

Lieut. Pink is one of that distinguished group of English ringers that has taken part in ringing with us at St. James', Turramurra. Others are Messrs. Stafford Green (Lyne Regis), F. Oakshott (Epsom), James Bennett and George Pipe (Grundisburgh), Jim Smith (Wylam-on-Tyne), Albert Lancefield (Kent), Ted Connick (Bath), Alf Williams, Lieut. Richards, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray (Bristol), the Misses Jean Hills (Orsett), Valerie Willard and Barbara Beeson.

We send our thanks to John Jelley for naming this intricate method 'Turramurra'—a very nice compliment.—Yours sincerely,

W. SMITH.

Turramurra Belfry,
Sydney, N.S.W.

Keeness at Kilifi

Dear Sir.—May I through the medium of the 'R.W.' columns report that ringing is still taking place at Kilifi, Kenya.

It was my pleasure to join the local band of ringers for an all too short practice there recently, during this ship's visit to Mombasa. Mr. A. Charo, the head of the local primary school, is in charge of the band, which consists mainly of schoolboys. Ringing takes place one evening per week, besides the normal Sunday service ringing. The band are very enthusiastic about their church and being able to ring bells.

I was most impressed by the church itself, which embraces both modern architectural thinking, along with practical simplicity.—Yours faithfully,

K. FLEMING.

P. & O. M.V. 'Cannamore',
at Mombasa, Kenya.

Humour from Letters

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. Leale's reply to the replies received to his letter.

To say that 'activities which fall just within the letter of the law, but are calculated to deceive'.... are a 'sign of the times,' is as silly as saying that 'youth today are apathetic, resent authority and take no notice of their elders and betters' is also a sign of the times; this latter quotation may be found in the writings of one Peter the Monk during the 13th century. As for their introduction to peal ringing being something new, this is also silly.

Mr. Leale doesn't seem to have any objection to Gainsborough and Fordcombe, so why to the more recent additions to the Lincolnshire family? Could it be that Mr. Leale is a hidebound conservative, with a great feeling for precedent and tradition, wanting the world to stay as it was when he came into it?

As for claiming to have friends from abroad who understand ringing and method structure so well as to be insulted by having their home-towns insulted by being used as names for poor methods... well, I can only say that's the best I've heard for a long time. Thanks to Mr. Leale, the letter page in 'R.W.' remains the funniest, beating even the peal columns for laughs.—Yours, etc.,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks.

Spliced Peal at St. Neots

Dear Sir.—I have been amazed to read the nonsense which has been written during the last few weeks, concerning London University's peal of eight spliced at St. Neots. I would suggest that those people who are not competent to understand the peal report as printed are not competent to criticise the peal.—Yours faithfully,

Great Baddow, Essex.

A. S. HUDSON.

Clerkenwell Surprise Major

Dear Sir.—The band which rang the first peal of Clerkenwell Surprise Major at Willesden on December 13th, 1962, are unanimous in their wish to retain that name for the method. Before deciding to alter the name appearing in Corrigan, the possible confusion resulting from having two methods called Ashton and Ashton-under-Lyne was carefully considered. These considerations still apply.

I am therefore unwilling to accede to Mr. Ogden's request, and beg to point out that the peal rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on May 1st, 1963, was in fact, a peal of Clerkenwell.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

A great welcome was given to Mr. W. Love, when he presided at the Northern Branch meeting at Mulbarton, as this was his first meeting since his discharge from hospital. Thirty members sat down to tea, given by the Rector (Rev. C. J. H. Sanderson), who also conducted the service. He was appropriately thanked, as were the ladies who served tea. John L. Rice (Wyndham) was elected a member.

Next meeting: Hingham, October 12th.

Striking Competition

Eight bands (three from the Eastern Branch and five from the Northern) competed in a striking competition held at Acle, and judged by the president (Mr. F. N. Golden), Mr. W. C. Duffield and Miss D. Lidbetter. The winning band was conducted by Mr. G. Sayer, the second by Mr. J. R. Smith and the third (a tie) by Messrs. R. Dewsbury and A. Bason.

It is hoped to hold another competition in May, 1964.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Central District

Despite monsoon conditions, ladies from most parts of the District were attracted to Monkton Hadley on June 29th.

The Rev. H. E. Woods made us very welcome and delivered an interesting address, showing himself to be a lover of bells and an admirer of ringers.

Discussion at the meeting (with Mrs. Lock in the chair) raised the usual problem, of how to cover our large District by choosing places for meetings which would give everyone a chance to attend at least once a year, and at the same time be accessible to most people.

It was decided that our fifth Saturday meeting for August would clash with holidays so, if the Hertford County Association were in agreement, we could have a joint meeting with them at North Mymms on the third Saturday in August.

New members elected were Mrs. J. Sadler (Prittlewell), Miss Julia Fellows (St. Albans Cathedral) and Mrs. Betty Fost (South Mymms).

Ringing continued at Barnet until 8.30 p.m., with rounds for the new South Mymms band and methods up to D.N.C.B.M. and Cambridge.

C. M. R.

WALTHAMSTOW'S SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Of the two recent social events arranged by Walthamstow ringers, the earlier one was the most unusual, taking the form of the first dinner within memory of all but the most senior members, who for many years enjoyed a free feast through the generosity of a bequest.

About 18 months ago it became necessary to rehang the ninth at St. Mary's and to rehang all the clappers. Church funds being at a low ebb, the Essex Association's Bell Restoration Fund made a much appreciated grant. To give still more help the ringers instituted a weekly 'bob-a-nob' levy for one year. To conclude the affair it was decided to arrange a dinner to precede the annual meeting at St. Mary's Society, and this took place on April 20th at the Granada, Walthamstow, among the guests being the Vicar (Canon K. Druitt) and Mr. C. Willmington (Master of S.W. Division of the Essex Association). After an excellent meal (with background music provided on tape by Eric Granshaw, piano, and Aidan Boyack, theatre organ), the Vicar took the chair for the meeting and, following upon the usual business of reports and nominations, the Master (Mr. A. Boyack) presented to the Vicar, on behalf of the ringers, a cheque for £40, being the levy proceeds, to replenish church funds so readily given for the bell repair work.

A month later very much the same company enjoyed an outing to Brighton in such wonderful weather as to induce reluctance to enter the afternoon towers. A counting of heads encouraged wild talk of Yorkshire, and even London Royal, but no more was heard of this after a discreditable performance of Cambridge Royal at the first tower, Leatherhead. This was improved on, however, at the other three ten bell towers and satisfactory ringing, including some well-struck Bristol, was enjoyed during the day. At St. Nicholas', Brighton, we had the privilege of ringing Kent T.B. Royal with Mr. Henry Stalham.

Our grateful thanks to all those who made their towers available to us.

A. B.

COLEMAN'S HATCH JUBILEE

On June 30th, the Church of Holy Trinity, Coleman's Hatch, Sussex, celebrated the 50th anniversary of its opening. At the services during the day the preachers were the Bishops of Chichester and Lewes. Coleman's Hatch Church, situated on the northern boundary of Ashdown Forest, has a fine ring of eight bells, which has been put to good use during its 50 years.

At the request of the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Missen), president of the East Grinstead Guild, the ringing at both services was carried out by members of the Guild and friends in North Sussex.

In the evening a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by E. J. Ladd 1, R. D. Divall 2, H. Vaughan 3, Miss R. Heighes (first of Stedman) 4, M. F. Oakshott 5, A. F. Lewry 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, F. I. Hairs 8.

EXTENSION OF BILTON CHURCH, COVENTRY

To mark the dedication of the extension to the ancient Church of St. Mark, Bilton, Coventry, by the Bishop of Coventry on June 8th, a peal was rung in honour of the event. The extension increases the capacity of the church by 150 more seats and cost £17,000.

At the dedication service the Bishop was handed the architect's plans, a token gift of money and a gavel and trowel, and these were placed on the altar.

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St. WENDREDA'S, MARCH, AT LAVENHAM



The bellringers of St. Wendreda's Church, March, held their annual outing on May 25th, the venue being Suffolk. The tour had been arranged so as to avoid busy highways and to open attractive vistas afforded by less frequently used roads.

Numbering 32 in all, the ringers and their friends headed for Eye, a small borough, overlooked by a ruined castle, and for an hour the eight bells of the parish church were rung. A pleasant journey along the ridge above the Waveney Valley took the party to Beccles. The great tower, detached from the church, contains a fine ring of ten, and full justice was done to the bells, the tenor of which weighs 26 cwt.

After an admirable lunch, the journey was continued to Southwold-on-Sea for a stay of nearly three hours. The octave here must vie with the finest in the land, and the church possesses a wealth of unusual features and fittings. Known as a 'barn' church—the nave and chancel enclose a wall without a break—most of the building's 60-odd windows are happily deprived of stained glass, the result being an extremely light interior, and the chequer-work of coloured flints and stone give it an unusual beauty not to be forgotten, evoking much admiration for the designers and builders of 500 years ago.

After tea a visit was paid to Dennington, a small village with a large church displaying a

most interesting interior, where the six heavy bells (tenor 19 cwt. by A. Howell), were rung for nearly an hour.

The visit to Lavenham—not the first time—provided a fitting end to the day. An invitation had been extended to the March ringers to join the local team at their practice and, consequently, the eight bells were employed at great length.

Methods rung during the day were Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B. Major, and Cambridge, St. Clement's and Double Oxford Minor.

Thanks are due to clergy, local ringers and tower-keepers.

WARMINSTER, WILTS

The annual outing arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, of Haslemere, for Warminster and Corsley ringers took place on June 22nd.

Ringling started at St. Lawrence's, Alton (a superb eight), and the usual excellent picnic lunch, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. E. Norris, was enjoyed by the side of a lake at Petersfield. The afternoon's ringling was at Buriton and Arundel, followed by a 23 mile run to Haslemere, where Mr. and Mrs. Pearson had a delicious tea waiting for us. The traditional game of rounders, ladies v gentlemen, followed.

The last tower was Milland, to be followed by the last rites of the day at 'The Black Fox,' where we said good-bye to our genial host, Mr. Pearson. Warminster was reached at 11.45 p.m. after a day that will not easily be forgotten. N. G. K.

BLABY & WHETSTONE

Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire were visited by ringers of these two Leicestershire towers and friends on June 8th. Eight towers were on the programme, the route being through narrow country lanes.

After ringling at Twyford and Piddington, Mr. F. Sharpe met the party at Launton, which has one of the smallest bellfries in the country. His story of this beautiful old church was full of interest. Lunch was taken at an appropriate hostelry at Biceston—'The Six Bells'—and the eight at the Parish Church were regarded as the best bells of the day. Other towers visited were Caversfield, Bletchington (the roughest ring of the day), Woodstock and Byfield (Northants).

In the hostelry at Byfield we entertained the locals with handbell ringling, in which Maurice Kirk (the life and soul of the party) led the singing. B. C. L.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT

Leaving Sittingbourne at 6.30 a.m., 42 members of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association and friends visited Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s foundry at Loughborough. Lunch was taken at Leicester, and after a short ring at Quorn (8), they were met at the foundry by Mr. Paul Taylor, who, in a simple and amusing manner, conducted them round the establishment. All enjoyed the experience of ringling on the eight foundry bells.

After tea at Leicester, attempts were made without success while travelling on the M.1 to ring a quarter of Grandsire Triples in the coach. After a stop for refreshments at New Cross, the last of the party reached home soon after midnight. To Mr. Taylor, the incumbent at Quorn and Wally Smith, the coach driver, sincere thanks,

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TEWKESBURY ABBEY BELLS

By E. W. PENN

TO an ardent bellringer there can probably be nothing more exciting than a new ring of bells—resulting as it does in ringing once more at one's own tower after many months' absence. And so it was at Tewkesbury Abbey. Yet it is much more than just the ringing of newly hung bells—there are many more emotions, which add to the excitement of the occasion. The feeling of triumph that after so many years of endeavour, so many hopes, so many frustrations, at last it is done. There is the feeling of having made, or at least of having been concerned with, a small contribution to the long and glorious history of our beautiful Abbey—of having contributed to something which will stand for many, many years to come. Yet there are regrets. Regrets at the passing of the old bells. Regrets that the work of the old founders is no more. But these are outweighed by the happiness of having the new bells—safely hung and ready for ringing.

In these days of high costs it is a great triumph, a great proof of faith, a great encouragement to all connected with the Church that considerable works of restoration can still be undertaken. This is essentially so for bellringers when their ring of bells is recast and rehung. Particularly has this been so for the ringers at Tewkesbury Abbey.

We had known for some time that although our twelve bells were not the worst in the country they were far from being among the best. We, and many of those who visited the tower, were well aware that it would be a waste of money just to have the bells retuned even if this were possible. The answer was to recast and rehang the lot. How this was to be achieved was quite beyond our conception.

Tewkesbury Abbey itself is beautiful beyond compare and the more one knows it the more one marvels at the architecture and workmanship in it. But the cost of maintenance and restoration is positively frightening. How could we ask the Abbey authorities to undertake such a colossal expenditure that the recasting and rehang of the bells would entail? How could the money be raised?

Perhaps, before you are told how, in fact, the money was raised, you would like to know a little of the history of the Tewkesbury Abbey bells.

FIRST BELLS IN CAMPANILE

Tewkesbury Abbey was probably furnished with bells of some kind directly after its origination as a monastery in 715 and certainly at the time of the consecration as an Abbey in 1123.

The first bells at Tewkesbury Abbey were not, however, hung in the tower, but in a campanile which formerly stood in the church grounds. In 1582 this building was in a state of disuse and was converted by Her Majesty's Justices into a gaol for half the shire. It was used for this purpose for over 200 years. The site is now occupied by the Abbey Hall—this building was at one time used for school purposes.

At the surrender of the Monastery of Tewkesbury in 1539, there were eight bells in the Abbey tower, and when a short time afterwards Henry VIII sold the church and its appendages to the parishioners the bells were estimated, by the King's Commissioners, to weigh 14,200 lb. They were valued at twenty shillings per hundred pounds weight and, consequently, cost the town £142.

The number was afterwards reduced, as for some time prior to 1612 there were only four bells in the tower. In 1612, a fifth was added, an event which was celebrated in the following lines, by one who was probably a better bellringer than poet:

William Dixon and Thomas Hoare

Made us that bell which we ringe before:

Which men, for that good deede, praie we they maie thrive,

For we, havinge but foure bells, they made them five;

And out of the grownde this bell they did delve,

The 24th of July anno dom. 1612.

It is recorded that these five bells were recast and a sixth added in 1632 at an expense of nearly £100.

In 1696, the six bells were again recast and the number once more increased to eight. The cost was either wholly or in great part defrayed by voluntary subscription.

In 1717, the seventh bell was recast at Gloucester, at an expense of £6 16s. 0d.

In 1725, the second bell was also recast, at the foundry at Gloucester, and cost £10 10s.

In 1743, the recasting of the treble bell cost £9 13s. 9d.; and the 'putting in order' of the seventh and eighth in 1771 was charged £15 7s. 9d.

In April, 1837, the whole of the bells were taken down and conveyed to Gloucester; the fifth and tenor bells were there recast, and the others accurately tuned, by Mr. Thomas Mears, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, who had succeeded Mr. John Rudhall.

SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATIONS

On the 6th of June, the eight bells were again safely placed in the tower and afterwards, so it is reported, very cleverly hung by a Mr. James Cull, builder of the borough; who at the same time erected a new oak frame for them, and fixed it in the north-east corner of the building, instead of in the south-west angle, where the former one had always stood. He had previously laid down an entirely new floor in the bell chamber, in lieu of an old and decayed one, which had become exceedingly dangerous; this he formed of three-inch red deal planks, iron tongued, and supported it by several new substantial beams, rendered steady and secure by means of numerous strong deal struts, springing from stone corbels in the walls of the tower. With the best of the materials of the old bell room floor, a new new ringing loft was erected, with stairs leading to it from the original belfry, and thus the ringers were placed upwards of twenty feet nearer the bells than they were before.

The new bells were charged at 15d. per lb., and 1d. per lb. was allowed for upwards of 33 cwt. of old metal in exchange. The bell founder's charges were:

	cwt	qr.	lb.	£	s.	d.
Tenor Bell	23	2	9	165	1	3
Fifth Bell	10	2	11	74	3	9
Small Bell	1	1	5	9	1	3
Tuning the Peal, drilling the Bells.						
Clappers, etc.				15	19	6

	264	5	9
Allowed for Old Bells & Clappers	172	16	0

Balance £91 9 9

The builder's charges for the improvements effected in the tower on this occasion were:

Rehanging the bells, including a new frame and wheels, and taking down the bells and replacing them in the tower	£116
New Bell-chamber floor	£200
Ringling loft floor	£ 36
	£352

Towards these expenses, the churchwardens (Messrs. Henry Brydges and Hugh Martin) collected £298 16s. 5d. by means of voluntary contributions; so that the cost to the parish was comparatively trifling.

FIRST PEAL

On October 16th, 1837, the hanging of the bells having been completed some admirable change ringing was performed by the ringers from Cheltenham, Painswick and Longney. It is reported that Longney men first entered the belfry and gave a few touches of Stedman Triples, in their usual excellent style. The Cheltenham Society next rang a true and complete peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, containing 5,184 changes, which they scientifically brought round in three hours and six minutes; and as these men were perfect strangers to the bells this was, at the time, considered to be 'one of the most extraordinary feats in

the annals of ringing.' The celebrated Painswick Youths then took the ropes, which they handled with much skill, and admirably executed several touches of Stedman Triples. The churchwardens, their friends, and the ringers afterwards dined together at the Bell Inn and spent a very convivial and pleasant evening.

The following were the inscriptions upon the respective bells, with the dates when they were cast and weights:

Treble.—Jos. Peace & Wm. Hathaway, C. Wardens, 1743; 5 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

2nd.—Prosperity to this Town, 1725; 5 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

3rd.—John Cal, 1696. Abra Rudhall; 6 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

4th.—Abr. Rudhall—cast us all, 1696; 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

5th.—Cast at Gloucester by T. Mears, 1837; 10 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

6th.—Peace and Good Neighbourhood, anno 1696; 10 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

7th.—Prosperity to this Towne and Church. Abr. Rudhall of Gloucester, Bell-founder, 1717; 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Tenor.—Rev. Chas. White, vicar, Henry Brydges & Hugh Martin, churchwardens, 1837. T. Mears fecit; 23 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

These eight bells continued until 1914 and in that year two trebles were added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, raising the ring to 10. Two further trebles were added in 1933 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to make a ring of 12.

TRIBUTE TO REV. C. D. P. DAVIES

A plaque in the bellringing chamber reads: 'To the Glory of God and in thankful remembrance of the life and work of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, M.A. Co-founder of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and its Master, 1885, 1903, 1927, and the two treble bells were added and the whole peal retuned by ringers and friends at home and overseas. For fifty years he devoted his great talent to the furtherance of the art and science of change ringing. May 19th, 1934.'

At the same time the old trebles, now the 3rd and 4th, were recast and the other bells tuned.

	Diameter	Founder	Year	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Treble	2' 1"	Taylor	1933	4	1	15
2nd	2' 2"	Taylor	1933	4	2	9
3rd	2' 2 1/2"	Taylor	1933	4	3	9
4th	2' 4"	Taylor	1933	5	1	0
5th	2' 5 1/2"	Rudhall	1743	5	1	6
6th	2' 6 1/2"	Rudhall	1725	5	2	20
7th	2' 8 1/2"	Rudhall	1696	6	0	27
8th	2' 11 1/2"	Rudhall	1696	7	3	26
9th	3' 3"	Mears	1914	9	1	25
10th	3' 4 1/2"	Rudhall	1696	10	1	13
11th	3' 9 1/2"	Rudhall	1717	14	3	16
12th	4' 2 1/2"	Mears	1837	21	2	23

Note D.

For many years there had been dissatisfaction with the bells particularly with the tonal qualities. It was felt by knowledgeable ringers that the only solution was to have the ring recast and rehung and that the weight should be increased to make the ring more appropriate to a ring of 12 and to the magnificent Abbey Church.

To be continued.

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APPLETON, BERKS

On the wettest Saturday of the summer, the Appleton ringers held their annual outing, and such is Appleton, everyone had a most enjoyable day, and when we left Cheltenham at 11 p.m. for the homeward journey all were 'full to the brim' with happy thoughts of a good ringing day.

Throughout, the ringing was extremely good. At Chepstow, a bride and bridegroom had the bells rung without payment, and there was a call afterwards at the King's Arms to drink the health of the happy couple.

Anyone contemplating an outing should avoid Newport at midday on a Saturday. We found the quickest way to the tower was to abandon the bus and walk to St. Woolos'. Here a very creditable course of Grandsire Cinques was rung.

Then to Usk (quite a useful eight), but I expected the memory here will be of a very beautifully kept belfry; also we surpassed ourselves and rang a course of Cambridge. A wonderful tea put us in a good mood (it was still raining hard) for the final tower, Abergavenny, and the ringing was rounded off with three excellent courses of Stedman Caters on this good ten, which are spoiled in the tower by too much hum.

Frank White is to be congratulated on organising a very good outing. W. H.

LAVENHAM

On June 29th Lavenham ringers held their annual outing, visiting Watford, Hemel Hempstead, St. Albans (Cathedral), Harpenden and Luton. Methods rung were Plain Bob Major and Royal, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Kent, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples; M. T. Symonds and C. Stannard sharing the conducting. The ringers would like to thank the clergy of the towers visited and the ringing friends who met them and helped to make the outing very enjoyable. M. T. S.

OUTINGS**SHELFORD VISIT HEREFORDSHIRE**

One of the many summer outings arranged by the Shelford ringers was that to Herefordshire on Whit Monday and various contingents from Notts, Herts and Northants converged on Kington. Some of the band found the bells a little difficult, but Lyonshall's proved to be a joy to listen to and to ring. Touches of Oxford T.B., Plain Bob and Cambridge did justice to the bells.

Almeley proved to have another fine ring and Pembridge has a unique detached tower. King's Pyon, with a church nearly 1,000 years old, has a lighter ring than the previous tower, and our handling troubles must have amused the two ringers who met us.

After a wayside halt for lunch, everybody felt livelier for the musical eight at Burghill. Single Oxford, Sandal and Norwich were tapped off at Holmer. Tea was taken near Hampton Bishop, and from this ground floor ring good touches of Kent T.B., Single Oxford and Primrose were rung. At Fownhope we received one of the warmest welcomes from the Vicar and his son, and the visit was thoroughly enjoyed.

At Woolhope, a solid tower overlooking the Wye, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob with new ropes were a not too good combination. A run through the narrowest of country lanes led to Stoke Edith, and a tiring band limped their way to the last tower, Stretton Grandison.

To all who contributed to the success of the outing we express our thanks, especially to the Secretary for the ringing arrangements.

D. B.

BALDOCK, HERTS

Once again Baldock ringers and friends were very fortunate with the weather when they went on their annual outing on June 15th. Such good time was made that we arrived half an hour early at Daventry. Holy Cross is a Wren type church in yellow stone, and possesses an anti-clockwise octave, with a tenor of nearly 19 cwt. On to St. Nicholas', Warwick, distinctively wide for its length. The easy-going 14 cwt. octave was ideal for 'just before lunch.' Stratford-on-Avon would be rightly celebrated for its position and the ten bells in Holy Trinity Church without needing to rely upon its Shakespearean connections. A wedding was in progress, and many of us were able to sit on the wall of the churchyard and watch the regatta before ringing.

Away to tea at Evesham, that lovely market town, before we were crowded out by tourists. To one who has not been to the bell tower, the arrangement of the two churches and separate tower comes as a surprise. The sun shone and the stonework glowed golden. Up in the ringing chamber we found the ropes very springy, but we improved with practice. A 36 cwt. (all but a few pounds) tenor to twelve bells takes a little bit of getting used to, even from round the front end.

The last tower was Tanworth-in-Arden, a pleasant village with a 12 cwt. eight, where one member was so wrapped in thought that he left his pullover there. Our thanks are due to Mr. E. G. Buck, who organised the outing, and those who made us welcome. J. S.

A DEVON HALF-DAY

Arranged by Mr. A. L. Bennett, a half-day excursion for members of the Devon Guild was held on June 8th. Towers visited were Rewe, near Exeter, Plymtree, Luppitt (best tower of the day), and, after tea at Honiton, Shute, near Exeter. Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Minor.

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Eleven peals out of 13 attempts were rung during a South Midland peal week arranged by Mr. Cyril A. Wratten. On July 1st, Canadian Dominion Day, the first peal of Vancouver Surprise Major (one of the offsprings of Lincolnshire) was rung. The peals lost were Double Norwich at Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts, and Hinton Surprise at St. Ebbe's, Oxford.

The rededication of Padbury, Bucks, restored bells will take place on Saturday, July 20th, at 3 p.m. The Bishop of Dorchester will perform the ceremony.

The honorary secretary of Harpenden ringers asks us to state that their practice night is on Wednesday, as it has been for many years and not Thursday.

Another peal ringing week, recorded this week, is that promoted by Devonshire ringers, with six successes. Highlights were a peal of Royal at Plymouth and the first peal on the bells at Bridestowe.

At Evington, Leics, a quarter peal of 20 methods of Minimus was rung on May 13th. Mr. S. Edwards, the conductor, asks if this is a record for the number of methods in a quarter peal of Minimus.

Ringers of yesteryear in the Manchester and Sussex areas will be sorry to hear that Mr. Fred Page is now in hospital. A member of Manchester City Police Guild and a leading conductor of Stedman Cinques at the Town Hall there, he retired to Sussex about 1930, continuing to ring until recent years. Letters can reach him through his wife, at 10, Lancing Close, North Lancing, Sussex.

Central District secretary of the Ladies' Guild writes: 'Members may be pleased to know that at last, after three years of letter writing, we have managed to arrange a meeting at Leytonstone for November 30th. As the following meeting will be on February 29th, all eligible persons are asked to please note.' (A stock of ladies' gloves of various sizes, please, may be an advantage to gentlemen visitors!)

BELFRY GOSSIP

To commemorate Mr. T. H. Taffender's 50 years as Master of the London County Association, Mr. C. W. Roberts composed a special peal of Stedman Caters, which, after some failures, was rung on July 3rd. Other names associated with the attempts were Mrs. Rogers, F. W. Goodfellow, F. E. Hawthorne, C. A. Hughes and C. N. Ottley, all old friends of T. H. Taffender. The composer, also an old friend, could not be persuaded to stand in.

Mrs. R. Murrell, of Warfield, Berks, rang in a quarter peal in honour of her son's 21st birthday at Easthampstead Church.

Correction.—The peal rung at Penn on June 29th was Stedman Triples, and not Grandsire Triples as printed on page 475.

There were four Bibbys ringing in the 21st birthday peal for John R. Bibby at Frodsham, Cheshire, which enabled him to score his first peal as conductor.

The ringer of the treble in the peal at Castle Acre, Norfolk, was Douglas Burnett, and not David. He is the Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild and had attended the Central Council meeting at Great Yarmouth.

After a lapse of several years it is hoped to restart Hawkhurst and District Guild, with a meeting at Hawkhurst next Saturday. The lapse was due to lack of support, but it is felt that the Guild can do useful work in the area.

The Friezland company won the Halifax and District Association's annual cup competition at Penistone on July 6th. Other teams competing were Shelley, Silkstone and Meltham. The judge, Mr. H. Sykes, commended all the teams on their standard of ringing.

With a peal at Bourton-on-the-Water, Mr. V. Griffin, of Swindon, completed his 100 peals—a 16 years' task. In his peals he rang with 202 different ringers, in 47 different towers, for nine Associations. His interesting list ranges from Doubles to Surprise Royal (10 different methods). Seventeen different Surprise Major peals have been rung out of 24 peals. In Surprise Minor, however, a 41 methods peal was rung.

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MARGARET A. BOULD .. 3	STANLEY JENNER Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* 50th peal. † First of Minor.

MEAVY, DEVON.

On Mon., June 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of one 2.160 and four different 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*JOHN W. PERKINS Treble	D. ROY BOULD 4
†MARGARET A. BOULD .. 2	THOMAS G. MYERS 5
ANN JENNER 3	STANLEY JENNER Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal of Minor, and of Treble Bob. † First of Kent Treble Bob Minor. First in the method on the bells.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

On Tues., June 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

H. FREDERICK MYERS .. Treble	D. ROY BOULD 6
YVONNE C. PORTER 2	*HARRY STACEY 7
MARGARET A. BOULD .. 3	STANLEY JENNER 8
*ANN JENNER 4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 9
FREDERICK E. DAY 5	THOMAS G. MYERS Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal of Royal.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Southwood on the birth of their second son (Jeremy Mark).

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.

On Wed., June 26, 1963, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*FREDERICK SANGWIN .. Treble	*HARRY STACEY 5
*†WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. 2	THOMAS G. MYERS 6
ANN JENNER 3	*†D. ROY BOULD 7
*MARGARET A. BOULD .. 4	STANLEY JENNER Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. † 30th peal together. 50th as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

ST. GERMAN'S, CORNWALL.

On Thurs., June 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMANUS.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in F (approx.).

THOMAS G. MYERS Treble	WILLIAM G. LAVERS 5
MARGARET A. BOULD .. 2	†A. WILLIAM MYERS 6
ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 3	D. ROY BOULD 7
*ANN JENNER 4	*STANLEY JENNER Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* 50th peal together. † First of Kent T.B.

WALKHAMPTON, DEVON.

On Fri., June 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of three extents of Kent and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

ANN JENNER Treble	THOMAS G. MYERS 4
YVONNE C. PORTER 2	D. ROY BOULD 5
*MARGARET A. BOULD .. 3	STANLEY JENNER Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal 'inside' in two methods.

BRIDESTOWE, DEVON.

On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

H. FREDERICK MYERS .. Treble	WILLIAM G. LAVERS 4
MARGARET A. BOULD .. 2	D. ROY BOULD 5
*DENIS F. WHEELER 3	THOMAS G. MYERS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal of Minor. First on the bells.

A birthday compliment to Mr. A. W. Coles, of North Mimms, Herts.

A SOUTH MIDLANDS PEAL WEEK

ALL PEALS FOR THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

BRISTOL.

On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOTTESFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

D. JOHN HUNT Treble	GORDON W. LAND 5
MICHAEL HART 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 6
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 3	PETER BRIDLE 7
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

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

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Sun., June 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

VICTOR GRIFFIN Treble	GORDON W. LAND 5
*PETER BRIDLE 2	†PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 6
†MICHAEL J. HOBBS 3	GEORGE E. THODAY 7
CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* 50th peal, and 25th of Surprise. † 25th Surprise method to a peal.

† 75th peal for the Association. First in the method by all the band except ringers of 7 and tenor, on the bells, and for the Association.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Mon., July 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

GORDON W. LAND Treble	*D. JOHN HUNT 5
ROBERT C. KIPPIN 2	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 6
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 3	VICTOR GRIFFIN 7
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by HARRY POYNER.

Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.

* 100th peal of Surprise. First in the method.

Rung on Canadian Dominion Day.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Mon., July 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, comprising 2,560 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire; with 69 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

GORDON W. LAND Treble	GEORGE E. THODAY 5
*PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 6
†VICTOR GRIFFIN 3	PETER BRIDLE 7
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 4	D. JOHN HUNT Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major, and 25th of Surprise Major.

† 50th of Surprise. First of Spliced on the bells.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

On Tues., July 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

PETER BRIDLE Treble	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 5
*PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 2	*GORDON W. LAND 6
D. JOHN HUNT 3	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN 7
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* First peal in the method. † 100th for the Association.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Wed., July 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. Treble	GORDON W. LAND 5
PETER BRIDLE 2	*VICTOR GRIFFIN 6
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 3	D. JOHN HUNT 7
*†PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method. † 25th Surprise Major method to a peal.

† 100th peal, and 75th for the Association.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., July 3, 1963, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,120 Rutland; with 69 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

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

GORDON W. LAND Treble	†PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 5
*VICTOR GRIFFIN 2	*PETER BRIDLE 6
ROBERT C. KIPPIN 3	GEORGE E. THODAY 7
†CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4	D. JOHN HUNT Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* 25th peal of Surprise Major. † First of Spliced Surprise Major.

† First of 4-Spliced.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

CYRIL A. WRATTEN Treble	†VICTOR GRIFFIN 5
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 2	D. JOHN HUNT 6
PETER BRIDLE 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 7
*GORDON W. LAND 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method. The conductor's 100th peal of Major.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Fri., July 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

MICHAEL J. HOBBS Treble	GORDON W. LAND 5
CYRIL A. WRATTEN 2	PETER BRIDLE 6
GEORGE E. THODAY 3	D. JOHN HUNT 7
VICTOR GRIFFIN 4	PETER T. HURCOMBE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

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

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Fri., July 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

PETER T. HURCOMBE Treble	*PETER BRIDLE 5
D. JOHN HUNT 2	VICTOR GRIFFIN 6
CYRIL A. WRATTEN 3	GEORGE E. THODAY 7
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by S. IVIN. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* First peal in the method.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in E.

*GORDON W. LAND Treble	GEORGE E. THODAY 6
†CYRIL A. WRATTEN 2	*PETER T. HURCOMBE 7
BRIAN BLADON 3	*PETER BRIDLE 8
VICTOR GRIFFIN 4	D. JOHN HUNT 9
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 5	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* First peal on ten. † 50th peal together. ‡ First of Royal. § First of Surprise Royal.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS, PIERHEAD.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	DAVID VINCENT 7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2	*JOHN ROBINSON 8
*JOHN H. FIELDEN 3	DEREK OGDEN 9
*SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 4	WALTER ALLMAN 10
*DEREK BUTTERWORTH 5	*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 11
†KENNETH J. HESKETH 6	PHILIP H. TOCCK Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First on 12.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In two methods, being 48 Belgrave and 4,992 Yorkshire; with one change of method.

Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

ROBERT B. SMITH Treble	*RONALD M. EDWARDS 7
*JOHN F. BARLOW 2	JOHN ROBINSON 8
BASIL JONES 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES 9
†CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR 4	F. JOHN NELSON 10
JOHN E. CAMP 5	NEIL BENNETT 11
*DEREK A. ASHTON 6	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

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

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes.

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER IN THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

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

JOHN WALDEN Treble	J. ALAN AINSWORTH 7
*OLIVE TESTER 2	*COLIN A. TESTER 8
NORAH M. RANGLES 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 9
*JEAN L. LAVENDER 4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER 10
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5	STEWART F. KIMBER 11
†ROBERT W. HINDE 6	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

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

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS, PIERHEAD.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 42 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	†HAROLD WORRALL 7
JACK N. BROWN 2	DAVID C. VINCENT 8
*GWENDOLYN HOWLETT 3	*WILLIAM E. COURT 9
†THOMAS S. HORRIDGE 4	JOHN F. GROVE 10
*TERENCE M. FITZGERALD 5	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 11
HAROLD C. LONYON 6	PHILIP H. TOCCK Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCCK.

* First peal of Maximus. † First of Bob Maximus. ‡ First touch on 12 bells. The ringer of the second has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung with best wishes and as a farewell to William E. Court, who leaves to take up a post in Canada at the end of July.

TEN BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

*EILEEN CROSS Treble	PETER J. MALLOCH 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 2	*JEFFREY BRANNAN 7
MARGARET WRIGHT 3	NEIL BENNETT 8
†ANTHONY HELLIWELL 4	ROBERT B. SMITH 9
ROGER LEIGH 5	†DEREK A. ASHTON Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DEREK A. ASHTON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Plain Bob Royal. First on ten bells as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Barrie Hendry and Patricia A. Moreland, who were married this day at Kingstanding, Birmingham.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E flat.

*STANLEY RICHARDSON Treble	GRAHAM MCKAY 6
*JOHN MCTEAR 2	*BRIAN STREET 7
JOHN E. ANDERSON 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
*GEOFFREY TEMBEY 4	FREDERICK ROSS 9
*HARRY BYROM 5	ERIC N. HARRISON Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.

* First peal of Royal. First of Plain Bob Royal for the Association.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sun., June 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.	Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.
*JANET H. BUSS Treble	JOHN S. BARNES 6
E. JANE SIBSON 2	DEREK E. SIBSON 7
OLIVE D. TESTER 3	PETER BERESFORD 8
SHEILA M. DOBBIE 4	COLIN A. TESTER 9
JOAN BERESFORD 5	DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal on ten bells. First of London Royal by all the band except the ringer of the fifth, and for the Society.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

(Late the St. James' Society.)

On Wed., July 3, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5085 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*PAIRICIA ROGERS Treble	*†CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS 6
*J. M. HADLEY HUNTER 2	SQUIRE CROFT 7
*PETER N. FELTON 3	CHARLES T. RICHARDS 8
ARTHUR D. BARKER 4	WILFRID G. WILSON 9
HAROLD W. ROGERS 5	†DAVID W. STRUCKETT Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 25th peal. ‡ First on ten.

Rung to commemorate Mr. T. H. Taffender's 50 years as Master of the Society.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*RUTH GARR Treble	JACK BELCHAM 6
†JANET ROWE 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
†GERALD A. BACON 3	FRANK C. MAY 8
†DENNIS ELLISDON 4	MICHAEL J. HALLETT 9
*PETER SLOMAN 5	BERNARD C. SADLER Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL.

* First peal. † First of Caters.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Peter Sloman (21st) and Frank C. May.

EIGHT BELL PEALS
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

*EILEEN CROSS Treble	JOHN F. BARLOW 5
ROBERT B. SMITH 2	JEFFREY BRANNAN 6
MARGARET WRIGHT 3	RONALD M. EDWARDS 7
DEREK J. MARSHALL 4	DEREK A. ASHTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DEREK A. ASHTON.

* First peal. First of Major as conductor.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 17, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, TUEBROOK,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

THOMAS W. HESKETH .. Treble	FREDERICK PEARSON 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2	KENNETH J. HESKETH 6
RICHARD S. STARKIE 3	JOHN H. FIELDEN 7
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 4	PHILIP H. TOCOK Tenor

Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 28 lb. in G sharp.

ROBERT B. SMITH Treble	DEREK A. ASHTON 5
*PETER J. MALLOCH 2	†RONALD M. EDWARDS 6
JOHN F. BARLOW 3	BARRIE HENDRY 7
PETER WATSON 4	NEIL BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DEREK A. ASHTON.

* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 95 lb. in F.

ADRIENNE GIBSON Treble	†William J. MUNTON 5
*ROSEMARY BLYTH 2	NICHOLAS D. J. WEBB 6
†RICHARD E. FENTIMAN .. 3	DAVID W. STRUCKETT 7
MICHAEL J. BANGHAM 4	DAVID C. BROOKES Tenor

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE. Conducted by DAVID C. BROOKES.

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

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Alison Mann, of Goldhanger; also as a compliment to Nicholas Webb and Norma Stockman on their forthcoming marriage.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

RONALD M. EDWARDS .. Treble	PETER J. MALLOCH 5
*GRAHAM HARROP 2	C. JOHN CLEGG 6
JOHN F. BARLOW 3	DEREK A. ASHTON 7
NEIL BENNETT 4	GEOFFREY DAVIES Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN F. BARLOW.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First of Major as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. W. Barlow and Miss A. Ingham.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 73 lb. in G.

RONALD M. EDWARDS .. Treble	*GEOFFREY DAVIES 5
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 2	JOHN H. FIELDEN 6
NEIL BENNETT 3	F. JOHN NELSON 7
JOHN ROBINSON 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by DEREK ODGEN.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

* 200th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the Association.

Rung as a compliment to Canon R. L. Hussey, for 42 years a parish priest in Salford, on receiving the Freedom of the City of Salford.

BRANCEPETH, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
On Wed., June 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRANDON,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

SALLIE B. BUCHANAN .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER J. REES .. 5
(St. Hild's)	(St. John's)
CHRIS. F. HOPKINS (Bede) 2	L. J. PIZZEY (St. John's) .. 6
GILLIAN A. WEBB (St. Hild's) 3	WM. G. WILSON (St. Chad's) 7
MARY J. MARSHALL (St. Hild's) 4	BRYAN PATTISON (Bede) .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	FRED JACKSON 5
FRANCIS BIBBY 2	CYRIL VALENTINE 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	JOHN R. BIBBY 7
WILLIAM G. BIBBY 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 DARTFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	VERNON GREEN 5
ALICK CUTLER 2	PETER J. COLES 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
ERIC EDMONDSON 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 89).

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt., approx.

DAVID DANBY Treble	MICHAEL WILSHAW 5
NORMAN SHERRATT 2	BARRY CORBISHLEY 6
DENNIS LATHAM 3	WALTER SHERRATT 7
HAROLD DOWLER 4	ROY WORRALL Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

First peal on eight as conductor.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM 5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	MARTIN L. HOWE 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	TREVOR A. CROSS Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt. 16 lb. in G sharp.

*EILEEN CROSS Treble	RONALD M. EDWARDS .. 4
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 2	DEREK A. ASHTON .. 5
MARGARET WRIGHT 3	JOHN F. BARLOW Tenor

Conducted by JOHN F. BARLOW.

* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

Rung on the front six.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Blackburn Branch.)

On Tues., June 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*GAYLE V. RYAN Treble	ROBERT A. BOLT 4
*JUDITH P. WINTERBOTTOM .. 2	ERIC J. F. WALL 5
NORMAN SMITH 3	RICHARD J. PARKER Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. PARKER.

* First peal attempt.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band of St. Peter's, Burnley, as an 80th birthday compliment to Arthur Tomlinson, of Blackburn Cathedral.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WEST DERBY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Tenor 12 cwt.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS Treble	JOHN M. FIELDEN 4
KENNETH J. HESKETH 2	CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 5
FREDERICK PEARSON 3	IAN C. MAYCOCK Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

PERCY AMOS Treble	ROGER W. SMITH 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	ALAN A. PAUL 5
GRAHAM C. PAUL 3	GEORGE F. ROOME Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

A farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Chappell.

HEYTESBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Mon., June 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JOHN H. TAYLOR Treble	EDWARD D. ELDERKIN .. 4
*PATRICIA A. DREW 2	HUGH N. EVANS 5
†RAYMOND A. BROWN .. 3	MALCOLM M. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by HUGH N. EVANS.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Doubles. First of Plain Bob Doubles for the Guild.

Rung on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings).

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS Treble	V. DAVID JENNER 4
IAN C. MAYCOCK 2	KENNETH J. HESKETH .. 5
THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 3	FRANK W. CURRIE Tenor

Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. T. Lunt, former vicar's warden, and Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Addey and Mrs. Baldwin, church workers.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Blackburn Branch with Burnley District Schools Society.)

On Wed., June 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

GAYLE V. RYAN Treble	ROBERT A. BOLT 4
JUDITH P. WINTERBOTTOM .. 2	ERIC J. F. WALL 5
RICHARD J. PARKER 3	ANTHONY J. HELLIWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. PARKER.

Youngest band to ring a peal for the Society (average age 15 years 10 months).

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., June 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

MARGARET NEWBY Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER 4
*MRS. JILL HARRIS 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
*CECIL H. ALDOUS 3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal in six methods. First on the bells for 25 years.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Blackburn Branch.)

On Thurs., June 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

ANTHONY J. HELLIWELL .. Treble	WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 4
JUDITH P. WINTERBOTTOM .. 2	ERIC J. F. WALL 5
ROBERT A. BOLT 3	RICHARD J. PARKER Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. PARKER.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 34 methods: (1) Coldstream and Lincoln, (2 and 3) Carlisle, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Whitley, Wooller, Alnwick, Newcastle, Morpeth, Canterbury, Chester and Munden; (4) Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale; (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (6) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; with 146 changes of method.

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

D. PAUL SMITH Treble	† RICHARD G. CROSLAND .. 4
*IAN H. ORAM 2	ANDREW M. MACVE 5
†JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 3	*RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* 200th peal together. † Most methods to a peal. Most methods rung to a peal in the county, and for the Association.

A birthday compliment to John Faircloth.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G sharp.

SHIRLEY HARRIS Treble	ALLAN G. PAYNE 4
*LEONARD BRIGHTON 2	BRIAN HARRIS 5
WENDY HOLLOWELL 3	RAYMOND H. DAW Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND H. DAW.

* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor.

A compliment to Murray A. Coleman and Mary Bloxham on their recent engagement.

BARLBOROUGH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 WELLS SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with maximum of 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ANGELA M. TRUELOVE .. Treble	GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 4
EILEEN J. OSBORNE 2	LEONARD GOODALL 5
RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

First peal in the method by all.

WALGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. PETER'S DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, eight variations.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

*GRAHAM C. PAUL Treble	PERCY AMOS 3
*ROGER W. SMITH 2	GEORGE F. ROOME 4
*ALAN A. PAUL 3 Tenor

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 25th as conductor, and 25th with ringers of 3 and 4.

Rung for the village feast on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

DATE TOUCH

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On July 3rd, 1963 Siedman Triples (by J. Topp): H. W. Knight 1, M. Legg 2, J. Brain 3, H. Bird 4, E. Lee 5, L. Derrick 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, S. Smith 8.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): Rosemary Tailby 1, R. A. Clarke 2, B. Brant 3, D. F. Moore 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 5. Birthday compliment to Rosemary Tailby and Brian C. Law.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. S. Payne (cond.) 1, R. I. Kendrick 2, M. D. Barsby 3, M. G. Godwin 4, J. R. Perkins 5, P. Young 6. For the Patronal Festival.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 27th, 1,280 Watford Surprise Major: J. Schofield 1, C. A. Tester 2, Jean L. Lavender 3, Olive D. Tester 4, R. E. Finch 5, R. J. Talbot 6, R. W. Hinde 7, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On June 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Hilary Martin 1, Jean L. Lavender 2, R. J. Talbot 3, R. W. Hinde 4, S. F. Kimber 5, F. E. Darby (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the birth this day of a son to John and Sally Schofield.

BENSON, OXON.—On July 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. R. Pink 1, J. E. Godman 2, Miss S. J. Howes 3, P. J. Heritage 4, J. R. Dyke 5, P. A. Sharp 6, E. R. Venn 7, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 2 and 3. A farewell to the incumbent, the Rev. G. H. Palmer.

BLABY, LEICS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Gray (first quarter) 1, M. J. Billings 2, J. H. Wale 3, R. A. Cobley (first and cond.) 4, B. C. Law 5. For Sunday school festival.

BLOXHAM, OXON.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. C. Huntriss 1, C. C. Clarke 2, M. W. Sayers 3, W. H. Minnear 4, A. W. Ivings 5, W. Ivings 6, R. A. Reeves (cond.) 7, J. F. Peglar 8. For the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hitchcox.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on June 25th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: H. Taysom 1, M. J. Hobbs 2, R. G. Hooper 3, D. C. Exell 4, D. J. Hunt 5, J. H. Gilbert 6, R. J. Bowden 7, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 8.

BURFORD, OXON.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, R. Jarvis 3, F. Soden (cond.) 4, P. Pearce 5, J. Benfield 6, T. Timms 7, C. Tompkins 8. Rung to celebrate the 73rd birthday of the ringer of the second.

CHOLESEY, BERKS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Jean Stewart (first quarter) 1, T. W. Palmer 2, J. Money 3, Angela M. Ayres 4, P. G. McIlhone 5, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 6, C. J. Adam 7.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Williams (first quarter) 1, C. T. Rawlings 2, W. Abraham 3, K. J. Rider 4, M. H. Gregory 5, P. L. Pearce 6, A. W. T. Cleaver (cond.) 7, W. F. Bonner 8. Rung for the service of institution and induction of the Rev. R. M. Brettell as first Vicar of the united benefice of Christ Church with Emmanuel, Clifton.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On June 26th, 1,260 Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): K. May 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, E. A. Barnett 3, W. H. Dobbie 4, W. E. Bond 5, Anne Tremain 6, W. J. Lemon 7, Jill Dunmall 8. For Confirmation service.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Clarke 1, Mrs. Wiggins 2, D. Pimm 3, G. Tinson 4, G. Gram 5, J. Seymour (cond.) 6. For Evensong on St. Peter's Day.

EASTHAMPTON, BERKS.—On July 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: N. W. Rapley 1, Rosamond Murrell 2, Joan A. Rance 3, Rosemary Rich 4, A. J. Rance 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Graham Murrell.

ECKINGTON, WORCS.—On June 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Gainey 1, C. Haylings 2, D. Trenfield (first quarter) 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, B. Spiers 5, R. Perks 6.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On June 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Blyth 1, R. E. Fentiman 2, Sally Parrott 3, Sylvia Marsh 4, W. Parrott (cond.) 5, D. Herschell 6, J. Munton 7. Rung to mark the wedding of Nick Webb, a member of the band, and Norman Stockman at Ponteland, Northumberland.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Neal (first quarter) 1, H. D. W. Bishop 2, R. F. Samways 3, C. Gratton 4, H. C. R. Vine (first and cond.) 5, K. Knight 6. For Evensong.

EWHRUST, SUSSEX.—On June 13th, 1,260 Shipway's Place Bob Doubles: Philippa Duncan 1, Judy Bowen 2, Valerie Mephram 3, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 4, A. Jackson (50th quarter) 5. First in the method for all. For the Feast of Corpus Christi. Also on June 20th, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: Philippa Duncan 1, Judy Bowen 2, Valerie Mephram 3, A. Jackson 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5. First in the method for all.

QUARTER PEALS

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Petrock, on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Juliet Wooders 1, Diane Lissenden (first quarter) 2, C. Yates 3, M. F. Lock (first and cond.) 4, P. Colton 5, Celia Bland 6. Rung for the Exeter University Society; also to mark the engagement of Jean F. Barnett and James A. D. Woolford.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On June 30th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Miss W. Austin 1, Mrs. D. Nicholson 2, G. Naylor 3, S. Dobbie 4, E. Eades 5, B. Jemmett 6, W. Palin (cond.) 7, G. Nicholson 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 5. Rung for Kent Oddfellows' church parade.

FOVNHOPPE, HEREFORDS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. D. Sell 1, P. D. S. Caligari (first quarter) 2, D. M. Morton 3, J. F. I. Turney (first and cond.) 4, M. C. W. Sherwood 5, K. S. W. Morton 6. First of Bob Doubles 4 and 5. First quarter by the band for the Hereford Cathedral School Society.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On June 26th, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: G. Vinters 1, Mrs. M. Cook 2, C. McCartney 3, Miss B. Stannage 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, J. Watson 6, F. W. Pinchbeck 7, K. Ketteringham 8, H. R. Woods 9, J. R. Holmes 10. Rung during the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to Grantham, to celebrate the quincentenary of the granting of a charter to the town.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Cole 1, J. Honeywood 2, G. Waterman 3, Miss G. Brown 4, C. Hughes 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, Blacklands, on July 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (6 and 8 covers): Miss L. C. West 1, Miss M. R. Chapman 2, Miss A. Harris 3, G. E. Phillips 4, A. Jackson (cond.) 5, G. H. Standen 6, R. E. Ellis 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 4. First in method 3, 6 and 8. For the dedication festival, and as a birthday compliment to Miss J. M. Downing.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss S. Radmore 1, R. Johnson 2, Miss R. Stevens 3, D. Parsons 4, E. Packham 5, J. Jeffery 6, E. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. For the Patronal Festival.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On June 29th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Caldecote (first quarter) 1, I. S. Merry 2, R. Clayfield 3, Rev. E. L. Fisher 4, K. P. Giviller (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry 6. Rung on St. Peter's Day, the Patronal Festival.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. McDonald (first quarter) 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, A. Grainger 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, A. Gargrave 8. Rung to mark the first Communion of treble ringer.

HUNTLEY, GLOS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Smith 1, L. Smith 2, J. Turney 3, Geraldine Mitchell 4, R. Chew (cond.) 5, K. Tyler 6. For morning service to commemorate the centenary of the rebuilding of the church.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss C. Wright 1, H. E. Turner 2, A. C. Best 3, T. Hill 4, S. A. Turner (cond.) 5, C. Phillips 6, W. Smith (first quarter) 7, E. White 8. Rung in honour of the visit of the Rev. G. G. Hickman, a former Vicar.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Edwards 1, W. J. Whitmore 2, L. R. C. Witten 3, F. E. Coales 4, P. M. Fleckney 5, H. Richardson (first quarter as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Reginald C. Loveday, a ringer at this tower for many years.

KEMERTON, GLOS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Biggart (first quarter) 1, F. Wood (cond.) 2, R. Jones 3, M. Walker 4, D. Devereux 5, P. Verney 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. D. S. Green and Miss J. L. Robins.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. E. Hinnman 1, J. H. Cook 2, R. Looker 3, H. Clayton 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5. Rung before Evensong, and for the Patronal Festival.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Smith (first quarter) 1, M. J. Wilson 2, A. B. Cooper 3, F. C. Hobson 4, K. Goldthorpe 5, I. G. Campbell (first and cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Palmer (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Ham (first 'inside') 2, M. J. Wilson 3, A. B. Cooper 4, F. C. Hobson 5, K. Kirk 6. For Evensong.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Divine, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Wilkes (first quarter) 1, M. Wade (first 'inside') 2, R. Starbuck (first 'inside') 3, G. W. Mason 4, I. Fraser 5, P. Atkins 6, S. Harrison 7, R. K. Mason (cond.) 8. Rung on the back eight.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On June 30th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Gillian M. Webb 1, S. C. Walters (cond.) 2, Alison M. Mann (first in method) 3, Marlene E. Townsend 4, Lucy Smith 5, C. M. Smith 6, J. B. Webb 7, M. J. Elson 8. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. J. W. Neilson (first quarter) 1, Miss Cook 2, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, Miss Todd 6. For Evensong.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On June 23rd, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Fitzgibbon (first quarter) 1, J. V. Crayford 2, Diana L. Coates 3, M. L. Howe 4, E. G. Jenner (cond.) 5, Dorothy Groves 6.

MIDDLETON CHENEY, OXON.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. Jones 1, H. H. Alexander 2, C. C. Clarke 3, B. J. Davies 4, W. Ivings 5, A. R. Mann (cond.) 6.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. King (first quarter) 1, J. List 2, E. Patching (first 'inside') 3, P. Holden (cond.) 4, G. Holden 5, S. Patching 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Walter Harding, late Vicar, whose ashes were interred in the chancel this day.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. G. Game (cond.) 1, Nancy Kempell 2, Joan Hanning 3, W. Dunn 4, A. T. Shelton 5, S. Smith 6. For the Patronal Festival.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hough, jun 1, C. Jenkins 2, R. Eccleston 3, D. Welch 4, L. Young 5, I. Jenkins (cond.) 6. Rung at induction of Rev. R. H. C. Lewis.

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DEATH

MILLS.—At 106, Brixton Road, London, S.W.9, on Sunday, July 7th, 1963, Bertha M. Mills, formerly of Aldershot. 2865

IN MEMORIAM

POOLE.—Harold J., passed away July 14th, 1955, also Phyllis, March 20th, 1958. With love and gratitude we remember them. 2884

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HEIGHTON.—After July 14th the address of David, Bridget and Fiona Heighton will be Saxlingham Nethergate, Norwich, Norfolk. NOR 62W. Tel. Hemphall 208. 2859

PERSONAL

'For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good: let him seek peace and ensue it.' (I Peter iii, 10 and 11.)

ADVERTISER would like to contact other ringers on holiday in the Skegness-Mablethorpe area, August 10th to 24th. Information concerning times of ringing at towers within a radius of 30 miles of Mablethorpe would be very much appreciated.—William A. Stote, 47, Cedars Avenue, Coundon, Coventry. Phone: Coventry 20930. 2861.

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LOST.—At Oxford festival, leather wallet with cash. Towers visited were: Cathedral, Little Milton, Great Hazely, Cowley, with final call at Chalgrove. Will finder please return to Bath, 'Lyndhurst,' Woodlands Road, Camberley, Surrey. Reward. 2868

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A further reminder to members and friends, particularly of other Guilds, to book Friday evening, October 4th, for the dinner commemorating C. T. (Tom) Coles, to be held at the Century Hotel, Wembley. Tickets (20s.) available shortly.—F. W. Goodfellow, secretary of Dinner Committee. 2883

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PORTBURY SOMERSET.—Annual Ringers' Sunday, July 28th, 1963. Bells available 10-11 a.m., 5.30-6.30 and 7.30-8 p.m. Special ringers' service, 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 2864

CANCELLED

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting on Saturday, July 20th, at Sudbury and Doveridge. **cancelled.**—M. R. Blore, Dis. Sec. 2877

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Monthly practice, Seavington St. Mary, Saturday, July 20th, 7 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 2885

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Rugby, St. Andrew's, on Saturday, July 20th. The five bells will be available from 2.30 p.m., and the eight after the business meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lawford, Ashorne, Warwick. 2820

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Spaldwick, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea: please bring own food, cups of tea available.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2851

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Holland on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 2.30-4.30 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. S. Leech, 3, Holland Villas, Great Holland, Frinton-on-Sea. 2780

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Otlands Park on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Notifications for tea to Miss J. Smith, 13, Havers Avenue, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 2832

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Hawkhurst, July 20th. Will old and new members please support. Names for tea to Mr. Walters, 'Meadow Bank,' Hawkhurst, Kent. 2833

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—July 20th. Kimpton (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: London.—M. A. Coburn. 2814

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—July 20th, quarterly meeting at Swanscombe. Discussion on sub-committee's report on finance. **Please make a special effort to attend.** Names for tea to Mr. E. O. Newbury 94, Broomfield Road, Swanscombe.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2771

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Appledore, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8, 12 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Paddon, Ivy Cottage, Appledore.—C. T. H. 2818

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hadlow on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) from 3-8 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—Pamela J. Osborne (Mrs.), Sec., M.G.S.C.R.S. 2786

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice on July 20th at Sunbury-on-Thames. Ringing from 6 p.m.—F. T. B. 2853

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Belton (6), Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m., afternoon only. Ringing at Uppingham in evening only from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham. 2818

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Poole on July 20th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Owing to difficulties no service will be held. Own arrangements for tea.—J. Davis, Hon. Sec. 2881

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Practice meeting on July 20th at Wenham (6), 3-5 p.m. Blythburgh (6) 6-9 p.m. Tea at Wenham at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. J. Gibson, 1, Heath Road, Wenham. 2846

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Erin Triples.—Names for tea, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 2834

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints, Catherington, July 20th. Bells 3 till 8.30 (Hambledon 6.15 till 8.30) Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Vicarage. Names for tea to Mr. L. Duguid, 106, Strode Avenue, Portsmouth, please. 2819

GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—Ringers' Sunday, July 21st. Ringing 7.30-8, 10.15-11 a.m., 5.30-6.30 p.m. Also after Evensong. Preacher at Evensong, Rev. J. C. Hill, of Newport. Refreshments available. 2854

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Ringers' Sunday, July 21st, at Brighstone. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing for Evensong.—A. M. Guv, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2887

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, July 23rd, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: July 23rd, St. Paul's Cathedral; July 30th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; August 6th, St. Lawrence, Jewry; August 13th, St. Giles, Cripplegate.—John Chilcott. 2874

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wedmore, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea essential, please, to Miss M. Legg, Drove Farm, Locking, near Weston-super-Mare, by July 23rd. 2875

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Camel, Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Queen Camel bells after tea.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 2862

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Totterhoe, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea and business 4.30. Short service 6 p.m. Names by 25th to Mrs. J. Sinfield, 12, Harvey Road, Totterhoe, Beds. 2856

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nether Alderley (6), Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to H. C. Lanyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 2687

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Campsall, Saturday, July 27th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. G. Key, The Vicarage, Campsall, near Doncaster.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 2890

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Gainford, July 27th, 2.30 p.m. Method: Double Court. Names for tea by Thursday, 25th, to E. Thompson, 14, Twinsburn Road, Heighington, Darlington. 2863

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Heath on July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please look up Reverse Stedman, Reverse Canterbury and St. Martin's (see Diary).—M. J. Kirk, Hon. Sec. 2882

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Practice meeting, Filton, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea to D. Voss, 59, Station Road, Filton, Bristol. 2870

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Monthly meeting at Longborough, near Moreton-in-Marsh, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells 6-7.15 p.m. or later if required. Names for tea to Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold. Tel.: Stow 350. 2880

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—STROUD BRANCH.—Meeting at Avening, July 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names by July 23rd.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 2878

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-West Branch.—Summer meeting at Stratton, July 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Kilkhampton (8) in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, Devon, by Monday, July 22nd. Visitors welcomed.—R. Pearce. 2830

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, July 27th at Cudham. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 24th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 2858

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Horsmonden on Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Please bring picnic tea.—W. H. D. 2828

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh, Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Business to follow tea. All welcome.—Thornley, Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Guiseley, July 27th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Wednesday to Mr. A. C. Walsh, 'Dunster,' Oxford Avenue, Guiseley, Leeds. 2869

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Enderby, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous to Mr. W. Salt, 53, John Street, Enderby, Leicestershire.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 2857

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Edenham, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 22nd, to Mr. W. Holmes, The Garage, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2824

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Evening meeting at Lutton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available 6.30-9 p.m.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2845

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—A ringing afternoon, on Saturday, July 27th. Halkyn (6) 2.30 p.m. Northop (8) 6 p.m. (on A.55). Own tea arrangements. All welcome. 2762

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Winfarthing, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 24th, to C. F. W. Phillipps, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X. 2816

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Stoke Poges on Saturday, July 27th. Ringing 6 to 9 p.m. Special methods: Double Norwich and Erin Triples.—Miss Hague. 2860

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chilton Foliat, Saturday, July 27th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 2873

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 27th, Damerham. Bells from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names essential by July 23rd to Miss Eloie, Branch Sec., 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 2757

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, July 27th, at Coalbrookdale. Bells (10) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—E. Morris. 2796

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Selston (6), Saturday, July 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, 24th, please, to A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Notts.—D. J. Beach, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2867

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Bushbury (6), near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, July 27th, between 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 2888

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Wilby (8), July 27th. Bells 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea—you are invited to take own refreshments in the Rectory garden.—L. E. Last, Dis. Sec. 2829

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Warbleton (6), July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea (Rushlake Green) 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Smith (Sec.), 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle. 2836

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern Dis.) & GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—Joint meeting at Leatherhead on Monday, August 5th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead, Surrey, by previous Thursday. 2876

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Tillingham on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bradwell available in the evening. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Essex. 2886

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Beccles on Saturday, August 17th. Open to members of all Guilds—everyone is welcome. Bells 3-9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. No business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 14th, to Mr. R. Bickers, 6, Ballygate, Beccles, Suffolk. 2889



Popular Wimbledon ringer, Miss Susan Rawlings, has a happy smile for her ringing friends after her wedding to Mr. Kenneth Newman, of Fairlands Estate, Guildford, on July 6th at St. Mary's Church, Wimbledon. Congratulatory peals and quarter peals have been rung in many London towers, and there was a pre-wedding quarter, which bridegroom Ken conducted in his own tower, Worplesdon. Susan is wearing a wild silk princess line dress. She was attended by her younger sister, Rosamund, and her cousins, Krysia and Monica Balinska. [Picture by courtesy 'Guildford Times.'

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD CHRISTCHURCH HAMPSHIRE. RINGING FESTIVAL,

Saturday, September 14th, 1963.
Service in Christchurch Priory 5.30 p.m., followed by meat tea in the Priory Church Hall 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. each.
Ringing arrangements proposed:—
Bournemouth St. John's (8) (Surrey Road) and St. Peter's (8) during afternoon: Priory (12) 7-9 p.m.
A tour of New Forest towers (by private cars) will be arranged if sufficient support. Start at 10.30 a.m.
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Arthur V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Ave., Southbourne, Bournemouth.
Please apply early and indicate if interested in the tour. 2871

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

It was mainly ringing and little business when the Andover District had a well-attended meeting at Highclere on June 15th. Mr. A. W. Allister (chairman) presided at the business meeting, when the next quarterly meeting was fixed for October 5th at Burghclere, and the District's striking contest at Overton in early November. After tea there was ringing until 8 p.m. in a variety of methods.

OBITUARY

MISS BERTHA M. MILLS

A founder member of the Ladies' Guild, Miss Bertha M. Mills, died on July 7th at 106, Brixton Road, S.W. The cremation service was at Aldershot on July 11th.

Miss Mills started ringing at Aldershot with George Gilbert. Later she moved to London to live with her brother and sister, and rang at St. Giles', Camberwell. She had the distinction of ringing in the first all ladies' Surprise peal at Crayford in 1928, and was known to all the older London ringers.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' July 11th, 1913.—

Last Monday was the 162nd anniversary of the first performance of Holt's Original. This famous peal was first rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and was called by Holt, who sat in the belfry. The board in the steeple records it as 'the first true and complete peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples,' but this, the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon has pointed out, probably refers to the first with two singles only. The peal was rung on Sunday, July 7th, 1751, by the Society of Union Scholars.

Incidentally, it is worthy of note that on July 8th, 1750, John Holt called a peal of Double Bob Major at St. Margaret's, and on July 9th, 1749, 6,000 Bob Major at the same tower. A tablet in St. Laurence's Church, Reading, records a peal of Grandsire Triples rung there on July 8th, 1734.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

About 30 ringers, representing 12 towers, attended the annual meeting of the Eastern District at Hemingbrough on June 22nd. The Vicar (the Rev. F. Amcotts) conducted the service and welcomed the Association, and local ladies served tea in the schoolroom.

Officers elected were: Vice-president, Mr. H. Walker (York); Mr. Johnson and Miss M. E. Wilkinson, General Committee; Messrs. J. Parker and K. B. Sissons, District Committee. Five new members elected were: Mr. C. Brown (Selby Abbey), Miss Joan Hingley (Hemingbrough), the Misses Christine Harris and Patricia Samuel (Kirk Ella) and Mr. M. Rose (Belton, Lincs) an out-county member.

ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, YORK

During the last three weeks of term the College Society was active. Handbells were rung outside St. Maurice's Church, Monkgate, for the end of term service: this attracted the attention of the general public.

On June 19th, 12 members paid a visit to the eight bell tower of Escrick, where an enjoyable ring was had by all who attended.

The college porter and the Dean of York (once chairman of the college governors) died in the early part of June, and a half-muffled quarter peal was rung as a tribute to them on the bells at the Architectural Institute.

No members of the Society are leaving college this year, so this augurs well for the new year beginning in September. The Society looks forward to welcoming any new ringers in September. Also in September, a newly purchased set of handbells will be used by the Society for the first time.

QUARTER PEALS

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On June 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Payne 1, Mrs. Sidebottom 2, Mrs. M. Mann 3, C. M. Payne 4, Miss K. Rivett 5, F. W. Rivett 6, C. D. Mann 7, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. Charles Everest, of Felmersham, the oldest ringer in the village.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hall (first quarter) 1, M. L. J. Jordan 2, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 3, M. J. Todd 4, N. I. Wright 5, T. Sewell 6, K. Arthur 7, P. Reavely 8. Rung on St. Basil's Day, prior to a choral concert.

FRENESHAM, SURREY.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Johnstone 1, J. F. Payne 2, Mrs. E. Weatherley 3, J. W. Hagley 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, J. H. Payton 6.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Clayfield 1, I. S. Merry (first as cond.) 2, K. P. Gilliver 3, Rev. E. L. Fisher 4, L. Woodburn 5, J. L. Merry 6. For Evensong.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. C. Knights (first on tower bells and of Royal) 1, Miss P. Rogers 2, Miss J. Creak 3, Miss J. Felton (first 'inside') 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 6, S. Croft 7, P. N. Felton (first of Royal as cond.) 8, N. F. Felton (first of Royal) 9, H. W. Rogers 10. Rung for Confirmation service at St. Mary's, Osterley.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On June 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Goodman 1, Miss D. Cox (first 'inside') 2, R. W. Picton 3, P. W. Harper 4, B. M. Barker 5, K. D. Waples (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. E. Clayton 1, D. C. Brookes 2, A. R. Millidge 3, L. W. Allen 4, B. J. Bull 5, B. H. Coatsworth 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, C. F. Mew 8. Also on July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): B. H. Coatsworth 1, A. R. Millidge 2, B. J. Bull 3, M. J. Uphill 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, Christine M. Cobb (first quarter) 6. First in ten methods for all.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On June 9th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Carol L. Norman 1, N. W. Grassby 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, B. G. Warwick 6, M. G. Wood 7, B. M. Smith (cond.) 8. For Festal Evensong. Also on June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carol L. Norman 1, A. R. Mildred 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, N. W. Grassby 8. For Evensong.

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