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A TEN-YEAR SILENCE BROKEN AT STOKE DAMEREL, PLYMOUTH

THE fair city of Plymouth has within its bounds two historic churches dedicated to St. Andrew. The Mother Church of St. Andrew, with its fine ring of ten bells, is known to many, and the feet of many famous ringers have trodden its tower steps.

Lesser known is the Church of St. Andrew, Stoke Damerel, once the parish church of the town of Devonport, and now part of the ever-growing city of Plymouth. The stocky tower contains a Bilbie six, cast and hung in 1789. The tenor is reputed to be 15 cwt., is given in "Dove" as 16 cwt., but is in fact nearer 13 cwt. These bells have remained silent for nearly ten years, various reasons being advanced as to why they could not be rung.

Some two to three months ago it was decided among members of the Devon Guild to investigate the possibility of getting Stoke bells ringing again. A phone call to the Rector, the Rev. Rex Luckraft, found him most enthusiastic and willing to allow a preliminary examination to be made of the bells and fittings. Furthermore, a band of young "chimers" existed, who were all keen to learn to handle a bell. Accordingly, one Saturday afternoon, dustcoats and overalls were donned and the tower ascended. The reason for the ten-year silence became immediately obvious when it was discovered that the top half of the wheel of the third bell was smashed away. The remaining bells were raised singly and, barring a crying need for lubrication, were found to be quite ringable and safe. It was recommended that a local firm of builders be approached regarding repairs to the broken wheel, and that new frame bracing rods be fitted to replace the existing rust-eaten ones.

For several weeks no action was taken by the local contractors to repair the broken wheel, although the newly appointed tower captain worked hard, replacing the corroded tie rods and cleaning down and painting all the metal work—not an enviable job in view of the fact that the bells are hung three over three in a very confined bell chamber, and when working on the top tier one is bent double under the low roof of the tower.

During this period of waiting for the completion of repairs, good use was made of the time at the other St. Andrew's Church in providing instruction in bell handling to members of the band-to-be, and remarkable progress was made; so much so, that, after only three lessons, Barry Knight, who will captain the new band, was able to raise and set a bell with quite a degree of confidence.

At last came the news that the contractors had removed the broken half-wheel and, to the writer's amazement, an excited phone call was received by him only three days later to say that the repairs were complete and the bells ready for a try out. Arrangements were made for a team to visit Stoke on the following Monday evening and, just prior to 7.30 p.m., several ringers could be seen converging upon the church. It was with a feeling of excited anticipation that ropes were coiled ready for a rise in peal. After a short prayer by the Rector for the success of future ringing on the bells, the command of "Look to—go" sent the sound we were all waiting to hear out over the surrounding streets and rooftops, breaking the silence of nearly ten long years.

The news of the trying-out of the bells had travelled over the city and several ringers arrived at the church. To the youngsters it was their first visit to Stoke, and for the older ringers many happy memories were revived. During the evening the bells were rung to rounds and methods ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge. A broken rope caused a slight delay, but everyone present had ample opportunity of ringing on these fine old bells. The front four were found to go like tops, whilst the tenors required a little more effort. No doubt regular use will slightly improve the "go" of these two bells. Ringing continued until 9.30 with the young prospective Stoke band as interested spectators. Their captain, Barry, was given the opportunity of having his first rounds at his own tower.

So another silent tower is opened up once again, a programme of training has been drawn up for the new ringers, and if their aptitude matches their enthusiasm it will not be long before Stoke bells are once again regularly serving the purpose for which they were cast. The bells have already been booked for two weddings, and Guild members have undertaken to provide the teams for these occasions and for any special services during the next few months.

Mention must be made of an inspection of the bells carried out some time ago by the Rev. John Scott, and in his exhaustive report he makes many shrewd observations amounting to a complete restoration of the bells, and although inspection of the frame during ringing showed far less movement than Mr. Scott's report would suggest, the church authorities must not lose sight of the fact that the attention of skilled bellhangers should be sought within the next ten years if the interest that has now been kindled is to be kept alive.

R. A. S.

The First of Many—and still with us after 70 Years!

THE PEAL THE LADIES HONOUR

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Feb. 12, 1896, in 2 Hours and
57 Minutes.

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Holt's Original)

*Alice White Treble
John E. Ballard 2
†Harry Laws 3
Thomas Blackburn .. 4
Frederick G. Wilson .. 5
William W. Gifford .. 6
Henry White 7
William Coldrey Tenor
Conducted by Henry White.

* First peal. † First peal with bob bell.
This peal was arranged for the ringer of the treble, Miss Alice White, aged 15, eldest daughter of the conductor, and is the first peal on Church bells in which a lady has taken part. Messrs. Blackburn and Gifford hail from Salisbury; the rest belong to the local band.



THE TWO SISTERS. — Alice (Mrs. Sullivan) is on the right. Dora (Mrs. Mack) died three or four years ago. She was also a fine ringer and good striker. Her husband was a booking clerk at Basingstoke Station and died after his wife

TO do something for the first time is always more difficult than to emulate it. It was indeed remarkable that the first lady to ring a tower bell peal should be a girl of 15; perhaps it is even more remarkable that, more than 70 years later, she is still alive and able to follow, from her home in Canada, the doings of the present day. There can be few others now with us whose peal-ringing career began so long ago.

Alice White was born at Basingstoke on October 8th, 1880, the daughter of Mr. Henry White, a well-known ringer and instructor. From an early age she used to go with her father to the belfry and when he became steeplekeeper would help him to chime for the daily service. She learned to handle a bell by the age of 11 and by 1893 had qualified for membership of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. Her change ringing was learned by practice on handbells and, said "The Bell News," "on several occasions those of the company who met for Stedman Triples on handbells would have been disappointed had Alice not learned and been able to ring the method!"

HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Her first peal was at her home tower on February 12th, 1896, when she rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples which her father conducted—Holt's Original, no mean feat at any time. Not many would have chosen so difficult a composition for such an occasion. Describing the peal a few months ago to an old friend and frequent contributor to these columns, Mr. William Shepherd, she told how at the time she had to contend with an injured spine, caused by a bull tossing her not long previously. The effects of this were to curtail her ringing career, but before they did she had rung 32 peals, including one of Stedman Caters at St. Nicolas', Guildford. Her first of Stedman Triples was conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who asked her father if he could do so when she was ready after seeing her ring the method at St. Laurence's, Reading. When the peal was over, she says, he nearly wrung my hand off; good job it was not before the peal!"

In 1920 Miss White married Mr. J. C. Sullivan. At different times they lived in Canada and in this country, but in 1940 they went back to Canada after severe bombing of their home in Sussex. She had a large collection of bells of all kinds, many of which were lost in the bombing, but what she could save she took with her. When she became a resident of the Eventide Home, Galt, Ontario, she could not take them with her, and they

now form part of another collection belonging to a local resident who is a member of the American Bell Association, so they have found a good home. Mrs. Sullivan takes a lively interest in what goes on in the Exercise. "I see Basingstoke rang a quarter of G. Triples," she wrote some time ago, "conducted by one I helped teach handle a bell, Jack Chesterman."

REMEMBERED AND TREASURED

The doings of lady ringers are of particular interest to her. "The Belles for Bells are increasing in numbers," she commented recently, "quite a few peals with two or more." How many readers of "The Bell News" of the day could have foreseen the time when at least one lady would take part in over half the peals that are rung? Some, at least, doubtless disapproved at the time. "In my early days," she says, "some of the locals were shocked because I went into the tower with so many men, but father was always with me—they turned up their little snub noses at me—I wonder what they would think of the present day?" What indeed! But goodness knows how most local bands would fare nowadays without their lady members.

The Editor of "The Bell News" did not share the opinions of the critics. True he thought little of some ladies who were not ringers but he thoroughly approved of the peal. "When we read so much foolishness about what is termed the 'new woman' and her athletic (?) pursuits," he wrote, "it is more than refreshing to read of a daughter of the Exercise like Alice White, who by her ingenuity and health-giving practice has put to shame and rebuke those females who, being on what is considered as the wrong side of middle life, have the effrontery to advocate occupations and pastimes for their sex which are repulsive to all true womanly feeling."

"The name of Alice White," he went on, "will long be treasured and remembered by

the Exercise. If other young ladies can be induced to enter the practice under similar conditions, it will be a good thing for them." He might have added that it would be a good thing, as it has proved to be, for the Exercise as well. Many of those who have followed Alice White's example have, it is true, accomplished things which she may never have thought possible, but it was she who paved the way. It is right and proper that we should pay tribute to her achievement of 70 years ago and hope that she may continue to find interest in the doings of her successors.
E. A. B.

For the photograph we are indebted to Mr. W. Shepherd, of Addlestone, who corresponds regularly with Mrs. Sullivan. He writes: "I called a handbell peal with Henry White on 1-2 and Alice White on 7-8 on July 2nd, 1910, and I also rang a tower bell peal with her on September 4th, 1911. With her friend, Miss E. N. Belcher, she did instruction work in local towers and did ringing tours in the Guildford and Farnham districts. She was present at the funeral of Florence Nightingale.

NEWBURY DISTRICT OUTING

The highlight of the Newbury District's outing on July 24th, at which seven towers were represented, was at St. Mary's, Taunton. Mr. Farr and his band gave us a wonderful welcome and the Grandsire Cinques will long be remembered; Grandsire Caters also was good.

Ringing started on the good six at Bourton (Dorset), where Cambridge Minor went well. Remembered are Stedman Doubles at Ash, Cambridge Major at Wilton and the anticlockwise six at Charlton-Mackrell, Somerset, where London went well, and there was a drink in the local with the Vicar afterwards.

G. D.

900th ANNIVERSARY YEAR AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY

THE general public must by now be fairly well aware that this year marks an important anniversary at Westminster Abbey, with many special services and other ecclesiastical, musical and social events. Ringers who live or work in London, and occasional visitors, will have noticed that the Abbey bells, normally rung on 23 fixed days in the calendar and for a few other special events, have been heard much more frequently during this centenary year. At each service—and there have been many special services, for almost all denominations of the Christian faith—the bells have played their part.

By order of the Dean, these bells are rung only by their own band of eight ringers and the nine authorised supernumeraries. An exception was made on Wednesday, June 29th, when the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was invited and rang an excellent quarter peal of Bristol, heard with great pleasure outside in the evening sunshine by members of the regular band, who afterwards joined the Dean and Chapter in entertaining the visitors to supper.

Wednesday, July 6th, was a royal and domestic occasion for the Abbey. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh accepted the Dean and Chapter's invitation to dine in College Hall. The bells were rung from the time Her Majesty left Buckingham Palace until her entry into the Abbey precincts. Members of the Abbey staff, including Harold Pittow, secretary of the ringers, dined with the Queen in College Hall. The remainder of the Abbey community, including ringers and wives, were served with supper in Church House. Afterwards in the floodlit garden on a perfect summer evening everyone gathered for coffee and to listen to the string quartet and wind ensemble from the Royal College of Music. The Queen and the Duke were in the garden for almost an hour and a number of those assembled were present.

It was a delightful occasion and perhaps worth putting on record to show that at Westminster the ringers are recognised as full members of the Abbey community. A notable evening such as this is only one among the many kindnesses constantly extended to the ringers by the Dean and Chapter., R. B. M.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Mansfield District

The usual bi-monthly meeting of the Mansfield District was held on July 23rd. Ringing during the afternoon was at St. Edmund's, Mansfield Woodhouse, where an extremely difficult going tenor made for hot work. Nevertheless an enjoyable time was had with plenty of ringing for all.

From 6.30 p.m. ringing was switched to St. Mary Magdalene, Sutton-in-Ashfield. Here rounds and call changes were rung for those learning, followed by touches of Stedman and Double Norwich the former conducted by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, a friend we are always pleased to see. During an ensuing course of Cambridge the tenor noisily shed its clapper, its ringer calling "Stand" from somewhere between the box and a neighbouring doorway.

This unfortunate incident, although calling an untimely halt to the ringing, presented an opportunity to hold the business meeting, during which Mr. E. Sollis, of Teversal, was elected a Guild member. Prior to the closing vote of thanks it was announced that the rededication of Eastwood bells would take place on Saturday, August 20th, at 2.30 p.m.

Next meetings: Evening practice, Mansfield, August 20th; Hucknall and Greasley, September 17th. D. J. B.

Week-end Course at Moor Park College, Farnham

THE second week-end course of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Moor Park College, Farnham, Surrey. The company assembled on the evening of Friday, July 15th. After supper and introduction of the tutors by the Master, the first lecture on tower maintenance was given by Mr. F. E. Collins. A well-known member of the Towers and Belfries Committee, Mr. Collins gave much helpful advice, in particular to the recently appointed steeplekeepers and captains. Several guilty looks were evident when it was suggested that the shape of the wheel is not improved by tying the clapper to it! After the lecture many of the young students found the swimming pool, while their elders listened with great interest to reminiscences of the lecturers.

Saturday morning began with a lecture on method construction by Mr. E. A. Barnett; this was followed by Mr. A. P. Cannon expounding his theories on striking and handling. Many tips for ringers at all stages were offered in the latter. After coffee Mr. Barnett gave the first of three lectures on elementary composition and proof. An obvious master of this subject, he gave extremely clear explanations on all topics. Although a few of the students were "lost" on the way, many gained much from his lectures, and all realised there is a great deal behind both touches and peals.

Punctuated with many stories and anecdotes from his experiences, Mr. Cannon started the afternoon with a most helpful and interesting lecture on practical conducting. Between lectures by Mr. Barnett, Mr. Collins gave further instruction on towerkeeping, in which he offered much very useful advice on maintaining a new set of ropes, and attempting to cure odd-struck bells.

Since no lectures were arranged for the evening, everyone took advantage either of the recreations provided or the acres of beautiful grounds surrounding the college. In the

late evening, those who decided to rest were continuously interrupted by both wet and dry youngsters en route to the pool!

Holy Communion was held in the College Chapel, before which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by the three tutors and Alan Elmore. After breakfast, eight cars took ringers to join in service ringing at Ash, Farnham, Grayshott and Puttenham. In the afternoon a forum was held. Mr. Barnett began by briefly describing the function and aims, including most of the committees, of the Central Council. Extra information on the Towers and Belfries and the Biographies Committees was given by Mr. Collins and Mr. Viggers respectively. Mr. Cannon appealed for more support for "The Ringing World"; in his view a person who did not subscribe could not be a really keen ringer. After several questions had been answered, the students showed their appreciation of the great efforts by the lecturers.

The feelings of all were well summarised in a letter received from one of the older students: "I thought the lectures were excellent: I thoroughly enjoyed the Sunday morning ringing: I liked the accommodation and I found the company, in particular the youngsters, charming" P. S.

THE COMPANY

Ash: M. Denyer. G. Ladd, Misses F. Simpson, J. Sharpe. Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Smart.

Ashted: Misses M. Arnold, J. Crane.

Chobham: Misses M. Coldman, J. Collins, P. Hill, A. Pickering, S. Tucker, M. Ward.

Epsom: G. W. Stevens, Miss J. Bewick.

Ewell: M. Morris.

Farnham: A. Elmore, Miss A. Sweeney.

Grayshott: A. and T. Davies, R. Dew, Misses G. Borrough, R. Moore, K. Winnett.

Haslemere: Miss M. Smith.

Merrrow: S. Cobbe, M. Cattell.

Merton: H. R. Dennis.

Stoke D'Abernon: A. Walker.

Worpleston: J. Collier.

Yorktown: P. Bond, M. Church, A. Feist.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS Mid-Devon Secretary Resigns

The Mid-Devon Branch held a quarterly meeting at Ipplepen on July 23rd, when the event was well attended. Ringing took place throughout the afternoon to various standard methods, this being followed by a service in church, which was conducted by the Rev. F. M. Buffett (Vicar). After a bountiful tea the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. W. G. Levers (vice-president) being voted to the chair in the absence of the Branch chairman. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the organist and the Ladies' Committee for the tea arrangements. One resident member and a non-resident member were elected.

The Branch secretary (Mr. B. Shingler) announced that he would be leaving the county at the end of the next month, and he tendered his resignation. Mrs. C. Pearson, of Dartmouth, was elected to fill the vacancy until the Branch annual meeting.

Ringing took place at Broadhempston in the evening.

Next meeting: Buckfast Abbey, September 17th, with a visit to Bickington in the evening (subject to permission). A. L. B.

OUTING

ORSETT, ESSEX

Orsett ringers visited North-West Essex on July 16th for their annual outing. Our first stop was at Dunmow, where the weight of the grand eight was too much for the young band. Stebbing bells proved more within the capabilities of the ringers and we are grateful to the Rector for giving us permission to ring at such short notice. Due to a traffic jam we were late at Coggeshall, and everyone was sorry that we could not have our full time here, as the bells go like the proverbial tops and are a joy both to hear and to ring. After lunch came Little Horkesley and another traffic jam en route. Here we found a member of a band as young as our own waiting to welcome us and we were soon tapping this pleasant five round to call changes and Doubles. Our last tower was at Great Yeldham, where we were the guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Sharpe to tea on the Rectory lawn. With more time at our disposal, we had some of the best ringing of the day, and Bob Minor, Kent Minor and Stedman Doubles were brought round.

We extend our thanks to all incumbents and tower captains and especially to those who so kindly waited for us when we were late. Here's to 1967. J. E. H.

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Letters to the Editor

KENT POSTER OF 70 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir.—To say I was astonished when I learned of the discovery of a poster at Bicester advertising a meeting of the Kent County Association at Lewisham on October 17th, 1896 ("Belfry Gossip," page 480) is an understatement. By a remarkable coincidence this was the first ringing meeting I ever attended and where I rang my first touch of Stedman Triples away from home, which caused something of a sensation at the time.

I should never have gone but for the fact I had to have a new suit and was taken by my father beforehand to a noted firm for cheap clothing, Gardiners at Deptford (still in existence), to get it. I have never forgotten that suit; it was my first pair of long trousers!

I have two recollections of the business meeting; the first is of my father being pressed to propose me as a member of the Kent County Association, but I suppose, having paid for a new suit plus my railway fare an extra two shillings was a lot of money in those days; he couldn't afford it, and I had to wait for the next meeting, in January, 1897, to become a member.

The other is of a stormy scene between Mr. Bedwell and (I think) Mr. Thornton, of Greenwich, when one accused the other of calling a peal from manuscript.

May I ask Mr. Kinch to thank the landlady of the Swan for reviving happy memories of Lewisham tower, not least a peal of Kent Treble Bob there in March, 1900, for the relief of Ladysmith during the Boer War!—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close, Crayford.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 148-METHOD BAND

Dear Sir.—As conductor of the peal of Minor in 145 methods rung at Rayne on March 25th last, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Howard Egglestone and his band on surpassing this with a peal in 148 methods at Ashbocking on July 13th.

It is pleasing to see a revival of interest in multi-Minor ringing and, thanks to considerable work in the field of composition by Messrs. H. Chant and A. Peake, it is now possible to ring something in the region of 165 methods in seven extents.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. G. ROAST.

Danbury, Essex.

NOT EVEN A BUS THERE

Dear Sir.—An occurrence which has often happened to me while on holiday prompts me to ask, who has had a ring in the most towers, using only public transport and their own two feet to get there?

On Saturday, July 9th, while staying at Dawlish Warren, my family went off on an outing, leaving me to find some ringing.

The only meeting in the area was at Huntsham, so I caught a train to Taunton, arriving there at 2.50, then, armed with a road map and both rail and bus timetables, I set out to find out how to get to this outlying village. I soon found out why the people in the bus offices at Exeter and Taunton had never heard of the place; it had no bus service, and the nearest bus routes or railway were nearly three miles from it. So I gave up and caught a train back, the long way round.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES A. BASSETT.

Wadhurst.

TEACHERS AND THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Dear Sir.—Mr. Corby in his front page article of June 24th makes a number of suggestions about the date of the C.C. meeting that merit further discussion, if only at next year's meeting.

I wonder, though, just how many representatives will be unable to take part in this discussion just because they will be unable to be present at next year's business meeting? Those of us in the teaching profession do, perhaps, have longer holidays than most, but the one drawback is that we have no choice whatsoever in the date of them. Consequently 50 per cent. of the Lancashire Association's representatives will be missing from the business meeting simply because they have to be back at work on the chosen Tuesday. If a number of other Associations are similarly placed, next year's meeting may possibly set up another new record—that of the lowest attendance for many a year!

Perhaps, sir, other representatives similarly placed, or who know they cannot be present for any reason at all, could write in, and if the total number is large the Southwell Diocesan Guild officials might be persuaded to change the day (to the previous Saturday?) in spite of the decision of the last Conference.—Yours faithfully, J. P. PARTINGTON.

Rochdale, Lancs.

Note.—May we remind all members of the Council to let the Hon. General Secretary know of their preference in accordance with the Notice in our last issue (page 519).—Ed.

"EXTRA ORDINARY"

Dear Sir.—May I thank Mr. and Mrs. Pipe and family for their wonderful co-operation with our valued veterans at Grundisburgh? We can be proud to bring that "little" section of "The Ringing World" to the notice of clergy and any member of the community, also to mention the minimum of 50,000 hours they have devoted as loyal servants to the Church by ringing and singing on Sundays. They have also extended a good honest hand of friendship to many (including myself) during those years. Perhaps Mr. Pipe will let me know when "they" organise a gathering of Suffolk veterans, and don't forget Arthur Grimwood (85). Maybe you will invite me there, too.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN EUSTON. (Under age.)

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STEDMAN CYCLICS

Dear Sir.—Mr. York-Bramble in his article on Stedman Cyclics has opened up an interesting field in the theory of this principle.

The positional cyclic effect of the reciprocal cross sections, which fall at the divisional partings (which are not to be confused with the reciprocal divisions at the parting sections) may be simplified by a static grouping, which we could call O, X, Y, Z—

O being the dissected cyclic,
X being the bi-regular cyclic,
Y being the reciprocal bi-regular cyclic,
Z must then obviously be the reciprocal by-dissected cyclic.

The very nature of these four groups would place them under the heading of "Parabolic Bi-regular Cyclics."

This would naturally give them certain values, already determined by the previous articles as 7, 16, 52 and 34.

Being of a parabolic nature, we could then cancel these out to 7, 5, 3 and 1, which greatly simplifies things. Therefore by using the parabolic formula of Z as the common factor we have placed things in a nutshell.

This would therefore open up an easy path for the learner, as a graph could be drawn out by using O, X, Z, Y, as base line loci.

The resulting curve thus formed, connecting OX and YZ with 75 and 31, by the loci of the resultant curve, obviously means that the sum totals of

$$\sqrt{\begin{matrix} OX, 31 \\ YX, 75 \end{matrix}}$$

being equal, then

the locus would have been a straight line, and on this basis the proof of the whole structure becomes obvious.

This may be checked against the simple tables of the previous article which connects the work serial numbers with the pair letters.

I hope these tabulations will now enable the student of Stedman to approach the calling of the principle with a new heart, by having the basic theory clearly before him when entering the tower.—Yours faithfully,

R. KENRICK.

Southport, Lancs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

THE impressive tower of Aldington looking out over Romney Marsh was flag-bedecked for the District meeting held there on July 23rd. The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon Frank) and the lesson was read by Mr. A. Ades, of the local band. A wonderful tea was served in the Rectory, the gift of the Rector and the Aldington ringers, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was expressed by Mr. H. P. Yates. After a short business meeting ringing continued until 9 p.m. on the fine six with over 40 ringers taking part. R. J. S.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The combined efforts of holidays and World Cup Final took their toll at the Leeds and District Society meeting held at Guisley on Saturday, July 30th.

Numbers increased steadily throughout the afternoon and ended with 20 at 8.45 p.m., when ringing finished. Most standard methods, including Stedman and Double Norwich, were successfully managed on the very pleasant eight.

An excellent tea was provided, and it was left to the individual member's discretion as to how much was paid. C. S. N.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

SEE BACK PAGE

CHURCH GRESLEY SAMPLE RADNOR'S UNSPOILT BEAUTY

THE borders of Central Wales, and five towers in the county of Radnor, which sparkled with unspoilt beauty in the warm, clear sunshine of July 5th, were chosen for Gresley ringers' first tour for three years, and they, together with one Herefordshire tower to finish, provided the making of a most enjoyable car tour for the young team. Simple methods and set changes were rung.

A 90-mile run under Wenlock Edge brought them into the tangled Welsh hills after Craven Arms, and the first tower was at Llanfihangel Rhydithon under the swelling mass of Radnor Forest, which was never far away most of the day, with smiling valleys among its foothills. Here we found a light six by T. Mears with a Gillett treble, on which the 1952 record of five-peals-in-a-day had been performed. Baby hedgehogs were found in the churchyard! An even lighter five was found at Llanbadarnfawr (5½ cwt.), rung from the entrance porch, in which we noticed an old Roman inscribed stone and some interesting Norman carvings, and discovered a disused bell in the clock chamber (a treble to make 62).

Welcome refreshments were taken on the way to Nantmel, a pretty spot set on a green hillside near the Elan aqueduct. A good-toned six by Llewellyn and James warmed us up, and the friendly sexton demonstrated hymn tunes on the Ellacombe apparatus. We found a good café in nearby Rhayader town for much needed ham and chips, and then came a lengthy run in grand scenery to New Radnor, where we found the easiest bells of the day, a bright little six by C. and G. Mears. The heaviest bells of the day were encountered at Old Radnor, and we enjoyed the tone of this grand ring by Abraham Rudhall. The lonely church is next to the site of a medieval castle and commands a fine view. The Vicar was pleased to see the young ringers and wished they lived near, as his bells do not get the frequent ringing they deserve.

As we had heard that Gladestry bells were unringable, and the remaining ring in Radnor, at Clyro, apart from the two eights, being too distant, we entered the apple orchards of Herefordshire for the last "tower," and a most unusual and interesting choice it was to end the day. The quaint timbered village of Pembridge has a big church but no normal tower. Instead, five heavy bells of fine tone are hung in a strange structure of massive beams like a giant dovecote detached in the churchyard, from which they thunder down on the ringers in a space reminiscent of a tithe barn; a memorable experience. A local ringer, the only one we met all day, said he rang in a peal here many years ago—quite an achievement, especially for the conductor.

More beautiful country, a glimpse of the Brecon Beacons 50 miles distant, and a magnificent "patchwork quilt" of the Cleve Hills, were highlights of the run home, which was reached at the early hour of 8 p.m. after a delightful day. Thank you, Radnorshire—and Pembridge!

D. P. J.

OBITUARY

MR. ERNEST G. FENN

BY the death of Mr. Ernest G. Fenn, which took place on July 14th at the age of 85, the Ancient Society of College Youths has lost one of its most senior and most highly respected members. He had been in poor health for some time but his passing nevertheless came as a shock to his very many friends. The deep and sincere sympathy of the Society goes to Mrs. Fenn, who throughout their 57 years of married life had been a source of strength to him.

Cremation took place at the City of London Cemetery on July 19th when, in addition to Mrs. Fenn, Mr. E. J. P. Fenn (son) and other family mourners, several members of the Society were present.

Ernie, as he was affectionately known to his friends, learned to ring at St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex, in the company of his brothers Caleb and Roland, who both joined the Society in 1896. It was not long before Ernie, too, joined the Society; he became a member in 1899, at the same time as his friend, George W. Faulkner, also of Barking, who is still living. He was always proud of the fact that he first attended an anniversary celebration of the Society in 1898 and that he had attended every year since. It was a unique occasion when, at an anniversary dinner a few years ago, the Master took wine with Caleb, Roland and Ernie, each of whom had been a member for over 60 years.

In 1938 the then Master died while in office and Ernie was elected to fill the vacancy for the rest of the year only, but in fact this was to be the beginning of a long and distinguished Mastership. Following the outbreak of war in 1939, it was not possible for the senior steward to proceed to the Mastership because of call-up for military duties. Ernie was re-elected Master in 1939 and in each succeeding year up to and including 1945. He and his contemporaries carried on the work of the Society throughout the war, sometimes under conditions of extreme difficulty and danger, and it is, perhaps, largely due to their efforts that the Society is in its present healthy condition. When he relinquished the Mastership his work for the Society was not finished, for in 1952 he was elected a trustee and he served in this office until the time of his death.

Ernie was a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral band for about 50 years and he will long be remembered for his immaculate striking on the treble. He was also one of the band which made the recording of call changes on the old Bow bells, which for many years was used as an interval signal on B.B.C. radio.

He had been unable to do much ringing in recent years but when the present Bow bells were dedicated he was able to attend and he rang the treble to Stedman Cinques in his old, immaculate style. Despite being unable to ring, he maintained his interest in the Society until the end. At the business meeting on July 19th many tributes were paid to him memory. By his sterling character, integrity and devotion to the Society, Ernie had earned for himself the respect and deep affection of members of all age groups. He was a truly outstanding servant of the Society and we shall all greatly miss him and gratefully remember him.

MR. ERNEST W. TIPLER AN APPRECIATION

The name E. W. Tipler has been synonymous with method composition wherever "The Ringing World" has circulated over the last half century and, so long as his collection provides another "first in the method," it will be difficult to realise that he is no longer with us. It is impossible to record the amount of "homework" involved in the preparation of this legacy and it is a matter for regret that his own tower lacked the skill to translate his innovations into practical fact, even though it did produce one of the greatest ringers of his time in Harold J. Poole, who became, possibly, Ernest's most valued friend and counsellor.

He was born under the shadow of the bells at Aylestone and, apart from a few years of early married life at Gilmorton, lived mainly at Lutterworth within a stone's throw of the bells of St. Mary's. These he tended diligently as steeplekeeper and, in the minds of the ringers, there will always be a niche in the belfry for this legendary figure.

On more than one occasion I have refuted a suggestion (motivated, I suspect, by a tinge of jealousy) that E. W. T. was merely a theorist, because, as his constant companion throughout the difficult days of the first world war, I could not erase his tireless efforts to maintain the ringing. Had he enjoyed the co-operation of a dynamic ringing master one cannot imagine what his talents might have achieved, and only his subtle sense of humour (reserved for his closest friends) helped him to conceal his frustrations. The conspiracy of rheumatism with a fractured femur caused the spiral staircase to be out of bounds and forced him to find solace in his pursuit of still more variations.

C. W.

MR. F. J. SPICER

St. Albans lost a popular ringer on July 20th, when Frederick J. Spicer passed away in a London hospital at the age of 64.

He learned his ringing at St. Peter's in the early 1920's and scored his first peal in November, 1923. A well-known figure at meetings, practices and outings, he endeared himself to all in a quiet, unobtrusive way but was always ready for a joke. For many years he ranked among the most regular attenders at his tower, where for some while he was steeplekeeper. Failing health had reduced his regularity of recent years.

His peal total was 59, which included Kent on all numbers, the first Association peals of Little Bob Royal and Crayford Little Bob Royal, and the first ever of Little Grandsire Caters. His last was Bob Major at Hertford in October, 1958.

The funeral service at St. Peter's on July 26th was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Bradley, assisted by the Rev. D. Woodley. In a brief address the Vicar ably summed up Fred's influence in the tower and at his work. As the cortege left the church the bells were rung half-muffled. In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung as a tribute by Mrs. K. Darvill 1, R. Darvill 2, Miss F. Dodds 3, G. Dodds 4, Mrs. J. Dodds 5, B. C. Johnson 6, H. V. Frost 7, J. Duggan 8, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 9, T. J. Southam 10.

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Pipe's Pilgrims' Tour, 1966, was in Lancashire

ONCE again many old friends, together with a number of new pilgrims, joined Jim and Sylvia Pipe for the annual ringing week. The venue this year was Lancashire and headquarters were at the Grosvenor Hotel, Bolton.

Before arriving at Bolton we stopped for ringing on the afternoon of Sunday, July 3rd, at Bowdon Parish Church, and for evening ringing at Dunham Massey. The new Taylor octave at Bowdon proved to be a most successful start to the week's proceedings and everyone agreed on the fine quality of these bells. Tea had been provided by the local ladies in the hall, and a great debt of gratitude is recorded to them, as we were well filled when we left for Dunham Massey. Here we found the ten bells difficult to handle but, nevertheless, they are pleasant sounding when one listens outside. Having finished ringing there, we made our way to Bolton.

The programme for Monday took us to the following churches: St. Peter's, Burnley; St. James', Accrington; St. Peter's, Rishton; Immanuel, Oswaldtwistle; St. James', Haslingden, St. Nicholas', Newchurch-in-Ross; and St. Thomas', Helmshore. I cannot recollect any special quality of any of these bells and my only memory is of Rishton, where we found a good but ordinary octave from the Gillett and Johnston foundry.

Tuesday's itinerary was an attraction in itself as we were to visit Blackpool. Towers where ringing took place were St. Cuthbert's, Lytham; St. Anne's Parish Church; St. John's, Blackpool; All Hallows', Bispham; St. Chad's, Poulton-le-Fylde; and St. Hilda's, Bilsborrow. My special recollection of Tuesday's programme was the drive through Blackpool and the ringing at Bispham, where the eight ladies on the tour rang a very good plain course of Grandsire Triples.

AT MANCHESTER

On Wednesday we visited the Manchester area, and ringing took place at St. Matthew's, Stretford; The Sacred Trinity, Salford; St. Thomas', Pendleton; Manchester Cathedral; Christ Church, Pendlebury; St. Mary the Virgin's, Prestwich; All Saints', Stand; St. Mary's, Radcliffe; and Manchester Town Hall. It was indeed unfortunate that the ninth was out of action at Manchester Cathedral, as we could only ring nine out of what is surely a magnificent ten from the Gillett and Johnston foundry. We also found a very pleasant octave of 22 cwt. from the same foundry at Stand, where we managed to ring a course of Stand Surprise Major. By kind permission of Neil Bennett and his fellow ringers at the Town Hall, we were allowed to ring at the Town Hall practice on the Wednesday evening. The ringers kindly stayed on until after 9.30 p.m. in order that we should all have a ring there. Ringing included half a course of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, rounds on the twelve, and three leads of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. Our thanks are due to Neil Bennett for his hospitality.

Having recovered from Wednesday's busy day, the party visited the following churches on the Thursday: St. James', Milnrow; St. Mary's, Oldham; St. Thomas', Moorside; Holy Trinity, Stalybridge; St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne; St. George's Hyde; and Emmanuel Unitarian Church, Brookfield, Gorton. Oldham's twelve produced the fun of the day, and many members of the party ascended the tower in order to see the frame. For those who have not seen Oldham bells, they are hung on three levels, so that they could all be fitted into the tower. The tenor is a 35 cwt. bell. The octave at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, proved to be popular, but we met a great disappointment at Emmanuel Unitarian Church, Brookfield, Gorton, as one of the clappers was missing. They are a very pleasant ring.

CHORLEY'S YOUNG LADIES

Friday dawned, and the programme included towers at St. Leonard's, Salmesbury; All Saints', Higher Walton; St. Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale; St. Mary's (R.C.), Chorley; St.



"The Pilgrims" outside the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Prestwick.

Paul's, Adlington; St. Bartholomew's, West Houghton; and St. Mary the Virgin's, Leigh. At Chorley we were met by the local band. They were a group of very pleasant young ladies who had formed themselves into a band, and their capabilities consisted of rounds and call changes. We all felt sure that they have a great future ahead of them. Carry on, ladies! At Leigh we found that the 16 cwt. tenor was tuned to a perfect D. Inside the tower they sounded very thin, but when listening outside in the Market Place they were quite different. They almost seemed "majestic."

Friday evening on Pipe's Tour is when the members of the party show their appreciation to Jim and Sylvia Pipe. This year's gifts included a portable stove and a picture book of England. To our hitherto unmentioned driver, Bob Watson, our most hearty thanks. He was presented with an envelope. Bob has been with the tour for three years now, and he has given us magnificent service. After the presentations we all went into Bolton and were entertained mainly by Irvin Slack with "Tales of our Albert" and "Uppence" and the like. This all rounded the day off very nicely.

Saturday morning came, and we left Bolton for the last time. On the homeward journey the party visited St. Giles', Matlock, and St. Peter's, Nottingham. At Matlock we found a reasonable eight, and impressions of the augmented twelve at Nottingham were mixed, although the bells handle well and could be heard to advantage in the tower. Between here and Grundsburgh the party disembarked.

So once again Pipe's Pilgrim's Tour is over for another year. The whole party will join me, I'm sure, in saying "thank you" to Jim and Sylvia Pipe for all the organisation of the trip. Our gratitude also must be extended to the incumbents and those who came to meet us.

We are all eagerly looking forward to next year's tour. How about some Yorkshire glory, Jim? I'm sure there is something for us up in that part of the country. R.C.S.

POUNDSTOCK, CORNWALL.—On July 25th, 1,440 Doubles (three methods): A. E. Chilton 1, A. E. Bissat 2, Margaret E. Chilton (cond.) 3, H. Stacey 4, H. Heard 5, R. Kersey 6. First in three methods 2 and 5.

RUTLAND TRY TOWER GRAB INSTEAD OF LEISURELY OUTING

THE Rutland ringers' tradition of a leisurely annual outing by coach was replaced on July 23rd by a full-blooded tower grab, and not everyone approved of the change!

No one could deny that John Woolley did a good job organising the tour, which took in 13 towers in Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire, including calls at two towers where the Luton District of the Bedfordshire Association was meeting.

The day was warm and sunny and people were somewhat reluctant to ring, preferring to enjoy themselves in the sunshine. Additional entertainment was provided by Norma Wort serenading Robert Woodward with her guitar. Those who did ring discovered that there were gnomes elsewhere than in Zurich, judging by the length of ropes in many towers. Lionel Atton confirmed his addiction to odd bells of all kinds, and Carol Cooke was sharply called to task by a local resident for her interest in the flowers outside the church gate at Slapton.

A good range of methods up to Cambridge was rung with varying degrees of success. There was also a good range of ages in the band, the youngest being Katharine Thorley, aged 10 years, and the oldest Mr. Briggs, of Somerby, who is reputed to be 88.

There will no doubt be a hot debate as to which type of outing Rutland prefers. A compromise suggestion of having two outings catering for different tastes is already in the air. C. J. G.

MILTON ERNEST, BEDS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Marion Povey (first quarter) 1, Betty Marsh 2, J. Ames (first "inside") 3, J. B. Long 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, R. Willars (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of E. W. Page, churchwarden.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On July 24th, 720 St. Clement's Minor and 540 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): J. Taylor 1, M. Cosgrove 2, J. Iaglesden 3, D. Walters 4, R. Sherlock 5, R. Waterhouse (cond.) 6, J. Castle 7, J. Wardle 8.

For the Beginner

THE MASTERY OF PLAIN BOB MINOR

By Robert B. Smith, conductor of the peal of the Extent of Bob Major

Part II: The Effect of Calls: Coursing Orders

SO far we have only considered plain courses of Plain Bob Minor, although we have given certain rules which are applicable on all numbers. We noticed that in the first lead of Plain Bob Minor the treble passed the other bells in the order 24653; in Major that order became 2468753. Throughout a plain course all these bells keep the same relative order (i.e. if the treble passes the 2nd bell, the next one it will pass will always be the 4th in the plain course). This cycle may be picked up at any point and it is most convenient to start the sequence with the 5th, as will be shown subsequently. We then have the order 53246, which is referred to as the **plain coursing order**. The reason we start from the 5th is that it is the first bell in the order which is normally involved when the conductor calls bobs or singles.

You may ask "Why is it necessary to call bobs and singles?" The reason is that the plain course of Plain Bob Minor contains only 60 changes, although six numbers may be permuted in 720 different ways. In order to obtain these 720 changes it is necessary to disturb the order of certain bells in relation to the others and this is done by calling bobs and singles. Consider Fig 5, which shows the last two rows of:—

- (a) A plain lead of Plain Bob Minor.
 (b) A bobbed lead of Plain Bob Minor.
 (c) A singled lead of Plain Bob Minor.
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|-----------|------------|-------------|
| 132546 | 132546 | 132546 |
| 135264 | 123564 | 132564 |
| (a) Plain | (b) Bobbed | (c) Singled |

FIG. 5. THE EFFECT OF CALLS

Bobs.

Comparing the plain lead with the bobbed lead we see that in the bobbed lead the following alterations take place at the lead end:

(a) The bell which would have dodged 3-4 down continues on into 2nds place (i.e. it has rung a complete lead of plain hunting). It then takes up the work of the 2nds place bell and will dodge 3-4 down at the next lead end, unless a bob or single is called.

(b) The bell which would have made 2nds continues out into 3rds place (i.e. it, too, has rung a complete lead of plain hunting). It then takes up the work of the 3rds place and will make 2nds at the next lead end unless a bob is called.

(c) The bell which would have dodged 3-4 up makes a second blow in 4ths place, instead of being in 3rds place at the lead end. It then takes up the work of the 4ths place bell, and will dodge 5-6 down at the next lead end.

The bells dodging in 5-6 are not affected by any calls. On all numbers of bells the method Plain Bob is affected in the same way at bobs as indicated (i.e. the bells in 2nds, 3rds and 4ths position are the only ones which are altered due to the call).

Singles.

Comparing the plain lead with the singled lead we see that the following changes take place in the singled lead at the lead end:

(a) The bell which would have dodged 3-4 down makes a second blow in 3rds place instead of dodging back into 4ths place. It then takes up the work of the thirds place bell and will make 2nds at the next lead end unless a bob is called. It should be noted that the two blows struck in 3rds are both over the same bell, which at the time is making 2nds.

(b) The bell which would have dodged 3-4 up makes a second blow in 4ths place, instead of being in 3rds place at the lead end. It then takes up the work of the 4ths place bell and will dodge 5-6 down at the next lead end. It should be noted that the two blows in 4ths place are struck over the same bell, which at the time is making 3rds.

The following observations on singles may be found useful:

(i) Only two bells are affected at singles and these are the bells which would have dodged in 3-4. By making places at the lead end the effect of the single is to cross them over.

(ii) The bell which would have dodged 3-4 up is affected in precisely the same way both at bobs and singles in that it makes two blows in 4ths.

(iii) Referring to Fig 5 (c) it will be seen that at the lead end only a single pair of bells have crossed (4 and 6) comparing that row with the previous one—hence the name single.

Note.—Calls are made when the treble is in 2nds place immediately before reaching the lead, to give those concerned time to react to the call.

Coursing Orders.

Earlier we mentioned that when the bells are following each other round in the order 53246 then this is called the **plain coursing order**. If the bells are coursing in this order then they will return to 123456 (rounds) eventually, provided that no bobs or singles are called. (Notice that the treble is omitted from coursing orders as it appears in between two different bells each lead.) From what we have seen of the effect of bobs and singles it will be obvious that the coursing order of the bells will be altered at every call. It is important to know how coursing orders alter when calling bobs and singles at various positions, for the following reasons:

(a) To know which bell to follow at any particular instant.

(b) To correct any ringer who may go wrong (before others become lost).

Considering point (a) above in greater detail, we may see just how useful it is to know what the coursing order is. If we refer to, or write down, the first lead of Plain Bob Minor, we see that the 4th bell strikes over the 2nd bell at backstroke in the row immediately before leading. This applies in every lead of the course except the lead in which the 4th bell makes 2nds over the treble and then turns the treble from the lead. Here we should take another look at the plain coursing order—53246. We see that in this coursing order 4 is following round after 2, and 2 is referred to as 4's course bell. A very important rule follows from the above observations.

Rule 3.—Always turn your course bell from lead (and from the back) with the exception of the occasion when you have to turn the treble.

A further look at the coursing order 53246 reveals that on the first blow in 2nds place when leaving the lead the 4th bell always strikes after the 6th (with the exception of the occasion when the treble turns 4 from the lead). The 6th bell is then referred to as 4's after bell. Another very important rule follows from these observations.

Rule 4.—Your after bell always turns you from the lead (and from the back) with the exception of the occasion when the treble turns you.

From these two rules it will be clear that if the coursing order is known it is easy to pick out which bell to strike over. It is because of the lack of understanding of coursing orders that the majority of the ringing Exercise strikes poorly. (The tragedy is that many do not know it—4ths place is 4ths, not 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.) If you know where to look for a bell there is much more chance of striking accurately over it.

(To be continued)

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. William Gibbons, of Bridgend, Glam, rang his first quarter peal for his 73rd birthday. Never too late to start.

A memorial tablet has been dedicated in Queensbury Church, York, to William Ambler, who rang in this church for over 50 years.

The ringer of the tenor in the peal at Stoneleigh (see page 498) was Paul K. Williamson and not as printed.

St. Peter's, Droitwich, has twice had a bell stolen this year—the 17 century Sanctus early in the year and its replacement quite recently.

Because of heavy commitments, a Lancashire tower is unable to renew a subscription for an old age pensioner. Would any reader like to accept this responsibility?

Miss Jennifer ("Janny") Quaife, one of the 12 young people Mr. P. J. Spice has been teaching at Bromley during the past 15 months, rang her first quarter perfectly on July 24th.

There has been a change in the Ringing Master of the Portsmouth District—Mr. J. Hunt succeeds Mr. W. Cope, who was sincerely thanked on July 23rd for his efforts to improve the ringing.

Among the improvements planned by the band at St. Thomas's, Eccleston, St. Helens, is the provision of a sound-proof floor above the bells, but below the louvres, to facilitate peal ringing in a densely populated area. It will cost at least £100.

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TRIBUTES TO CANON H. V. WHITE

The retirement of Canon H. V. White, Vicar of Broad Hinton, Wilts, for 47 years, during which time he was chairman of the Calne Branch for nearly 40 years, was marked by a peal of Doubles at Broad Hinton on July 21st, conducted by Mr. G. Pluckrose. As a compliment to the Canon the band was composed of one ringer from each of the six towers in the Branch.

On July 24th six members of the Hacker family rang 1,260 Grandsire Doubles at Broad Hinton as a personal compliment. The band consisted of three children and three grandchildren of the late Mr. F. Hacker, who was in charge of ringing at Broad Hinton for many years before the family moved to Heddington.

The best wishes of the band go to Canon White in his well-earned retirement.

MISFORTUNES AT PRESTWICK

A mid-week wedding on July 27th was an opportunity for a peal attempt at Prestwick, Lancs. However, while the ceremony was going on, John Partington went into the graveyard to look for his grandmother's grave, tripped badly and sprained his ankle. This put paid to the attempt planned so Minor was tried. After 50 minutes of good ringing the clapper came out of the seventh with disastrous results to the attempt and to one of the timber walkways.

As it was hoped to ring something to celebrate Ted Reeves' 65th birthday, a quarter was rung on the top six of 1,260 Plain Bob Minor by R. Baines 1, J. Sutcliffe 2, C. Watson 3, A. E. Reeves 4, F. Reynolds 5, G. Sanders (conductor) 6. This was followed by Ted entertaining the band to a splendid tea and home-made wine. A very happy conclusion.

WORCESTER'S THREE DAYS' PEAL PEAL RINGING

Worcestershire ringers, headed by Mr. Gerald C. Hemming, have had three days' peal ringing. Of the six attempts five were successful. Two 18-year-olds, David G. Franklin and L. G. Haines of Worcester, who had only been ringing a couple of years, put up a fine show, striking their first blows in Rutland, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Superlative. The failure was Cambridge, at Mickleton, on Friday afternoon: the effects of the ringing were telling on the older school.

COUNTY COUNCIL RINGERS

Eight members of the Devon County Council and Devon Constabulary rang the middle octave half-muffled at Exeter Cathedral for the memorial service to the late chairman of the Council. This was the first occasion the Council members had rung together. Ringers were: N. Mallett (planning officer), Miss V. Mellish (typist), Mrs. A. Giles (clerk), B. Tampson (deputy county architect), P. Brewer (divisional surveyor), W. Avery (registrar), W. Harvey (police surgeon), R. Rundle (police superintendent).

A WILTSHIRE RESTORATION

St. Swithin's Church, Compton Bassett, Wilts, has had its ring of five, with a tenor of 10 cwt., returned, quarter turned and rehung in a new steel frame for six, complete with new fittings, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.. The rededication of the restored bells took place at Evensong on July 17th, the ceremony being performed by the Archdeacon of Wiltshire, the Ven. C. A. Plaxton.

THEALE WANT IDEAS FOR FUND RAISING

Theale bells are well known as a heavy-going six. Because of this, and the fact that some repairs to the bells and fittings are long overdue, the ringers decided two years ago to start raising funds. The cost of rehanging on ball bearings and general maintenance is £450, of which one-third has so far been raised, almost entirely by the efforts of the ringers themselves.

The usual crop of fund-raising activities, whist drives, etc., have been organised. However, the main source of income has been from the sale of waste paper. This we have collected around the village and have to date sold almost 20 tons. We are at present in the midst of arrangements for an autumn sale to take place at the end of October. For this sale we would like to hear of new ideas for different stalls and sideshows. Also, if anybody has experience of any other successful methods of raising funds, please let me (B. J. Gatward, hon. treasurer Bell Restoration Fund, 2, Sandringham Way, Calcot, Reading) know.

The work will be done in about a year's time, and until then anyone requiring practice on a heavy-going six will be welcomed on Fridays at 7 p.m., or Sundays both morning and evening.

HEMSWORTH MEETING

On August 20th the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association is holding a meeting with members of the Barnsley and District Society at Hemsworth, near Pontefract. Ackworth's ring of six is unfortunately out of action. Towers available include the ring of four at Badsworth, the District's only ringable four. They are housed in a firm-looking west tower and hang in a steel framework for six bells. They have rather unusual tonal qualities and are bells members ought to gain the opportunity to ring. The other three rings (the light eight at Hemsworth, the six at Wragby, near Nostell Priory, and the 15 cwt. six at Crofton) are all ground-floor rings, the latter being rung from the centre of the church. Any visiting ringer or one who cannot climb steps need only to "pop in and ring." Can you come?

GOLDEN WEDDING BELLS

We are certain Cumberlands from a wide area will join us in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bevan, of Hampstead, on their golden wedding anniversary on July 23rd. For many years Tom was senior steward of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and a member of the band of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. He is still active at Hampstead and Highgate. A complimentary quarter peal was rung at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway.

A LOSS TO RADLETT

Radlett, Herts. ringers rang with very mixed feelings a farewell quarter peal to the Rev. Christopher Newton on July 24th. He had been Vicar for eight years and during his incumbency the bells were thought about, purchased, erected and dedicated. He had been the greatest help in getting ringing established. Mr. Newton has received preferment to Hemel Hempstead.

NO BULGING BICEPS FROM RINGING

When Liz Madsen, "Thurrock Gazette's" reporter, visited St. Giles' and All Saints' Church, Orsett, Essex, in search of a story, she ended up by having her first lesson in handling from Mr. Frederick Blatch, the Tower Master, who has been ringing for 45 years.

There is no question of the sincerity of the welcome she received. She wrote: "I had no sooner arrived in the ringing chamber when I was greeted with a bone-breaking handshake from a lady who had been ringing for nearly 20 years. Miss Joan Hills explained that bell-ringing does not produce bulging biceps but it does strengthen the arm and the hand. I believe her."

According to the report, Miss Hills took up bellringing to escape evening classes in mathematics and once rang in Australia for 3 hours and 40 minutes (presumably in a peal). Another peal ringer in the tower is Miss Vivian Matthews, of Grays, who started ringing to gain a Girl Guides' proficiency badge in this subject. She became so fascinated that she has been ringing regularly ever since—some eight years ago.

TRIBUTE TO A LEAMINGTON HEADMASTER

At a token of respect to Mr. G. Lewis on his retirement as the well-beloved headmaster of All Saints' C. of E. School, Leamington, after 40 years' service to the school, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was arranged for July 21st at All Saints' Church. Unfortunately when the band met one member felt too ill to ring and went home. As a substitute it was decided to attempt two 720's of Bob Minor.

This ringing was good and everything went smoothly for over 1,300 changes when a trip occurred and two bells changed over. The ringers were H. Allen 1, Miss G. Champness 2, Miss J. Walley (longest length) 3, H. C. Burt (conductor) 4, Miss K. Walley 5, C. Grindley 6, J. L. Allen 7.

The Misses J. and K. Walley were former pupils of Mr. Lewis and they will be leaving shortly as they have both won scholarships. One of them is going to London University next term.

A HEREFORDSHIRE CENTENARY

In Coddington tower, Herefordshire, hangs on the wall a framed receipt by J. Taylor, Loughborough, dated July 14th, 1866, for the rehanging of the bells. The centenary was observed by a half peal in five methods being rung on this anniversary. The Vicar attended before the ringing and led the band in prayer.

A full peal was attempted on July 23rd but came to an abrupt end when the clapper of the tenor bell broke after two hours' ringing. Another attempt is to be made when the tenor has been repaired.

SIXTY YEARS AT ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER

London ringers will note the peal at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 30th, in honour of Mr. William Hewett's 80th birthday and 60 years of loyal service to St. Margaret's, Westminster (50 years as towerkeeper). Best wishes, Bill, from all of us!

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WARSOP, Notts.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sun., July 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
J. Frank Smallwood .. Treble	George Challans .. 4
Brynley A. Richards .. 2	Michael P. Moreton .. 5
David A. Whetton .. 3	Herbert T. Rooke .. Tenor

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.

Rung for the marriage of Dr. John V. Clark and Dr. Lorna A. Edwards, which took place on the previous day at Kirklington.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WORLE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.	Tenor 13 cwt
*Ronald Ballam .. Treble	Victor Roberts .. 4
Marjorie Legg .. 2	George Prescott .. 5
Max Heyman .. 3	Ronald Beck .. Tenor

Conducted by G. Prescott.

* First in seven Minor methods.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents and one of 240 (Morris). Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.	
*Victor J. Bowring .. Treble	Julian E. Newman .. 4
Stanley C. Davis .. 2	Stanley D. Francis .. 5
Alan F. Lee .. 3	Albert F. Butt .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First peal attempt.

Rung on the tenor ringer's 71st birthday, and he has now completed 50 years as a ringer at Dunkerton.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLIFTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints

On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 6 lb. in G.

Philip Mehew .. Treble	David E. Rothera .. 5
Anthony K. Fortin .. 2	Robert E. Hardy .. 6
*Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 3	C. Martin Press .. 7
George E. Bonham .. 4	George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the official birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, and also unofficial birthday compliments to the ringers of 1, 4, 6 and 8.

BARTON-LE-CLEY, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., June 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt

Anthony H. Smith .. Treble	George E. Bonham .. 5
*Julia A. Fellows .. 2	*Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 6
*David E. Rothera .. 3	C. Martin Press .. 7
*Anthony K. Fortin .. 4	George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Composed by J. H. Barrett.

* First peal in the method.

STOTFOLD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, (2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's, (4) Oxford T.B., (5 and 6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2lb
Anthony K. Fortin .. Treble	David E. Rothera .. 4
Frank Osbaldiston .. 2	Philip Mehew .. 5
George E. Bonham .. 3	George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

With congratulations to Robin and Pam Trebilcock on the birth of a son, and to John and June Meredith on the birth of a second son, and also congratulations to the England World Cup Squad upon winning the Jules Rimet Trophy (the World Cup).

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAM, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., July 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*Delphine Holman .. Treble	John F. Thorne .. 5
Stephen F. Royal .. 2	Robert W. Sherriff .. 6
Terence G. Hill .. 3	George Rathbone .. 7
*Alice E. J. Lester .. 4	Michael Hill .. Tenor

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples on an "inside" bell. First on eight bells as conductor.

Rung on St. James' Day to celebrate the Patronal Festival.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., July 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 800 Cambridge, 640 Bristol, 480 Superlative and 320 Yorkshire, with 120 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.	
C. Duncan Davis .. Treble	Kenneth Arthur .. 5
John E. Anderson .. 2	Michael Maughan .. 6
George S. Deas .. 3	Eric N. Harrison .. 7
James Crowther .. 4	Denis A. Bayles .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.

First peal of six-spliced by all the band and for the Association.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ELY, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours

A PEAL OF 5083 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 25 lb. in E.

Robert D. Bellamy .. Treble	Jack S. Dear .. 5
Julia A. Fellows .. 2	Anthony K. Fortin .. 6
*George E. Bonham .. 3	George E. Thoday .. 7
Robin J. Trebilcock .. 4	Philip Mehew .. Tenor

Composed by Rev H. Law James

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 100th peal.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs. R. C. Bonham parents of the ringer of the third.

CHICHELEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sun., May 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, Beverley and Cambridge.	Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.
Dorothea M. Robotham .. Treble	Barry E. Eglesfield .. 4
David E. Rothera .. 2	Robert E. Hardy .. 5
George E. Bonham .. 3	*George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 125th different tenor turned in.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., July 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Joe E. G. Roast .. Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 5
Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	Peter J. Came .. 6
Yvonne A. Murray .. 3	Ian R. Panton .. 7
Peter G. Brown .. 4	*James L. Towler .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* 175th peal and 100th of Surprise. 250th peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

WOODFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp

Andrew R. F. C. Crowson Treble	†William Birmingham, jun. 5
Dennis Ellisdon .. 2	Ken Warner .. 6
Yvonne Edwards .. 3	Anthony M. Faulkner .. 7
*Colin G. Wright .. 4	Timothy G. Pett .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal.

ST. OSYTH, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Wed., July 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's, Childwell, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (4) Oxford and Plain Bob, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.	
Neil V. Avis .. Treble	Stephen D. Humphrey .. 4
Peter G. Pitt .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin .. 5
*Robert D. Bellamy .. 3	Brian J. Vaughan .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* Most methods to a peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.	Tenor 21 cwt.
William Hibbert .. Treble	Ernest J. Gower .. 5
Elizabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Francis A. White .. 6
Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 3	Brian R. White .. 7
Brynley A. Shackleton .. 4	Edward Holdsworth .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian R. White.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in the following extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Combined Kent and Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's and Buxton, (6) Plain Bob, (7) St. Clement's and Childwall.

Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.	
Valerie Willard Treble	Peter C. Gould 4
Ivor Goulter 2	John F. I. Turney 5
George T. Cousins 3	Cyril A. Wratten Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., July 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings).	Tenor 8 cwt. 103 lb. in A.
Robert C. Kippin Treble	Michael W. Brown 4
Angela J. Smart 2	Peter G. Smart 5
Joan V. Reyner 3	Peter Ostley Tenor

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all except the ringer of the fourth. First of Doubles as conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Ethelbert.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.	
*Robert A. Hatcher Treble	Peter Clarkson 6
*Gillian Sims 2	*Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 7
*Peter D. Sell 3	Colin A. Lewis 8
*Ralph R. Godsall 4	Austin T. Wingate 9
†John F. I. Turney 5	George T. Cousins .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

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

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

J. Stuart Hutton Treble	Martin Major 5
Julia A. Fellows 2	J. Richard Castledine .. 6
David E. Rothera 3	George E. Bonham 7
Robin J. Trebilcock .. 4	*George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by Stephen Iviv. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 225th peal of Major. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

IGHTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 27 methods: (1) Rossendale, Lightfoot, Stanford and Wearmouth. (2) Carlisle, Northumberland and Sandiacre. (3) Bourne and Netherseale. (4) London, Wells and Cuneacastre. (5) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcaste. (6) Primrose, Norfolk. Keston, Ipswich and Cambridge. (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; with 149 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt. 22 lb. in A.	
Doris E. Colgate Treble	*Tony Lewis 4
Mary S. Faircloth 2	Ralph Bird 5
John Faircloth 3	Ian H. Oram Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* Most methods to a peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Sun., July 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CLYDE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.	
Derek Butterworth .. Treble	†Edward Jenkins 6
*B. Gillian Schofield .. 2	*Richard J. Parker 7
*Margaret E. Fort 3	*Jeffrey Kershaw 8
Roderick W. Pipe 4	*Cyril Crossthwaite 9
*Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 5	Neil Bennett Tenor

Composed by S. J. Wood. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside."

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sun., July 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 960 London and Rutland, 320 Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.	
Giles B. Thompson .. Treble	Derek Butterworth .. 5
Neil Bennett 2	†Frederick Shallcross .. 6
Christine Andrew 3	F John Nelson 7
*John P. Partington .. 4	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First peal of 12 spliced. † 300th peal. Tenor 21½ cwt.

TARLETON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., July 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.	
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. Treble	*Dennis H. McCormick .. 5
*John Ascroft 2	Cyril Crossthwaite 6
Geoffrey N. Goodall .. 3	Robert E. J. Dennis .. 7
*Christopher L. Watson .. 4	Jeffrey J. Fox Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael Pilgrim and Ann Freeman, who were married the previous day at West Kirby, Cheshire.

SOWERBY, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in F.	
B. Gillian Schofield .. Treble	Edward Jenkins 5
Derek Butterworth 2	Jeffrey Kershaw 6
Roderick W. Pipe 3	Richard J. Parker 7
Margaret E. Fort 4	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

On Mon., July 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt.	
*Herrick B. Bowley .. Treble	Richard Grant 6
†R. Joy Watkin 2	*Shirley Burton 7
Derek M. Sawyer 3	Alan Jacques 8
Roy Stephenson 4	William J. Root 9
Martin Thorley 5	Brian S. Chapman .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Herrick Bowley.

* 200th peal together. † First peal of Stedman.

In memoriam Ernest W. Tipler, of Lutterworth.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5248 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.	
Sheila Parsons Treble	J. Martin Thorley 5
Alfred Ballard 2	*Geoffrey W. Randall .. 6
Beryl E. Cawser 3	Russell S. Morris 7
J. Edward Cawser 4	E. Alan Jacques .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Roger E. Tallis and Christine Rothera, members of the local band, who were married earlier in the day.

SILEBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 UXBIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Malcolm E. Wade .. Treble	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 5
W. Ernest Rawson 2	Samuel J. Haines 6
Martin Green 3	Roland H. Cook 7
William A. Lacey 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

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

Rung to the respected memory of Mr. Ernest W. Tipler, of Lutterworth, Leicestershire, who died on Friday, July 22nd, 1966.

CROFT, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in D.	
Frederick Watson .. Treble	Harry Barnes 4
Ronald G. Russell 2	J. Edward Brown 5
Frederick Derry 3	James H. Musson .. Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Maureen Charlton, daughter of the local tower captain, also to celebrate the 51st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnes.

DEENE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.	
N. Roderick Ellway .. Treble	Edward W. Martin 4
Stephen B. Bell 2	Arnold S. Coad 5
Judy Morris 3	Raymond H. Martin .. Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., July 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.	
Amos Ingall Treble	Richard E. Manton .. 4
John F. Pearson 2	Geoffrey R. Parker .. 5
David Vincent 3	Louis Willders Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes-James. Conducted by Louis Willders.

In memoriam Frederick W. Stokes.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Wed., July 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

*Susan Harber Treble	†Ellis N. Thomas 6
Donald G. Clift 2	*David Barrington 7
Ruth E. Havard 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon 8
†Gwen Bidgood 4	†Christopher Aldridge 9
Tudor P. Edwards 5	Geoffrey Stickland Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Stedman Caters.

TON-PENTRE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Tenor	26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E. flat.
Thomas Yeoman Treble	Ellis N. Thomas 5
Ruth E. Havard 2	David Llewellyn 6
Donald G. Clift 3	Tudor P. Edwards 7
*Christopher Ricketts 4	Geoffrey Stickland Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung in memory of Joseph Lovett, for many years a ringer at Pentre, who died on April 8th, 1966.

CAERLEON.—Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Cadoc.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

Richard W. Owen Treble	Donald G. Clarke 5
Jacqueline S. King 2	George T. Cousins 6
*David L. Philips 3	David J. Hughes 7
Thomas Yeomans 4	James L. Fitzgerald Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by James L. Fitzgerald.

* First peal in the method.

Rung after the wedding of the tower captain, Mr. David Pike, to Miss Marian Powney.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sun., July 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

Shelagh R. Collins .. Treble	Leslie W. Houghton 6
Norman V. Harding 2	Rev. Giles C. Galley 7
Arthur G. Mason 3	William Exton 8
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 4	Peter A. Sharp 9
Jack L. Millhouse 5	H. William Barrett Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

Rung for the King's Lynn Festival of Art.

NORTH ELMHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

Thomas R. Simmons .. Treble	Robin R. Churchill 5
Edward Howes 2	Stephen F. High 6
Norman P. J. Cossey 3	David Heighton 7
*Frank Sutton 4	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Composed by A. P. Heywood.

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major "inside."

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Whiting, of Pulham St. Mary.

GARBOLDISHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sun., July 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings).	Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F. sharp.
Alfred W. Foreman Treble	Owen Claxton 4
Anthony H. Roberts 2	Harry B. Fuller 5
Leonard W. King 3	Robin R. Churchill Tenor

Conducted by Robin R. Churchill.

First peal as conductor and 25th peal for the Association.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector of Garboldisham, the Rev. R. Lacey Webb, who is shortly taking up the living of St. Alban's, Norwich.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., July 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

Harold W. Dunsden .. Treble	David L. Wilcox 5
Mrs. A. D. Smith 2	Roger B. Pike 6
Gillian Pike 3	Reginald F. Crook 7
Reginald W. Rex 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by E. Banner.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal of St. Clement's by all the band and on the bells.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Tues., July 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 OXNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Charles Coles Treble	Christopher I. Rowson 5
Frederick W. Soden 2	William Birmingham, jun. .. 6
Sydney M. Bailey 3	William Birmingham 7
Brian W. Hall 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by George H. Cross.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

Rung for the Feast of St. James. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., July 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

J. Keith Ward Treble	Sydney M. Bailey 5
John W. T. Hibbert 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 6
Robert M. Ashman 3	Frank W. Lewis 7
William Birmingham .. 4	Frederick R. Scott Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James the Less.

On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.
Sydney M. Bailey Treble	Frank T. Blagrove 4
Monica Blagrove 2	William Birmingham 5
Christopher I. Rowson .. 3	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. James.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON, Staffs.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	David J. Llewellyn 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2	Jeffrey Kershaw 8
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh 9
Richard S. Starkie 4	Derek Butterworth 10
Edward Jenkins 5	John H. Fielden 11
Colin J. Ashworth 6	Frederick Shallcross Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in C.
Frederick G. Hooper .. Treble	Harold Stevenson 4
*John J. Laverack 2	James W. Raithby 5
Paul Raithby 3	F. William Midwinter Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

* First peal "inside." Tenor ringer has now "circled the tower."

Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to Paul Raithby, and also a 19th birthday compliment to his brother, John Raithby.

WILFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Wed., July 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten methods/variations, viz.: Six extents All Saints and four each of Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Seighford.	
*David Oliver Treble	Ruth Blackshaw 3
†Neil Handley 2	Maurice W. Harrison 4
†Graham Fisher Tenor	

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

* First peal. † Most methods/variations to a peal.

Congratulations to Dr. Reginald J. Stretton and Miss D. Elaine Atrill, married this day at Chesterfield. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BRAMFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., July 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, (2 and 3) Reverse Canterbury, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.) in G.
Alan C. Walters Treble Michael W. Howes 4
Simon Christian 2 Robert J. Southgate 5
Martin H. Whittell 3 Neville F. Whittell Tenor

Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.

A birthday compliment to George E. Symonds. Also rung to mark ten years of ministry in the village by the Vicar, the Rev. R. G. Christian.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Beverley Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in F.
Julie Armstrong Treble Timothy Pett 4
Richard C. Stevens 2 Alan Bagworth 5
Alan Millidge 3 Michael J. Uphill Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWES, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Southover.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ALDENHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.
Philip A. Corby Treble David S. Osenton 6
Ann Jenner 2 Andrew J. Corby 7
Hilary F. Hinde 3 Robert W. Hinde 8
Judith M. Corby 4 D. Paul Smith 9
Trevor A. Cross 5 Stanley Jenner Tenor

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

First peal of Royal in the method.

Rung for the Church's Flower Festival.

LONDON.—At St. Margaret's, Westminster.

On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 26 cwt. 26 lb. in D.
Albert W. Bond Treble Bernard J. Stone 6
Katherine M. Powell 2 George T. Jennings 7
Angela M. Wright 3 Michael J. Bew 8
Edgar R. Rapley 4 John W. Euston 9
John R. Norris 5 Raymond J. Talbot Tenor

Composed by Charles Roberts.

Conducted by John W. Euston.

A special tribute to William Hewett to mark his 60 years' loyal service to this church (50 years as towerkeeper), and as an 80th birthday compliment to him.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., July 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.
Dorothy M. Groves Treble Frank Osbaldiston 5
Derek Slater 2 W. Arthur Riddington 6
Ernest J. Ladd 3 Martin L. Howe 7
Ann Jenner 4 Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner

Rung as a wedding compliment to Bernard F. L. Groves and Valerie J. White, married at All Saints', Maidstone, the previous day.

WASHINGTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., July 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.
Leonard Stilwell Treble Colin J. Champion 4
Jean Horton 2 Henry D. Butler 5
*Graham R. Hills 3 Roy M. Cox Tenor

Conducted by Roy M. Cox.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Anthony and Jennifer Horn, who were recently married at the church at which they ring—St. Andrew's, West Tarring.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOBOTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.
Bradley Murduck Treble John C. Baldwin 5
Denby P. Murduck 2 Philip Murduck 6
Reginald W. Rex 3 Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
David L. Wilcox 4 Reginald F. Crook Tenor

Composed by H. Dains.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Murduck, wife of the ringer of No. 6, and mother of treble and second ringers.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., July 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

*Arthur C. Berry Treble	Lawrence J. Haines 5
†David G. Franklin 2	David Beacham 6
Alan Tubb 3	John C. Eisel 7
‡Martin D. Fellows 4	*Gerald C. Hemmings .. Treble

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* 50th peal together. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ 200th for the Association.

A compliment to Mr. C. W. Cooper, of Stourbridge, on his 80th birthday.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

AMBLECOTE, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., July 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in B.
David Beacham Treble †Lawrence J. Haines 5
*Arthur C. Berry 2 Martin D. Fellows 6
John C. Eisel 3 Gerald C. Hemming 7
†David G. Franklin 4 *Geoffrey J. Hemming .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.
* 50th peal together. † First peal of Lincolnshire. First of Lincolnshire on the bells.

CHIPPING NORTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., July 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

John C. Eisel Treble	Alan Tubb 5
*David G. Franklin 2	Arthur C. Berry 6
*Lawrence J. Haines 3	Martin D. Fellows 7
Geoffrey J. Hemming 4	Gerald C. Hemming Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

KINGHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., July 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDESEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Geoffrey J. Hemming .. Treble	John C. Eisel 5
*David G. Franklin 2	Alan Tubb 6
Arthur C. Berry 3	Gerald C. Hemming 7
*Lawrence J. Haines 4	Martin D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Edwin A. Barnett. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* First peal of Pudsey. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

BRETFORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Fri., July 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.
*Alan Tubb Treble David Beacham 5
Arthur C. Berry 2 Martin D. Fellows 6
*David G. Franklin 3 John C. Eisel 7
*Lawrence J. Haines 4 Gerald C. Hemming .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by John C. Eisel.

(The King's School Society at Worcester.)

WYCHBOLD, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary de Wyche.

On Tues., July 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods/variations, being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, four each of Old Doubles and Norfolk, three each of April Day, Broadwas, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, St. Colum and Southrepps, two of Kennington and one each of Salwarpe and Windrush.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.

*Frederick J. Drabble .. Treble	†David G. Franklin 4
†Paul C. Hassan 2	*Royston J. M. Grosvenor .. 5
Paul Cattermole 3	*John S. Rastall Tenor

Conducted by Paul Cattermole.

* First peal at first attempt. † First on an "inside" bell. ‡ First of Doubles. The first peal for the Society.

Rung by a master and toys of the King's School, Worcester.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CAMPSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Richard J. Tibbetts .. Treble	Andrew J. Jobson 5
Frederick J. Jackson .. 2	David Nichols 6
*Anne P. Leigh 3	John R. Whitham 7
John S. Seager 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. J. Jackson.

* First peal.

Tenor 11 cwt.

(Sheffield and District Society)

RAWMARSH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.
John J. L. Gilbert .. Treble Richard J. W. Tibbetts 5
*Paul Brookes 2 Richard Farnsworth 6
Peter K. Else 3 David Nichols 7
Geoffrey Pilkington .. 4 Neil Donovan Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden.

Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.

* First peal at first attempt.

HALF PEAL

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDS.—On July 14th, 2,520 Doubles (five methods): J. Lane 1, J. Ranford 2, H. Hill 3, J. Cale 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, G. Gwyne 6. Rung on the centenary day of the hanging of the bells.

APPLEDORE, KENT.—On July 28th, 1,260 Bob Triples: A. Bourner 1, Margaret Jones 2, P. Richardson 3, L. Sweatman 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson 6, N. J. Davies (cond.) 7, E. Clifton 8.

BILLINGSBURST, SUSSEX.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Swan (first on eight) 1, C. Wood 2, J. D. Nelson 3, H. Wood 4, H. W. F. Franklin 5, R. A. Banner 6, P. Wood (cond.) 7, E. F. Fossberry 8. For Evensong.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. S. Johnson (first of Minor) 1, Mary Christian (first "inside") 2, S. Christian 3, A. R. Walters 4, R. J. Southgate 5, R. L. K. Whittell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gibbons (first quarter) 1, Christine Brett 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, R. J. Mayle 4, T. E. Hiddins 5, D. J. Godfrey 6. A 73rd birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sangwin 1, A. E. Chilton 2, R. G. Pearce 3, Margaret E. Chilton 4, H. Stacey (cond.) 5, J. H. Bowden 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, L. Cawsey 8.

BROAD HINTON, WILTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Hacker 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, D. Hacker 3, Miss M. Hacker 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5, P. Hacker 6. A compliment to Canon White, upon retirement after 47 years as Vicar.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Copping 1, Jennifer Quaife (first quarter) 2, Pauline Bligh-Cheesman 3, Christine Webb 4, P. J. Spice 5, M. G. Foster (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. J. Sheahan 1, Linda M. Groves 2, P. J. Gibson 3, A. R. Groves 4, B. G. Brinkley 5, I. R. Pantan (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. J. Sheahan 1, Linda M. Groves 2, Helen E. Gilbert 3, P. J. Gibson 4, B. G. Brinkley 5, I. R. Pantan (cond.) 6. Both rung for the Church Fete.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (2, 3, 4 only in the hunt): M. Jones (first of Triples) 1, B. R. Millward 2, Mrs. N. Randles 3, S. Randles 4, G. H. Randles 5, D. Collins 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, F. R. Millward 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Edward ("Ted") Ellis, formerly for 23 years parish clerk and sexton and bellringer and holder of many other offices of the church, local council, charity and sport.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On July 27th, at St. Alphege's Church, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): Margaret Jones 1, Brenda Foster 2, C. Wyld 3, N. J. Davies (cond.) 4, B. Johnson 5, D. W. Grimwood 6. Rung to commemorate the opening this day of the Checker Library, Canterbury Cathedral, by Princess Marina.

CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z.—On July 16th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Barber 1, J. H. G. Gardner 2, A. Summerell 3, Rita Barber (nee Bumphrey) 4, N. F. Reeve 5, C. H. Ward (cond.) 6. First of Plain Bob Minor 1, 3 and 4. Rung as a farewell to Joe and Rita Barber, who were leaving, on transfer, to Auckland.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On July 17th, 1,260 Siedman Doubles: Irene E. Shanks 1, Sandra C. Thexton 2, B. J. Imber 3, Rosemary J. Cotton 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, T. Farmer 6. First in the method 1, 3, 4, 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. Fr. Desmond Fitzgerald, who died on Thursday, July 14th, 1966, aged 74. Also on July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret A. Phelan 1, D. H. Netherton 2, Irene E. Shanks 3, B. J. Imber 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, T. Farmer 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss R. MacNamara and Miss D. Martin, after 40 years teaching at St. Mary's Primary School, and also as a 25th birthday compliment to Fr. T. Crech.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At All Saints, Shrub End, on July 12th, 1,440 St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor: N. F. Whittell 1, A. R. Walters 2, S. Christian 3, Jennifer M. Andrews 4, R. J. Southgate 5, M. J. Howes (cond.) 6.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Simpson 1, D. Osbourne 2, N. Handley 3, A. Newell 4, R. Stretton 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6, G. Fisher 7, S. Adams 8.

QUARTER PEALS

CRADLEY, HEREFORDS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Lewis 1, J. Ranford (cond.) 2, D. Bishop 3, I. Bellamy 4, R. Cooper 5, J. Cale 6. First quarter 3, 4 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam A. G. Hazeldine, former organist and choirmaster.

CRANFORD, MIDDXX.—On June 26th, 1,280 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Moya Britchford (first quarter) 1, C. Stevenson (cond.) 2, P. Woodcay 3, J. Britchford 4, D. Fowles 5, Josephine Pole 6. For Evensong.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original, with 2nd omitted): P. Rabiah 1, K. Small 3, Mrs. J. Sims 4, P. Clarke 5, G. Clarke (cond.) 6, R. Clarke 7, F. Hurrell 8. Also on July 13th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): T. Culver 1, Miss M. Andrews 2, K. Small 3, E. J. Coode 4, G. Clarke (cond.) 5, R. Clarke 6, F. Hurrell 7, P. Rabiah 8. Also on July 16th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples. All rung for Eltham Week, organised by the Eltham Society for the 650th anniversary of the birth of Prince John of Eltham.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.—On July 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Jones (first of Major) 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, Jennifer Brown 4, Sandra C. Thexton 5, C. G. Barnes 6, J. R. Pratt 7, J. M. Hills (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Moore (first of Minor) 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, Dorothy M. L. Nicholls 3, K. Price 4, D. H. Garnett 5, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 6.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Marlow 1, H. Rumens 2, H. Falkner (first of Stedman Triples) 3, W. Pettrins 4, D. Wilson 5, J. Mussell 6, J. Claughton 7, J. Coleman 8.

GREAT BOWDEN, LEICS.—On July 17th, 1,296 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: J. Hunt 1, E. G. Slater 2, Judy K. Morris 3, A. S. Goad 4, E. W. Martin (cond.) 5, R. H. Martin 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret and John, daughter and son of the Rev. and Mrs. Hewitt.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine McAnn (first quarter) 1, D. J. Swann 2, G. F. Terry (cond.) 3, G. Burt 4, W. Stoker 5, C. M. Brown 6. For Confirmation service.

HARDWICKE, GLOS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila A. Drew 1, J. Ferris 2, N. A. Curtis (first as cond.) 3, D. Powell (first quarter) 4, H. Tavson 5, R. H. Driver 6. Rung as an expression of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. C. Wood.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on July 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. G. Powell 1, Elizabeth Taylor 2, Julie A. V. Caligari 3, R. C. Godsall 4, Gillian Sims 5, H. L. Hatfield 6, P. D. Sell 7, J. F. I. Turney 8, A. T. Wingate 9, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 10. Rung to welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury to the city.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalene, on July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Cruickshank (first quarter) 1, Doreen Deverell 2, Anne Willard 3, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 4, J. M. Payton 5, J. T. O'Dell 6, W. G. Knight 7, P. G. Foote 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bevan, of Hampstead.

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RADLETT, HERTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Woodward 1, Miss A. Hunter 2, Miss J. Denmark 3, G. Dodds (cond.) 4, R. Clouston 5, B. Denmark 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Christopher Newton, Vicar designate of Hemel Hempstead.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—On July 19th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Mowle 1, A. G. Harrison 2, L. Batley 3, O. P. Claxton 4, A. H. Roberts 5, L. J. Minns 6, H. B. Fuller 7, W. J. Platt (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 4 and 5. An 80th birthday compliment to Ernest Whiting, of Pulham St. Mary.

RIPE, SUSSEX.—On July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): C. G. Barnes 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2, Sandra C. Thexton 3, N. Thomson 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5. Most methods to a quarter for all the band. For morning service.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Chilton 1, P. C. Sinden (first "inside") 2, Rachel J. Sinden 3, Elizabeth A. Todd 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

SEND, SURREY.—On July 24th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Hill 1, Miss A. Pickering 2, Miss J. Collins 3, P. J. Privett 4, R. Collins (cond.) 5, S. M. Strudwick 6. For the memorial service to Mrs. Doris Sylvester, late wife of the Vicar, died July 3rd.

STONE, GLOS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Howard (cond.) 1, B. Huddleston 2, D. Huddleston 3, M. Powell 4, D. M. Smith 5, R. Huddleston 6. Believed to be the fastest quarter on the bells (26 minutes).

SUTTON BONNINGTON, NOTTS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure: A. Newell 1, N. Handley 2, R. Stretton 3, D. Oliver (cond.) 4, G. Fisher 5.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Michael's, on July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alison Shingler (first on eight bells) 1, A. R. Poyntz 2, W. J. H. Parker 3, K. Fursdon (first of Grandsire) 4, Mary Bushby (first of Triples "inside") 5, A. B. Shingler 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, M. Dodd (first quarter) 8.

THRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. King (first quarter) 1, J. Mowle 2, A. G. Harrison 3, O. P. Claxton 4, F. Sutton 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. A 95th birthday compliment to Mrs. Rosa Abbott, of Thrandeston.

THRUXTON, HANTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sandra Lynds (first quarter) 1, M. Lynds (first "inside") 2, M. Green 3, F. Lynds (first "inside") 4, A. Green (cond.) 5, B. Doe 6. A birthday compliment for Mr. P. Lynds, father of Sandra and Michael.

TICKENHAM, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick 2, C. Kortright 3, P. J. England 4, S. G. Smith 5, J. Brain (cond.) 6.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On July 23rd, 1,376 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. A. Large 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, Hilary A. Swallow 3, G. Fry 4, Ann Jenner 5, W. H. Dobbie 6, S. Jenner (cond.) 7, L. T. Pope 8. For Skinner's Day.

UPPER ARLEY, WORCS.—On July 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Wootton 1, R. Tandy 2, M. Clewes 3, J. Tandy 4, J. Lawley 5, P. Bill (cond.) 6. By members of the Old Swinford band as a 21st birthday compliment to Barbara Sykes.

USK, MON.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Enid Hammond (first quarter) 1, L. Jones (cond.) 2, Julia Clench 3, R. Clench 4, D. Taylor 5, B. Kear 6, M. Zobel 7, S. Kear 8. Rung for the christening ceremony of Fiona, daughter of the ringer of the 6th.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On July 18th, 1,224 London Surprise Minor: D. Comber 1, Mrs. V. J. Howard 2, Mrs. G. R. Parsons 3, D. Slater 4, D. D. Smith 5, J. A. Howard (cond.) 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On July 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Gay 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, S. Gay (first "inside") 3, W. A. Hollamby 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, W. A. Hughes 6. A compliment to the Rector, Rev. A. K. W. Wright, on his appointment as Rural Dean of Croydton.

WILTON, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On July 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. F. Grabham 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, B. M. Bindon 3, W. H. Tarr 4, N. J. Marges 5, G. G. Davis 6, R. F. Arscott (first as cond.) 7, R. Coles 8. Rung whilst Princess Margaret was officially opening Dr. Barnardo's Home, and Blagdon Lodge Old People's Home.

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WEDDING

WOODLEY—MARKS.—Quietly on Sunday, July 31st, 1966, at All Saints' Church, Plymouth, Patrick Seybian Woodley, of Bristol, and Rosemary Joyce Marks, of Plymouth. Service conducted by Father Richard Dinnis. Nuptial Mass celebrated by Father Ian Hunt assisted by Rev. David Pitkethley. The bride was given away by her father; best man, Mr. Antony Kimpton, of London. Reception held at the Continental Hotel. Future address: 10, Hinton Cross, Hinton-on-the-Green, near Evesham, Worcestershire. 9640

DEATH

BUDD.—On July 26th, 1966, at his home, aged 88, John Benjamin Budd, of Brackendale, Newmarch Crescent, Scarthoe, Grimsby. Member of St. James' band, Grimsby. 9622

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MISCELLANEOUS

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise practice at St. Mary's, Warwick, Saturday, August 27th, 7.30–9. Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal and Major methods as required. Only Surprise will be rung. 9601

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL.—Due to lack of support, Surprise practices are being discontinued. All Friday practices will be normal 10-bell ringing.—D. Tubbs, Captain. 9651

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District. —Advanced practice at Aldershot on Thursday, August 18th, 7.30–9 p.m. 9652

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MEETINGS

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BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

Meeting at Silkstone, near Barnsley, August 13th. Cups of tea only. Joint meeting with Y.A. (See "Ringing World.")—T. T. 9631

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and **ESSEX ASSOCIATION** (N.W. District).—A joint meeting will be held at Saturday, August 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Littlebury (6), followed by ringing from 6 p.m. to 8.30 at Wendens Ambo (6). All welcome.—B. D. Threlfall, Harston, Cambs, G. Blake, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 9577

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Hunsdon (8), Saturday, August 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Village Hall 5.15 p.m. — Evening ringing Widford (6) 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Peter M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec., 55, North Road, Hertford, by Friday latest. 9608

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley End (6), August 13th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. 9629

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at St. Laurence's, Chorley, Saturday, August 13th. No tea arrangements; cafes nearby.—L. Walmsley. 9614

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD and **COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Burton Dassett on August 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5, followed by business meeting and more ringing. Names for tea to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Hill Farm, Fenny Compton, Warwickshire (Tel. 387). Avon Dassett may also be available.—F. W. Hancock, P. S. Bennett, Secs. 9580

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting and Guild Executive Committee meeting at Marlesford on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Finch, 4, The Bungalows Marlesford, Woodbridge, Suffolk. Committee meeting 7 p.m. at the Parish Room, Little Glemham. Little Glemham bells (5) available after tea.—T. N. J. B. 9589

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — Quarterly meeting at Pulborough, Saturday, August 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting after tea. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 9600

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Hemington (6). Monday, August 15th, 7.30–9 p.m.—M. de Jong. 9623

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Birch-in-Rusholme on Monday, August 15th. All welcome.—J. Brannan. 9627

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4. on August 16th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: August 16th. St. Paul's Cathedral: August 23rd. St. Michael's, Cornhill: August 30th. St. Lawrence Jewry: September 6th. St. Giles', Cripplegate: all at 6.30 p.m.—James G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 9624

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at All Hallows', Twickenham, Thursday, August 18th. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason. 9520

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, Hinton St. George, Saturday, August 20th, 7 p.m. Bells (6).—J. T. Locke, Hon Sec. 9649

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew and Frome Branches. — The joint meeting will be held at Farmborough (6) on Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. K. T. Baker, Highstanding, Bath Road, Farmborough, near Bath.—D. Yeo and E. Chivers, Branch Secs. 9625

COVENTRY ARCHDEACONRY. — Meeting, August 20th, Stoke St. Michael. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. A. R. Wright, 22, Haslebech Road, Binley, Coventry. 9613

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cirencester Branch. — Meeting, Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, August 20th, at Coln St. Denys 5.30 p.m. onwards, and Chadworth 7-8.30 p.m.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 9634

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Stroud Branch. — Monthly practice, Haresfield, Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hardwicke also available in evening. Names for tea, please.—E. Cribbley, France Lynch, Stroud. 9650

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Wheathampstead, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. K. Walpole, 13, Tudor Road, Wheathampstead. — R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9626

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Benenden, Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. J. Brown, Snowcrete, Iden Green, Benenden, Cranbrook, by Thursday, August 25th. 9635

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch (Culcheth) on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Free tea 5 p.m.—M. E. Fort. 9643

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Melton District.—Evening meeting at Eaton (6) on August 20th. Ringing 6.30 p.m.—W. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 9639

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — N. and E. District. — Harrow-on-the-Hill, Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. — E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 9632

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Wargrave on August 20th and Binfield on September 3rd, both at 6 p.m. 9644

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Business meeting, Collingtree, Saturday, August 20th. Collingtree bells 3 to 4.15 p.m. only. Courteenhall bells in the evening. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford. 9618

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, August 20th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 9641

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. — Evening practice meeting, Saturday, August 20th. Bells available: Rangemore (5) 6.30-8, and Newchurch (5) 7.30-9 p.m.—C. M. S. Hon. Sec. 9488

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Stockbridge, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Hornby, The Rectory, Bramdean, Alresford. Hants. 9617

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District). and **BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — Joint meeting at Hemsworth on Saturday, August 20th. Ringing at Badsworth (4) 2.30 to 3.30; Hemsworth (8) 3 to 4.30; Wragby (6) 6 to 7.45; Crofton (6) 7 to 8.30. Cups of tea provided at Hemsworth, where Mr. C. Moxon hopes to meet his ringing friends again. Meeting after tea (4.30 to 6). All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. of Southern District, and T. Tarbett, Acting Sec., Barnesley and District Society. 9604

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Rayne on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. L. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchingfield, Braintree. 9646

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Rotherfield, August 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing after meeting. Names for tea to me at 8, The Drive, Church Coombe Estate, Uckfield, by Wednesday, August 24th.—G. Fitz-Hugh, Div. Sec. 9632

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, August 27th. Bells available: Hesse 2-3.30 p.m.; Kirk Ella 3-4.30 p.m.; Cottingham 6.30-7.15, Service, and 7.30-8.30 p.m. Tea Kirk Ella 4.45 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. K. Kirk, 224, Willerby Road, by previous Wednesday.—R. Ducker. 9635

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District). — Joint meeting at Leatherhead on Monday, August 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify Mr. A. J. Smith, 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey, by August 24th. Further ringing after tea — Martin Morris, Leatherhead Dis. Sec. 9636

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly and committee meeting will be at Dalton-in-Furness on September 3rd. Ringing at Flookburgh 12.30-2 p.m., Dalton from 2.30 p.m. Tea in the Cavendish Arms 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Wall, 19, Chapel Street, Dalton-in-Furness.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 9514

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Wrangle, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, August 22nd.—P. T. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167 Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 9647

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Quarterly meeting at Christow, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Meeting 4.30 in Church Hall. Tea 5. Striking competition between Heavitree and Newton St. Cyres 5.30, also any other challengers. Names to Mr. Mallett, 61, Butts Road, Heavitree, Exeter. 9630

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual dinner, September 24th, at The Meet, County Cricket Ground, Grace Road, Leicester, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (23s. 6d. each) from J. M. Jelley, 17, Linley Green, Cosby (Phone Narborough 3732) by September 14th. 1965 Reports available (5s. each), from A. J. Poyner, 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester. 9598

OUTINGS

SCARBOROUGH AND DISTRICT OUTING

Menacing clouds did not dampen the high spirits of Scarborough and District ringers for their outing on July 16th and all were soon on the coach together with essential handbells, diagrams and food.

At Hurworth, the first stop, the younger members found the heavy six and short ropes difficult to handle competently and we also regret that justice was not done to the delightful octave at Darlington, and only Oxford Bob Triples was struck well.

Refreshed by an enjoyable lunch, Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung well at Heighington, and the Major was executed to perfection at Bishop Auckland. Unfortunately we could only manage good ceases at Staindrop and Richmond and we did not pay enough attention to striking as we should. The strain of a long day's ringing began to tell at Northallerton, where only Kent Treble Bob Major was struck well.

Thanks are due to our secretary, who had his task made even more arduous by an accident earlier in the week, and also the Ringing Master and all incumbents in making a most memorable day. A. G.

SOUTH NORFOLK ANNUAL OUTING

Leaving Diss shortly after 7.30 a.m. on July 16th, the South Norfolk ringers and friends made for the neighbouring county of Suffolk for their annual outing and visited seven churches.

Lavenham, the first call, was reached by 9 a.m. and an hour's ringing on the fine bells was much enjoyed. We rang at Long Melford before reaching Ipswich for lunch and, having been suitably refreshed, rang at St. Margaret's Church. During the afternoon visits were made to the Parish Churches of Woodbridge and Ufford and, after tea at Wickham Market, to Aldeburgh. The last call was at Leiston, where ringing finished at 9 p.m.

Before dispersing at Diss (at a late hour), Mr. A. G. Harrison heartily thanked Mr. William Flatt, of Harleston, on behalf of all present, for again arranging the outing in such an efficient way. Grateful thanks to incumbents and ringers. A. G. H.

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LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Thurstaston, August 20th. Bells (5) 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtan, Birkenhead, by Thursday previous. 9655

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Whitby on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. — P. Wishart, Hon. Sec. 9653

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch. — Meeting, Middleton Cheney, Saturday, August 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 9656

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Basingstoke, August 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 9654

COMPOSITIONS

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(No. 3)

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