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THE WEDDING

Two wedded from the portal stept:  
The bells made happy carolings,  
The air was soft as fanning wings,  
White petals on the pathway slept.

Most of us are familiar with this picture, though few of us could have expressed the incident with that delicacy of touch which George Eliot commanded and introduced into her poem 'Two Lovers,' written nearly a hundred years ago. Weddings are occasions closely associated with our vocation as ringers attached to a Church. Last Saturday there was a wedding at our Church, and there was that 'happy caroling' with all the majesty of rhythm associated with the proper ringing of bells. Probably in a hundred towers in the land ringers were similarly engaged that Saturday afternoon.

To many ringers there is no glamour attached to attending weddings. With our tower there is an air of meticulous care associated with such ceremonies. A tradition has been built up behind this ringing and a consciousness of a special occasion. When the bride and bridegroom enter the vestry the conductor signals to the company to take their appointed places in the ringing chamber. Faintly from the church below is heard the strains of the opening bars of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, and we take hold of our ropes with that air of expectancy. A little breathless from hurrying up the stairs arrives the conductor, who prefers to act himself as sentinel. Without moving his head he surveys the belfry and nods to the treble man. With years of practice he has synchronised the timing with the same skill as a B.B.C. programme organiser. Thus it happens that as 'two wedded from the portal stept,' the bells thunder out in rounds that warm, joyous, boisterous salutation.

In the selection of touches for weddings conductors invariably introduce those producing the best music. At some churches the touches are interspersed with firing the bells a number of times. When Mr. Winston Churchill was married at St. Margaret's, Westminster, in 1908 the bells were continuously fired to the great delight of the crowd and then reverted into rounds. Firing of bells at weddings seems to be traditional; many towers to-day, however, will not stand the strain, and in consequence this particularly joyous form of expression is being discontinued in certain areas.



Should the bells be rung when the bride arrives? In Surrey it is not customary, but in some counties this welcoming salutation is accorded the bride on her way to church. At one time ringers never felt they had fulfilled their obligations adequately at a wedding without ringing at the time of departure for the honeymoon, but of late years this has been discontinued. What is the record for wedding ringing? We were recently informed unofficially that at one of the Walthamstow churches it was no uncommon thing to ring for five separate weddings during an afternoon!

Weddings are occasions, and legitimately so, for professional ringing. Fees vary considerably, from 2s. 6d. to 15s. a rope. It is not a matter for Guilds or Associations to prescribe a scale because there is no common denominator of circumstances, or, as far as we know, no desire to interfere with business arrangements that exist in individual towers. This we would urge: endeavour at all times to provide ringers when required even if it entails individual sacrifice. Ringing at weddings is a custom going back centuries; it is part of the ritual of the bells and we must be prepared to assist in preserving such traditional usage. A new competition has arisen in the form of amplified gramophone records as a substitute for bells. One parish makes these available for weddings at a fee of 7s. 6d., bridal parties having a choice of records of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, or York Minster!

Pepys, who commented on most things of his day, gives an example of wedding bells, dated September 20th, 1695. The occasion was what was known as the Blue Coat marriage in connection with Christ's Hospital. Two wealthy citizens, lately deceased, had left their estates, the one to a Blue Coat boy and the other to a Blue Coat girl, and this had led to some of the magistrates bringing about a match between the two young persons. The wedding procession went along Cheapside to the Guildhall, where, in the Chapel, they were united in wedlock by the Dean of St. Paul's, the Lord Mayor giving away the bride. 'Bow bells,' writes Pepys, 'rang out a merry peal all the time.'

### TEN BELL PEALS

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tues., July 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

*J. HARRY TIPPETT ... Treble	ALFRED MITCHELMORE ... 6
G. HARRY MYERS ... 2	SYDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... 7
*WILLIAM G. LAVERS ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN... ... 8
A. WILLIAM MYERS ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS... 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5	THOMAS G. MYERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. E. COLLINS.

\* First peal on ten bells.

BOSTON, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*JACK F. HODSON ... Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 6
JOHN FREEMAN ... 2	*WALTER TOMLINSON ... 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 8
MRS. R. RICHARDSON... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 9
JOHN WALDEN ... 5	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal on ten bells. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. W. E. Clarke.

WORSLEY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

RICHARD BENSON ... Treble	ARTHUR MAUDSLEY ... 6
ARTHUR RIDYARD ... 2	FRED GRUNDY ... 7
JOHN LUNHAM ... 3	FREDERICK R. WILLIAMS ... 8
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE... 9
THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by F. GRUNDY.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the church. Also a birthday peal to the 2nd ringer.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*WALTER ROBINSON ... Treble	GEORGE CARE ... 6
BERTIE O. SODEN ... 2	WILLIAM ATTERBURY ... 7
*GEORGE TANNER ... 3	WILLIAM J. DOVE ... 8
WILLIAM HAMMONS ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
*ERIC NOBLES ... 5	WILLIAM G. FAREY ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY G. MILES. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*A. M. HUMPHREY... Treble	GEORGE ADES ... 6
R. GORDON CROSS ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 7
ALBERT W. BOND ... 3	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 8
GEORGE W. CECIL ... 4	FREDERICK PAGE ... 9
LEONARD STILWELL ... 5	HENRY STALHAM ... Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. BENNETT.

\* First attempt for a peal on ten.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten Part. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble	GEORGE DAVIS ... 5
GEORGE T. COUSINS ... 2	LESLIE EVANS ... 6
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 7
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 4	LESLIE L. QUARTERMAIN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE T. COUSINS.

First peal as conductor on eight bells.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE... Treble	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 5
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ... 2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3	JAMES F. CLARKE ... 7
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL.

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 28 cwt.

MISS JILL POOLE ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 3	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7
WALTER WHITE ... 4	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Rung with half-muffled clappers to the memory of the late Capt. G. T. Francis, organist of the Cathedral since 1929.



NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*WALTER GOWING, JUN... <i>Treble</i>	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 5
†CHARLES H. MOORE ... .. 2	GEORGE SAYER ... .. 6
GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... .. 4	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. H. RIDOUT. Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.

ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK JONES ... .. 5
BOB GEDEN ... .. 2	ARCHIBALD REED ... .. 6
*REGINALD CHAPMAN ... .. 3	CHARLES J. CAMM ... .. 7
†VIVIAN B. HUNT ... .. 4	*ROGER SAVORY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN... <i>Treble</i>	VICTOR WOODARDS ... .. 5
ISAAC J. ATTWATER ... .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BERNARD S. NICOLS ... <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD H. JARVIS ... .. 5
FRANK SODEN ... .. 2	IVOR D. HARRIS ... .. 6
*FREDERICK W. SODEN ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. DIXON ... .. 7
†THOMAS STRATFORD ... .. 4	GEORGE R. MILES ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICOLS.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 5
WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 6
ALAN WHITE ... .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 7
*DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by R. T. LAMBERT. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method and 25th peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

JEAN DUNN ... .. <i>Treble</i>	BERNARD ALLSOP ... .. 5
ROBERT ALLSOP ... .. 2	*ROBERT EDDEN ... .. 6
GEORGE H. PAULSON ... .. 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... .. 7
HUGH W. GREGORY ... .. 4	ERNEST PAULSON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. E. TAYLOR.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. W. Gregory and for the occasion of the 20th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edden (Southam, near Rugby).

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 18 cwt. o qr. 14 lb.

*RONALD AIREY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	†THOMAS COOKE ... .. 5
ROLAND PARK ... .. 2	JAMES T. TITT ... .. 6
RICHARD BUSBY ... .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... .. 7
GEORGE F. NEWTON ... .. 4	LUCIEN VENUS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thurs., July 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

H. FREDERICK MYERS ... <i>Treble</i>	*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 5
A. WILLIAM MYERS ... .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 6
G. HARRY MYERS ... .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 7
SYDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by F. E. COLLINS.

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

SHALFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*PETER C. SAUNDERS ... <i>Treble</i>	†KENNETH A. GIRDLER... 5
ALBERT LAMBKIN ... .. 2	†ARTHUR E. HUNTER ... 6
LESLIE C. W. HUNTER 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 4	CHARLES A. B. GIRDLER <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.'

TICHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY RICHARDSON ... .. 5
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... .. 2	STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 6
GEORGE W. JEFFS ... .. 3	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 7
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. COLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK J. CULLUM... 5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	*RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. 7
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY... 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY... .. <i>Tenor</i>

(Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

BASIL JONES ... .. <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 5
*ALAN A. POTTS ... .. 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 6
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 3	ALAN J. BROWN ... .. 7
MARY ELKINS ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. II. GROSS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal away from treble in method.



**SIX BELL PEALS**

WEST DEEPIING, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Beverley, London, York, Ipswich, Durham, Cambridge and Primrose. Tenor 10 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY ... .. Treble	*CECIL WADE ... .. 4
CHARLES WOOD ... .. 2	WILLIAM OLDMAN ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First peal of Minor in more than one method.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*BERNARD MADELEY ... Treble	*WILLIAM TYLER ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal in five methods.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM JONES ... .. Treble	FREDERICK BROOKING ... 4
DEREK POCKETT ... .. 2	THOMAS PRICE ... .. 5
EDWARD PREEDY ... .. 3	CECIL HEWER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the Rev. M. C. Garner as Vicar of Haresfield.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*PERCY JENKINS ... .. Treble	E. PETER ROCK ... .. 4
JOHN D. ROCK ... .. 2	LESLIE EVANS ... .. 5
*VICTOR RAWLINGS ... 3	*ARTHUR W. WILLIAMS... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

\* First peal. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. J. W. Kearns.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 2, 1946, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MISS MARIE MUSKETT... Treble	GORDON LAWRENCE ... 4
†MISS NANCY M. EVANS 2	MISS D. C. OSBORN ... 5
†MRS. CECIL HOLDEN... 3	HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MISS MARY E. DAVIS... Treble	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 4
BRUCE B. ROGERS ... 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... 5
ANDREW I. PEARMAIN ... 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

HAVERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JOHN M. ASPINALL ... Treble	*JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 4
*THOMAS A. LAYBOURN... 2	LEONARD W. BULLOCK... 5
*REGINALD J. FUNNELL... 3	JAMES BULLOCK, SEN... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK, SEN.

\* First peal.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being four extents of Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ARTHUR FIDLER ... .. Treble	A. RAYMOND TONKS ... 4
WILLIAM T. GOADBY ... 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 5
JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss E. Iris Rowley, daughter of the conductor, who is also a member of the local band of ringers.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Rev. E. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

VALENTINE TURRELL ... Treble	ROBERT LANGRIDGE ... 4
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	*CECIL R. LONGHURST... 5
*RAYMOND P. WOOD ... 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by E. R. RAPLEY.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,  
IN ST. PETER'S HALL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2	ARTHUR DAVIS ... .. 5-6
ANDREW I. PEARMAIN ... 3-4	BRUCE B. ROGERS ... .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ARTHUR DAVIS.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT 83, CHURCH STREET,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

*REGINALD RIPPINGALE... 1-2	THOMAS BIRD ... .. 3-4
RONALD SUCKLING ... 5-6	

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

\* First peal in three methods; in hand.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT 33, HARTINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 16 in B.

*THOMAS W. HESKETH... 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE ... .. 5-6
KENNETH S. B. CROFT 3-4	FRANK VARTY ... .. 7-8

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

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**BEVERLEY, YORKS.**—At St. Mary's on June 23rd, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: G. Brailhwaite 1, R. Owen 2, G. F.

Williams 3, T. Southwick 4, C. Glenn (conductor) 5, G. Dowling 6, A. E. Sellers 7, L. Doggitt 8, C. Barker 9, P. Brailhwaite 10.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Forest 1, F. W. Soden (conductor) 2, F. Soden 3, T. S. Stratford 4, B. S. Nichols 5, B. Cook 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. R. Miles 8.

**CHERTSEY.**—On June 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss N. Shorter 1, Mrs. V. Latlbury 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, W. Shepherd 4, W. Goldstone 5, R. Lathbury 6, J. Crocker 7, J. B. Hessey (conductor) 8. First quarter since the bells have been rebung.

**CHESTER.**—On June 23rd at St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, for the church anniversary, 1,232 Double Norwich Major: T. Griffiths 1, J. Hayes 2, J. S. Webb 3, J. Swindley 4, J. W. Griffiths 5, A. B. Close 6, P. Swindley 7, H. Pye (conductor) 8.

**CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fowler (first quarter) 1, H. Belcher 2, P. Woodyer 3, M. V. Chilcott (first quarter as conductor) 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, G. C. Lawrence (first quarter) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 4th.

**CROYDON.**—At St. Peter's Church on Sunday, June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Hayward 1, Miss V. Potter 2, H. Jones 3, Miss E. George 4, J. H. Hayward 5, H. W. Simmons (conductor) 6, F. Jones 7, F. Brownnett 8.

**COOKHAM, BERKS.**—On June 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Martin 1, Miss D. Fletcher 2, G. H. Head 3, A. Levett 4, W. Judd 5, H. Wingrove 6, T. J. Fowler 7, H. Aplin 8. First quarter on the bells since being augmented to eight.

**DARTFORD, KENT.**—On June 23rd, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Lemon 1, E. Barnett 2, J. Wheadon 3, F. Walker 4, H. Hoverd 5, F. A. Coley 6, J. E. Bailey (conductor) 7, R. Jenkins 8.

**BYTHORNE, KENT.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled: G. S. Joyce 1, W. Terry 2, C. Turner (conductor) 3, E. J. Walker 4, E. T. Ellender 5.

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.**—On June 23rd, 1,248 Double Norwich: V. Tipton 1, L. Whitby 2, F. Whitby 3, L. Cordell 4, R. Springham 5, W. Horsnell 6, S. Clark 7, W. Wheeler (conductor) 8. First in method for 2, 5 and 6.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On June 23rd, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Smith 1, W. Andrews 2, Miss O. B. Lambert 3, W. R. J. Poulson 4, S. H. Symonds 5, F. Boreham 6, M. T. Symonds (conductor) 7, L. Pryke 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**LONDON.**—On June 23rd at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Yearsley 1, V. J. Benning 2, D. N. Layton (conductor) 3, A. Jones 4, P. M. J. Gray 5, R. F. B. Speed 6, A. M. Houghton 7, A. F. Thirst 8.

**LONDON.**—At Kilburn on June 23rd, 1,262 Bob Major: R. Gilbert 1, E. Lankester 2, A. Bone 3, Miss R. M. Davies 4, S. Pacey 5, A. Tozer 6, D. Birkinshaw 7, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 8.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On June 12th for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Buckingham, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. T. Lister 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, T. Smith 3, W. Birmingham (conductor) 4, J. T. Lancaster 5, R. C. Noon 6, F. G. Groombridge 7, E. H. Preston 8.

**STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Sharp 1, E. Shouler 2, A. Armstrong 3, F. Stanton 4, C. Sharp (conductor) 5.

**SOPLY, HANTS.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten different extents): D. Broomfield 1, D. Reed 2, J. Hartless 3, C. Reed 4, W. Cheater (conductor) 5.

**STREATHAM.**—On Sunday, June 23rd, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Howard 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, E. L. Miles 4, C. Potheary 5, T. W. Welbourne 6, C. D. Nichols 7, R. Sanders 8.

**SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, D. D. Coombes 3, I. D. Harris 4, R. Taplin 5, J. Jarvis 6, R. H. Jarvis (conductor) 7, H. Francis 8.

**TETBURY, GLOS.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Townsend 1, W. W. T. Daniell 2, W. H. Trueman 3, G. W. Townsend 4, C. J. Gardner 5, H. W. Bishop 6, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 7, T. Townsend 8.

**WHITSTABLE, KENT.**—On June 19th at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. C. Philpott 1, A. V. Wilsden 2, P. D. Wenham 3, C. C. Dilnot 4, B. E. Philpott (conductor) 5, A. F. Amos 6.

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.**—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Tanner 1, G. Vicory 2, J. Button 3, L. Pullen 4, J. Weaden 5, E. J. Avery 6, G. Prescott (conductor) 7, H. Court 8.

**WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.**—On June 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Barker 1, B. A. Knights 2, W. Sharples (conductor) 3, Cpl. S. Tuson (first quarter in method) 4, J. Meadowcroft 5, A. Hatch 6, J. H. Gartside 7, F. G. Bradley 8.

**WORCESTER.**—On June 24th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Bentley 1, W. H. A. Compton (conductor) 2, W. Lewis 3, J. Woodyatt 4, J. J. Jefferies 5, T. W. Lewis 6, F. Giles 7, G. Colley 8.

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#### IMPORTANT.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that sub-  
scriptions for September quarter become due on  
July 1st.

#### BELFRY GOSSIP

A new first for Miss Jill Poole—the first lady ringer to score a peal  
at Southwell Cathedral.

July 6th was a happy day at Havering, Sussex. Four of the six  
ringers rang their first peal.

Two challenges to a 'dangle' of ringers—a 'crustling' and a  
'dawdle.' See Editor's Post Bag.

West Grinstead ringers want their peal rung on July 7th to be re-  
garded as a Victory peal. There was an attempt on June 8th. West  
Grinstead was not the only failure on that day.

His many ringing friends will be glad to learn that Major J. H. B.  
Hesse is now much better in health and was able to ring upon one of  
the bells in his beloved tower at his home at Wrington, Somerset,  
recently.

Relics of the Central Council's visit to Norwich are continuing to  
come to light. Mr. Nolan Golden informs us that a propelling pencil  
inscribed with the name of a well-known brand of toffee was found in  
the ringing chamber of St. Michael Coslany. Will claimant please  
write Mr. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich?

A footnote correction regarding the peal of Bob Major at Reden-  
hall, Norfolk, on June 22nd. The peal was the first of Bob Major by  
George W. Howlett and William J. Flatt and not the first of Major.  
These two ringers have several peals of Major to their credit, including  
Surprise methods, states the conductor. Our regrets.

Four of the participants in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Sha-  
ford, Surrey, have recently been demobilised from H.M. Forces. With  
their return, the local captain, Mr. Leslie C. W. Hunter, can look  
forward with confidence to regular ringing and progress.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow has a progressive band under his tutelage. At  
Banstead on June 30th 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major was rung by  
Elizabeth Rayton 1, Jill Brittain 2, Margaret Pitstow 3, Winifred  
Adams 4, N. Hobden 5, D. N. Layton 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, H. N.  
Pitstow (conductor) 8. For the first six ringers it was the first quarter  
in the method.

A product of the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth  
Guild was the proposed winter rally and dinner at Bournemouth.  
The event sounds very attractive and should prove a success. We and  
others who were not at Bournemouth are wondering what else hap-  
pened there on July 6th.

Tailpiece:—Just as we are going to press we hear that the Ladies'  
Guild accomplished a fine peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the  
'Stelfox Eight' of Leicester Cathedral Church on Sunday. Miss Hilda  
G. Snowden conducted.



## NOVEL BEQUEST FROM AUSTRALIA

### RINGERS' FESTIVAL AT BLANDFORD.

Under the terms of the will of the late Mr. Samuel Francis Pond, formerly of Victoria, Australia, and a member of an old Blandford family, over 100 members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild from churches all over the county took part in a bellringing festival—the first of its kind—at Blandford on June 29th.

Mr. Pond, who died in 1941, had been responsible for the payment of the ringing of the curfew bell at Blandford, and in his will he left £725 to Blandford Corporation to provide a trophy for annual competition in the borough by teams of bellringers from any part of Dorset, and also for a cash prize or trophies for the winning team.

When the terms of the will were made known, the Diocesan Guild of Ringers were not in favour of a competition, and it was ultimately decided that a bellringing festival open to any members of the Guild should be held and that they would afterwards be entertained to tea by the Corporation. If funds permitted the Council undertook also to contribute towards the travelling expenses of the ringers.

Among those present on Saturday were the master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Carew Cox, of Lyme Regis), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, of Kington Magna (hon. secretary of the Guild), and the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Ringers).

At a service in the Parish Church the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards gave the address, and later, at tea at Hicks' Cafe, the ringers were welcomed by the Mayor of Blandford (Mr. Dennis S. Cuff), who was accompanied by Mrs. Leslie Melville and the Rev. Hopkin Richards, members of the Council.

The Rev. Carew Cox thanked the Mayor and Corporation. Canon B. T. Rosson (Rector of Blandford) also spoke.

A demonstration of handbell ringing was given by members of the Guild, and later the Mayor accompanied members of the Guild back to the church tower.

### ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

#### SOLIHULL—A POPULAR MEETING.

The summer quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on June 29th under ideal conditions at Solihull, an old world country 'village' of some 20,000 inhabitants situated in the heart of lovely country and yet only some seven miles on the south side of Birmingham. The fine Norman Parish Church is well worth a visit, whilst the peal of ten bells are a pleasure to ring.

The Guild service was conducted by the curate in the absence of the Vicar, and the help of the organist, Dr. R. Wassall, a former organist at St. Martin's, Birmingham, was greatly appreciated. Between 40 and 50 sat down to an excellent tea served at the British Restaurant.

The Master, Mr. Albert Walker, presided at the business meeting, and apologies were received from Councillor Paddon Smith, Mr. G. E. Feirn (Ringing Master) and Mr. George Williams. In his letter Mr. Williams stated that Mr. Tom Miller, the oldest member, would enter on his 89th year on July 6th, and suggested that any peals rung during that week should be rung as a birthday compliment to him. The following new members were elected: Mr. Cyril Taberner, Dudley; Mr. John L. Gilbert, Sutton Coldfield; and the tower election of Mr. Alan R. Pink, Oxford, as a life member, was duly ratified. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Selly Oak, and the bi-quarterly meeting at Boldmere.

The Guild's form of service was criticised by Mr. W. C. Dowding, particularly the hymns, which he thought were out of date. After some discussion it was agreed that he should consult with the secretary regarding any revision and bring the matter before the next quarterly meeting. A vote of thanks to Mr. Edgar Shepherd for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting, to the curate for conducting the service, and to Dr. Wassall, the organist, was proposed by Mr. Albert Walker.

During the evening several members visited Mr. Roland Bragg, the local Ringing Master, and found him in excellent spirits and good health, although unfortunately still confined to the house. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, and some excellent touches of Major, Caters and Royal were brought round.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The summer meeting of the Canterbury District, Kent County Association, was held at St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, on July 13th.

Fine weather and a chance of a 'breath of the briny' brought some 57 members and friends to the town. In spite of the heat, the bells were kept going from 2 o'clock until 4.15, when in the cool of the old Parish Church the association's service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Brownhill), who also gave a short address.

Tea followed in the Parish Hall, presided over by the Vicar, who also took the chair at the subsequent business meeting. Teynham was fixed for the district's next meeting, to be held on August 24th. Five new non-resident life members were elected, and thanks were expressed to those who had helped with the day's arrangements.

After the meeting a return was made to the tower, a few, however, preferring the somewhat more comfortable and at any rate cooler method of ringing by using handbells. Tunes and Grandsire Triples and Cinques were rung. The ten bells in the church were kept going until 8.30.

## STAFFORD SOCIETY

### ANNUAL MEETING AT LICHFIELD.

The annual meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was held at Lichfield on July 6th. About a hundred members and friends were present from Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Bilston, Birmingham, Bloxwich, Bradley, Brierley Hill, Burton-on-Trent, Coventry, Erdington, Lichfield (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Powick (Worcs.), Stafford, Swindon, Tamworth, Tottenhall, Tipton, Trysull, Walsall, Wednesbury, Wellington, Willenhall and Wolverhampton (St. Luke's and St. Peter's).

The bells at the Cathedral, as well as those at St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches, were available during the afternoon and evening. Tea was served at the Minster Cafe.

The Bishop of Stafford presided at the meeting, supported by the hon. secretaries. The report and statement of accounts were accepted and ordered to be printed. The officers were re-elected, with the exception of the Ringing Master (Mr. H. Howell), who retired. Mr. A. D. Collins was elected his successor for the coming three years. Fourteen new members were enrolled.

The following places were fixed for meetings: Tamworth, September 14th; Christ Church, West Bromwich, January 19th; Brewood, April; and Lichfield (or Burton-on-Trent) for the annual, in June. Bi-quarterly meetings were decided upon, the first to take place at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, August 24th.

A vote of thanks to the Bishop terminated the meeting.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

#### PRESTON BRANCH NOT UP TO PRE-WAR LEVEL.

In the 12th century parish church of Chorley, the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association held its annual meeting on July 13th. It was from Chorley that Miles Standish went to America in the 'Mayflower,' his family having connections with both Chorley and Standish Churches.

The bells were raised at 2.30 p.m., and except for an interval for tea at the Y.W.O.A. Cafe (substantial for these times) and the meeting, were kept going in various methods from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major until 7.45 p.m.

In the absence of the chairman (Mr. L. Walmsley) on holiday, Mr. F. G. Bradley presided at the business meeting.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. Rigby), in a comprehensive report on the activities of the branch, stated that 13 meetings had been held as follows: Hoghton (first since before the war), Eccleston, Brindle, Penwortham, Preston Parish, Chorley St. Mary's, Broughton, Adlington, St. Annes (joint meeting with Fylde), Leyland Parish, Whittle (joint meeting with Blackburn Branch), Croston and Chorley Parish. The average attendance was from 25 to 30, and the standard of ringing was still behind pre-war level.

In regard to the number of branch peals rung, a lot of leeway needed to be made up to equal the peak years of the branch. Only two peals had been rung—Stedman at Whittle-le-Woods and Minor in ten methods at Penwortham. Those participating were congratulated.

In regard to membership, five new members had been elected and one non-member, also 14 past members had rejoined. Two members were lost through death—Mr. J. Bimson, of Preston (one of the oldest), and Mr. J. Holding, of Chorley Parish. To the relatives the branch extended its sympathy.

A cordial welcome back was voiced to those members who had served in his Majesty's Forces, and the hope was expressed that they would soon get back to their pre-war efficiency. Subscriptions had been paid by 76 members, but it was regretted that some were still outstanding.

The report was adopted, as was a report of the committee meeting at Liverpool. The meeting recorded its thanks to the secretary.

Following a letter read from the retiring branch chairman, two nominations were received for the office—Mr. W. Sharples and Mr. Bradley. A show of hands resulted in Mr. Bradley being elected to the post. In thanking the members for electing him as chairman, Mr. Bradley asked the branch to record its thanks to Mr. Walmsley for his services and help during his term of office. This was carried unanimously.

Tarleton was chosen as the place for the next meeting, with Goosnargh as an alternative, the date to be August 17th.

A vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting so enjoyable and to the chairman for presiding concluded the business.

### SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

A very enjoyable meeting of this society was held at Tadcaster on July 6th, when about 30 members and friends attended from Hemingbrough, Howden, Sherburn, Hull, Selby, Armley, Leeds, Rothwell, Handsworth, Ripon and the local company. It was a pleasure to welcome Lieut. Clement Glenn, R.N.V.R., a former general secretary of the Yorkshire Association.

During the business meeting following tea it was announced that a total of £2 16s. had been subscribed towards the Sprothorough appeal fund for recasting and relanging the peal of six bells.

Thanks were accorded the Vicar (the Rev. R. J. Hall) for permission to hold the meeting and also to the local band for arrangements.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, and ranged from standard methods to Superlative Surprise.



# NEWS AND COMMENTS AS ADDRESSED TO THE EDITOR

## LAUNCESTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—I note that in to-day's 'Belfry Gossip' mention is made of the first peal having been rung on Launceston bells. This is not quite correct, as the first peal was rung there in 1901 by a band which was on tour and which was organised by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. The method was Stedman Triples. Two trebles had been added to an old six in the same year, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the tenor then weighed 12 cwt. 1 qr. The entire peal was recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1938 and the tenor now weighs 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. The College Youths' peal is the first on the recast bells.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly was one of the touring band referred to (as also was Canon G. F. Coleridge), and 720 Bob Minor was rung on the bells of Kelly Church. What Maitland Kelly did for ringing in Devonshire is well known, and I recently came across some lines written on the day of his baptism by the Cornish poet, Robert Stephen Hawker, the well-known Vicar of Morwenstow, who was staying at Kelly House for the occasion. Here is the poem:—

### A THOUGHT AT MATINS.

September 18th, 1842.

The sun fell fair on Kelly walls  
On Maitland's christening-day,  
And lighted up his father's halls  
With autumn's loveliest ray:  
The angel of his Baptism trod  
A path bright from the home of God!

Shall it not be to us a sign—

A parable of joy—

That radiance from above will shine

Around our gentle boy?

Since such the sun that greets his gaze,

This first-born of his Christian-days!

A. S. ROBERTS.

The Parsonage, Carbis Bay.

NOTE.—The peal footnote has been corrected.—Editor.

## AMERICA CALLING!

Dear Sir.—Please send me 'The Ringing World', for which I am sending you one dollar.

I should be grateful if you have a picture of tower bell ringers standing at their ropes, which I am anxious to frame. I am organising a Guild of Handbell Ringers in the Methodist Church, Spencer, Mass., U.S.A., this being the fifth Guild I have organised. The people over here do not know what change bell ringing is. Don't forget the picture. It will be of sincere help to me. If you want any money let me know.—I am very sincerely yours,

J. WILLIAM COOPER.

6, Pope Street, Spencer, Mass., U.S.A.

NOTE.—I feel certain that this request will not be ignored by our readers. First interest on the American Loan!—Editor.

## CHANGE RINGER'S MUSIC

Dear Sir,—I should be most grateful if you would help me with a small problem which has arisen in the following extract from a letter with which I have to deal.

'I would be pleased if you can tell me how I might obtain some change ringer's music, scales or changes.

I have enquired of a number of the most likely music publishers in the West of London and none seem to have any acquaintance with my requirements.

I have a carillon of bells (25) and change ringing is all I can hope to do.'

I have been asked to answer this letter, but am at a loss to know what to advise.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind assistance.

JOSEPHINE DEMMING (Miss).

16, Sherwood Way, West Wickham, Kent.

NOTE.—We publish the letter as a typical example of the misconception in the public's mind of the art of change ringing. Who will write a model reply to such a query?—Editor.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### SOUTHERN DIVISION.

A very successful though not a large meeting was held at St. Leonard's, Seaford, on June 29th. Members were present from ten towers and visitors from Rochester and Grappenhall (Cheshire).

Ringing commenced at 2.45. Through the illness of the Vicar the service had to be cancelled. Tea was followed by a short business meeting. Three new members from Seaford were elected, and Mr. C. Norris, of Rochester, as a non-resident member. Also the ratification of the election of Messrs. Eric Dench and Eric Hartley prior to commencing a peal at St. Peter's, Brighton. Newick was proposed for the next quarterly meeting on September 14th, Burgess Hill on Wednesday, July 17th, and Twineham on August 10th. A letter of sympathy is to be sent to the Vicar in his illness.

Methods rung ranged from Grandire to Cambridge.

## WHY NOT A 'DAWDLER' OF RINGERS?

Dear Sir,—I was rather amused by the item in last week's 'Belfry Gossip,' which was inspired by the North Country term, 'A dangle of ringers.'

One day last year when meeting outside a tower where we hoped to accomplish a peal of Stedman Triples (and did), one of the band mentioned something about 'a dawdle of ringers.' This, to my mind, seems highly appropriate and should be included in our glossary of technical terms.

It is a very noticeable fact that ringers have their own sedate gait, which very frequently allows them to arrive at the tower for ringing considerably later than the appointed time. Yes, the term dawdle seems most appropriate except perhaps when ringing has gone on over its time and the 'local' has been open for at least five minutes.

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

25, Second Avenue, Walthamstow, E.17.

## 'A CRUSTLING'

Dear Sir,—Re a 'dangle' of ringers in this week's Belfry Gossip. In our part of the country our slow walking at district meetings has been christened 'The Ringers' Crawl.'

The familiar crab, or crustacean, walks slowly, and while not wishing to call ringers 'crabs,' I think we could combine the crab's family name with that of ringing, and call a body of ringers a 'crustling.'

B. J. LUCK.

20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

## WINTER RALLY AND DINNER AT BOURNEMOUTH

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, held at Bournemouth on July 6th, the assembly gave its blessing to a proposal to hold a ringers' rally and dinner in Bournemouth during the coming winter.

We have already made some tentative enquiries, and, having discussed the matter, feel we might ask you to publish this letter giving an outline of the project to the Exercise.

January seems to be the most suitable month in many ways and the date will probably be the 18th or 25th. At this time of the year it will be easier to get accommodation for a day or so and we feel there may be some ringers who would like to make a week-end of it.

The event will be organised under the auspices of the two neighbouring Diocesan Guilds, and the undersigned committee of four has been formed to make all arrangements.

Nearer the date further details will be available; meanwhile we ask ringers to note the date (this will be definitely fixed in the next few weeks). We hope we may attract up to 200 ringers to the district where we have a twelve-bell peal, two rings of ten and several eights and sixes promised as available for the week-end.

A. F. Martin Stewart, Past Master, Salisbury Guild; Arthur V. Davis, Hon. Sec., Christchurch Branch, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild; Rev. C. A. Phillips, Hon. Sec., Wimborne Branch, Salisbury Guild; Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, District Representative, Christchurch Branch, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

## BERGHOLT BELLS

Dear Sir,—On Saturday, July 20th, as can be seen in your notice columns, the Suffolk Guild has arranged a meeting at East Bergholt. This will be a unique opportunity of seeing and hearing these bells rung, as arrangements have been made for the local ringers to give a demonstration. After which, if anybody cares to take the risk, they will no doubt be at liberty to do so.

As is well known, these bells, a peal of five (tenor 25 cwt.) hang in the churchyard, in a cage which is a fine example of village craftsmanship. The tower was never completed; it stopped with the fall of Walsey. They are hung for ringing, are rung 'up' and swung round by hand, the ringers standing on the frame. I have heard it stated that a 120 has been rung here, but have no confirmation.

East Bergholt is the birthplace of John Constable and is situated amidst those scenes of rural beauty which he loved to paint, the Vale of Dedham, Flatford Mill and Willy Lott's Cottage being close by.

After tea there is ringing at Stratford St. Mary with a good peal of six.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

### MEETING AT IDLE.

The dismal June weather was forgotten when the Leeds and District Society met at Idle on June 29th. Members were present from Armley, Bradford, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Idle, Pudsey, Rothwell, Sherburn and Shipley.

There was ringing in the afternoon and evening. Mr. John McGlenn presided at a short business meeting, at which Mr. H. Lofthouse thanked the Vicar, churchwardens and local company for their help. The next meeting on July 27th will be at Drighlington. Handbell ringing followed, and further ringing on the tower bells was enjoyed.



**OBITUARY**

**MR. F. L. BUMPSTEAD.**

The death took place on Wednesday, July 3rd, of Francis Lawrence Bumpstead, of Colchester, in his 92nd year, he having been connected with St. Peter's Church for over 50 years and holding the office of steeplekeeper for 46 years.

An honorary life member of the Essex Association and a College Youth for about 60 years, Mr. Bumpstead was a well-known figure locally with his wooden leg, having used an artificial one for 80 years, surely a record.

As a mark of respect and esteem the bells were half-muffled for the Sunday morning service on July 7th.

The funeral took place on Monday, July 8th, at St. Peter's, the Rev. J. J. Hesketh taking the service. Handbells were rung as the cortege entered the church, and as the coffin left for the cemetery 720 Bob Minor and a touch of Triples were rung half-muffled. Local ringers were Messrs. G. Burch, W. Chalk, E. P. Duffield, H. T. Pye, V. Kerridge and G. Rashbrook. There were also present G. Moss (Mistley), G. Rouse (Kirby), R. Cadamy (Blotchley) and R. W. Stanuard (Barking, representing the Ancient Society of College Youths). The last two named were formerly members of the local band.

**SIR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.**

We regret to record the death of Sir Percival Heywood, Bt., D.S.O., T.D., D.L., formerly in command of the Staffordshire Yeomanry and High Sheriff of Staffordshire in 1922.

He was the son of the late Sir A. P. Heywood, the first president of the Central Council.

**MR. HENRY T. LANGFORD**

The death occurred on July 8th of Mr. H. Langford, choirboy, choirman and parish clerk of All Saints', Worcester, for 70 years. Though not a change ringer, Mr. Langford has welcomed generations of ringers to the famous old ten-bell tower. The details and inscriptions of the bells are hung in the vestry in his beautiful handwriting. He will be greatly missed by Worcester ringers.

The Cathedral Guild and Claines ringers rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples half-muffled on the evening of the funeral: D. R. Morris 1, S. T. Holt (conductor) 2, A. Morgan 3, J. J. Jeffries 4, W. Lewis 5, R. Woodyatt 6, J. W. Lewis 7, G. Ambler tenor.

**LOSSES TO THE SALISBURY GUILD.**

By the deaths of the Rev. R. H. Gundry, for many years Rector of Shroton, Dorset, and Master of the Guild from 1923 to 1940, and Walter Ingham, a well-known ringer in the Poole and Bournemouth district for many years, where he came from Chislehurst, Kent, the Guild has lost two of its older members.

As a last tribute the 'whole pull and stand' was rung half-muffled upon the bells of Poole Parish Church by members from Wareham, Lulworth, Wimborne and the local company. This was followed by a touch of Grandsire Triples in slow time.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD**

**FIRST FESTIVAL SINCE 1939.**

Truro Diocesan Guild held its first ringing festival since 1939 at Lanivet on July 13th, by invitation of Canon Windsor, the Rector and a vice-president of the Guild. The towers available were Lanivet, Lanhydrock and Roche, each with a good ring of eight bells.

Those present included the Ringing Master (Mr. W. H. Southeard), the secretary (the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella), the treasurer (Mr. H. Dunstan), the Rev. A. S. and Mrs. Roberts (vice-presidents). The president (Miss E. Symons) was unfortunately unable to attend, being away from the county.

There were ringers from the following towers: Truro Cathedral, Kenwyn, Mabe, St. Gluvias, Camborne, Tuckingmill, Helston, Lanivet, Towednack and Roche. More change ringing was done than usual, though chiefly call changes; this, however, shows an improvement in ringing, which is very satisfactory.

A service was held before the tea and was conducted by Canon Windsor and the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, the sermon being preached by the Archdeacon of Bodmin, Canon Rigg. It was altogether a most successful festival.

**HAY-MAKING REDUCES ATTENDANCE**

A meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Hardington Mandeville on July 13th. Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. P. Greaves.

The secretary (Mr. F. Farrant) announced that the chairman, Preb. G. W. Saunders, was unable to attend because of the illness of Mrs. Saunders. The Rector took the chair and promised to send a message of sympathy from the meeting to Preb. Saunders. Many ringers were busy hay-making, consequently the attendance was not so large as usual.

Towers represented were Yeovil, Martock, Hardington, West Coker, Brayton, Stoke Wake and Hazelbury Bryan. A welcome visitor was Mr. H. Shire, of Welwyn Garden City. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise were the methods rung.

**SUMMER OUTINGS**

**ST. MARGARET'S, IPSWICH.**

St. Margaret's ringers held their summer outing on July 13th, when with their friends they travelled by coach to Hollesley, Blaxhall, Tunstall and Ufford. Ringing at Hollesley was much enjoyed, and Double Norwich and touches of Stedman Triples were brought round. The light sixes of Blaxhall and Tunstall were made good use of for Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, and the musical eight at Ufford were rung on the way home. Ringing throughout the afternoon was under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. Ernest Blomfield, and the Deputy Master, Mr. Claude Woodward.

A splendid tea was provided at the Green Man Inn, Tunstall, where the party was joined by the churchwarden (Mr. Gould) and Mrs. Gould as guests at the tea table. Handbells were also made use of after tea.

**CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.**

Leaving Crawley at 7.30 a.m. on June 29th, picking up a few friends en route, our first stop was at New Alresford, Hants. Here our stay was only too short, but before leaving one of the party injured a hand and had to receive first aid.

Going on through Winchester, we felt that a call should be made at the lovely little village of our namesake, Crawley, Hants. We were met by the Rector, who was delighted to hear his bells, which had not been rung for over six years (peal of five).

Then on to St. Thomas', Salisbury, and lunch. Due to leave here at 2 p.m., some of the male party were missing (buying safety pins, we understand), but we left at last for Stonehenge, where photos were taken. At Amesbury we arrived in time to ring for a wedding, and it was our privilege to ring the first course of Surprise on the bells since the two trebles have been added.

Our next call was at Highclere, Hants, where we were met by the Rector and local ringers. Justice was done to a wonderful tea provided by the local people which will long be remembered. Then to the lovely church and beautiful peal of bells.

One more stop, the now famous nine at Basingstoke. After many opinions had been expressed we started for home. There was a ha't at Farnham, Surrey, where some really good beer was found by one party, the story being that they had lived there and knew where to find it. We arrived home at midnight after a most enjoyable day.

F. E. W.

**WIMBLEDON RINGERS IN THE LAND OF PLENTY**

Members of St. Mary's, Wimbledon, Society visited the land of plenty both as regards food and good bells for their outing by motor-coach on July 6th.

The first stop was Newbury, where some good ringing on the charming bells was enjoyed, including musical touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob. Mr. H. W. Curtis had provided lunch and a better meal could not have been provided elsewhere.

After lunch the party made for that good going ring of eight at Thatcham, which so well occupied the afternoon with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, also Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major. For this thanks are due to Mr. A. Smith, of Thatcham, now 85 years of age, who took part so ably in ringing the treble to Grandsire Triples.

The next meal at Reading was arranged for by their hosts, Mr. A. Cullum and Mr. Foster, of St. Laurence's Church, and some thought it even surpassed that of lunch! At St. Laurence's Church the ringing included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal and two courses of Stedman Cinques. Several old friends of the local company joined the touring party and the time passed all too quickly. After ringing, both Mr. Cullum and Mr. Foster attended to their refreshment. Wimbledon was reached at 10.30 p.m.,

**QUERY CORNER**

What is the 'Barrabool' Peal that was rung at Campsall, Yorkshire, as reported in the last issue of 'The Ringing World'?

—Harold A. May, Merrow, Surrey.

This composition of Bob Major, 5,040 changes, by the Rev. E. Bankes James takes its name from S.S. 'Barrabool,' the P. and O. liner which took the English ringers to Australia in 1934. It was composed while the 'Barrabool' was in the Mediterranean Sea and first rung on handbells in the Arabian Sea on October 3rd, 1934. Here are the figures:—

23456	W	M	H
64235	—	—	—
36245	—	—	—
32564	—	S	2
63524	—	—	3
26534	—	—	3
53264	—	—	—
43265	—	S	—
52436	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—
24356	—	—	S

The last three courses are repeated ten times, omitting the single in the fifth repetition.



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**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—See East Bergholt bells rung! Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m. Bells rung 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Stratford St. Mary bells available after tea. Names for tea to J. W. Jennings, 134, Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—North District.—Thirsk, Saturday, July 20th. Service 4.15. Tea 4.30. Names to Mr. J. Stott, 36, Kirkgate, Thirsk. All welcome.—Edward Hudson, Lucan Cottages, Sharow, Ripon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Oxford, on Saturday, July 20th. Service Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. Meeting, Chapter House immediately after service. Luncheon, Christ Church Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Ringing: Cathedral 10-11 a.m. for service, and later in the day; Colleges, Merton, Magdalen and New. City Churches, St. Giles' (8), St. Ebbes' (8), All Saints' (8), St. Thomas' (6), Holywell (6). Times of ringing will be given out at the luncheon. Will members please make a special effort to attend?—W. Hibbert, Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingstone (6), July 20th. Tea. Numbers to J. W. Downes, 1, Holmer Hall Cottage, Holmer.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, St. Mary's, Acton, July 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory. Ringing till 9 p.m.—A. B. Peck and E. C. S. Turner.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. Division.—Great Holland (8), Saturday, July 20th, 2 p.m., Kirby-le-Soken (8), after tea. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Ship Inn 4.30 p.m. sharp. Names for tea to Mr. A. Marshall, 2, Church Lane, Great Holland, Frinton-on-Sea.—L. Wright, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Albans District. Wheathampstead (6), Saturday, July 20th, 3.30 p.m. No tea arrangements, but cafe nearby. Sandridge bells (6) from 7 p.m.—R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

**COVENTRY GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Salford Priors, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuncaton.

**SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**—At the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene. The bells (8), two trebles, recently added and dedicated, will be open to all ringers on Feast Saturday, July 20th, from 4 p.m.—B. A. Sollis.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Netherseale, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Rectory Hall 4.45 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Taunton Branch.—Ashbrittle (6) at 3 p.m., Saturday, July 20th. Service 4.30.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton.

**KENT ASSN.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Bordon (8), Saturday, July 20th, 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Maypole Inn afterwards. Names to G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Wilmslow, Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Yateley (8), Saturday, July 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Bells from 2 o'clock.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ELY ASSN.**—Cambridge District.—Linton (5), Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Green Hill Cafe. Balsham bells (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.**—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hanbury (8), Saturday, July 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Short Notice.—Oxhey (8), Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m.—S. Hoare, Dis. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—Maperton, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Charlton Horethorne bells (8) from 6.30 p.m.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Shrewsbury, Saturday, July 27th. St. Mary's (10) 3 to 4 p.m. for service at 4.15. St. Chad's (12) 7 to 8 p.m. A number of good cafes in town. Please make own arrangements for tea.—E. D. Poole.

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting, Heckington (8), July 27th. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Clark, Banks Lane, Heckington, Lincs.

**COVENTRY GUILD.**—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Tysoe Church (6), 3 p.m., Saturday, July 27th. Please bring your own refreshments.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec.

**KENT ASSN.**—Lewisham District.—Eynsford, Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Monday, 22nd.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—Ringing meeting, St. James', Paisley (8), Saturday, July 27th, 2.30 p.m. Visitors welcomed. Names to Mrs. L. M. H. Caldwell, 37, Mains Road, Castlehead, Paisley.

**LINCOLN GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.**—Joint Meeting.—Grimsby District and Ladies' North Midland.—Bigby, Saturday, July 27th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided. Numbers for tea by July 25th to Rev. H. Thackray, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby; A. Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 27th, at Heydour. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. Those requiring tea please notify me by July 23rd.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Sleaford, Lincs.



**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Arksey, 2.30, July 27th. No tea available. Names for Loughborough outing by this day. — W. E. Critchley, 21, Askern Road, Bentley, nr. Doncaster.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.** — Bedford District. — Willington (6), Saturday, July 27th, 3 o'clock. Bring sandwiches. Cups of tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—L. H. Bowler, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Axbridge Deanery. — Wedmore, Saturday, July 27th, at 6.30 p.m. Bells (8) 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol.

**LEICESTER GUILD.** — Quarterly meeting, Loughborough, July 27th. Ringing, 2.30 p.m., All Saints' and Bell Foundry. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, 5 p.m., Fearon Hall, adjoining Church. Names not later than first post July 23rd to Mr. J. H. Grundy, Limehurst School, Bridge Street, Loughborough.

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Northampton Branch. —Moulton, Saturday, July 27th. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring own food. — R. Slowley, 83, Beech Avenue, Northampton.

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—St. Hilary's, Wallasey, Saturday, July 27th. Tea provided, but bring bread and butter.—A. J. Martin.

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Lyme Regis (8), Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Please notify for tea Rev. C. Carew Cox, The Vicarage, Lyme Regis, by July 22nd.—C. H. Lathey.

**DEVON GUILD.**—N.E. Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Cruwys Morchard (6), Saturday, July 27th. Tea provided, but members must bring own food. Ringing commences 2.30.—C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD GUILD.** — Newbury Branch.—Beenham (6), Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Refreshments 5 p.m. Names to Mr. G. Fowler, Stanford, Dingley, Reading, by July 23rd.—S. Davis.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.** — Bristol Rural.—Olveston (8), Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Card for tea by July 22nd to D. W. Gardner, 9, Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol.

**GUILDFORD GUILD.** — Chertsey District.—Meeting, Esher, Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (if possible) following. Names by Wednesday, July 24th, to F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Crewkerne Deanery. —Quarterly meeting, North Perrott, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Light refreshments 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Notify early for tea to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Taunton.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Bengeo (8), Saturday, July 27th, at 3 p.m. Service, 5 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Names for tea by July 24th.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 18, Macers Lane, Wormley, near Hoddesdon, Herts.

**NORWICH ASSN.** — North Norfolk Branch. — Wymondham, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 24th, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Over St. Chad's (8), July 27th. Please bring food. — Miss D. C. Osborn, 25, London Road, Northwich.

**ELY ASSN.**—Ely Branch.—Littleport (8), Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.** — Portsmouth District. — Hambledon (6), Saturday, July 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Tuesday, July 23rd.—R. J. Stone, 16, Penhale Road, Fratton, Portsmouth.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Drighlington, Saturday, July 27th. Tea (approximately 2s.) will be arranged for those who notify Miss E. Mansbridge, 26, Hammond Crescent, Drighlington, near Bradford, by July 24th. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec.

**CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.** — Next meeting, Dagenham (8), Saturday, July 27th. From 3.30 p.m., with short break for cups of tea 5 p.m. From plain hunting upwards. No request will be refused. Just come along and ask. Everybody welcome. — J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

**KENT ASSN.**—Tonbridge District.—Cowden, Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Service 4.30. No tea available. — T. Saunders, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).**—Joint meeting, Leatherhead, August Bank Holiday. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea at the Duke's Head 5 p.m. Owing to restricted room, numbers for tea must be sent to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Aug. 1st.—A. H. Smith and D. Cooper, Secs.

**COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.**—Wm. Saunders Memorial.—A fund to provide a suitable memorial has been opened, and all ringers, associations and friends are invited to send their donations to Mr. T. Belk (hon. treasurer), Paradise, Coalbrookdale, or Alfred S. Bayley (hon. sec.), 20, Church Road, Coalbrookdale.

#### FOR SALE

SET of Handbells (14), suitable for change ringing or tune ringing, recently overhauled by Gillett and Johnston. What offers?—Apply, S. E. Bennett, 325, Pennygate, Spalding, Lincs.

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A Set of Handbells; good condition; 2½ or 3 octaves; must be in the chromatic scale.—Box 101, 'The Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

#### QUARTER PEALS

**BOSTON. LINGS.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Briggs 1, R. Brown 2, S. Jessop 3, A. Freeston 4, F. Dewey 5, H. Harper 6, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 7, J. Petch 8. Rung half-muffled for the late Ald. W. H. Lunn, M.B.E., a former churchwarden.

**HARLOW COMMON. ESSEX.**—On June 23rd at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Whitby 1, S. Clark 2, W. Aley 3, E. Larter 4, L. Cordell 5, W. Wheeler 6, R. Springham (first quarter as conductor) 7, V. Tipton 8.

**STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Freer (first quarter on eight bells) 1, L. Foster 2, T. Sparrow 3, S. Sparrow 4, S. W. Arbon 5, H. D. Lister 6, W. A. Lock 7, O. G. Barnard (conductor) 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss A. Sparrow, daughter of ringer of the 4th, to Mr. H. Turner.



