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OTHER THINGS

TOO frequently, perhaps, interest in a ringing meeting is confined to the bells, the methods rung, the company present and even the tea table! Much depends upon the place ringing takes in the individual's life, for there is a danger among the ultra enthusiastic of ringing becoming completely self-absorbing, obscuring the true perspective of life, blinding the eye and stultifying the intellect to the treasures surrounding us. We are privileged to practise our art amid an incomparable background; such is the heritage of the English ringer. This beauty is in no sense confined to our venerable Cathedrals; most of our churches have special features in hidden glories. To those with the gift of imagination the field is still wider. 'I never drum the tenor in one of these old churches,' remarked a friend, 'without my mind trying to capture the scene in bygone days. I have pictured a doublet on the coat peg or a smock lying in the corner hastily discarded.' Many a peal conductor has rued these flights of fancy.

Such musings have been prompted by reading a report of a meeting of the Beverley and District Society at St. Patrick's, Patrington. This beautiful church, called 'the Queen of Holderness,' dates from the 14th century and has a spire reaching up to 180 feet. St. Patrick's has now a lovely light octave (tenor 10 cwt. 24 lbs.), two new bells having recently been dedicated by the Archbishop of York in memory of the men of the parish who gave their lives during the last war. Thus 1948 blends with the distant past in its gifts to the Church. Before Domesday Patrington belonged to the Church, the Manor having been bestowed by Knut in 1033 A.D. on the Archbishops of York.

Any questioning of Patrington's antiquity is, however, dispelled by the unusual, possibly unique approach to the belfry. First comes an ascent along an outside stone spiral staircase to the roof of the church. The climb is continued outside the church to near the apex of the span of the roof. Here a wooden tunnel is entered which is approximately three feet in height. This is traversed for some 50 feet and to most of the company of 60 attending the meeting, and representative of 21 towers, this approach was a considerable task.

Within sight of Patrington tower was born Andrew Marvell, the poet of the Commonwealth, who was for many years Member of Parliament for Hull. He had a

mind to capture the fantasy and span the distances of time, as revealed in the following lines:—

. . . . But at my back I always hear
Time's winged chariot hurrying near;
And yonder all before us lie
Deserts of vast eternity.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B.

ALBERT M. TYLER ... Treble	*P. LESLIE PEARCE ... 7
FREDK. G. LEAKER ... 2	*NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 8
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3	*WILLIAM H. PARKER ... 9
*SYDNEY G. RICHES ... 4	*RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 10
†ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... 5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... 11
DONALD G. CLIFT ... 6	*LEONARD DERRICK ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal of Cinques. † First of Stedman Cinques. ‡ First in the method. First of Cinques as conductor. A farewell to Mr. A. M. Tyler, who is leaving Bristol for Reading.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., May 26, 1948, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	WILLIAM PETTIGREW ... 8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	EDWARD LLOYD ... 9
ALFRED J. ALLEN ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
ALLAN SHORT ... 6	*EDRIC FRANKLIN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal. In memoriam, George Frederick Swann.

TEN BELL PEALS

PRESTON, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

E. ROGER MARTIN ... Treble	*CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ... 6
THOMAS BARKER ... 2	†EDW. COWPERTHWAITTE ... 7
JOHN CHARNOCK ... 3	†ERNEST J. GOWER ... 8
G. ALEC DIMMOCK ... 4	ARTHUR HATCH ... 9
JOHN JACKSON ... 5	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman Caters by all except the conductor. Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Treble	ALAN F. THIRST ... 6
*HARRY BOSWELL ... 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
*ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 3	J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 4	†KENNETH W. KNOWLES ... 9
*AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 5	HOWARD HOWELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

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

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*MILTON C. FOWLER ... Treble	*ERNEST A. THORPE ... 6
*F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 4	*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 9
*WILLIAM BARTON ... 5	*EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Royal in the county, and rung by a resident band.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF B.V.M., ST. GEORGE AND ST. DENYS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

FREDK. R. WILLIAMS ... Treble	DAVID VINCENT ... 6
*JULIA M. PRESTON ... 2	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... 7
FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... 3	HERBERT LUDKIN ... 8
MARY WALSHAW ... 4	RICHARD BENSON ... 9
†RONALD D. AIREY ... 5	PHILIP H. TOCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on 10 bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

*JOHN R. WELSH ... Treble	FRANK D. JENNINGS ... 6
FRANK E. DARBY ... 2	ARTHUR G. HUGHES ... 7
JOYCE A. ENGLAND ... 3	JOHN W. EWSTON ... 8
†JOHN S. PINK ... 4	JOHN F. GALYER ... 9
‡DAVID E. PARSONS ... 5	EDWARD G. TALBOT ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN F. GALYER.

* First peal. † First on ten. ‡ First in method. Tenor 18½ cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MORTLAKE, LONDON, S.W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation.

MISS A. M. CASTLE ... Treble	NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH ... 5
THOS. H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ROBERT H. BEGRIE ... 6
SQUIRE CROFT ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... 7
THOS. W. TAFFENDER ... 4	CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble	T. MARK WHITE ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
FRED W. BURNETT ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
TOM PAGE ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

First of Surprise as conductor. Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED FROST ... Treble	ERIC BRUNTON ... 5
CHARLES CLEGG ... 2	BURLEY WALSHAW ... 6
FREDK. R. HARRIS ... 3	FRANK JOHNSON ... 7
ALEC CAIRNS ... 4	JACK CLEGG ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (22). Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWARD B. WEBSTER ... Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 5
WILLIE AARON ... 2	ALBERT E. SANDIFORD ... 6
JAMES WM. KAY ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
THOMAS BRATBY ... 4	EDWARD IDDON ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

To celebrate the ruby wedding of the conductor and Mrs. Crook.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*PETER J. EVES ... Treble	*FRANK C. MAY ... 5
HENRY T. WILSON ... 2	HARRY TURNER ... 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 3	*GERALD FROST ... 7
*WILLIAM S. MAY ... 4	JOHN STICH ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 19½ cwt.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Tenor 10 cwt.
 JOHN SCOTT *Treble* | ARTHUR D. COOK 5
 HENRY H. FEARN 2 | JOHN PINFOLD 6
 G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3 | JOHN S. MASON 7
 EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN ... *Tenor*
 Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 STANLEY SLANEY *Treble* | HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ... 5
 *PAMELA LEANING 2 | JOSEPH SAXTON 6
 HAROLD JACKSON 3 | HAROLD KENT 7
 CYRIL WRIGHT 4 | ARTHUR B. COOPER ... *Tenor*
 Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by ARTHUR B. COOPER.
 * First peal. To commemorate the appointment of the Vicar, Rev. G. A. Lewis Lloyd, as hon. canon of Derby Cathedral.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 *MISS D. J. FLEETWOOD *Treble* | JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 5
 *COLIN E. WRIGHT 2 | †RODERICK W. CROUCHER 6
 FRANK B. LUFKIN 3 | ERNEST V. BLAKE ... 7
 RICHARD W. STANNARD 4 | FRANK V. GANT *Tenor*
 Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.
 * First peal. † First peal in method away from treble. In memoriam A. Prior. Tenor 10 cwt.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 ARTHUR HOODLESS ... *Treble* | J. KENNETH WAGSTAFFE... 5
 WALTER NICHOLS 2 | THOMAS WHEAT 6
 *ARTHUR LYGO 3 | T. VERNON JENNISON ... 7
 *ERIC R. ELSON 4 | FREDERICK A. SALTER ... *Tenor*
 Composed by H. TUCKER. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER.
 * First peal of Major. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHILHAM, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 18 cwt.
 *WILLIAM C. MARSHALL... *Treble* | PERCY PAGE 5
 †MARK W. MARSHALL ... 2 | FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 6
 WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD... 3 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
 WILFRED W. RING 4 | ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... *Tenor*
 Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.
 * First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
 FRANK BRASSINGTON ... *Treble* | HUBERT SUMMERS ... 5
 FRANK E. PERVIN 2 | ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 6
 *ROY D. HAYNE 3 | *JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 7
 DOUGLAS F. ELENDEY 4 | THOMAS W. SHEPPARD... *Tenor*
 Composed by HY. JOHNSON. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
 * First peal of Treble Bob Major. Tenor 13½ cwt.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
 Tenor 23½ cwt.
 WALTER F. JUDGE *Treble* | PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 5
 HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 2 | WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
 WILLIAM JUDGE 3 | FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 7
 PETER C. WRIGHT 4 | ALAN R. PINK *Tenor*
 Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
 Rung on the 49th anniversary of the peal of 17,024 changes in the same method on these bells, composed and conducted by J. W. Washbrook.

CUBITT TOWN, LONDON, E.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.
 *FREDK. E. DUKES ... *Treble* | *ARTHUR S. RICHARDS... 5
 *MRS. T. J. LOCK 2 | *W. NORMAN PARK ... 6
 *LEONARD H. BOWLER... 3 | FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 7
 GEOFFREY V. MURPHY... 4 | PHILIP A. CORBY *Tenor*
 Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
 * First peal in the method. L. H. Bowler's 50th peal.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
 *ADAM DEAS *Treble* | JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 5
 JOHN ANDERSON 2 | WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON... 6
 JOHN A. BROWN 3 | †ERNEST WALLACE ... 7
 †WILLIAM E. ROBINSON... 4 | DENIS A. BAYLES *Tenor*
 Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
 * 200th peal for the association. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the dedication of this church. Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 23, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Dexter's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.
 THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... *Treble* | THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 5
 THOMAS W. HAMMOND... 2 | EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
 FREDERICK S. ALMOND... 3 | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 7
 THOMAS C. LARKEY ... 4 | WILLIAM H. DEACON ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., May 26, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.
 WILLIAM J. MEERS ... *Treble* | FREDK. W. RISHWORTH 5
 RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 2 | HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 6
 JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON... 3 | FRANK E. HAYNES ... 7
 WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 4 | JOHN GILSON *Tenor*
 Conducted by HERBERT C. SPENCER.
 In memoriam George F. Swann.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb.
 FLORIE WYMAN *Treble* | ALBERT E. LAKER ... 5
 EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2 | KENNETH SNELLING ... 6
 RAYMOND OVERY 3 | WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
 FRANK B. LUFKIN 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS *Tenor*
 Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

RICHMOND, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 26, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 DENIS FRITH *Treble* | HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 5
 DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ... 2 | ROGER SPENCER 6
 JACK R. WORRAL 3 | RICHARD F. B. SPEED... 7
 THOS. COOKE 4 | *DOUGLAS LENTELL ... *Tenor*
 Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
 * First peal. First peal of Bob Triples by all except ringer of 5th. Rung for the birthday of H.M. Queen Mary. Tenor 11½ cwt.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 26 cwt.
 ERNEST WARNER *Treble* | WILLIAM WALDRON ... 5
 HERBERT GOAKES 2 | WILLIAM ROSE 6
 SYDNEY WRIGHT 3 | NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 7
 GEORGE BUSH 4 | ALFRED JOYCE *Tenor*
 Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.
 A farewell peal to the ringers of 7th and tenor.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs. May 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's	Tenor 12 cwt. in G.
FRANK W. PERRENS ... Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 2	*GEORGE GARDNER ... 6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3	HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 7
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 4	ALBERT BARLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples, also first of Stedman on the bells. To celebrate the silver wedding of the Rev. F. W. and Mrs. Moyle.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Containing 2,240 changes of London, 1,728 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, 576 Superlative, with 116 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HOVERD ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
MAURICE HODGSON ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
JAMES BENNETT ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

In memoriam Thomas Groombridge, jun.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. A. Cave's Variation of Washbrook's	Tenor 12½ cwt.
JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... 5
ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
*JAMES W. EDEN ... 4	ERNEST OXENHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal of Stedman. In memoriam Thomas Groombridge, jun.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SHENLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
PATRICIA HOLMES ... 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 3	FRANCIS KIRK ... 7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method. Rung without previous practice.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*MISS D. J. FLEETWOOD Treble	HENRY T. WILSON ... 5
*DENNIS A. BLOWS ... 2	FRANK V. GANT ... 6
*COLIN E. WRIGHT ... 3	*JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 7
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... 4	JOHN STICH ... Tenor

Composed by T. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*JOHN W. MEADE ... Treble	TOM PAGE ... 5
*HAZEL DALE ... 2	HAROLD A. NOBES ... 6
JOAN SALMONS ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by H. L. JAMES (C.C.C. 47). Conducted by J. H. HUNT.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Treble	BETTY SPICE ... 5
HAROLD P. BURTON ... 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 6
RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	C. HENRY HARDING ... 7
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 4	BRYAN F. SIMS ... Tenor

Composed by W. SHIPWAY (C.C.C. 60). Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*CHARLES E. BROWN ... Treble	FREDK. W. STOKES ... 5
*MISS BETTY BROWN ... 2	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 7
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Bristol. In memoriam T. Groombridge, jun., and G. Swann. Tenor 12 cwt.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

ARTHUR BELLAMY ... Treble	*ARTHUR GIBBS ... 5
B. JACK STUBBS ... 2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 6
*BRIAN AUSTIN ... 3	RONALD C. NOON ... 7
MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE Tenor

Composed by J. PAGETT. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. G. Care. Tenor 10½ cwt.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK SEAGER ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5
GORDON BENFIELD ... 2	HARRY DAVIDSON ... 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	ALFRED SMITH ... 7
*WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 6
JOHN BEST ... 3	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 7
WALTER ALLMAN ... 4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.
* 400th peal. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES. POOLSTOCK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part	Tenor 25½ cwt.
ALBERT PARKER ... Treble	*FRANK BROWN ... 5
*JAMES BURNS ... 2	SYDNEY FORSHAW ... 6
*CYRIL BROWN ... 3	SYDNEY CLOUGH ... 7
JOHN ERRINGTON ... 4	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY FORSHAW.

* First peal.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Treble	HENRY J. SANGER ... 5
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... 6
*ALEC MUNDY ... 3	ROGER O. FRY ... 7
PERCIVAL W. HARDING ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSN. AND MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.	
*SIDNEY H. JONES ... Treble	*ALFRED MOULD ... 5
*JACK BAILEY ... 2	*WILFRED BUXTON ... 6
*WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 7
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 4	*FRANCIS R. LOWE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in twelve methods, viz.: (1) Carlisle; (2) Alnwick and Newcastle; (3) Chester and Munden; (4) London and Wells; (5) York and Durham; (6) Beverley and Surfleet; (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*ARTHUR K. HUMPHREYS	Treble	JOHN COOKE	4
*CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
JAMES H. COOKE	...	3	WILLIAM DEAN	...	Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

* First peal in 12 methods and first 'touch' of Spliced Surprise. First peal in 12 methods as conductor. A compliment to the verger and towerkeeper, Mr. Joseph O. Mann, on his 70th birthday.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one each of 720 Oxford T.B. and Single Oxford, two of Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	...	Treble	ERNEST E. WHITMORE	...	4
MRS. G. E. WATSON	...	2	ARTHUR GIBBS	...	5
BURLEY P. MORRIS	...	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	...	Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in nine methods: London and Wells, York and Durham, Cambridge, Primrose, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

BERNARD DALTON	...	Treble	CECIL WADE	...	4
*RAYMOND WADE	...	2	WILLIAM OLDMAN	...	5
HORACE M. DAY	...	3	ALBERT E. SCOTT	...	Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

* First peal, aged 11 years 8 months.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER W. MILLER	...	Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING	...	4
HARRY HALL	...	2	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	...	5
*CHARLES BEECROFT	...	3	CECIL W. PIPE	...	Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since 1912.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents: (1) Munden, Chester, (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, (3) Rossendale, Stamford, (4) Surfleet, Beverley, (5) London, Wells, (6) York, Durham, (7) Ipswich, Cambridge.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	...	Treble	RONALD J. SHARP	...	4
BETTY SPICE	...	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON	...	5
C. HENRY HARDING	...	3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	...	Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

Seventy changes of method. First peal in 14 Surprise methods by all, in the county, and for the Association.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*REV. RICHARD H. HILL	...	Treble	WILLIAM DOWNES	...	4
*MISS RUBY J. LLOYD	...	2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD	...	5
†MISS ETHEL M. DUPPA	...	3	ALFRED OWEN	...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. In honour of the marriage of Philip J. L. Purslow and Mary Powis.

(More peals on page 257.)

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent before June 25th to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

The Exercise will desire to join with us in extending our congratulations to Mr. C. F. Johnston, director of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., bellfounders, upon appointment in the King's Birthday Honours List as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe was the 25th peal together by Messrs. D. G. Clift and E. F. Hancock.

St. Martin's bells, Birmingham, will be broadcast next Sunday, June 20th, at 7.45 p.m. previous to the service.

Correction.—Re the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Pelsall, Staffs, on April 26th, the ringer of the fourth was Mr. George Golder.

The ringer of the 7th in the peal of Plain Bob Major at Oswaldtwistle on May 6th was Charles Clegg and not Jack Clegg as published.

Messrs. Norman Chaddock and Alfred Joyce are returning shortly to Rotherham and London respectively. There was a farewell peal at Peterborough.

St. Mary's Society, Beddington, Surrey, which was re-formed in January, 1947, rang their first peal under the new organisation on May 29th. All members of the band are regular Sunday ringers.

Appreciation of the encouragement given by Mr. E. J. Lindley to handbell ringing at Newmarket comes in a letter from Mr. John A. Acres. There is genuine regret that he has finished his last term at Trinity College.

To those questioning tenor weights, Mr. Denis A. Bayles states that Messrs. John Taylor and Co. give the weight of St. Stephen's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, as 27 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. This tenor has been reported as 30 cwt.

Raymond Wade has rung nine Surprise methods in his first peal at Billingham, Lincolnshire. At the age of 11 years 8 months he claims to be the youngest ringer to achieve this distinction.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Standing in the peal at Kidlington, Oxfordshire, to mark the 49th anniversary of the 17,024 Double Norwich Court Bob Major were Messrs. Walter and William Judge, whose father rang in the long peal. Mr. William Judge has now completed the circle of this tower for the third time.

Kidlington is another case of a shrinking tenor. In Morris' book it is given as 27 cwt. A tablet in the tower records it as 26 cwt., but nowadays it is regarded as 23½ cwt. 'Believe me,' writes Mr. Alan R. Pink, 'it is all there!'

Mr. A. Chaplin, towerkeeper and Master at Dagenham, Essex, has now 'circled' Dagenham tower.

Will any ringers attending the Festival of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, July 3rd, get in touch with the tower secretary, Miss R. M. Davies, 23, Beatrice Court, Empire Way, Wembley, with a view to arranging some ringing? She would also like to hear of anyone who can assist at 10 a.m. on July 10th for the closing service of the Anglo-Catholic Congress.

On the 55th anniversary of his wedding Mr. A. Roberts rang a peal at Stoke-in-Coventry in honour of the happy occasion. To the outside public the bells expressed the rejoicings of Coventry for the visit of Princess Elizabeth. Mr. Roberts has rung at this tower for 40 years and has now twice 'circled' the tower.

On June 5th Mr. and Mrs. Roberts entertained to tea at Gosford Green Civic Restaurant those who had taken part in the peal together with the local band. Mr. Frank E. Pervin, in thanking Mr. and Mrs. Roberts for their hospitality, expressed the hope that Mr. Roberts would be able to take part in his diamond wedding peal.

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Oh! Those Names!

Dear Sir,—If the view that 'Superlative' is, in these days of changing conceptions, no longer an appropriate name for this old Surprise method, from which it is not easy to divorce the title so long associated with it, then, surely, a compromise is possible?

Any new name for a method should:—

- Conform with present-day views on nomenclature.
- Have some association peculiar to the method.
- Have euphony.

The structure of this method seems to suggest a title in conformity with all these requirements. In short, the closely-knit network of its bell-paths suggests *knitting*—not 'plain,' by any means, rather perhaps, 'purl'! So, why not drop the now-offending 'super-' and, by substituting a 'u' for the 'e' in its second syllable, derive the word PURLATIVE, meaning literally—'bearing or carrying a knitting-like structure.' The name is near enough to the present one to carry all the old traditions, and is not likely to be mistaken.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK BRAMBLE.

Fountains Park, Netley Abbey.

DETHRONED!

Dear Sir,—Mr. A. J. Corrigan is seeking an alternative name for Superlative Surprise and describes the method as the only stumbling-block in the way. Why not dethrone the method and call it Ex-Superlative, the ex-queen of methods? This would show what it was and now is in one stroke, so to speak, and save endless debate amongst future historians. Premier and the others could be made to abdicate in the same way. I present this 'superlative' idea to the Exercise gratis.

Stockport.

P. LAFLIN.

FIRST HANDBELL PEAL IN WALES

Dear Sir,—With reference to the query in Belfry Gossip as to whether the handbell peal at Morrington is the first in Wales: Before answering the question, may I first congratulate the band on their performance, the first 'all' Welsh band to score a handbell peal.

It is not, however, the first handbell peal in Wales. The first was Grandsire Triples rung for the Hereford Guild at Welshpool, Montgomeryshire, on February 21st, 1897, in 2 hours 33 minutes, by T. J. Braiton 1-2, W. H. Fussell 3-4, J. E. Groves 5-6, W. Greenleaf 7-8. The composition was Parker's Twelve-part, conducted by J. E. Groves, and was his first peal 'in hand.' For further particulars see 'The Bell News,' No. 777, Vol. XV., Feb. 27th, 1897. Since then William Pye has called 5,079 Stedman Caters in the belfry of All Saints', Newport, Mon., on Sept. 11th, 1911, in 2 hours 57 minutes: Bertram Prewett 1-2, W. Pye 3-4, E. Pye 5-6, T. T. Goffton 7-8. J. George 9-10. This was rung for the Llandaff Association.

The first peal of Major 'in hand' in Wales was rung for the Ancient Society of College Youths on June 13th, 1942, when at Gilwim in Breconshire, 5,008 Bob Major was rung by the following in 2 hours 26 minutes: W. Williams 1-2, R. G. Bryant 3-4, A. M. Tyler 5-6, D. G. Clift 7-8. Conducted by W. Williams. Messrs. Williams and Clift were the first Welshmen to take part in a handbell peal in Wales.

Stapleton, Bristol. DONALD G. CLIFT.

HEREFORD GUILD'S CLAIM

Dear Sir,—Re query from Swansea and Brecon Guild, the first handbell peal rung in Wales was Grandsire Triples (Parker's 12-part) at Welshpool, Montgomeryshire, on Feb. 21st, 1897: Thomas J. Brutton 1-2, William H. Fussell 3-4, James E. Groves (conductor) 5-6, William Greenleaf 7-8. The first of Doubles was rung at Llangatock, Breconshire, on Nov. 3rd, 1912, being Grandsire: G. Mortemore 1-2, J. Hammond (conductor) 3-4, N. Allbutt 5-6. Both peals were rung by the Hereford Guild.

LESLIE EVANS, Peal Recorder,
Hereford Diocesan Guild.

LETTERS

Change Ringing's Appeal to Mathematicians

Dear Sir,—As one who is not a change ringer it is with considerable diffidence that I trespass on your space, but after reading Mr. E. J. Lindley's recent letter I feel that I ought to write to you before somebody gives yet another version of what I have or have not done in my paper, 'A campanological problem in group theory.'

Firstly, it should clear up a number of points if I state quite definitely that I regard the paper as a contribution to the mathematical theory of groups, and not to change ringing. The problem I investigate was, of course, suggested by change ringing, but any application the paper may have to this subject is purely incidental. Thus, for example, I know of no campanological application of section 3 of the paper, which is, from my point of view, the most interesting part.

In the second place, the chief result of the first part of the paper (namely, Theorem 2) is much more general—and therefore takes rather long to prove—than Theorem 1, which, though itself more general than is required for change ringing purposes, is only a simple case of Theorem 2. This answers, I think, Mr. Lindley's objection that I have used a steam hammer to crack a walnut. That part of Theorem 1 which is of interest to change ringers could easily be proved in half a page, and, if necessary, be shorn of all offending technical terminology.

Thirdly, it is certainly true that W. H. Thompson's methods (which form the basis of my paper, and for which I have the greatest admiration) are capable of treating the four different types of peal which I give as examples in my final section. His method is not, however, a general one, but is an *ad hoc* method which must be varied for each different peal considered. Thus, to deal with Grandsire Triples he had to list 28 different positions which the members of a Q-set could occupy in a round block. I should not call this particularly simple. In the case of Grandsire Cinques, however, where a Q-set contains 9 members, his method would be excessively tedious and hardly practicable.

In conclusion, my personal opinion is that mathematicians are likely to derive rather more from a study of change ringing than change ringers from a study of mathematics. The change ringer is interested in the structure of particular groups, and by studying them discovers intriguing properties which the mathematician may, if he is lucky, extend and generalise. These generalisations will usually not provide any further information when applied to the particular groups which suggested them, but they may save a great deal of time and trouble when applied to more complicated or less familiar methods of ringing which are of the same general type.—

Yours sincerely,

R. A. RANKIN.

Clare College, Cambridge.

'THE TIMES' LEADER

Dear Sir,—The report of the Literature and Press Committee published in your current issue is probably condensed, but mention might have been made of the leader in 'The Times' of April 28th last. This was headed 'Bells' and ran to 52 lines. It dealt in the genial and general way usual to the fourth leader of that paper, but the final sentence rather startled me: 'A picturesque art is dwindling in a world well learned in the evil craft of making louder and more destructive noises.' 'The Thunderer' should mind its step!—Yours truly,

CHARLES E. BORRETT.

Sheringham, Norfolk.

'Tom' Groombridge, jun.

Dear Sir,—Is it possible to feel the loss of a friend one has never seen? That question was answered for me this morning in the words of that beautiful hymn, 'O Saviour, precious Saviour, Whom yet unseen we love.' I feel that in the untimely passing over of Mr. Tom Groombridge, jun., I have other friends I have not seen.

I was shocked on looking at my 'Ringing World' on arriving home on Saturday after attending the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows' conference at Margate, from where I wrote 'Tom.'

You will no doubt remember the 'correspondence in 'The Ringing World' a short time ago on the subject of branch secretaries going off peal ringing on Saturdays of monthly meetings, when Tom 'came in' on me very severely, likening my criticism to a street organ grinder (and I think, at the time, he really meant his monkey) criticising Dr. Thalben Ball playing a Bach Fugue.

Often differences of opinion occur through failing to understand and appreciate the other chap's point of view. It only required a letter or two between us to reconcile our points of view, and for me to find out that he was, first and foremost, a Sunday service ringer.

'Moral,' have our differences (they are good for the Exercise); disagree, if we must; but do not let us be disagreeable; life is far too short.

Whilst writing, please may I, through our journal, express on behalf of all who took part our grateful thanks to the ringers of Margate (St. John's) and Ramsgate (St. Lawrence's) and Mr. Turner, Dover (St. Mary's), for the generous facilities they afforded us whilst at Margate last week.

W. FRANK STENSON
(Christ Church, Crewe).

OBITUARY

MR. W. A. JEAVONS.

The last of the original band of call change ringers at Cosley, Staffs, died on May 28th in the person of Mr. W. A. Jeavons. He was 83 and had served in the belfry for 66 years, and previously was a chorister. Although unable to do more than ring the treble to a plain hunt, he was most regular in attendance and had rung in a few peals locally.

Fellow ringers acted as bearers at the funeral on June 1st, after which 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by Mrs. G. Whatmore 1, C. E. Godfrey 2, A. Cope 3, Miss E. Causer 4, W. Bayliss 5, D. Whatmore 6, J. D. Holden (cond.) 7, F. Holden 8. First of Triples for 1, 2 and 6.

MR. F. C. NYE.

After nine years of failing health, Mr. Frederick C. Nye has died at his home at Ringwood, Bagshot, at the age of 77.

He learnt to ring at Easthampstead, Berks, 50 years ago and remained a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild until his death. He had been a regular ringer of St. Anne's, Bagshot, since 1904, and had devoted much time to the care of the bells and to teaching beginners. He was a member of the Winchester Guild until the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, of which he was a keen and active member until his health failed.

After the funeral service at St. Anne's, Bagshot, on June 2nd, interment followed at Lightwater Cemetery, where a touch of Grandsire was rung on handbells over the open grave by Mr. A. H. Pulling and Mr. and Mrs. C. Hazelden.

Among the floral tributes was one from the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild and also one from the ringers of St. Anne's, Bagshot. During the evening the tower bells were rung half-muffled by the local band.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Smith 1, Beryl Strange (first 'inside') 2, T. I. Holborow 3, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 4, J. E. Manners 5, W. M. Greenaway 6.

Essex Association

SUBSCRIPTION INCREASED TO MEET RISING COSTS.

Reference has already been made in 'The Ringing World' to the sermon preached by the Bishop of Colchester at the annual meeting of the Essex Association at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, attended by 130 ringers. At the service the names of members who had died during 1947 were read, viz.: C. J. Ellis (Harwich), T. Ward (Bishop's Stortford), C. Jordan (Stansted), F. Chalk, J. Waldock (Maldon), G. Brackley (Shenfield), P. C. Perrin (Waltham Abbey), J. H. Wilkins, H. Street (Walthamstow), F. C. Newman, G. Haydon (West Ham), T. A. Laybourne (Dagenham), and two hon. members, Canon S. L. Brown and Mr. F. J. French (Chelmsford).

The Master (Dr. T. P. Spencer-Phillips) presided at the business meeting, held at the Chapter House.

The annual report showed that 1947 had been a year of vigorous reconstruction. The Cathedral Library for ringers had been extended and should be a feature of the Association in the days to come. Membership decreased slightly, but four more towers were in union with the Association. A new ring of eight had been installed at St. Augustine's, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea, the gift of Mr. Albert Mitchell, in memory of his wife. The four bells of Downham had been recast and a treble and tenor added, the gift of Mr. F. W. Keddie and wife in memory of their three sons lost in the last war. A thirteenth bell had been added to the Cathedral ring through the generosity of the late Mr. F. J. French. The eight of Great Tey had been rehung on ball bearings. In Great Bentley Church a memorial tablet to the late Mr. W. J. Nevard was dedicated last autumn, the cost being borne by private subscriptions and the Association.

The 'Crusaders' of the S.W. District had carried on their good work and other districts had extended their activities. Fifty-four peals were rung during the year—43 on tower bells, 11 on handbells. Twenty shared the conducting, 11 rang their first peal, and 81 their first peal in the method. Mr. Lufkin and his band made history by ringing 9,000 of Bob Royal at Prittlewell.

Considerable interest was taken in the accounts. Membership subscriptions showed an increase; but a £36 deficit (£20 non-recurring) on the year's work, following reduced balances of the two previous years, influenced the decision to increase the subscription of 2s. 6d. in 1949. The hon. members' subscription was reduced to a minimum of 2s. 6d., in the hope that more people in the churches would be enrolled as hon. members. A strong plea was made for a lively co-operative church interest. Increased collections for the Bell Restoration Fund resulted in a balance of £240 10s. 7d.

After a full discussion it was decided to introduce a peal ringing fee of 6d. per ringer to help meet the cost of the annual report. Then followed a resolution to change the date of the annual general meeting to the Saturday nearest to the date of Whit Monday of 1879 (June 2nd) to enable the Central Council representatives to attend both annual general meetings. This was defeated and a resolution passed to shelve the changing of the date of the annual general meeting for not less than five years.

The secretary read a letter relating to the committee's request for representation on the Diocesan Advisory Committee. The Bishop thought that there was no need for such representation, assuring the members of assistance in every way at all times.

The election of officers followed. Mr. E. J. Butler was unanimously elected as a life vice-president in recognition of long and efficient service as a district secretary, a Central Council representative, and an auditor. Other officers elected were: Master, Dr. T. Spencer-Phillips, J.P.; Deputy Master, Mr. G. L. Joyce; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. C. Heazel; auditors, Messrs. H. Turner and J. H.

MISS BETTY BROWN



Fourteen-year-old Miss Betty Brown, of Lincoln, who rang her first peal on March 1st, 1947, is a credit to her tutor, Mr. F. W. Stokes. At the end of last year she had the following 21 peals to her credit, each method having been rung on an 'inside' bell:—

Doubles, four methods 1; Stedman Doubles 1; Minor, one method 1, four methods 1, five methods 2, seven methods 3; Cambridge Minor 1; London Minor 2; Stedman Triples 2; Superlative Surprise Major 1; London Surprise Major 3; Stedman Caters 2; Erin Caters 1.

Like Miss Jacock, of Burnham, Miss Brown is a proud member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. She scored her 25th peal on June 4th.

DIAMOND WEDDING

A service at St. John's Church, Loughton, Essex, where they were married 60 years ago, followed by a family party at their home, 49, Englands Lane, Loughton, marked the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bacon.

Mr. Bacon, who is 84, started ringing 65 years ago and is still a ringer. He has about 20 peals to his credit. His membership with the Essex County Association dates back to 1887 and he has been a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths since 1891. Our congratulations!

THE CORS OF ALDBOURNE

Dear Sir,—I have in my possession a peal of 12 handbells, 250 years old, by W. Cor, of Aldbourne, Wilts (1700). Could any reader inform me of other existing peals of hand or tower bells by this founder? I believe the back six at Northleach and the tenor at Upper Slaughter came from that foundry.

OLIVER E. HILL.

Stinchcombe, Dursley, Glos.

Crampion; trustees, Messrs. G. Green, E. J. Runter and H. W. Shadrack; life members, Mr. H. Allen (Chelmsford), Mr. L. Myhill (Springfield).

Over twenty members were elected from Prittlewell, Thorpe Bay, Great Wakering and Woodford. The Misses D. Fleetwood and J. Griffith were co-opted to the committee for secretarial work. Mr. F. Dench (Saffron Walden) resigned from the Peals Subcommittee and was thanked for many years of valuable assistance.

Luncheon was well arranged and served at the County Hotel, the Bishop and the Provost being the chief guests.

Midland Counties Guild

ANNUAL MEETING AT BURTON.

The town of Burton-on-Trent, famous throughout the Exercise for its pioneer band of Surprise ringers at the stately church of St. Paul, was the venue of the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Guild.

The Vicar of St. Paul's (the Rev. W. Willis-Price), who is also an hon. member of the Guild, conducted a short service and gave an interesting address, remarking upon the important witness of ringers in the life of the Church.

Tea, a much-needed meal on such a beautiful day, was enjoyed by all, and the usual business meeting was held.

The Chairman (Mr. W. H. Curson) referred to the loss the Guild had sustained in the death of Mr. Chandler, of Appleby Magna. Members stood as a mark of respect.

The secretary, in his report, recorded that the ringing membership had increased to 144 and honorary membership to 25. During the year 25 peals had been rung, an increase of eight on the previous year. The secretary spoke of the dearth of young conductors, adding that in many societies conducting appeared to be in the hands of a few individuals.

Concluding, the secretary said it should be noted that St. Paul's tower was one of the very few where a peal had been rung for each of the royal events during 1947—Princess Elizabeth's 21st birthday and marriage.

The treasurer presented the balance sheet and reported a deficit of approximately £13 in the General Fund, largely due to the high cost of printing the report. Efforts, the treasurer said, are in hand to check this adverse balance during the current year.

One honorary and eleven ringing members were elected from Repton, Burton (All Saints'), Derby and Lullington.

Written notice was given by Mr. B. G. Key, supported by Mr. S. H. Jones, that Rule 5 be revised to include the annual appointment of a Ringing Master. This was approved.

The election of officers resulted in Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Lichfield, being unanimously elected president, Mr. W. H. Curson chairman, Mr. B. G. Key Ringing Master, Mr. J. H. Brittan treasurer, Mr. J. W. Cotton secretary, Mr. T. Price hon. auditor; committee, Messrs. E. W. Readsmoore, W. J. Leach, S. H. Jones and T. J. Marriott.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for use of the bells and to the ladies for preparing tea was proposed by Mr. S. H. Jones, seconded by Mr. B. G. Key, and carried with acclamation.

AUGMENTATION SIDBURY, DEVON.

Two new bells hung in Sidbury (Devon) tower to complete a ring of eight were dedicated recently by Prebendary E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers. A simple service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Taylor).

One bell, to be known as the Mothers' Bell, given by the Rev. W. S. and Mrs. Airy, in memory of their mothers and as a tribute to all mothers, was formally handed over to the Vicar by Mr. Airy. The second or memorial bell, which is being paid for by public subscription, as a memorial to the men of the parish who fell in battle during the 1939-45 war, was handed over by Messrs. F. Summers, W. J. Froome and R. Lavers (churchwardens).

Sidbury ringers with their captain (Mr. M. Denner) rang the eight bells for the first time. Other teams joining in the ringing were from Exeter, Sidmouth, Okehampton and Ottery St. Mary. A tea in the Village Hall was attended by Guild officers and members. J.A.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the Hunts District at Evesbury attracted about 110 members. Ringing included York, London and Cambridge Surprise. Mr. S. Gilbert, district secretary, was deputed to make arrangements for a joint meeting with the Peterborough Guild at Spaldwick.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. *DOUGLAS SANKEY ... Treble | SIDNEY H. JONES ... 4
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 2 | JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 5
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3 | PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. GRICE. * First in the method. First peal as conductor.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... Treble | *J. MARTIN PAGE ... 4
JOHN WELCH ... 2 | NATHAN PATMORE ... 5
BARNARD PATMORE ... 3 | SIDNEY F. CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER. * First peal.

BISHOP'S ITCHINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A. *A. JOHN HOBLEY ... Treble | †GEORGE RATHBONE ... 3
HAROLD FOLWELL ... 2 | W. BRIAN ELLENDER ... 4

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE. * First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Norfolk, Primrose, Bourne, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. THOMAS CUMMINS ... Treble | ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 4
JOHN R. KEMP ... 2 | HAROLD BARSLEY ... 5
ARTHUR YOUNG ... 3 | JOHN R. YOUNG ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG. First peal on bells.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Stedman and ten each of St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 6 1/2 cwt. HAROLD FOLWELL ... Treble | *FRANK TROTMAN ... 3
*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 2 | WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 4
LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE. * First peal of Doubles. Believed to be the quickest tower-bell peal ever rung in the county.

LEIGH-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Oxford and Kent T.B. Tenor 12 1/2 cwt. THOMAS E. LOXTON ... Treble | FREDERICK SOUTER ... 4
RODERICK W. CROUCHER ... 2 | FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
WILLIAM PERRY ... 3 | GERALD FROST ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN. To celebrate the diamond jubilee of the ordination of the Rector of Leigh, Canon R. S. King.

EASTWELL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. FREDK. G. HUCKSTEEP Treble | WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 4
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL 2 | †MARK W. MARSHALL ... 5
*PETER D. HUCKSTEEP ... 3 | ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD. * First peal of Kent. † First peal of Kent Minor.

CRIMPLESHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores of Grandsire, 18 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 4 six-scores of St. Simon's, 14 callings. ERNEST H. MASTIN ... Treble | STANLEY G. ELSEY ... 3
DOUGLAS CLARKE ... 2 | DOUGLAS BRYAN ... 4
ARTHUR ROLFE ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN. First peal on five bells and in three methods by all. Farewell peal to the Rev. C. G. Reed.

HEIGHINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 15 1/2 cwt. *WILLIAM OLIVER ... Treble | JACK R. WORRALL ... 4
†HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 2 | RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5
ROBERT T. SIMPSON ... 3 | W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK. * 50th peal. † 25th peal.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 6 1/2 cwt. HARRY NEWMAN ... Treble | WILLIAM JONES ... 4
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 2 | LESLIE BARRY ... 5
GEORGE CASE ... 3 | *CHARLES LARNER ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY. * First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes, AT 92, BUTCHER'S ROW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven variations of calling. Tenor size 15 in C. *BASIL WHITE ... 1-2 | EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3-4
CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 5-6
Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

WOOD DITTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes, AT SUNNY VIEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat. JOHN A. ACRES ... 5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 3-4 | J. REGINALD HEATH ... 7-8
Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes, AT 47, HAYWARD ROAD, REDFIELD, BRISTOL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F. MISS ANNIE BROWN ... 1-2 | TOM HARRIS ... 5-6
EDWIN J. BROWN ... 3-4 | ROYSTON G. BRYANT ... 7-8
Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

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

On Fri., May 28, 1948, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes, AT 9, FISHERMAN'S AVENUE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C. MRS. F. JOHN MARSHALLSAY 1-2 | ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4 | FRED PRICE ... 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS. In memoriam George F. Swann.

QUARTER PEALS

BANBURY, OXON. — On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Woodward (first quarter) 1, Audrey Grainge 2, W. Watson 3, R. Cave 4, R. Grainge 5, J. Stretton (cond.) 6, S. Grainge 7, J. Bishop 8.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS. — On May 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): J. P. Vessey (13) 1, S. G. Vessey 2, R. T. Vessey 3, J. C. Vessey 4, P. Holmes (cond.) 5, J. P. Vessey, sen. 6. First quarter 1, 6. First of Doubles 2, 3, 4, 5.

BATTERSEA, LONDON. — On May 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples. Miss E. Cropley 1, F. Bush 2, S. Hart 3, E. Dodds 4, R. Stallibrass 5, R. Hart 6, B. Williams (cond.) 7, E. Randell 8. First of Stedman Triples 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8.

BECKFORD, GLOS. — On May 7th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: O. Attwood 1, M. Clifford (cond.) 2, P. Baker 3, E. T. Newbury 4, J. Attwood 5, W. Clements 6. First of Stedman Doubles by all except the conductor.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS. — On May 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Marks 1, A. Crane 2, H. Sear 3, F. Stenton 4, R. Cadamy 5, D. J. Meager (first of Stedman) 6. W. Sear (cond.) 7, H. Pearson 8.

BRADFORD PEVERELL, DORSET. — On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled: J. T. Godwin 1, H. Steed 2, Mrs. A. F. Godley 3, J. Squire 4, H. R. Pink (cond.) 5. In memory of Mr. G. R. Runyard, ringer for 52 years and captain of Bradford Peverell for 25 years.

BURFORD, OXON. — On May 16th, 1,470 Hereward Bob Triples: J. G. Collett 1, F. Soden 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, F. W. Soden 4, B. S. Nichols (composer and cond.) 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, J. J. Westmacott 8. First in method by all the band.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET. — On May 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. S. Powell 1, J. Morris 2, J. Drew (first of Stedman) 3, C. W. Powell 4, H. G. Keeley 5, W. Yates 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, S. H. Green 8.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Garrison 1, Miss I. B. Thompson 2, J. Conduct 3, F. H. W. Bird 4, J. Graves 5, W. J. Meers (cond.) 6, W. C. Rhodes 7, J. Gilson 8.

FULHAM, LONDON. — At All Saints', on May 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, W. J. Paice 2, J. F. Smallwood 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, G. Alsop 5, W. Langdon 6, J. W. Chilcott (cond.) 7, W. T. Elson 8, J. W. Stephenson 9, H. Belcher 10. For the conductor's 81st birthday.

GORSEINON, SWANSEA. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Dunn 1, F. Brown 2, R. Dobbins 3, A. Tew 4, W. Dobbins 5, J. Williams (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2. Rung for the wedding of Mr. G. Thomas (a local ringer) and Miss B. Newall.

HALSALL, LANCS. — On May 16th, a half-peal of Bob Minor: Miss E. Rice (first half) 1, Miss M. Ackers 2, Miss V. Draper 3, E. Critchley 4, J. Pounds 5, C. Ackers (cond.) 6.

HUNTINGDON. — At All Saints' on May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. B. Bull 1, H. S. Peacock 2, J. Spicer (first quarter 'inside') 3, C. Gravette 4, S. Gilbert (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Whit Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Meadows 1, J. Carrott 2, E. G. Cottis 3, C. Wright 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, H. T. Wilson 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. Freestone 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS. — At St. Margaret's on May 22nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, H. W. Pratt 2, F. Nicholls 3, D. Sanderson, R.A.F. 4, G. L. Perkins 5, J. Perkins 6.

HIGH LITTLETON, GLOS. — On May 16th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: M. Wright (13) (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, W. J. Gait (cond.) 3, Mrs. J. Naish 4, J. Naish 5, J. Brooks 6.

HOLCOMBE ROGUS, DEVON. — On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Payne 1, P. Mayne 2, G. Walford (cond.) 3, D. T. North 4, W. Stevens 5, W. Ware 6. A compliment to the new Vicar (the Rev. N. S. P. Baron).

HAWKHURST, KENT.

— On May 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss

H. Gorringe 1, W. Gorringe 2, R. Tappenden 3, M. S. Cloke 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, A. Kemp 6, S. G. Waters 7, L. Pope (first of Major as cond.) 8. First in method by all except 2 and 5.

HENBURY, BRISTOL. — On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: Miss Orchard 1, Mrs. Gould 2, B. Huddleston 3, J. Williams 4, A. Hilliar 5, H. Bromfield (cond.) 6, H. Baguley 7, F. Lewis 8. Second anniversary of the death of Mr. J. Gould, tower-master.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. — On May 23rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Eileen D. Farrell 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, Mrs. K. Parr 3, Sheila E. Harris (first of Kent T.B. Royal) 4, F. D. Bishop 5, H. J. Eldred 6, E. Dodds 7, S. Croft 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 6 and 7.

LEICESTER. — On May 15th, at St. John-the-Divine, 1,343 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: J. Hill 1, J. Bramley 2, S. Harrison 3, J. Bennett 4, E. Morris (cond.) 5, W. H. Clarke 6, G. A. Olliffe 7, F. H. Underwood (first quarter) 8. In memoriam Mrs. Williams, wife of Canon H. V. Williams.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET. — On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Martin 1, Mrs. G. Wareham 2, Miss V. Maberley 3, Miss P. Marsh 4, H. White (cond.) 5, J. White (first quarter) 6.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — At Christ Church on May 16th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. A. Potts 1, A. Challiner 2, G. Farrer 3, S. Hough, jun. 4, W. Gayes 5, W. Stevenson 6, H. Wood (first quarter) 7, J. Worth (cond.) 8.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET. — On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Smith 1, Miss H. Prescott 2, Miss B. Prescott 3, Miss D. Smith 4, E. Smith 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

MASHAM, YORKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Edward Hudson 1, H. H. Abrahams (first as cond.) 2, Doris M. Killingley 3, Denis Frith (first of Triples) 4, G. Dalton 5, H. Parrish 6, T. Cooke 7, J. R. Worrall 8.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT. — On May 16th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Antelope, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): Sheila Knight 1, G. E. Beynon 2, P. Neal 3, S. Evans 4, J. M. Watson (cond.) 5, B. McArthur 6. First in eight methods by all.

NORTHFLEET, KENT. — At St. Botolph's on May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Vandepeer 1, Mrs. T. Taylor 2, J. Constant 3, G. Thompson 4, T. Taylor (cond.) 5, J. Burtles 6, G. Butcher 7, E. Poole 8. A farewell compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. L. H. Gunner).

POOLE, DORSET. — On May 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Houlton 1, W. Young 2, A. L. Pearson 3, A. G. Rose 4, A. R. Macdonald 5, E. T. Hendley 6, F. W. Burnett 7, R. H. True 8, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 9, R. Hurst 10. First of Caters 3, 7 and 9.

STOKE ALBANY, NORTHANTS. — On May 8th, 1,320 Minor (600 of Single Oxford and 720 of Kent Treble Bob): Mrs. G. E. Watson 1, B. Austin 2, B. S. Cope 3, L. Toseland 4, B. Lumbers 5, G. Watson 6. Believed to be the first long length on the bells for 20 years.

WEST MATTLAND, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA. — On May 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): W. H. Short 1, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 2, J. A. Napper 3, L. L. Butcher 4, J. Duncan 5, W. Peverell and K. Stacey 6. First quarter on the bells.

WIGAN, LANCS. — On May 3rd, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: E. Arrowsmith 1, A. Parker 2, J. Burns 3, W. Farrimond 4, S. Forshaw (first as cond.) 5, S. Clough 6, J. Major 7, T. Tinsley 8, E. Darbyshire 9, T. Marshall 10. First of Caters by 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS. — On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Whittingham 1, Miss G. Crockford 2, J. Woodson 3, W. J. Brooks 4, W. Newton 5, F. Butler 6, W. Pearce (cond.) 7, J. Elliott 8. Half-muffled as a tribute to Canon B. Long, former Rector.

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is one penny per word, minimum 2s. For additional insertions with no change one-half above charge for each insertion.

Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid. Notices must be received not later than Monday.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Richard F. B. Speed, of Eastbourne, Sussex, and Miss Frances A. Edgar, of Donhead St. Andrew, Dorset. 3669

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. Ronald H. Dove is now 26, Sycamore Avenue, Harehills Lane, Leeds 8. 3706

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. H. Ludkin and family would like to thank all colleagues of the late Mr. H. Ludkin for the kindness and respect shown during their recent bereavement. It is very gratifying to know he had such friends, and they may like to know he died as he would have wished, ringing to the end. 3704

Mrs. M. Swann wishes to thank all those kind ringing friends who have written to her in her sudden loss, as it is not possible to answer each individually. 3684

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

NORTH WALES. — Ringers and families will find a special welcome at Plas Madoc, Church Walks, Llandudno. Residence with full board 15s. 6d. a day, winter term to Mid-June 12s. 6d. H. and C. Water in all bedrooms. — Apply Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Williams, proprietors (nee Hemming, Hampton). 3435

SCARBOROUGH. — If you have still to book we can accommodate you up to July 10th and from September 4th. Personal attention of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield. 3666

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

Ready June 26th. — 370 SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS, containing all named methods ever rung or published. 2s. post free. — A. J. Corrigan, Bitton, near Bristol. 3678

MISCELLANEOUS

ABERGAVERN ST. MARY'S. — The Lord Bishop of Monmouth will rededicate the bells Monday, August 9th, 6.30 p.m. All interested cordially invited. — George Ward, Hon. Sec., The Ferns, Park Crescent, Abergavenny. 3624

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD. — Subscriptions for 1948 to H. G. Jenney, Hon. Sec., 23, Larch Street, Leicester. Annual meeting, Manchester, September 18th. A reminder to keep date open. 3693

MEETINGS

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Meeting at Dunstable, June 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. — G. W. Steere, -46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 3604

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — N. and E. District. — Meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on Saturday, June 19th, 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. with business to follow. — T. J. Lock, District Sec. 3585

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch (Gainsborough District). — Meeting at Kirton Lindsey (6 bells) on Saturday, June 19th. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham, Kirton Lindsey, by Monday previous. This is essential! — George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 3632

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 19th, 2 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea, shop opposite church. — S. H. Symonds. 3635

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Folkestone (8), June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3607

WORCESTERSHIRE (Northern).—Quarterly meeting, Bromsgrove (10), Saturday, June 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—B. C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 3619

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—District meeting, Ropley, Saturday, June 19th. Bells available 2. Service 4. Tea in Village Hall followed by meeting 5. Members are asked to consider a possible candidate for secretary since present secretary has to resign due to forthcoming service in H.M. Forces. 3587

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bampton, Saturday, June 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. 3646

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Upwell (6), Saturday, June 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 3657

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Purleigh (6), June 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 3622

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), BARNESLEY AND DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Annual joint meeting, Wath-on-Dearne, Saturday, June 19th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church House. Names to W. Green, 9, Moor Road, Wath-on-Dearne.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 3661

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Saltburn (8 bells), June 19th. Names for tea to Mr. G. P. Kembell, 40, Diamond Street, Saltburn-by-Sea.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 3662

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Croadall (6) on Saturday, June 19th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3664

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, June 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—F. A. Finch, District Sec. 3640

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Rawtenstall, Saturday, June 19th. Bells from 3. Reports ready. Any subscriptions gladly received. Everybody welcome.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 3690

TICHBORNE, HANTS.—Reopening of ring of six; June 20th, at 6 p.m., by Archdeacon of Basingstoke. Bells rehung by Gillett and Johnston. 3671

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening meeting at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Tuesday, June 22nd, 7.15 p.m.—F. A. Finch, District Sec. 3693

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Dover, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, only to those who notify Mr. C. Turner, 116, Clarendon Street, Dover, not later than June 22nd.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3645

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne and Ilchester Deaneries.—Combined meeting, Yeovil, June 26th. Service 4.30. Tea follows (no sugar). Early notice to T. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil.—F. Farrant, Martock. 3651

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting, All Saints', Benilton, Sutton, Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Notice for tea, please, by June 23rd to Mr. Gosden, 44, Rectory Road, Sutton.—R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec. 3648

OXFORD GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Winslow, Saturday, June 26th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea by June 22nd.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 3672

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Marshfield (8), June 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 3670

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Bray, June 26th, 3.15. Names for tea by 21st.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3689

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District), LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District), MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Melbourne, June 26th, 3. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. Warren, Potters Street, Melbourne, June 23rd latest. 3650

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Burstow (6), Saturday, June 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. only for those who notify L. W. Penfold, Rebow, New Road, Smallfield, Horley, by June 21st. 3652

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Braughing, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea must reach me by Tuesday, June 22nd.—H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3633

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Hunts District) and PETERBOROUGH GUILD (Thrapston Branch).—Joint meeting, Spalding, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. No tea arrangements.—S. Gilbert and G. W. Jeffs, District and Hon. Secs. 3663

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Idle, June 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those who notify Mr. T. Hill, 5, Leyton Crescent, Idle, near Biadford, by Wednesday, June 23rd. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 3705

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Wetherby on June 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. to all who apply Rev. C. O. Ellison, The Vicarage, Wetherby, on or before June 23rd. Reports available and subscriptions are now due.—William Ambler, Hon. District Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 3667

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Rotherfield (8) on June 26th. Bells available 2.30. Teas only for those who notify S. T. A. Russell, St. Martin's Cottage, North Street, Rotherfield, not later than 23rd.—F. H. Hicks, Hon. Div. Sec. 3676

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Banwell, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Beehive Cafe.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 3680

DEVON GUILD.—M.D. and S.W. Branches.—Buckfast Abbey (12) and Dean Prior (6), Saturday, June 26th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett and T. G. Myers, Branch Secs. 3679

DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING, JUNE 26th.—Daventry 9.15 a.m.; Staverton 9.25; Charwelton 9.40; Newnham 9.55; Weedon 10.5; Lower Heyford 10.20.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 3687

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Westoning (6), Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying me by Wednesday, June 3rd.—D. W. Beard, Assistant Dis. Sec. 63, High Street South, Dunstable. 3686

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Fishlake (6), June 26th, 3 p.m. Tea available. Buses leave Christ Church, Doncaster, at 2.3.15, 3.45. Names to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 3694

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival Meeting.—Dorking, June 26th. Bells 3.45. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Miss E. J. M. Cottrell, 28, Hart Road, Dorking, by 21st. Rammore tower under repair and bells probably not open.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 3692

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual meeting at Brecon on June 26th. Service at Cathedral 3 p.m., followed by annual meeting. This being the 25th anniversary of the Guild, a dinner at the Wellington Hotel at 6 p.m., tickets 10s. inclusive from Mr. Melville, Howcroft, 23, The Watton, Brecon. 3700

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon District Branch.—Meeting at Alcester (8) on Saturday, June 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided at the Holly Bush at 5 p.m.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 3685

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Joint meeting, Grimsby and Lincoln Districts, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 2.15. Service to be arranged 5 p.m. Tea, Hanson's Cafe, for those who notify by June 23rd Mr. B. Howden, 3, Spaw, Lane South.—H. I. Mingay and J. Freeman, Hon. Dis. Secs. 3682

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623).—The 325th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (12) available from 2.30. Lunch (5s.) for all who notify me by Friday, June 25th. Tea arranged. Service 6 p.m.; preacher, Bishop of Colchester.—L. E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields, Saffron Walden. 3683

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Chapel-en-le-Frith, Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 3708

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Misterton (6), June 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5.15. Wedgwood Cafe, Luttermorth. Names by June 23rd to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 3707

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Lanchester, July 3rd, 2.30. Tea arranged.—C. T. Lamb, Dis. Sec. 3668

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Grayshott, Saturday, July 3rd. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. Tea for those who send names by June 28th to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 3673

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, July 3rd. Cathedral bells 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.15 to 7. St. Mary's and St. Michael's also available. Tea (to members 1s. 9d., to others 2s. 3d.) in St. Mary's Parish Room 4.30, followed by general meeting. Please send word by Tuesday, June 29th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 3681

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, Welford (8), July 3rd. Names for tea must reach me by June 26th.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby. 3688

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Thame, July 3rd, 2.45. Service 4. Tea, Spread Eagle Hotel, 2s. each, for those notifying before June 30th.—H. Badger, 1, Chilkern Grove, Thame. 3691

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark Branch.—Meeting, Whatton-in-the-Vale (6), July 3rd, 3 p.m. Frequent buses from Bingham. Notify me for tea by Tuesday, June 29th.—J. W. Raithby, 145, Farndon Road, Newark. 3697



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HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
—Annual meeting and six-bell contest at Marsden, Huddersfield, on Saturday, July 3rd. NOTE: Mixed bands may enter this contest. Draw 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. H. V. Shaw, 5, Bankfield, Marsden, before June 25th. Team entries to reach me for June 30th.—S. Manchester, 16, Green Street, Meltham, Huddersfield. 3695

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held in London on Saturday, July 3rd. Fuller particulars later. — Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 3617

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at North Weald (6) on Saturday, July 3rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bus service from Epping at 4 and 34 minutes past the hour. Train by Central London Line to Woodford and then half-hourly service.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 3677

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Shirley Parish Church, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in church 4.30; tea 5.15 for those only who notify Mr. A. Morris, 50, School Road, Shirley, near Birmingham, not later than Wednesday, June 30th. Business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 3698

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Branch) & DEVON GUILD (N.E. Branch).—Joint meeting, Milverton, July 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Wiveliscombe bells after tea. Numbers for tea early to A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 3699

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Clifton, Notts, Saturday, July 3rd, 2.30. Names for tea by June 29th to Mr. T. V. Jennison, 7, Tettenbury Road, Basford, Nottingham. 3703

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Lakenheath, Saturday, July 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 30th.—D. Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 3702

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