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LEGISLATING AND ADVISORY

WAS it not the intention of Sir Arthur Heywood and those responsible for bringing into being the Central Council that its constitution should be an *advisory* body and not one to try and police everything to do with bells and bell-ringing? This question was addressed to the Editor in a recent letter. The answer is clear and emphatic.

The inaugural meeting of the Council was held on Easter Tuesday, 1891, at the Inns of Court Hotel, London, and was attended by 74 delegates representing 33 Societies. The President, upon taking the chair, said that before proceeding with the subjects on the agenda, he desired to impress upon the Council the great importance of keeping in view that they had not met to contest points of difference in an aggressive spirit, but to discuss them with the earnest wish to arrive at decisions based upon careful conviction of the various views presented. They had yet to make a position for themselves, and it depended upon the judgment with which their decisions were drawn up whether the Council would come to be regarded as the final authority upon all ringing matters. If properly directed, the opinions of a body comprising so large a proportion of the best ringers in the country could not but exert a most valuable influence for good upon the interests of the Exercise.

The significant point is 'to arrive at decisions based upon careful conviction of the various views presented.' The Central Council was never intended to be a purely advisory body; its purpose was to bring about oneness of view in the Exercise at large. Year succeeding year has seen the Council develop and become recognised as the legislative body on all matters appertaining to change ringing. It is recognised as such by all the affiliated Societies. The Decisions of the Council in regard to practical ringing have gradually emerged, and at Chester next Whitsuntide there will be an attempt to codify these Decisions in the light of modern experience.

It is necessary in all sports and pastimes to have fixed standards and a body to give a ruling on such matters. That is definitely the function of the Central Council on matters relating to change ringing. For example, a peal of Minor with a covering bell is not recognised as a peal. That does not mean to imply that Minor with a tenor covering shall not be rung under any circumstances, but that if rung to at least seven true and complete 720's it does not constitute a peal in the eyes of the Council and is not recorded as such.

While the Central Council is the legislative body it in no sense usurps the individual functions of the affiliated Societies in the conduct of their own affairs. Without exception the affiliated Societies have decided that peals rung for their own association shall be by members of their body, and they quite rightly refuse to recognise any departure from this principle. But that does not imply that a peal has not been rung. Providing the actual performance coincides with the Decisions of the Central Council that peal is recorded by the Council, but not credited to any particular association.

It is only on the principles of change ringing, however, that the Central Council is truly emphatic. The greater part of its other work is co-ordinating in character with the object of bringing about that fraternal oneness with ringers. Much of this is national in character as, for example, the preparation of the roll of honour of those ringers who fell in the first world war and the work now in hand of the roll for the second world war for which the co-operation of the affiliated Societies is being sought. But here again it should be noted that there is no compelling force; if a Guild or Association neglects to send in the names there is no beating-up with a big stick—just the regret that they are not co-operative with an ideal which was subscribed to by the Council as a body.

A committee is now sitting to consider the part ringers should play in the Festival of Britain. Whatever course of action is recommended, in no sense can it be dictatorial that we must do this or that. These proposals are just recommendations enlisting where possible the spirit of co-operation. Another of the many-sided activities of the Council is the Towers and Belfries Committee from whom expert advice is available for towers in difficulties over their bells. The expert opinion is gladly given by the Central Council, but it has no power to enforce the incumbent or Parochial Church Council to carry out its suggestions. Similarly in the matter of derelict bells, the Council has no jurisdiction. The bells are the property of the Parochial Church Council, and the incumbent, as chairman, has the sole right of prescribing when they shall be rung. Pressure can be brought about on the parish by the Archdeacon in his visitation or the Diocesan Advisory Committee. With the many problems of finance confronting the Church today, bells are not high on the priority list. Much, however, can be done by the ringers themselves in their respective localities, and repeatedly it has been our pleasure to publish details of these praiseworthy efforts successfully accomplished. But the Council has no means of repairing the ravages of time and neglect.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 48 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... <i>Treble</i>	DAVID E. PARSONS ... 7
WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 2	PHILIP A. CHALK ... 8
CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... 3	*HARRY J. MILLATT ... 9
HERBERT LANGDON ... 4	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 10
RAYMOND BURTON ... 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 11
ALFRED B. PECK ... 6	A. W. J. APPLETON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

* First peal of Stedman.

TEN BELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., June 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D flat.

*MRS. S. H. JONES ... <i>Treble</i>	ALAN FOSTER ... 6
NOREEN BRAIN ... 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 3	SYDNEY H. JONES ... 8
HAROLD HARRISON ... 4	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 9
GORDON HARRISON ... 5	EDWARD J. WHITE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung at the request of the Vicar, the Rev. W. Willis-Price, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination as a priest.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

No. 3 Version.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

A. YORK-BRAMBLE ... <i>Treble</i>	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 6
*E. JOAN SALMONS ... 2	TOM PAGE ... 7
*NELIA M. LEAHY ... 3	*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 8
JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... 4	*FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 9
JOHN H. HUNT ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Guild, it being rung by a resident band. Rung as a golden wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

JOSEPH SAXTON ... <i>Treble</i>	*WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 6
*DOUGLAS ROOKE ... 2	STANLEY SLANEY ... 7
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 3	*GEORGE L. CHAMBERS ... 8
SAM SCATTERGOOD ... 4	*FREDERICK FLINT ... 9
CYRIL WRIGHT ... 5	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal on ten bells.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*R. GEORGE MORRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	ALLEN MORGAN ... 6
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 2	*ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ... 7
BETTY SPICE ... 3	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 8
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 9
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 5	REGINALD WOODYATT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

DONALD THOMPSON ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN DAVY ... 6
*J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ... 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 7
BRIAN S. COPE ... 3	*CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ... 8
CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD ... 4	KENNETH G. SPAVINS ... 9
GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 5	SYDNEY FOSKETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung on the occasion of the return of the 1st Battalion, the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment from 25 years' overseas service.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*PETER J. COLES ... <i>Treble</i>	*DAVID L. CULL ... 5
ERIC EDMONDSON ... 2	ROBERT A. COCKRANE ... 6
*JOHN E. LOFTY ... 3	DONALD C. PRICE ... 7
ALBERT W. COLES ... 4	THOMAS J. LOCK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. MARTIN (C.C.C. 117). Cond. by J. T. LOCK.

* First peal.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., June 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 4 cwt 3 qr. 17 lb.

*ANNE M. DICKINSON ... <i>Treble</i>	MICHAEL E. H. BARROW ... 5
*CATHARINE M. TRIST ... 2	N. GERARD McCRUM ... 6
†W. GWYN THOMAS ... 3	*DAVID GALLOP ... 7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... 4	†FRANK P. WRIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise for the Society by a resident band.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*DAVID S. HARRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	GORDON H. ARGUILE ... 5
†WILLIAM A. LACEY ... 2	MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 6
JILL POOLE ... 3	ALBAN DISNEY ... 7
TERENCE A. THORNER ... 4	PETER J. STANFORTH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge 'inside.' To mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Colin H. Rowe, Rector of Anstey.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LEEDS SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*DAVID G. JACKSON ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5
GIBSON JACKSON ... 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 6
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal of Major on tower bells, aged 12. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.



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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.	
*JOHN W. SEYMOUR ... Treble	JOAN GRAY ... 5
†M. ANGELA CARTER ... 2	ALBERT E. LOCK ... 6
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY... 7
†BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ 50th peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.	
*ANNE WORTH ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
†JUNE HENSHAW ... 2	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 6
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 7
ALAN A. POTTS ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from treble.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.	
*EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... 5
WM. H. B. WILKINS ... 2	CHARLES COLES ... 6
*KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 3	*EDGAR J. SMITH ... 7
*M. ANGELA CARTER ... 4	†ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.	
ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS... Treble	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER... 5
MARGARET E. RICHARDS 2	PETER ANGER ... 6
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
WILLIAM W. T. DANIEL 4	JOSEPH DURHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Triples. The quickest peal on the bells.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in E.	
CALEB SIMCOCK ... Treble	HENRY SQUIRES ... 5
H. LESLIE SQUIRES ... 2	BERNARD H. DALTON ... 6
ARTHUR W. WARD ... 3	JOHN CRAGG ... 7
ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 4	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. HOWES (122). Conducted by GEO. W. CREASEY.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.	
*JACK MUSSELL ... Treble	*COLIN W. REED ... 5
†JEAN M. BROWN ... 2	*JOHN HARTLESS ... 6
FRANK L. HARRIS ... 3	*DAVID R. REED ... 7
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 4	*RONALD N. MARLOW ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method as conductor. The conductor's 100th peal and 50th peal as conductor.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF COURT TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. B. Carpenter's Ten-part (C.C.C. No. 9). Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.	
GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2	BRIAN HARRIS ... 6
HENRY O. BAKER ... 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 7
JOHN W. BEST ... 4	R. GORDON CORBY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method by all.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.	
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 5
LORNA BRIGGS ... 2	ROBERT BROWN ... 6
GILLIAN A. SMITH ... 3	CHARLES E. BROWN ... 7
DONOVAN R. WHITE ... 4	OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... Tenor

Composed by M. J. THURMOTT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt.	
*RONALD J. THOMPSON... Treble	THOMAS E. TAYLOR ... 5
*LESLIE WOODWARD ... 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 6
†GLADYS K. JARRETT ... 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT... 7
*WILLIAM SEAGER ... 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung for the ruby wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thompson, of Swanscombe, who entertained the band to tea after the peal.

THAME, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.	
*ROBERT ARNOTT ... Treble	HARRY W. BADGER ... 5
DOREEN COKER ... 2	HARRY C. JONES ... 6
ANTHONY E. COX ... 3	CYRIL H. KINCH ... 7
SYLVIA COKER ... 4	†VICTOR HOLLOWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by DOREEN COKER.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal for 31 years.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 24 cwt.	
CHRIS. J. BADRICK ... Treble	ROBERT W. METCALFE... 5
WALTER AYRE ... 2	WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 6
*ALBERT E. SYMONDS ... 3	*FRANK W. CROFT ... 7
†EDGAR W. WINTERS ... 4	†RODNEY A. MILLS... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal. Rung for the Diocesan Festival on St. Alban's Day.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.	
*TONY OWEN ... Treble	VINCENT R. OVENS ... 5
†ALBERT W. BARBER ... 2	*SIDNEY MARSHALL ... 6
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS... 3	WALTER J. FORD ... 7
HERBERT LASKEY ... 4	BERT GOGLE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by BERT GOGLE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES;

Being 2,304 of Plain Bob and 2,784 of Little Bob, 191 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE ... <i>Treble</i>	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3	GEORGE SAYER ... 7
HENRY TOOKE ... 4	BERT GOGLE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Composition, in twelve equal parts, contains 4-5-6 the course-end extent in 6ths, all combinations of 4-5-6 in 6-7, with the 7th in 5ths, without 2nd or 3rd dodging, with tenor in 7-8.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRED ORRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	ROY V. WEBB ... 5
RONALD G. BUGG ... 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 6
EDWARD E. DAVEY ... 3	GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... 7
EDWARD B. SMITH ... 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. L. JAMES (47). Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MAXEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	CECIL WADE ... 4
HORACE M. DAY ... 2	HARRY GIBBARD ... 5
WILLIAM OLDMAN ... 3	FRED BRIGHTMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

Rung half-muffled for William H. Waldron, hon. secretary for the Peterborough Branch 25 years, and Ernest Wright, a local ringer.

STRATTON AUDLEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EDBURGA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Eynsham, St. Leonard's, Cassington, St. Peter's, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, Norfolk, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Colum, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Grandsire, St. Blaise, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Antelope. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*CHARLES E. STOCKLEY... <i>Treble</i>	DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... 3
HARRY P. FLOYD ... 2	*EDGAR J. SMITH ... 4
ALAN R. PINK ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Doubles. The first peal on the bells.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., June 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

M. ELIZABETH BROWN... <i>Treble</i>	†JOHN G. M. SCOTT ... 4
*PATRICIA M. WAREHAM 2	†EWART H. EDGE ... 5
*RENATE BUCHTHAL ... 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by RODNEY B. MEADOWS.

* First tower-bell peal †First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the ordination of Stanley Jackson and Peter Robbins.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR. 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*NEIL D. LOMAS ... <i>Treble</i>	*ARTHUR RHODES ... 4
SYDNEY SAGE ... 2	*IAN D. LOMAS ... 5
DOROTHY B. KIDD ... 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by DOROTHY B. KIDD.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by local band. A fifth birthday compliment to Miss Christine Kidd.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
 AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, one each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Ipswich and Primrose. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM R. FAYERS ... <i>Treble</i>	CECIL WADE ... 4
*JAMES W. HAW ... 2	WILLIAM OLDMAN ... 5
HORACE M. DAY ... 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

* First peal of Surprise and first peal in seven methods.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Thurs., June 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SHIRLEY BAMPTON ... <i>Treble</i>	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 4
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 2	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK... 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

Rung to mark the wedding of Miss Mavis Mahon, one of the local ringers. Quickest peal on the bells.

ALBURY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*AUDREY MORRISON ... <i>Treble</i>	*TOM PAGE ... 4
JOHN A. ETHERINGTON... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John A. Etherington.

BARMING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBERT W. KELVIE ... <i>Treble</i>	EDNA M. SILLS ... 4
TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	PETER C. WRIGHT ... 5
LUTHER J. HONESS ... 3	WILLIAM R. MANSER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MANSER.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

BICTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

BESSIE A. CARTER ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW... 4
EDWARD V. RODENHURST 2	JOHN N. LINDON ... 5
ERNEST J. ROWE ... 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

Rung for the induction of the Vicar, Rev. A. E. Smith, on June 15th, and as a birthday compliment to J. N. Lindon.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

BETTINA A. DUFFY ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK TAYLOR ... 4
WILLIAM DUFFY ... 2	*ERNEST BRITAIN ... 5
KENNETH W. DUFFY ... 3	JACK BRAY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* 100th peal.

ECCLESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.
*LAWRENCE WALMSLEY ...*Treble* | †ALAN MEADOWS ... 4
†ERIC BALDWIN ... 2 | BRIAN R. TILLER ... 5
†IAN JONES ... 3 | †W. HENRY HUNTER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN R. TILLER.

* First peal of Plain Bob. † First peal of Plain Bob and first of Minor. ‡ First peal.

HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, ESSEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.
*ARCHIBALD H. WHITE...*Treble* | JOHN H. PHILLIPS ... 4
DOROTHY H. JACKSON... 2 | ERIC EDMONDSON ... 5
EDWARD J. PHILLIPS ... 3 | SIDNEY F. CARTER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal away from the tenor.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.
THOMAS SIMMONS ...*Treble* | JOHN L. BARNES ... 4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ... 2 | THOMAS A. A. POTTER... 5
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM 3 | FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

SEND, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.
WILLIAM WELLING ...*Treble* | FRANK T. BLAGROVE ... 4
*WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 2 | RICHARD E. PRICE ... 5
G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 3 | TONY PRICE ... *Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First seven-method peal. Rung in honour of the Bishop of Guildford's informal visit to Send.

WICKHAMBREUX, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two different extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
*EDWARD WOOD ...*Treble* | JABEZ WALTER ... 4
†MABEL M. BROCKMAN ... 2 | †RICHARD G. FRENCH ... 5
SIDNEY WALTER ... 3 | STANLEY G. WHITE ... *Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY G. WHITE.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal. ‡ First peal on six bells. Rung on the conductor's 61st birthday.

STRATTON STRAWLESS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.
ERNEST G. SHORTING ...*Treble* | PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 4
GEORGE SAYER ... 2 | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 5
JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... 3 | NOLAN GOLDEN ... *Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

SHABESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., June 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
ALAN ELESMORE ...*Treble* | *JOHN N. LINDON ... 4
ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ... 2 | *MAURICE G. TURNER ... 5
J. NORMAN HADLEY ... 3 | HOWARD HOWELL ... *Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* 25th peal together.

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HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED ROYAL, 5016 CHANGES;

In three methods, comprising 2,640 Plain Bob, 1,320 Double Bob and 1,056 Little Bob, with 264 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

JAMES E. DANIELS 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	ROY C. HURST 7-8
MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 9-10	

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
First peal of Spliced Royal for the Guild.

DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At 201, HIGH STREET, DUNSVILLE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 7 in C sharp.

DAVID G. JACKSON 1-2	GIBSON JACKSON 5-6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 3-4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

No. 12. Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
JAMES E. DANIELS 3-4	MICHAEL J. E. BEST 7-8
EDWIN BARNETT 9-10	

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Arranged for Mr. Edwin Barnett, of Crayford, Kent.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
In ST. PETER'S CHURCH RINGING CHAMBER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 1-2	FREDK. A. SALTER 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	FRANK BRADLEY 7-8

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*JAMES E. DANIELS 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	*MICHAEL J. E. BEST 7-8
ALBERT H. WARD 9-10	

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

No. 33. Tenor size 17 in A.

JOSEPH A. FENTON 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 7-8
COLIN HARRISON 9-10	

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

No. 10. Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	JAMES E. DANIELS 7-8
MICHAEL J. E. BEST 9-10	

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Cond. by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.
First peal on ten bells as conductor. A compliment to Albert H. Ward on his 77th birthday.

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WHITSUNTIDE TOUR: LEICESTER TO DEVON AND CORNWALL

THE successful tour of Somerset in 1949 encouraged a party from Leicester Cathedral, augmented by fellow-devotees—J. S. Carter, H. Carter, P. Carter, R. Carter and K. Roe, of Wigston Magna; T. M. White; H. W. Perkins, W. J. Robinson, of Guildford; G. S. Morris, Lyme Regis; A. W. Martin, Kibworth Beauchamp; G. Care, Brafield; W. Yates, Wicken; E. Beadmore, Ashby-de-la-Zouch; A. E. Barlow, W. J. Vann, of Rugby; P. Burton, R. Fowkes, of Southwell; W. Stote, Coventry; F. H. Dexter, H. Broughton, P. Staniforth, H. Bowley, C. Knight and L. Greenhow, of Leicester—to attempt a more ambitious programme spread over (or was it squeezed into?) the Whitsuntide week-end.

Following a reconte with a drayman of a more expensive travelling concern, who caused a little manoeuvring trouble in a narrow street, we were under way at about 4.30 p.m. on Friday, May 26th, via Lutterworth, Rugby, Southam, Banbury, Chipping Norton to Burford, where, it was suggested, The Lamb hostelry would prove interesting and delightful in several ways. Again on the road, our route lay through Cirencester, Malmesbury, Chippenham, Bath—a point at which the company, having increased by ones and twos en route, was almost complete—Radstock, Shepton Mallet and, finally, our first night's caravan-serai, the Crown at Glastonbury. Tired and replete at this stage, one felt, nevertheless, that the threshold of the adventure proper had been reached.

GLASTONBURY LEGENDS.

Obiter dicta had included the Glastonbury legends concerning the possibility of Christ's having visited this island, in the interim period between the ages of twelve and thirty, with Joseph of Arimathea trading to these shores, suggested in the opening lines of William Blake's 'Jerusalem.' Before breakfast, therefore, the following morning, under 'the broad blue lift of the sky,' a party made pilgrimage to the holy thorn in St. John's Churchyard sprung from that planted by Joseph, which is reputed to bloom on Christmas Day. Expansive views in every direction rewarded the toil required to reach the summit of the tower-crowned tor, whilst it was deemed incumbent upon us to see the Well of the Holy Grail on descending.

Breakfast over, the first tower to be visited was at Bridgwater (8, tenor 25 cwt.) to enjoy ringing from ground floor level. Indeed, long draughts characterised many of the towers visited. It was here that the last of the complement joined us and we pushed on to Minehead, the first of the ten-bell towers, with a tenor of 20 cwt. and well-appointed ringing room. Some delay in obtaining the belfry door key caused hurried proceedings in order to reach Lynton for lunch prior to delighting in the notable eight, tenor 24½ cwt., at South Molton.

After tea at Torrington, the temperature fell and it rained as we came to ring upon the splendid eight at Stratton (tenor 21½ cwt.), welcomed by the Rev. Gilbert, who kindly presented postcard views of his church, of which the rood-screen was tastefully flower garlanded for the festival of Whitsuntide—a feature repeated in many of the churches.

TINTAGEL.

We delayed departure to listen to the Guildford chimes at 9 p.m. before leaving for Tintagel, where, at the Wharnecliffe Arms Hotel, hot Cornish pasties made a welcome appearance before hungry travellers, one of whom had discovered, in another room, a local ringer, who summoned a colleague, Mr. Tonkin, by telephone. In warm terms the latter bade us welcome, toasting us and giving information as to the local bells, augmented to six as a war memorial. The assembled company listened attentively and appreciatively to a 'rise and fall' on ten handbells, tunes from the Carter

family, of Wigston Magna, and Grandsire Triples and Caters, in the comfortable lounge. Ringing at seven o'clock was arranged for early service next morning, attended by the elder of our handbell friends despite a lock-out on the part of his protégé, which entailed his having to sleep elsewhere, for no amount of knocking would awaken the tired youngster.

Blustery weather and a shower emphasised how exposed and remote from the village the little cliff-top edifice stands. Squat as to tower height, it is without louvres on the Atlantic side, ringing being from ground-floor level. Members felt that they would have liked to have remained to service, but the time table demanded that we move on after a glance at King Arthur's Castle on the way to breakfast and farewells to mine host and Mr. Tonkin.

Presently it began to brighten; it really was 'England's green and pleasant land' when we drew up at St. Conan's, Egloshayle, to ring for matins on a ring of eight, tenor 12 cwt. There was a Cornish 'fall' by the local ringers to conclude the ringing before they came out to wish us well as we departed to Newquay, where coffee was taken before going on to Redruth and Camborne to lunch at Carbis Bay. The Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, together with their daughter, joined us at lunch at which it was a pleasure orally and tangibly to thank the Vicar for the valuable help given in making local arrangements. He replied, saying that he would flaunt his Leicester-made hosiery at the Central Council meeting the next day.

CARBIS BAY.

It was a delight to see his newly-built church, to ring on the light Taylor eight (tenor 9½ cwt.) and especially to ring Stedman Triples with the first lady to ring with us in Cornwall. One or two of the party made opportunity to go down to the beach, a short distance away, until it was time to travel on to St. Ives, Penzance—where a brief halt was called to enable snaps of St. Michael's Mount to be taken—Marazion, Helston and, finally, Truro for tea.

Cathedral ringers sought us out to take tea with us prior to service ringing on the ten at Truro (tenor 33 cwt.), where, despite long draught and a little difficulty in hearing, Cambridge Royal was rung. We had a little time to browse around before sampling, after evening-song, St. Austell's eight (tenor 13½ cwt.), full of tone and breath, strong rivals of Stratton.

Pasties and sandwiches were produced again at Looe, where, in the lounge of the Tregerthan Hotel, out came the handbells once more to the delight of an old man—his name could have been Pybus—who was specially allowed to get up to listen. Reminiscence kept the party out of bed until a late hour, regaled particularly with the Exeter tale told in the inimitable style of Mr. F. H. Dexter.

WHIT MONDAY.

Enquiry of a boatman concerning weather prospects early on Monday morning during a pre-breakfast stroll along the little quay produced an encouraging prognostication, fulfilled when the dull start developed into brilliant sunshine. Rope adjustment caused a little delay at St. Mary's, Launceston, octave (tenor 16 cwt.), during which time we learned that the 'Bell' hard by was built 1511 to accommodate the builders of the church. And so it was quickly away to St. Eustachius', Tavistock (eight, tenor 24 cwt.). A local visiting company, close on our heels, rejected our offer to leave the bells up on the score that they preferred to raise them 'to get the feel of 'em.' However, they complimented the settling band on a neat job.

To follow lunch at Buckfastleigh, where race meeting traffic was encountered—there were quips anent covering expenses—was a choice between ringing here or visiting Buckfast

Abbey. Most unfortunately we could neither ring nor enter the Abbey because of a special service, and so, having watched a colourful procession, it was on to tea in Exeter and a quick look around the Cathedral before the delights of Tiverton's justly famed eight (tenor 25 cwt.), with their green sallies, evoked unanimous approval. Mr. Arthur Payne had returned from the annual meeting at Ottery St. Mary to greet us.

Several local ringers met us at Wellington, our last call of the day, another good eight, tenor 19 cwt. And so, mindful of the moorland ponies and the sheep, to Glastonbury to an enjoyable supper, to which came the lately wed Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kingcott, of Wrington. This was deemed an opportune occasion to express to the organiser, Mr. Cecil F. Knight, our deepest appreciation of the scope, the happy atmosphere and undoubted success of the tour. We took pleasure in presenting to him a Rolls razor as memento of, and some recompense for, the vast work entailed. One cannot overlook, too, the able seconding and competence as ringing master of Mr. Joseph S. Carter. And so, after more handbell tunes, rise and fall and change ringing for mine host and his lady, to bed.

TUESDAY.

Tuesday dawned dully, but improved to sunshine by the time we visited the Abbey, the largest in the country. Abbot's Kitchen, Arthur's tomb, wattle church site were all matters of interest.

A short stay at Wedmore with its eight (tenor 30 cwt.) and a word with the Vicar, who was not oblivious of the poorest striking of the tour, preceded the masterpiece of founding at Chewton Mendip. This splendid octave (tenor 24 cwt.) hangs in an equally striking tower of noble proportions. The ringing was worthy of the bells, but we could not stay long enough, for Cheddar Gorge, Jacob's Ladder, Burrington Combe with its association with A. M. Toplady's 'Rock of Ages,' were to be seen before the anticipated hospitality for which Wrington is renowned. We were delighted to meet Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight, who were so good to Service men ringers, and Mr. and Mrs. Kingcott again. As we stood preparatory to raising the bells, we had the ringers' office to remind us of our function. This was the third ten and majestically do they sound across the fields. The late Major J. H. B. Hesse's model bell is housed in the ringing room, an extremely useful device for instructional purposes.

Now the party began to disperse, and it was a depleted band at tea at Cirencester. Evensong being due to commence, the oldest twelve in the country was left unringed, and we retraced our route through Cotswold loveliness, seen under ideal evening weather conditions, to our penultimate stop at Southam. A halt at Rugby, the final dispersal at Leicester and a delightful undertaking drew to its close.

THE GRAMO-RINGER

Featured in 'The Daily Mirror' of June 22nd was a story of how the bells for the new Mayor's procession at Swansea drowned the playing of the Swansea Police Band in the procession. Questions were asked about it at the Council meeting, and the Rev. Leon Atkin said, 'I gave orders to my bellringer to ring the bells 15 minutes before time, and I was inspired to do so by my personal regard for the new Mayor.'

Mr. J. Arthur Hoare, of Iforestfach, Swansea, writes: This actually refers to the 'synthetic bells' at St. Paul's Congregational Chapel. The St. Margaret's, Westminster, 'bells' must be holding their heads very high after knowing that a 'bellringer' is required to put on a record (their record) and also fit fresh needles.

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We regret that in sub-
editing reports of outings
it is necessary to omit
thanks to incumbents and steeplekeepers of
towers visited. All visiting bands are grateful
for the hospitality afforded them.

Is the peal of Royal in three methods rung
'in hand' at Bournemouth, and reported in
this issue, the first to be so rung? enquires
the conductor.

Mr. Oliver Sippetts joins the list of those
who have rung more than 100 peals in a tower.
At Crawley he has rung 192 peals, of which
he has conducted 130.

Miss Doreen Coker, who conducted the peal
of Grandsire Triples at Thame, is congratulated
by the band for her calmness despite
several unexpected intrusions to the belfry
during the last half-hour of the peal.

Following representation, ringers of St.
James', Turramurra, New South Wales, have
had a refund of 15s. 4d. duty paid on each
new rope. The Minister of Trade and Customs
has now decided to admit church ropes from
England free of duty.

Bishopstone, Wiltshire, is an unfortunate
tower, with the bells just overhead of the
ringers. 'The noise was terrific,' writes the
conductor of a recent peal there. Afterwards
the local captain, Mr. Joseph Durham, kindly
entertained the band to a tea, which included
strawberries.

It was most unfortunate that Mr. R. F.
Elkington, who is in charge of the belfry at
Anstey, was unable to stand in the peal of
Cambridge Surprise Major at Anstey for the
25th anniversary of the Rector's ordination.
Mr. Elkington met with an accident whilst at
work which prevented his taking part, and
the thanks of the band are due to Terry
Thorner, who filled the gap at short notice.

BELFRY GOSSIP

By the peal of Court
Triples at Port Sunlight
on June 17th, members of
the Chester Branch have during the last 2½
years rung peals in each of the eleven pure
Triples methods with two hunts, contained in
the Central Council's Collection, in addition
to peals of Stedman and Erin Triples. Messrs.
J. W. Best, P. Swindley and J. W. Griffiths
have rung peals in each method, Messrs. H. O.
Baker and F. H. Birks 12 each, G. F. Sperring
7, and R. G. Corby, D. H. B. Millward and
B. Harris 6 each. Those bands who prefer
Triples to Major will find these peals a wel-
come change from Grandsire and Stedman.

Through a misunderstanding, Mr. F. G.
Huckstepp was credited recently with having
called Holt's Original from each bell. So far
he has only called the Original from the treble.

Three members of Somerville College,
Oxford, after only eight months' ringing ex-
perience have rung their first peal, one of
'Main Bob Minor in hand.'

The late Mr. William H. Barber's peal book,
containing approximately 600 peals, has been
handed to the St. Martin's Guild and will be
a valuable addition to the Guild Library.

In regard to 5,184 Trinity Court Bob Major
by Nolan Golden, published on page 379, a
Bob — was omitted from the first course. Will
conductors interested please correct their
copies? With the composer's apologies.

Mr. A. H. Ward celebrated his 77th birth-
day by ringing a peal of Grandsire Caters 'in
hand' at Bournemouth. The excellent way he
struck his bells, a good performance at his
age in such fast ringing as over 35 changes
per minute, was a matter of compliment from
the conductor.

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THE 71st annual meeting of the Essex Association, held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, was attended by 150 ringers and friends, each district being well represented.

The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. C. K. Waller, M.A., assisted by the Deputy Master, the Rev. C. Scott Little, M.A., Vicar of Roydon, the lesson being read by the Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips, J.P.

During the service the names of members who had passed on during 1949 were read, viz., Rt. Rev. J. T. Inskip, D.D., late Bishop of Barking, a vice-president, J. Buckingham (Goldhanger), B. Copping (Harlow Common), A. Evers and V. Glass (Witham), H. G. Ocken-den (Fobbing), C. Petty (Wanstead), F. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden, hon. secretary of the Association 1921-34), F. G. Thorogood (Great Holland), Miss Annie White (Springfield), F. Ward (Great Totham, hon. member), and the non-resident members, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne), E. B. Hartley (Wil-lesden) and G. Williams (Southampton).

The Provost, an old friend of ringers of Barking, Hornchurch and Wanstead, gave an inspiring address, based on St. Luke xxiv., v. 49: 'Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.' In the course of his remarks he said:—

'I have been thinking lately of what a lot of things we clergy and ringers have in common. We are not only church workers, but we are preachers, and we have to proclaim the message of God's salvation. Another thing we share in common is that we are regarded as rather unusual freaks. Ringers are looked upon as rather sub-human sort of people, who shut themselves up in towers making weird noises. But there are times when people are glad of our services such as at weddings and national services of thanksgiving when the parson is necessary and the bells ring in joyful celebration. Then there are times when we are regarded as a horrible nuisance. However, there is something which is much more important.

'Our preaching and our great mission is of very little avail if it is mere noise and has little behind it. The quality of the life behind it is the real value. God did not say to His disciples "Go ye and preach," but to go forth as salt and life. Their preaching would have little effect without the power of the Holy Spirit behind it. I would like to quote the wise remark of a vicar recently to a young clergyman who had just preached his first sermon. At a staff meeting the next day he said nicely and kindly, "You know, young man, you will be a good preacher when you live in your life half of what you preach."

'It is the same with ringers. I want to suggest one or two things that being filled with the Holy Spirit means. Are you known as a ringer, a man who has been saved from sin and as one who is a good man, full of the Holy Spirit? If so, the message you ring out is true. Those who ring their message for marriages, if they are filled with the Holy Spirit, their own homes will be different. There we shall really see love and fellowship, for the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Fellowship. Do people think we are really good mixers, free of class distinction and snobbishness? Do they notice us as really happy people full of the spirit of joy? If we are full of this spirit of joy we shall affect those other people round about us. Let us remember, therefore, that the primary thing is not the noise we make, but the quality and influence of our lives through the Holy Spirit.'

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £4 6s.

The Master presided at the business meeting held in the Chapter House, supported by the Deputy Master and the officers of the Association. The Master extended a hearty welcome to all visitors, which included Mr. F. E. Collins and party (Surrey), Mr. W. T. Cook (West Ealing), Mr. T. J. Clark (Bushey, Herts), Miss M. Hillier (Bristol), Mr. G. Fearn (Birmingham), Mr. T. Myers (Plymouth), Mr. Stedman Symonds (Lavenham) and Mr. R. Bullen and party (St. Mary's, Ely).

Mention was made of the absence of Mr. G. Faulkner (Barking), waiting to go into hospital (recently operated on in the London Hospital).

A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.

The annual report, compiled by Mr. F. V. Gant (hon. secretary, S.W. District), with the assistance of the other district secretaries, again showed that interest in the Association had been maintained. Ringing members had increased from 735 to 758, and honorary members from 50 to 83. A high average of attendance had been reached at the district meetings, the 'highlights' being at Dunmow, Burnham-on-Crouch, St. Peter's, Colchester, Thaxted and Waltham Abbey. Sunday ringing at Stebbing, Great Easton, Havering, North Ockenden and South Benfleet was a pleasing feature and a fitting 'reward' for those who had assisted those towers, week by week.

Two towers experienced broadcasting. On Rogation Sunday the bells and service were broadcast from Great Bromley, while the bells of St. Margaret's, Barking, were recorded in connection with the exchange greetings between the Rotary Clubs of Trinidad and Barking.

The towers of Leyton (8), West Ham (10) and Orsett (6) were still out of action through structural defects. Many old hands were holding the 'fort,' assisted by some keen learners of both sexes. The claims of the Services were felt in some towers, but several promising ringers recently released had returned to their respective towers with renewed enthusiasm. Ringing for divine service had been the aim throughout the year, but only by special arrangement could this be done in some towers. Practice meetings of the 'Crusader' type had been held in several towers and had served as a 'try out' for new conductors.

PEAL REPORT.

Sixty-eight peals were rung during the year, as against 59 in 1948; 18 members rang their first peal and 59 their first in the method; 21 shared the conducting, Mr. F. B. Lufkin heading the list with 17 successful attempts. Congratulations to two young conductors, P. Eves (Galleywood) and D. Beard (Barking). Peals of special interest were: Stedman Cinques on Saffron Walden, conducted by H. N. Pitstow; New Cambridge Royal at Prittlewell, conducted by F. B. Lufkin; Spliced Plain and Kent Treble Bob Major at Writtle; Cambridge Surprise Major (J. W. Washbrook's last composition) at Brentwood; and an officers' peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Writtle, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the Association—all three peals conducted by H. Turner. A noteworthy change in the district officers took place in the S.E. District. Mr. H. Mansfield (Maldon) resigned the Mastership after rendering 13 years' valuable service and was succeeded by Mr. H. W. Shadrack (Springfield), who for several years served as district secretary.

Mr. G. L. Joyce (Hornchurch) spoke on the body of the report. There were still a number of mistakes and every effort should be made to get a perfect report. The correction of the draft was vital. Every tower or member should inform Mr. F. V. Gant of any mistakes or alterations, as the draft was more important than the proof. He proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Gant for all the good work that he had put into the report. This was carried with acclamation. Mr. Gant said that it was everybody's job to correct mistakes. He hoped all would work for a better report next year.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Mr. H. Turner (Shenfield), auditor, gave a brief outline of the accounts, mentioning the carry over of 'The Ringing World' account, the increase in the subscription and the peal booking fees. He also spoke on the Bell Restoration Fund, stressing the amount paid out last year. He referred to the work of the district secretaries and the general secretary, commenting on the expenses involved and the amount of work they had to do. The gross income from the districts totalled £101 11s. 6d., against £63 5s. 6d. in 1948; £93 15s. was passed into the general account. Peal fees added a further £10 18s. 10d. The balance at the end of the year stood at £190 3s. 9d., which was about £2 up on the previous balance.

The sum of £38 3s. 8d. had been contributed to the Bell Restoration Fund. Grants amounting to £65 had been made to Fyfield, Bobbingworth and South Benfleet, leaving a balance of £224 14s. 7d.

Mr. Turner proposed that the accounts be adopted. Mr. J. Crampion (Wanstead), co-auditor, supported all that Mr. Turner had said and formally seconded the motion.

Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead) supported the motion. He was pleased to see an increase in the number of honorary members. More incumbents should be enrolled. There were at least 100 active bands, but only 33 supporting incumbents. Every encouragement should be given to churchwardens and church officers to join the Association.

The Bell Restoration Fund had been well supported by those who attended meetings, especially in the S.E. District. There was plenty of life in an Association that could disburse £100 in two years. Thorpe Bay had raised sufficient money to add a 'deadening floor'—a worthy achievement for a new band!

STANDING ORDERS.

For the second year running the chief business centred round 'standing orders.' The secretary said that at the previous annual general meeting the committee had been instructed to reconsider the wording, etc., and considerable thought had been given. He felt that they were a step in the right direction, stating that the Association must continue to go forward and not allow the progress during the past years to be lost. He then proposed that Standing Orders be adopted as printed.

Mr. Joyce said that the meeting should approve them in principle and then take every one separately, as minor amendments might be necessary. His proposition was seconded by Mr. Chalk. Mr. Warboys (Barking) and Mr. Gant spoke against their adoption. The motion was carried. Further discussions followed and minor alterations in wording were proposed by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. L. J. Clark (Chelmsford) and carried.

It was agreed that only at annual general meetings should Standing Orders be compulsory. In the event of urgency the chairman

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could accept a motion for the suspension of any 'S.O.' Future meetings should benefit by the new rule, 'Standing Orders,' which covered agenda, minutes, speakers, chairman's rulings, motions and amendments, closures and voting.

A new rule (quorum of 12 members for an annual or general meeting and seven for a committee meeting), recommended by the committee, was fully discussed and lost on being put to the vote.

The election of officers followed: Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, J.P.; Deputy Master, Rev. C. Scott Little, M.A.; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. C. Heazel; auditors, Messrs. H. Turner and J. H. Crampion; trustees, Messrs. G. Green, E. J. Runter and H. W. Shadrack; life members, Mr. A. Reeve (Fobbing), Mr. C. H. Tucker (Harlow), Mr. C. Sharplin (South Weald), Mr. C. Morss (Woodford), Mr. A. White (Loughton); Central Council representatives (1951-53), Miss H. G. Snowdon, Messrs. F. V. Gant, F. Lufkin and H. J. Mansfield.

The Master thanked the members for their confidence and trust in him, mentioning that the time would come when they would have to look for someone else to take over the office in the not too distant future.

The Deputy Master spoke of the work that had been undertaken by the committee during the past year and thanked all who had helped, especially Messrs. Joyce and Gant.

The hon. secretary and treasurer thanked the members for their continued trust in him and the help given by so many, particularly Mr. Gant for taking over the editorship of the report and Mr. L. Clark for the lunch arrangements. He then mentioned the question of twelve-bell ringing, saying that he was despondent last year about it, but there had been a surprising revival of interest and he should like to see it go ahead. Those eager to ring 12 bells should attend the monthly Saturday practices at Chelmsford.

The Rev. F. R. Wright (St. Edward's, Romford) was elected as an honorary member.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. H. Turner spoke on a resolution in 'The Ringing World' by the Central Council that Methods Committee decisions automatically became rules of the 'C.C.' He put forward a request that their representatives should oppose it. Mr. Joyce spoke on the subject and mentioned the spliced peal at Chigwell Row and the effect that changing of the method names had on the peal. Mr. Heazel mentioned the letter he had received from Mr. Cockey about the Middlesex representatives and the treatment they received last year. Miss Snowdon supported action to be taken. Mr. Gant upheld the Central Council's recommendations. Mr. J. Chalk proposed and Mr. H. Turner seconded that the Essex representatives speak against the new rule.—Carried.

Mr. C. Barnard (Rayleigh) proposed and Miss G. Seymour (Rayleigh) seconded that an Essex Association badge should be produced. Mr. Joyce supported this innovation. It was decided by vote to refer this matter to the committee for consideration and their decision announced at the next annual general meeting.

The secretary was requested to send the Association's best wishes to the Provost's son, Mr. John Waller, who was to be ordained at St. Paul's Cathedral on Trinity Sunday.

The secretary read two letters, one from Mr. W. Chalk (Colchester), conveying his thanks for being elected a life member, and another from Sketty Green, Swansea, ringers re their bell restoration.

The Master proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Very Rev. C. K. Waller for the use of the bells and the Chapter House, for conducting the service and for his splendid address. Also to the organist, Mr. W. Stanley Vann, for his assistance in the service. The members adjourned to the Cathedral Hall, where lunch was well served, the Provost being the chief guest.

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Durham & Newcastle Assn.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

A large company of ringers and friends assembled in North-West Durham on June 10th for the half-yearly meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, when ringing took place at the Parish Churches of Consett, Blackhill, Benfieldside, and the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary, Blackhill.

It is about two miles from Consett to Benfieldside, Blackhill being approximately midway, and one moves from an industrial area of coke ovens and ironworks at Consett to one of the most beautiful rural scenes in the County of Durham at Benfieldside, that of the Derwent valley overlooking the borders of Durham and Northumberland.

At Benfieldside the company sat down to an excellent tea, which had been prepared by the parishioners. Mr. F. Ainsley thanked the ladies for waiting upon them at tea, and Mr. D. A. Bayles thanked the incumbents of the three churches and the priest-in-charge of St. Mary's R.C. Church for the use of the bells.

The president, Mr. W. N. Park, referred to the loss the Exercise had suffered by the passing on of Mr. W. H. Barber. Mr. Barber, whilst not a native of the North-East of England, lived for many years at Newcastle-on-Tyne, where he was a member of the Cathedral Guild, and just a few months ago went to live at Sutton Coldfield. The members stood in silence to his memory.

After tea a short service was held in Benfieldside Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Fenwick.

The company welcomed Mr. Spears, of Wolverhampton, who was on holiday at Scarborough, and who made a round trip of over 250 miles to visit us. Our thanks are due to Mr. C. T. Lamb, of Benfieldside, for the excellent arrangements he made for the meeting.

ERDINGTON BELLS AGAIN

The gift of the original ring of bells installed in the Roman Catholic Church at Erdington in 1878 has a beautiful history. A young man, poorly endowed with worldly goods, but who loved the beauty of God's house, made a vow to work hard and, if God prospered him, to furnish bells for the church.

After an absence of 16 years, spent in New Zealand, with the work of his hand and the sweat of his brow, and with self-denial, he laid by sufficient to return to Erdington and fulfil his vow. The bells were a ring of eight, cast by Blews, the Birmingham founders. After 70 years' use, the wooden bell frame became dilapidated and the bells compared unfavourably with modern tuning, so that of recent years they had been seldom rung.

This year the church, which is dedicated to St. Thomas and Edmund, celebrates its centenary, and a determined effort was made to put the bells in order. A thorough scheme was decided upon, resulting in a beautiful octave with a tenor of 15 cwt. in F from the Loughborough foundry.

They were rung for the first time, as a prelude to the centenary celebrations, on June 10th, and a peal was rung upon them on June 17th. The louvres have been completely filled in with sound-proof material, sending the sound into the spire, resulting in a perfectly balanced reception outside the tower and a ring of bells that it is a pleasure to listen to.

A band of ringers from the congregation has been formed, and is receiving tuition in bell management from the hon. secretary of the St. Martin's Guild. G. E. F.

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During the day the following towers were open for ringing: Chelmsford Cathedral, Broomfield, Danbury, Springfield, Little Waltham, Great Waltham, Great Baddow, Boreham, Galleywood, Widford and Writtle.

The experiment of running a buffet tea from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. proved a great success.

North Wales Association

ANNUAL MEETING AT LLANDUDNO.

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Llandudno on June 10th. Although the weather was all that could be desired, the attendance was not large, but fairly representative.

Ringing commenced at 2 p.m. under the guidance of the Ringing Master (Mr. F. E. Evans), and touches in various methods were rung until 3 p.m., when a short service was conducted by the Rector (Canon Rowlands). He gave the members a very cordial welcome and paid tribute to the services which the ringers render unseen.

Forty members sat down to an excellent tea, kindly provided by the local ringers.

At the business meeting Mr. S. Birks was elected to the chair. An apology for absence on behalf of Mr. A. J. Hughes was given by the secretary, who was instructed to write to him expressing the sympathy of the members in his illness and their hopes for a speedy recovery.

The balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of £11 6s. 9d., was adopted. It was pointed out that quite a number of members had not yet paid their subscriptions.

A resolution to increase the subscription to 2s. was carried unanimously.

All the retiring officers were re-elected with one exception. Mr. Denis Millward, Buckley, was elected district secretary for the Wrexham district.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Llangollen, provided the bells were available, and the half-yearly meeting at Bangor on the first Saturday in September. Quarterly meetings to be held at Hope and Halkyn.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Rector and Llandudno ringers for their hospitality, and to the chairman for the able manner in which he had conducted the meeting.

Further ringing was enjoyed after tea, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise.

FOXEARH, ESSEX

By invitation of the Rector, the Rev. Malcolm Pearce, ringers from Sudbury, Clare, Stoke-by-Clare, Long Melford, Cornard, Wickham St. Paul's and Foxearth gathered on June 17th for a couple of hours on this light eight, tenor 7 cwt. The glass panelled pendulum case in the centre of the ringing chamber, which makes rope-sight a little difficult, was the only complaint.

The bells were rendered unringable when the great storm three summers ago wrecked the lofty spire, and the tower has now a most unfamiliar look with its embattled top.

Some good ringing was accomplished, the bells having been overhauled by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The last touch of the evening was Kent Treble Bob, which might have been dedicated to those of the past, 'The Treble Bob Kings' of Foxearth. A. A. F.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD MACCLESFIELD AND CONGLETON BRANCH.

A very enjoyable quarterly meeting was held at Gawsorth on June 10th. The Rector conducted the service in the afternoon. In the evening he very kindly introduced the local ringers and their visitors to the famous 15th century rectory, where he delivered a most interesting talk on the history of that beautiful and picturesque building.

Tea was provided at the Harrington Arms, and the beautiful surroundings and scenery made the afternoon's ringing more enjoyable.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On May 23th, 1,280 Grandsire Triples: A. Payne 1, L. H. May 2, R. J. Bowden 3, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 4, W. H. Ware 5, E. Richards 6, J. D. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A FALSE PEAL

Dear Sir,—I wish to draw attention to the fact that the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which I called at Lincoln Cathedral on June 30th, 1949, is false.

I apologise to the remainder of the band, and particularly to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mathews, for whom the peal was specially arranged.

The composition by York Green was obtained from a copy of 'The Bell News,' and is as follows:—

5,280	Cambridge Surprise Maximus.		
23456	M	W	H
65432	—	—	—
36452	—	—	—
54263	—	—	3
62345	—	—	—
25346	—	—	2
23456	—	—	2

Yours sincerely,
JOHN A. FREEMAN.

Lincoln.

'NINE TAILORS' ERROR

Dear Sir,—The error mentioned by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards appeared when the book was first published and has apparently remained uncorrected in each subsequent reprint.

There appears to be another slight misprint in the fourth chapter called 'The Second Part,' which gives a description of the bells and their notes. The musical sign for a 'sharp' in the case of the original No. 3 (F sharp) is used each time this bell is mentioned even when described as No. 5 after it had been 'flattened . . . to produce some sort of approximation to F natural' to conform to the scale of C when the tenor bell was added. This no doubt was the printer's misreading of the two very similar signs in the author's manuscript.—Yours truly,
H. D. HARRIS.

Woburn.

Dear Sir,—'Nine Tailors' error: The misprint referred to by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards appears in my first edition, so it has probably appeared in all subsequent editions.

'Punch': I expected to see a note in 'The Ringing World' to say our art had been the subject of a recent article in 'Punch' (dated May 31st), when Mr. P.'s reporter visited the Crowdon Foundry. It is delightfully illustrated by 'Emmett.'—Yours faithfully,
T. G. HAWKINS. Stoke Poges, Bucks.

ST. DUNSTAN'S

Dear Sir,—In the Central Council Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods (third edition) appears the Doubles method (No. 13) known as St. Dunstan's, the plain course of which runs to two treble leads only, nine bobs being required to produce the extent. If the bob and plain leads are reversed (in name only) an ordinary four-lead method is obtained and the extent is produced by the usual three bobs. In other words, the touch produced by four consecutive bobs may be regarded as the plain course and the plain lead used as the bob, thus:

120
2345
—
4532
3254
5423
—3425

Twice repeated.

This may have been pointed out before, or, at any rate, be well known to the experts, but if that is so, would it not be better to show the method in this form in the 'Collection' rather than in the two-lead, nine-bob form? This would, apparently, make the method simpler to learn, call and ring.

The method, by the way, is simply Reverse Stedman Slow Course, with a different bob.—Yours truly,
G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

Dear Sir,—It may interest the Festival of Britain Committee of the Central Council that one of the Festival's plans is to rebuild a badly blitzed neighbourhood in London's East End. The site is in Stepney and Poplar and will be known as Lansbury Estate, and will cover an area of about 124 acres, with an eventual population of 9,500. About 30 acres will be developed for the Festival and new buildings will include dwellings, schools, shops, market place and two churches. The London County Council is the planning and development authority, and, of course, some of the building work has already started.—Yours faithfully,
T. J. LOCK.

FESTIVAL BELLS

Dear Sir,—I enclose two cuttings from 'The Daily Telegraph.' The first is from the issue of May 30th, and concerns the admirable suggestion put forward by Wing-Comdr. York-Bramble for the Festival of Britain, a suggestion which would repay the bellfounders manifold if they would act on it. I have often noticed the fascination which ringing and bells hold for British people and foreigners alike when they chance on a local guild meeting. I feel sure that if the visitors to the Festival could see bells and ringers in actual operation not a few orders would be forthcoming for the foundries—if not for rings, then for carillons, etc., for abroad and home.

What better and more subtle way could there be of advertising the best bells in the world than by displaying to such a vast international audience our unique way of using bells and of celebrating occasions of national importance. The glass-walled tower would be an eye-catcher to the most casual, and the bells would tell their own supreme quality.

The second cutting, from 'The Telegraph' of June 15th, is my own letter of support to the scheme, though unfortunately very much weakened by abbreviation. It has provoked the enclosed postcard from St. Albans, and I confess that I cannot help agreeing with its writer (though not to the extent he suggests!) if he is continually subjected to peals, quarter peals and an excessive number of practices and meetings. There is no doubt that we, as ringers, if we are to foster, and not antagonise public opinion, should be extremely sparing in our use of bells at other than service times when towers in highly populated districts are involved.—Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY BURROUGHS.

Hemmenwood Vicarage, East Grinstead.

The following letter from Mr. Burroughs appeared in 'The Daily Telegraph':—

Sir,—I was interested to read that the Central Council of Church Bellringers is discussing whether the three principal bell foundries should erect glass-walled towers at the Festival of Britain, and demonstrations be given by picked bellringers.

The proposal should certainly receive official support. English bell foundries have the reputation of being the best in the world, but less well known is the fact that change ringing and the way we hang our bells is almost exclusively English.

Incidentally, you state that there are 600 ringers in the country, but 60,000 would be a rather more accurate figure.—Yours, etc., G. D. Burroughs, East Grinstead.

The postcard Mr. Burroughs received states: It is the ringer who should be hung not the bell! Hang him behind glass for the Festival! I can understand this interest in change ringing, but not as a householder who cannot escape the interminable din that goes on for hours on end when change ringers come and practise their art on St. Peter's Church bells, St. Albans. It is the prolonged bout of ringing which puts us all against them.—A. B. Kinloch.

100 Peals in a Tower

Dear Sir,—There must be quite a large number of ringers who have accomplished 100 peals in the same steeple, such as Birmingham, Leicester and other places.

The late Rev. William C. Pearson, who augmented his five to eight bells, in 1902, at St. Peter's Church, Henley, Suffolk, rang over 100 peals on them.

The writer has rung 137 peals on St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, ringing the 11th bell to 103 of them, also 22 peals on handbells in the belfry; of the above he has conducted 96.—Yours truly,
GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich.

CLAIM OF HOLY TRINITY, HULL

Dear Sir,—In reference to correspondence on the largest parish church, I have two volumes called 'Cathedrals, Abbeys and Churches of England and Wales,' published by Cassell and Co. in 1891, which contain a chapter on Holy Trinity, Hull and St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, by Dr. J. J. Raven. Here is an extract from his account, 'In point of superficial area, the reputation of Yarmouth to be the foremost in England must yield to Holy Trinity, Hull, as 20,036 square feet, which was the recorded area of the latter church, has been ascertained by professional measurement to be under the mark, the real floor space being more than 25,000 square feet.' He gives the figures for Yarmouth as 23,085 square feet, which he says is a clear 1,000 feet in excess of St. Michael's, Coventry.—Yours faithfully,
F. J. HANNINGTON.

Cardiff.

AMBIGUITY IN WORDING

Dear Sir,—It seems a great pity indeed that after next Whitsun no more peals of Kent Treble Bob will be rung, not to mention other less common methods, such as Reverse Canterbury. At least that is if we are to interpret strictly the new rules of the Council quoted in 'The Ringing World' of 16th inst. Under the heading of 'Calls' we find, 'It is not permissible for any pair or pairs of bells to be still . . . on going off into changes or in returning to rounds.'

I am writing to point this out, lest anyone with a desire to ring the method to a peal should miss the announcement, and so run the risk of losing for ever the opportunity of ringing an officially recognised peal of Kent.

Indeed, going further, we may even hold a competition as to who will ring the past peal of Kent. This, however, will produce difficulties of deciding not only what constitutes the last peal (should we go on the starting time, the mid-point, or when rounds comes up? And pity the poor band whose peal runs on over the zero hour!), but also when exactly the rule comes into force. Altogether next May should, with the ringers of this country showing a true competitive spirit, produce some unprecedented activity in peal ringing.—Yours faithfully,
P. W. B. SEMMENS.

Barnstaple.

WILLIAM BANISTER'S BOOK

Dear Sir,—I also have a copy of the 1874 edition of above. It was given me by the late W. H. Thompson when living at 4, Sillwood Street, Brighton, some years previous to his death in 1934.

Before it came into Mr. Thompson's possession it evidently had belonged to a ringer by the name of 'Archbutt,' as on the inside of cover there is the following inscription: John Archbutt, 11, Wilton Terrace, Camberwell Grove. 5/8/77. Member of Royal Cumberland Society of Change Ringers, Waterloo Society of Change Ringers, St. Margaret's, Westminster, Society of Change Ringers.—Yours faithfully,
GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. WILLIAM H. BARBER.

The sudden passing of William H. Barber came as a great shock to his many friends in Birmingham, he having been a valued member of the St. Martin's Guild for over half a century.

Upon leaving Newcastle-on-Tyne for Birmingham, he again became a service ringer at St. Martin's Church and took part in the ringing, unfortunately for the last time, on Sunday, May 21st.

The following Sunday he was absent and a postcard was received from his sister with whom he lived saying that he was seriously ill and had been taken to hospital. We immediately wrote asking for details, and the next information we received was on Saturday, June 3rd, stating that he was being buried that morning, he having passed away on the Tuesday previous, May 30th.

This unfortunate delay in notification prevented his many friends in the St. Martin's Guild attending the funeral service. He will be remembered as a very dear friend and a delightful companion, especially among those who had known him and rung with him before he left Birmingham for the North.

The writer first rang in a peal with him at Aston in 1898 and also in other notable peals at St. Martin's and elsewhere. We fully endorse the excellent tribute paid to his memory by our Newcastle-on-Tyne friend, 'W. J. D.', which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of June 16th.

It was the writer's privilege to visit Mr. Barber's sister on the day of the funeral. He was informed that the cause of death was general debility and a very weak heart. There is no doubt that the nature of his employment in repairing the brickwork of large industrial furnaces, especially at week-ends when they had not cooled down, had considerably through the years undermined his constitution. A. W.

MR. WILLIAM PICKWORTH.

A foundation member of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, Mr. William Pickworth, died at the Royal Hospital, Richmond, on June 19th, aged 75 years.

A native of Lincolnshire, he came to London in 1896 and joined the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths the following year. He made good progress in ringing and in later years was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Mr. Pickworth rendered faithful service to the Middlesex County Association and for some years was assistant secretary to Mr. A. T. King. He was also secretary of the Southgate Society from 1920 to 1934, when he retired and went to live at Hastings. He returned to Richmond soon after the end of the war. Owing to ill-health, he had taken little part in ringing during the last two years. His last pull was at a meeting at Ashted on Easter Monday.

The funeral service was at Holy Trinity Church, Richmond, on June 23rd, which was attended by family mourners and Mr. H. Miller, representing the Christ Church, Southgate, Society. Interment was at Richmond Borough Cemetery in the same grave as his wife. S. W.

MR. J. F. SIMPSON.

It is with deep regret we report the death of Mr. Joseph Francis Simpson, who passed away on June 12th at 21, Castle Lane, Warwick, aged 85 years. He was an old and respected member of the Coventry Diocesan Guild and other societies, and a keen churchman, chorister and ringer. Until a few months ago Mr. Simpson was a regular attendant at service and practice ringing, but failing health and eyesight prevented him from taking any further part. Always of a cheerful and kindly nature, he will be sadly missed by all at St. Mary's. W. C.

MR. T. H. VAUGHAN.

The death is announced of Mr. T. H. Vaughan at Ipswich Hospital following an operation. A railway timekeeper, he came to Peterborough over forty years ago and joined St. John's band.

Mr. Vaughan took seriously to ringing and progressed quickly. He rang all the standard methods up to Superlative. Although not a great peal ringer, he had peals in Minor, Triples and Major methods to his credit. Above all, he was the ideal striker, one with whom it was always a pleasure to ring. Regular at practice and Sunday ringing, he has left behind him an example from which all can learn a lesson.

The funeral took place at St. John's and the local ringers were represented by Mr. E. Warner. On Sunday, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor were rung half-muffled, with the tenor covering, as a farewell tribute by A. French 1, S. Wright 2, W. Rose (cond.) 3, C. Woods 4, W. Barker 5, G. Bush 6, L. Hadman tenor.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

An extremely good meeting was held at Alcester on June 24th by the Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch. A good number of ringers attended, some from as far away as Derby and Cheltenham. The beautiful ring of eight bells was rung to many touches of Grandshire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major. At the business meeting Mr. D. Stanley thanked those who attended, and also the Rector for the use of the bells.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK

The revival of the annual outing was a great success, when on Whit Monday the Sudbury company visited Hertfordshire. Cars were used for transport, and with no non-ringers, quick moves were possible and good times for ringing at each call was ensured.

First call was Sawbridgeworth for a pleasant hour, and then to Hoddesdon for 45 minutes. Next a very pleasant stop at Broxbourne to find a grand ring, with Mr. Radley at the ready. Lunch followed with a spell of handbell ringing in the gardens of the Bull, much to the enjoyment of the many patrons.

On to Bengoe for some Stedman in quick tempo, and then an ardent endeavour to find Knebworth's old church: a little delay was rewarded by this delightful ring. Tea at Broadwater and to Benington to read of Squire Proctor's achievements and to enjoy the most successful call of the day. Lastly to Much Hadham, where in spite of 'near elastic' ropes, some good ringing resulted. A.A.F.

Yorkshire Association

WESTERN DIVISION AT DENHOLME.

On June 17th the summer meeting was held at this remote village situated on the edge of the Bronte country and in close proximity to the wide stretch of moors which reaches to the Lancashire border.

Although the weather was on the cool side, it was such to bring out the bold outlines of the neighbouring hills, and from the east end of the church a fine panoramic view of the Thornton valley and the city of Bradford and beyond was obtainable.

About 30 to 40 ringers were present from a good number of towers, and they were pleased to welcome members from Pontefract, who have just been transferred from the Eastern Division. The bells (by Mears), although not easy going, were rung to a variety of methods, many of them being in the Surprise group.

In the unavoidable absence of the Ringing Master (Mr. T. W. Strangeways), Messrs. Barton, Johnson and L. W. G. Morris shared the duties of organising the ringing. Touches were kept short and everyone enjoyed his or her particular method.

Tea was partaken of in the adjoining school, and the Vicar, the Rev. J. R. Hailes, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors.

At the business meeting, which was of a brief nature, Mr. P. J. Johnson (vice-president) occupied the chair. Eight new members were elected and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Longwood in September.

At the conclusion a collection was taken for the Belfry Repairs Fund. Handbells and tower bells then helped to while away the hours until bus time came to bring to a close a very pleasant meeting.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

During the week starting June 17th, the University of Bristol Society arranged a series of peal attempts, none of which was successful due to various reasons.

The first was Grandshire Triples, which was lost after two hours' ringing due to a change-course. There would have been four 'firsts' of Grandshire Triples and also the conductor's first of Triples as conductor.

On Monday, 19th, at Abbots Leigh, Plain Bob Minor was lost also after two hours' ringing and also due to a change-course. There was one ringer attempting his first peal and two others their first of Minor.

Though the above were due to ringing errors, the attempt at Grandshire Doubles on Wednesday was lost owing to the fact that there was not sufficient time to ring the peal. A very good half-peal of 2,520 changes was rung by the following: K. Pinney 1, G. Beynon 2, L. Hedges 3, L. Watson 4, J. Worrall (cond.) 5, C. Barwick 6. Longest length by 1 and 3.

On Saturday, 17th, the Society's greatest venture to date, Stedman Triples, came to grief under very unfortunate circumstances. After two false starts ringing was proceeding well, but after more than two hours' ringing one of the ladies comprising the band was taken ill. This would have been the first peal of Stedman by all the band except two of the ringers and the first by the conductor as such. Altogether 13 ringers took part in the four attempts.

At the recent annual general meeting of the Society, the following officers were elected for the session 1950-51: Master, Mr. Ivor H. Trueman; secretary, Mr. Jack R. Worrall; tower secretary, Mr. Colin Barwick; treasurer, Miss Mary I. Kennelly; committee, Mr. Christopher T. Brown.

MORECAMBE, LANCS.—On June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Schofield (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Schofield 2, Miss B. Schofield 3, F. Schofield 4, G. Braithwaite (cond.) 5, H. Palmer 6. A 21st birthday compliment to F. Schofield.

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A SELECTION OF THE JUNE OUTINGS

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT. A TOUR OF ESSEX.

Ringers from ten towers of the Maidstone district, together with eight wives and one son, composed the happy party which, in perfect weather, ventured across the waters to Essex on June 10th on the second annual tour. Gravesend was reached at 9.55 a.m., but luck was out and we saw the coach in front pack on to the ferry, leaving ours first in the queue for the next boat.

Brentwood was reached 45 minutes behind schedule, and in consequence ringing on the fine octave at the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury was reduced to the bare minimum. By having lunch on the coach instead of in picnic fashion on Writtle's village green we were able to gulp down a refreshing drink at the Cock and Bell and be at All Saints' Church punctually at 1.30 p.m. A full hour on this excellent ring compensated for the dash at Brentwood and we had our first go at the day's special—Yorkshire Surprise—unsuccessfully!

At Chelmsford Cathedral we were all on our mettle and not a little apprehensive—yet felt at ease immediately in the atmosphere of welcome. The light octave was raised in peal and the remaining bells individually, the 3½ cwt. tenor sounding forth a rich and beautiful note. Grandsire Cinques with all bells manned by ourselves opened proceedings, followed by rounds for the not so experienced. Then, fortified by Mr. L. J. Clark and others of the Cathedral band, we rang a touch of Stedman Cinques, which improved steadily and was even approaching a 'beat' as the bells came rolling back into rounds. Three leads of Treble Twelve completed the ringing.

From the ringing chamber to the nave for choral evensong and some superb chanting by the Cathedral choir; outside the hot, dusty and busy street, inside the cool and peace. Tea at Cannon's Restaurant, and to celebrate the recent 70th birthday of the Kent County the cutting of a two-tier iced cake surmounted by a model bell, all the handiwork of Miss Margaret Baker, of the West Malling band. Here we took the opportunity of expressing our appreciation to everyone in Essex who had made our tour so delightful, particularly Mr. R. C. Heazel, general secretary of the Essex Association, and Mr. Clark, of the Cathedral company.

Two miles from Chelmsford is an Essex show-piece, the ring of eight at St. Mary the Virgin's, Great Baddow. These glorious bells wholly deserve their reputation, and we appreciated the honour of ringing them, and also of meeting Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, Master of the Essex Association, and a 'grand old man' of ringing, Mr. George Green. With Dr. Spencer-Phillips ringing with us we achieved our course of Yorkshire, our last opportunity, for the remaining tower was a six-bell, All Saints', Rettendon.

Another Maidstone District tour was over, but of this one not only have we the memory, but each a souvenir, a printed itinerary produced on the school press by pupils of Mr. Alec Waddington, captain of the Egerton band. Thank you, Essex. E.S.J.H.

BRAINTREE.

St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, selected some interesting towers for their outing on June 17th. The handy ring at Backway, Herts, was the first stop, followed by Hitchin with ringing and lunch. At Knebworth ringing was curtailed owing to a wedding, but full compensation was provided by the fine ten at Luton with the 'go' perfect. The hour's ringing finished with a touch of Stedman Caters, conducted by Mr. Goodenough.

Tea was very welcome before going on to Dunstable, another good ring. Major methods up to London were rung as well as Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters.

ST. PAUL'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On June 17th, the St. Paul's Society, augmented by friends from Repton, Ticknall, Overseal and Lichfield, left Burton by coach at 7.45 a.m. for a tour of Cheshire and Salop.

The first call was at Crewe, where the visitors were welcomed by the Vicar and members of the local band. In the three-quarters of an hour allowed for ringing some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were successfully brought round.

The next stop was Chester, and after lunch the bells of St. Mary's, Hambridge, were rung to some good Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich before moving on to the Cathedral.

Here a special honour was conferred on the visitors, when it became known that we were to ring for festal evensong on the occasion of the Feast of St. Werburgh. Under the circumstances ringing was confined to Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

After a short interval for sight-seeing, etc., the homeward journey started at 6 p.m. for the last call the day at Market Drayton, Salop. This delightful ring of eight was put to splendid use for an hour, during which time there were a number of well-struck touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, and a short touch of Double Norwich. W. J. L.

EDGBASTON.

On June 17th, the ringers of Edgbaston Parish Church, Birmingham, accompanied by wives and friends, left Selly Oak by motor-coach, and in delightful weather proceeded to Malvern Link, where at St. Matthias' Church they were given a warm welcome by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Hartley, who is the clerical secretary to the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Soon this lovely ring of eight by Taylor (tenor 16 cwt.) was set going, and excellent touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Major were successfully brought round.

From Malvern Hills a lovely view of the vast fertile countryside was visible for miles. At Colwall, Mr. E. Price met the party. On the light eight (tenor 11 cwt.), the back six being by Rudhall, with two trebles added by Mears and Stainbank, touches of Grandsire and Stedman were enjoyed.

An excellent lunch was partaken of at the Valley Hotel, Ross-on-Wye. Arrangements had been made to ring at the Parish Church, and although the secretary was in possession of a letter to that effect, the party waited three-quarters of an hour without anyone to meet them. This was a great disappointment, especially to the writer, who has pleasant memories of the late Mr. Edwin Barnett, who was a native of Ross.

The journey continued through the glorious scenery of the Wye Valley, via Monmouth and Chepstow, to Newnham-on-Severn, where there is a very pleasant toned ring of eight by Mears and Stainbank (tenor 17 cwt.). Owing to the ropes being so badly adjusted, especially that of the treble, which it was impossible to ring, ringing was confined to Grandsire Doubles on the back six.

After passing through Gloucester and Tewkesbury, a nice tea was in readiness at Upton-on-Severn. At the Parish Church the Rector (the Rev. H. S. Bailey) opened the tower and apologised for the absence of his captain, the inestimable Charlie Camm, who with his ringers had gone that day on their outing to Bournemouth. Good touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Double Norwich were rung.

The way home was via Pershore and Redditch, Birmingham being reached about 10 p.m. A word of praise is due to Messrs. W. Mumford and T. Russell for the excellent arrangements. W. C. D.

ST. LEONARD'S STREATHAM.

The fifth annual summer tour of ringers of St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, and Christ Church, Mitcham, together with their wives and friends, took place on June 10th. The party, consisting of 32, left Mitcham by coach and toured through the counties of Surrey, Sussex and Kent in brilliant sunshine.

Ringling was enjoyed at Withyham, Tenterden, Wye and Hollingbourne.

We were met at Tenterden by an old friend, Mr. W. Joiner, who had come from Hastings to spend two hours with us.

The secretary, Mr. S. Howard, is to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements he made to make the day such a success.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

On June 3rd, the Rotherham company of ringers, together with wives and friends, held their annual outing in glorious summer weather. Leaving Rotherham at 6.30 a.m., the party travelled by motor-coach through some of England's most beautiful countryside on the first stage of their journey to Bourne, Lincs. Here a stop was made for breakfast, after which a visit was made to the grand old Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul. Mr. F. French welcomed the visitors, and the bells, a good ring of six (tenor 16½ cwt.), rung from the ground floor, were soon raised and ringing to Plain and Little Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

A break of two hours was allowed for at Peterborough to visit the Cathedral, and then through beautiful country to the little town of Uppingham in Rutland. The Rev. S. C. Woodward (Vicar) entertained the non-ringers in the beauties of the church while the ringers amused themselves on the light Taylor ring of eight (tenor 14½ cwt.) with Plain and Little Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples.

Allotted time ending all too soon, a move was made to Oakham for tea and ringing at All Saints' Church. Here the sound of the bells brought yet another visitor, Mr. Alan Cattell, of Leicester, who also joined in the ringing on this grand eight, tenor 24 cwt., to the standard methods.

Home was reached at midnight, which added another pleasant memory to the list of successful outings. A. F.

DARLINGTON.

The annual outing of the members of St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity belfries, Darlington, again took the form of a motor-coach tour on June 17th.

The party, numbering 33, including families and friends, made an early start and proceeded via York, where a stop was made for light refreshments, to Beverley. This old-world town was thoroughly explored and enjoyed, the Minster proving the centre of attraction. The beauties of this building and its ring of ten are too well known to require description. Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were rung and a visit paid to 'Great John' in the adjoining tower.

After lunch the road was taken to Bridlington, where the non-ringers had the delights of the seaside and the ringers made good use of the beautiful eight at the Priory Church. After tea at Bridlington the road home lay over the Yorkshire Wolds which, at the present time, appear at their best.

A short halt was made at Sledmere to view the church and the two memorials, and then on to Malton, where the newly rehung eight at St. Leonard's was in readiness. Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung here during the brief stay and the homeward journey was via Fasingwold and Thirsk. A most enjoyable day came to a close at about 11 p.m. W. N. P.

QUARTER PEALS

BOSTON, LINCS. — On June 11th at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Thompson 1, Lorna Briggs 2, F. Dewey 3, R. Brown (cond.) 4, D. White 5, S. Jessop 6, W. E. Clarke 7, J. Petch 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS. — On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Willis (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Audrey B. Castell (first 'inside') 2, J. R. Pease 3, J. Berry (first quarter) 4, F. C. Castell (cond.) 5, A. G. King 6. For the 90th birthday of the Very Rev. Dean Inge.

DEAL, KENT. — On June 6th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Milner 1, Janet Wells (first quarter) 2, W. Bottrill (cond.) 3, M. M. Milner 4, A. Rye 5, H. E. Axton 6. To mark the 25th anniversary of ordination of the Rector (the Rev. A. E. O. Anderson).

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK. — On June 5th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Ling 1, Mrs. C. D. Owens 2, Miss J. R. Cooke 3, V. Owens 4, G. Dye 5, G. A. Cooke (cond.) 6, R. Lingwood tenor. Half-muffled as a token of respect to Dr. E. F. Morrison, Rector, who was interred the same day.

GRIMSBY, LINCS. — On June 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Kennington 1, D. J. Cox 2, Miss G. Rusby 3, J. B. Budd 4, A. Swain 5, S. Bromfield 6, A. Pashley (cond.) 7, H. Hadwick 8.

HARROW WEAUD, MIDDLESEX. — On June 7th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss F. Clayton 1, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 2, P. D. Beedie 3, H. G. Hart 4, H. D. Butler 5, C. C. Mayne 6, R. E. W. Wenban (cond.) 7, T. R. Mayne 8.

HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE. — On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. McDowell (first quarter) 1, A. Campbell 2, R. Barratt 3, S. Sage (first in the method) 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, L. Copnall 6.

HUSBANDS BOSWORTH, RUGBY. — On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob Doubles, 780 Grandsire): F. Arnold (first quarter) 1, W. Hector (cond.) 2, A. Martin 3, L. Allen 4, J. W. Rawson 5.

HUTTON, ESSEX. — On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Baker 1, C. Hill 2, H. Allberry (cond.) 3, W. Hill 4, H. Oliver 5.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. — On June 4th, 1,344 Granta Treble Bob Royal: N. G. Hollingworth 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, R. Joyce Pett 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, S. Croft 6, E. Hynard 7, F. D. Bishop 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First quarter in method for all the band.

LANCASTER. — On June 4th, at St. Peter's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rainford 1, J. Woods 2, J. Walmsley 3, R. Warden 4, A. Tomlinson 5, S. Jeffery 6, H. Rainford (first as cond.) 7, W. S. Bleasdale 8.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET. — On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. W. Harris 1, Miss J. Tattersall 2, F. W. Slocombe (first as cond.) 3, D. T. North 4, G. Walford 5, F. Burton 6.

LINCOLN. — On June 4th at the Cathedral, 1,267 Stedman Caters: C. E. Brown 1, A. T. Lowman 2, S. A. Chambers 3, R. F. Smith 4, A. D. Cook 5, H. Lowman 6, W. Tomlinson (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, G. M. Mayer 8, H. L. Pask 9, K. W. Mayer 10.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On June 3rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, R. Keeley 2, N. Mallett 3, H. G. Keeley 4, B. Pidgeon 5, W. Yates 6, A. Scott (first of Surprise) 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — On June 4th, at Christ Church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: D. Pearson 1, A. A. Potts 2, W. Stevenson 3, June Henshaw 4, Anne Worth 5, G. Farrer 6, J. Worth (cond.) 7, H. Farrer 8, H. Wood 9, W. Gays 10.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS. — On June 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Newman 1, D. Chivers 2, E. Jefferies 3, F. Ponting (cond.) 4, P. Ponting 5, R. Sharp 6. First in the method and also former to 2nd ringer, who is joining H.M. Forese.

OSSETT, YORKS. — On June 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Bennett 1, T.

Hemmingway 2, T. Duffin (cond.) 3, Miss M. Davis 4, W. Lockwood 5, D. Lockwood 6, L. Fisher 7, M. Lockwood 8. First quarter 2, 4, 5 and 6. In honour of the christening of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. Fisher.

OXFORD. — On June 5th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. M. Raikes 1, Miss P. M. Fullerton 2, Miss D. M. Panting 3, Miss R. M. K. How 4, K. M. Grayson 5, R. B. Meadows (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3.

PAISLEY, SCOTLAND. — On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hunt 1, H. Sergeant 2, N. Sharpe, jun. 3, A. Scott 4, N. Sharpe 5, C. Bounpheyre 6, J. W. R. Quinay (cond.) 7, W. C. G. Wainwright 8. For the King's birthday.

POPULAR, LONDON. — On June 4th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: Miss O. D. G. Wade 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, W. A. Theobald 3, C. A. Hughes 4, C. W. Ottley 5, H. S. Grisdale 6, C. Finch 7, R. H. Begrie 8, J. Bullock 9, R. Deal 10. First of Stedman Caters 1 and 6.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM. — On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pinfold 1, Ruth Haslem 2, G. Plimmer 3, W. B. Cartwright 4, H. W. Haslem 5, T. Elliott 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, H. J. Sumer 8.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS. — On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: W. Carter 1, B. Bladon 2, T. Peake (cond.) 3, T. Stone 4, P. Anger 5, L. Woodward 6. First quarter for 4 and 6.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS. — On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. F. Clarke (82) 1, G. V. Deacon 2, H. Kilby 3, A. Patrick 4, S. Cox 5, A. Bodycote 6, W. A. Riddington 7, J. J. Morris (cond.) 8. Rung in memory of J. Leslie Willars.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK. — On June 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Grindell 1, Miss E. H. Raynor (first quarter) 2, W. Kerrison 3, J. Thurlow 4, J. W. C. Blythe (cond.) 5, R. S. Payne 6. A golden wedding compliment to the ringer of 1 and Mrs. Grindell.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS. — On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Dickens, sen. 1, J. L. Grey 2, H. Dickens, jun. 3, G. W. Anker 4, K. Smith 5, N. Eaton 6, W. G. Anker (cond.) 7, E. Thompson 8. 4, 6 and 8 covering. Half-muffled in memoriam W. H. Barber.

TOPSHAM, DEVON. — On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Goodman 1, J. Pym 2, R. Perry 3, W. Wills 4, J. L. Glanvill (cond.) 5, W. Gibbins 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Coles on the birth of a daughter.

THEALE, BERKS. — On June 4th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Terble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob): G. Harmsworth (first quarter) 1, A. Diserens 2, N. J. Diserens 3, R. A. Hunt (first in two methods) 4, R. W. Rex 5, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT. — On May 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Anne Holmes 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, J. Cannell (first quarter 'inside') 3, Hildegard Bird 4, R. Bird 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6.

WOLVERTON, BERKS. — On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hiscock (first away from tenor) 1, Evelyn Knight 2, P. Knight 3, Helen Cane 4, D. Cane (cond.) 5, Edna Cane (first quarter) 6.

WOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX. — On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. G. Kingston 1, D. H. Kingston 2, R. P. Crump 3, J. E. Crump 4, R. Newman 5, J. F. Goodall (first as cond.) 6.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS. — On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 600 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): M. J. Dodd 1, J. W. Berry 2, P. E. Dodd 3, L. Pipman 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, T. Oram 6. First April Day by all the band.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HUNTINGDON.—Owing to the restoration of this church, there will be no service ringing until further notice. Visitors will be welcomed at St. Mary's (8) on Sundays, 5.45 p.m. 7264

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—No monthly evening practice will be held during July and August at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. The next practice will be held on Monday, Sept. 4th.—T. J. Lock. 7260

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division.—Quarterly meeting at Fobbing, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Frequent bus service from Grays or Southend to Corringham corner, thence 7 minutes' walk. Names for tea to A. Ocken-don, Bay Cottage, Fobbing, Stanford-le-Hope. 7163

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Edenbridge (8), July 1st, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 7166

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, July 1st. Ringing at Cathedral and St. Giles' afternoon and evening. Service at St. Giles' 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex. 7180

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Tanworth-in-Arden, July 1st. Bells (modern 8) available at 3 p.m. Trains from Moor Street to Danzey. Tea for those who notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 7198

BATH AND WELLS (Taunton Branch) and DEVON GUILD (N.E. Branch).—Joint meeting at Wellington, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea early, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 7210

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Strawberry tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7211

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Buckland, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 7220

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Portsmouth, on Saturday, July 1st. 11 a.m., executive meeting; 2 p.m., general meeting; 5 p.m., tea, St. Mary's Institute, Fratton Road; 4.15 p.m., Service in St. Mary's Church. Bells available: Alverstoke (8), 11 a.m. till 1 p.m.; Cathedral (8) and St. Mary's (8) after tea.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Portsmouth. 7224

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Shaw, 9, Mauerghay, Norton, near Sheffield.—J. E. Turley, J. W. Price Hon. Secs. 7222

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, July 1st, 3 p.m. 7225

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting and dedication of war memorial at Cathedral, Brecon, on July 1st, at 3 p.m. Bells of St. Mary's and St. David's available 2 p.m. 7207

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 1st, at St. Mark's, Oldham. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service and dedication of peal board at 4.30. Cups of tea provided after service. Everybody welcome. 7267

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—By-meeting, Sydling, Thursday, July 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names by July 3rd to Mr. Newman, Sydling, Dorset, please.—Hayne, Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 7241

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Yardley Hastings, Saturday, July 8th. Names early for tea to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthingborough. 7206

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Langham (6) on Saturday, July 8th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Names for tea by the 4th, please. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., c/o 54, Becke Road, Colchester. 7217

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Great Tew (8), Saturday, July 8th. Service 4. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 7209

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Ledbury District) and WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western Branch).—Joint meeting, Colwall, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Names by Tuesday, July 4th, important.—E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, nr. Worcester. 7229

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dorchester, Oxon, on Saturday, July 8th, at 3. Service at 4, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by July 4th to H. Badger, Branch Sec., 38, North Street, Thame. 7221

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Sturton-le-Steeple (5), Saturday, July 8th. Lincolnshire bus from Retford 1.20 and 3.20. Railway bus 2.44 and 4.44. Try and get to first meeting at this tower. Names for tea by 3rd to Rev. A. L. Thomas, Sturton Vicarage, Retford.—H. Denman. 7218

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Holbrook, July 8th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Stutton bells after tea. Names to Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 7223

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Churchtown, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 7268

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Arlingham, July 8th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by July 4th certain.—Larner, Chedholm, Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 7272

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Nunburnholme, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) at 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for all who notify before first post Wednesday, July 5th, Mr. F. Wilkinson, Holmlea, Barnby Moor, York. 7270

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Langdale (6 bells), Saturday, July 8th, 2.30 p.m. Names to F. Birkett, Braegarh, Elterwater, near Ambleside.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 7269

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, July 8th, at Bacup, St. Saviour's. Tower open 3. Meeting in tower at 6. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 7275

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Clive (6), July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. No arrangements for tea. 7276

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Southam, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business. Names of those requiring tea to be sent by Wednesday, July 5th, without fail, to G. Rathbone, 2, The Dwellings, Welsh Road, Southam, Rugby.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 7261

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Quarterly meeting, Washfield, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec., Silverton. 7258

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Apsley (6), Saturday, July 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, by July 5th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7257

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Haslemere, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30 in the school. Evensong 6 p.m. Names to E. T. Lee, Ockford Road, Godalming. 7255

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice fixed for July 8th is cancelled.—T. N. Lanaghan. 7263

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Meeting, High Littleton (6), July 8th. Service 4.30 p.m., tea following. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Ford, Greyfield, Clutton.—E. J. Chivers, Branch Sec. 7246

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Goosnargh, Saturday, July 8th. Bring own food. Whittingham bus from Preston Ribble Station.—L. Walmsley. 7238

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Brancepeth (8), July 8th, 2.30. Ringers attending please bring own refreshments.—J. T. Titt, 54, Stooperdale Avenue, Darlington. 7249

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Rotherfield (8), July 8th. Tea at Institute 5. Names to S. Russell, St. Martin's Cottage, Rotherfield.—C. A. Bassett. 7262

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, July 8th, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. Margaret's, Barking.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 7271

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Croxton Kerrial, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea on Rectory Lawn 5 o'clock. Names by July 5th to Rev. F. Tetley. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Cook. 7274

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Barrow-on-Soar, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names by July 5th to Mr. J. Lowe, 8, Beveridge Street, Barrow-on-Soar.—C. W. Hall. 7273

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, July 8th, at East Dereham (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names or numbers for tea by July 5th to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 7245

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Oxendon, Saturday, July 8th. Names for tea before July 4th to E. Orland, High Street, Long Bucky, Rugby. 7242

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Childwall, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. All names for tea to Mr. F. Almond, 138, Vale Road, Woolton.—Julia M. Preston, Branch Sec. 7244

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Thrussington, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 4th, to Mr. F. Key, 36, Firfield Avenue, Birstall, Leics. 7254

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—East Sutton (6), July 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Meeting 4.30. Tea at Ulcombe Church Fete 5.20 (20 min. walk). East Sutton bells 7. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 7253

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 8th, Hardwicke (6 bells) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 4th to Mr. S. T. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, High Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 7251

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Summer meeting, Handbridge St. Mary's, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than July 5th.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 7250

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reminder. Annual festival, Oxford, July 15th. Service 11 a.m. Meeting 12 noon. Luncheon 1.30 p.m.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 7131

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Thurcaston (8) July 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in King William 5. Names for tea by July 12th to F. Bindly, 30, Mill Road, Thurcaston.—J. R. Smith, Hon. Sec. 7266

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting on Saturday, July 15th, at Carmarthen. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Number for tea by July 8th to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 7236

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Great Baddow (8), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 7256

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Shere, July 15th. Bells 3 till 8. Service 4. Tea at Prince of Wales 5. Numbers for tea by July 13th to H. G. Arthur, Cumbria, Crest Hill, Peaslake. 7259

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Pilton, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, July 11th.—William Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 7265

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WOOL, DORSET.—A grand fete, in aid of Holy Rood Church Tower Restoration Fund, includes handbell ringing (tunes and methods), to be held on Saturday, July 15th, at 2.30. Bells (6) available up to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. 7252

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Five-bell festival on July 15th. Key-sole bells 3. Tea 5. Little Staughton and Colmworth in evening. All ringers welcome.—Michael Stephens. 7235

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Tewchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lichborough, July 15th. Names for tea by July 10th to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, near Buckingham. 7237

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bathford, postponed to July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Combined ringers and patronal festival service 7.30 Tea notification essential by 12th to Mr. Cannings, Church Street, Bathford, near Bath. 7247

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting at Tenbury, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Number for teas to G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 7240

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held at the Old Bell, Holborn, on Saturday, October 14th. Tickets 12s. 6d. each. Applications with remittance to A. R. Ling, 136, Meadow View Road, Catford, S.E.6. 7202

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