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OVERHEAD OR OVERBOARD ?

EVERY keen ringer in the country will have been disappointed to learn from recent copies of the 'Ringing World' that the journal is still in a precarious financial position. The situation is especially disappointing to the Committee, who find that, as a result of the recent wage awards in the printing industry, the surplus made last year will not recur this year. They had hoped to use this extra revenue for improving the paper in various ways, e.g., by the inclusion of more illustrations.

The general feeling of most ringers is 'Where do we go from here?' Some of the representatives at the Central Council meeting said quite bluntly that if it was going to cost more to produce the journal, then we (the readers) must pay more for it. This attitude was opposed by the assertion (probably correct) that if the price were increased still further there would be a substantial fall in circulation. Such a fall would be very undesirable, even if on balance there were a net increase in revenue, since the purpose and aim of the journal should be to be read by as many ringers as possible. Other suggested ways of increasing income were increased charges for notices and a levy on all peals published. If this latter course were adopted it would be equally logical to charge all contributors at so much a line for publishing their articles and letters.

One point, however, on which everyone agreed was that the financial worries would disappear if the circulation could be increased. Even a mere increase of 250 copies a week to postal subscribers would produce an increase in net revenue of approximately £220—which is just about the amount received in donations last year. Surely there must be 250 ringers in the country who do not now take the 'Ringing World,' but who would be pleased to see it come through the letter-box every Friday morning!

What if a substantial increase in circulation cannot be achieved? Shall the 'Ringing World' cease publication? Certainly not—and that is another point over which everyone agrees. Perhaps there is another way? Yes, there is, though it may seem somewhat revolutionary to some people. However, not all revolutions are bad, and maybe a good one will be caused.

Two important facts should be remembered: (1) quite a considerable number of ringers read the 'Ringing World' without paying anything towards it (by borrowing someone else's copy, for example), and (2) a large proportion of the

present expenses of producing the 'Ringing World' would be substantially the same whether 2,000 or 10,000 copies were sold every week. In other words, the cost of producing the journal can be divided into two main classes—'fixed' expenses and variable expenses. The fixed expenses include, for example, the cost of setting up type for printing, editorial fees and office expenses, the cost of keeping the accounts and the auditor's fees. The variable expenses are directly related to the number of copies sold, and include such items as the cost of the paper on which the journal is printed, the cost of printing and the cost of wrapping and posting journals.

Clearly, if some method could be found of guaranteeing that the fixed expenses would be covered, the price of the journal could be decided according to the variable cost. Since the 'Ringing World' is the official journal of the Central Council, could that body not meet the fixed expenses? In principle this may appear attractive—many professional and technical institutions publish private journals for circulation to their members and the cost is met largely or completely from subscriptions—but the Central Council at the moment simply has not the necessary income to do so. The revenue could, however, be provided if the Exercise as a whole were willing to do so by every Association affiliated to the Council paying a contribution proportional to its membership or the number of its representatives on the Council.

There would be, of course, a number of difficulties in operating such a plan. An immediate question is whether non-territorial Associations should also contribute—it would not be unreasonable to exclude such Associations since their members, almost without exception, belong to a territorial Association as well. Some ringers, though the total number is probably comparatively small, belong to two territorial Associations whose areas overlap, but some method could possibly be devised to prevent double contributions being paid.

The basic cost of producing the 'Ringing World' each week (i.e., editorial fees, office expenses, type setting, etc.) amounts to approximately £2,100 a year. If this were distributed equally among the 150 members of the Central Council representing territorial Associations, each such Association would be asked to pay £14 a year for each representative. This, however, is somewhat unfair because the number of representatives to which an Association is entitled is not strictly proportional to its membership. The scale is: 75 to 150 members, one representative; 151 to 300

members, two representatives; 301 to 450 members, three representatives; and over 450 members, four representatives. Thus, very large Associations, such as Essex with over 900 members, could more easily find the extra money than small Associations. It would be more just to ask a contribution per head of membership. Applying the minima in the scale for representatives, there must be at least 13,610 ringers represented on the Central Council. The basic cost, on this figure, works out at just over 3s. a head. In fact, the total number of ringers represented must be much greater than this figure, and the cost distributed over all ringers belonging to territorial Associations would probably be between 2s. and 2s. 6d. a head. If the basic cost of the 'Ringing World' could be covered in some such way as this, the journal could be sold to ringers for about 3d., and this much lower price would probably lead to an increased circulation. Furthermore, it would mean that every ringer was paying some contribution towards the official journal of the Exercise. The 'Ringing World' would continue to be sold to non-members at a higher price.

'That's all very well,' the harassed Association Committees will probably say, 'but where do we get the money from? Our position is bad enough already—we haven't been able to publish a Report for the last two years—and now we're to be asked to subsidise the "Ringing World." The answer is quite simply to increase subscriptions to cover the cost. This may produce a loud outcry from ringers generally, though really it ought not to. The real purchasing power of money to-day is only about one-third of what it was pre-war, and yet most Association subscriptions are only very slightly above the rates fixed 30 or 40 (or even more) years ago.

We ringers, on the whole, are fortunate in our hobby. We do not have to buy and replace a lot of expensive equipment like so many clubs and societies do, and the only real expenses of ringing are travelling and refreshment, both of which can be as much or as little as we please. Many people will pay annual subscriptions of a guinea or more in other fields of activity, and when one stops to think of the benefits to the 'Ringing World,' and ultimately to the Exercise, an extra 2s. or 2s. 6d. a year from every ringer in the country would produce, few people are likely to have any serious objection. Moreover, those who already take the 'Ringing World' would, in fact, be paying less for it.

There are many points of detail which would have to be settled before the scheme could be put into operation. It is vitally important at this stage that all ringers should discuss the matter informally and at ringing meetings all over the country during the next few months. The idea would depend for its success on the wholehearted support of every ringing Guild and Association in the country. If such a scheme as this were generally agreed in principle, then the detailed operation could be fully worked out later.

D. N. L.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

ARTHUR G. MASON Treble	*RONALD SUCKLING 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT 2	†WALTER ARNOLD 8
STANLEY W. COPLING 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN 9
DAVID HEIGHTON 4	TERRY EARLE 10
GEORGE SAYER 5	BERT GOGLE 11
*BRYAN J. HOWARD 6	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal on 12 'inside.'

TEN BELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 27½ cwt in D.

PERCY H. PIGG Treble	JOHN G. GIPSON 6
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS 7
J. DESMOND PAINTER 3	*JAMES W. R. QUINNEY.. 8
F. BRIAN COOKSON 4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON.. 9
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 107 lb. in E.

RONALD SUCKLING Treble	RICHARD ROSE 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 7
TERRY EARLE 3	WALTER ARNOLD 8
JOHN S. BARNES 4	BERT GOGLE 9
NOLAN GOLDEN 5	FRANK B. LUFKIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the 100th birthday of Mrs. W. G. Stockley, who has lived within the sound of the bells all her life.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WEST HARTLEPOOL, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 cfr. 12 lb. in E flat.

THOMAS TEMPLEMAN .. Treble	FREDERICK ROBSON 5
*CAROL HALL 2	CHARLES N. LEA 6
†PAMELA C. JAMES 3	KENNETH LAWSON 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Composed by F. E. MEADOWS. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

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

First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung to welcome the Rev. H. Robertson to the Vicarage of St. Oswald.



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HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G

RAYMOND G. LOFTY Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
WILLIAM GORRINGE 2	BERT GOGLE 6
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	JOHN MOORE 7
WILLIAM LOVE 4	SAMUEL J. HAINES .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Ringers of 2. 7 and tenor from Hawkhurst, Heston and Wigston Magna respectively.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 20.	Tenor 12 cwt. in F. sharp.
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 5
GLADYS RICHARDSON .. 2	W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. 6
*ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW .. 3	ALEX. RICHARDSON .. 7
ERIC ELLISON 4	WILLIAM A. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.

* First peal of Kent Major. First peal on eight bells as conductor.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

*JOAN K. BROWN Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 16). Conducted by B. G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 11 cwt. in G.
WILLIAM LOVE Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
ARTHUR G. MASON 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie D. Mills, of Bures.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON .. 5
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW .. 6
*HORACE W. EASEY .. 3	JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. 7
*MICHAEL SOLLEY .. 4	PETER KINDRED .. Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. First peal of Kent T.B. Major as conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 IRTHLINGBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST H. KILBY Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
MARY LAWRENCE 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

The first peal in the method by all the band.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS Treble	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 5
*MOLLIE TILBURY 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 6
*PHILIP G. MORGAN .. 3-	REGINALD T. JONES .. 7
F. ERIC ROBERTS 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method. Leslie Evans has now 'completed the circle.'

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation.	Tenor 15 cwt.
THOMAS J. LOCK Treble	*IAN H. ORAM 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 2	†CLIVE M. SMITH 6
*JOHN L. MORRIS 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
†PETER P. BROWN 4	§ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method. ‡ 100th peal. § 300th peal.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

JACK GIBSON Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING .. 5
JOHN S. BARNES 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
*JOHN W. BLYTHE 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

F. HECTOR BENNETT .. Treble	†COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. 5
*W. ERIC ROBERTS 2	BERNARD MADELEY .. 6
HAROLD F. WHITE 3	FREDERICK PRICE 7
THOMAS PRICE 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

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

Rung on the birthday of H.M. the Queen Mother.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

HAROLD F. WHITE Treble	*COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. 5
IVOR R. NICHOLLS 2	EWART H. EDGE 6
BERNARD MADELEY .. 3	FREDERICK PRICE 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

* First touch in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. D. Gallop and Miss C. M. Trist, whose marriage took place on August 1st at St. Peter's Church, Wrockwardine, Salop.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 32 cwt. in D.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 6
JOHN G. GIPSON 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

The first peal of Bristol on the bells and in the city of Cambridge.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.
 ROBERT E. COLES Treble | AUSTIN T. WINGATE 5
 JACQUELINE S. EVANS 2 | MICHAEL P. MORETON 6
 ROGER O. FRY 3 | LESLIE EVANS 7
 DAVID J. KING 4 | WILFRID F. MORETON Tenor
 Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
 The first peal in the method on the bells.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 14½ cwt.

STANLEY SLANEY Treble	*KENNETH RUTLAND 5
ARTHUR B. COOPER 2	DENNIS COOPER 6
*ALAN KELLER 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE 7
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE 4	*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
 * First peal in the method.
 Rung for the 13th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 13 cwt. 84 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE HOWLETT Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
DAVID HEIGHTON 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN 6
WILLIAM C. PORTER 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 7
ARTHUR G. MASON 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

SIX BELL PEALS

KENILWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
 Tenor 16 cwt.

*ANTHONY R. WEBB Treble	*JOHN VOYCE 4
†JOHN ROYAL 2	JOHN WEBB 5
†CYRIL WILLIAMS 3	*TREVOR RAGG Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WEBB.
 * First peal. † First peal on 'inside' bell.
 Rung as a farewell to John Webb on entering R.A.F. and for T. Ragg's 21st birthday.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., June 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G.
 *RAYMOND F. TAYLOR Treble | URBAN W. WILDNEY 4
 JAMES BENNETT 2 | *KENNETH G. BROWN 5
 ALICE E. J. LESTER 3 | RONALD W. STEWARD Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
 * First peal in seven methods. James Bennett has now rung each bell in this tower to a seven-method peal.
 Rung to mark the retirement of Rev. F. S. Keane after many years as Rector of Ashbocking and Swilland.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Two 240's and 38 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.
 CLIFFORD J. BEADLE Treble | CHARLES W. DENYER 4
 *ROSEMARY ANN HEATH 2 | *DENNIS SHEPHERD 5
 *E. MARY WELLS 3 | *ARTHUR C. BEADLE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.
 * First peal.
 Rung on the 717th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 17, 1956, in 3 Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.
 ARTHUR W. BIRD Treble | JAMES BROOKS 4
 MONICA HOWARD 2 | WILLIAM BUTLER 5
 FREDERICK R. SCOTT 3 | FRANK T. BLAGROVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Double Oxford, two Single Oxford, and three Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
 *WILLIE G. FALL Treble | DOUGLAS A. FRENCH 4
 PHILIP W. MOGG 2 | WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
 WILFRED J. MOGG 3 | CECIL RIDOUT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor.
 Rung by the Sunday service ringers as a compliment to Canon E. C. Edrup, who has completed 40 years as Rector of Corfe Mullen. Also for his 83rd birthday.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
 ALBERT E. ROBINSON Treble | FRANK C. J. ARNOLD 4
 FREDERICK C. ROPER 2 | WILFRED G. SAUNDERS 5
 JOHN R. SMITH 3 | FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

J. R. Smith has 'circled the tower.'
 A farewell peal for Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Blair, who are leaving the village for Ireland.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.
 HARRY JONES Treble | *JEFFREY ORCHARD 4
 BERNARD C. COLLINS 2 | ROY WOODRUFF 5
 *SIDNEY ORCHARD 3 | *ARTHUR SEAR Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. COLLINS.

* First peal. First peal on the six bells.
 Rung to welcome the Commonwealth Youth Conference to the church.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.
 BRIAN SCHOFIELD Treble | WALTER SHAW 4
 *MARGARET HALL 2 | SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 5
 IVOR JENKINS 3 | DENIS MOTTERSHEAD Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in three methods 'inside.'
 Rung as a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Chapman, and on their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Old Oxford Delight, (2) Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.
 MOLLIE TILBURY Treble | WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT 4
 PHILIP G. MORGAN 2 | *REGINALD T. JONES 5
 F. ERIC ROBERTS 3 | WILFRID F. MORETON Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* 50th peal of Minor for the Guild.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, HOOLE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Double Oxford and Oxford Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	JOHN HUGHES .. 4
GEORGE CASE .. 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. 3	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

A birthday peal for Percy Swindley.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

F. B. COOKSON .. Treble	J. D. PAINTER .. 4
*SUSAN JACKSON .. 2	W. J. RIDGMAN .. 5
T. R. DENNIS .. 3	†J. G. GIPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. The ringer of the 4th has now 'circled the tower.'

PULVERBATCH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 10 methods: (1) Sandal Treble Bob, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 20 lb. in B.

*DESMOND FERGUSON .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 4
LESLIE EVANS .. 2	PHILIP G. MORGAN .. 5
REGINALD T. JONES .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First attempt for a peal. The first peal in more than one method on the bells.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALAN E. HARTLEY .. Treble	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 4
SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD .. 2	FRANK RAYMENT .. 5
JOHN THORLEY .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Arranged to mark Alan Hartley's return to civilian life.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 25 methods: (1) Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Newdigate Delight, (2) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Capel Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (4) Hereward, Oxford Bob, Court and Double Court, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Plain, Reverse, Double, Canterbury and Fulbeck, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

LESLIE EVANS .. Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 4
*PHILIP G. MORGAN .. 2	*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 5
F. ERIC ROBERTS .. 3	*REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in 25 methods. The conductor's 100th peal of Minor for the Guild.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*PHILIP G. ERITH .. Treble	WILLIAM J. BRUNT .. 4
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 2	FELIX H. ERITH .. 5
CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 3	ROY DUESBURY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

* First peal.

STUTTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. P. W. MILLS .. Treble	MICHAEL A. MILLS .. 4
FRED DAY .. 2	PERCY W. MILLS .. 5
MARIAN H. MILLS .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1956, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PREBENDAL CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

JOHN A. SMITH .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5—6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS .. 7—8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY.

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

A WEEK-END IN THREE COUNTIES

HIGHWORTH, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

STEPHEN J. IVIN .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. 5
MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. 6
BRIAN BLADON .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The first peal of Surprise on the bells, and the quickest peal on the bells.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

STEPHEN J. IVIN .. Treble	*ERIC SUTTON .. 5
MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 2	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 6
BRIAN BLADON .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. 7
*PHILIP MEHEW .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge as conductor. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

*A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	DEREK P. JONES .. 5
PHILIP MEHEW .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 6
*BRIAN BLADON .. 3	†STEPHEN J. IVIN .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. 4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Rutland. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Rutland on the bells and the quickest peal on the bells. Mr. R. Bird's 150th tower for a peal.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	DEREK P. JONES .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 6
BRIAN BLADON .. 3	*STEPHEN J. IVIN .. 7
MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

* First peal of Superlative. The first peal of Superlative on the bells and the slowest peal on the bells. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 100th peal of Surprise Major in 91 towers.

WORST BELLS IN BRITAIN THAT ARE REGULARLY RUNG

IN these words were described to me, before I knew for myself, the bells of St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge. The claim might, perhaps, be disputed, but all who have rung at St. Andrew's will acknowledge it to be a very strong one. Rough-going, odd-struck and discordant, ringing them was never a pleasure; nevertheless, they were the only bells St. Andrew's had, and the Cambridge University Guild have ensured that they have been rung regularly for Sunday service, morning and evening, for some years past.

The bells have, in addition, in spite of all the abuse heaped on them, proved an invaluable help to the University Guild, for regular practices here have filled a gap which the strictly limited ringing at St. Benet's could not (Great St. Mary's is, of course, the home of the Society of Cambridge Youths, and the University Guild are only guests there). Many Guild members have rung their first quarter at St. Andrew's, and have gone on to ring their first peal, an event which the absence of practice at St. Andrew's would have delayed considerably if it had not made it impossible. Interest in ringing among the members of the University has accordingly grown, and the Guild is probably in a more flourishing state than ever before.

It is not surprising that such bells should make for poor ringing, and poor it often has been, in spite of repeated efforts to improve it. Triples went better than Major, and some of the best ringing at St. Andrew's in recent months was appropriately enough the touch of 504 Grandsire Triples which greeted Her

Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her visit to the City and University last year. The bells were easier to strike when rung fast, and the last three peals rung there took respectively 2 hours and 39 minutes, 2 hours and 35 minutes and 2 hours and 31 minutes.

Peals were never rung there for pleasure, although, thanks to the unflinching interest and encouragement of the Vicar (Canon A. L. Woodard) the bells were readily available. As something of a return for Canon Woodard's support the University Guild has for some years attempted a peal on the Saturday nearest to the Patronal Festival on November 30th, for on this day each year St. Andrew's holds its annual appeal, and the ringing attracts the attention of passers-by.

It was on this day in 1954 that a landmark in the history of the Guild was reached with a peal of London Surprise Major—the first by the Guild (and by all of the band who took part in it)—which, although by no means perfect, was a much more creditable performance than the usual ringing. This success was followed up last year by a peal of Stedman Triples, this time rung for the Ely Diocesan Association (Mr. T. R. Dennis, a good friend of the University Guild, stepped in at short notice to replace a member who was indisposed). This was generally reckoned to be the best peal on the bells in the last few years.

NO TEARS SHED

This year there has been a peal rung at St. Andrew's out of turn, on July 21st. The reason

for this sudden enthusiasm is not far to seek, for the following Monday Messrs. Taylors began the work of removing the bells for recasting and rehanging. None of the Cambridge ringers shed a tear as they were lowered down the tower, even if some of us did, to quote one respected member of the University Guild, 'have a sneaking affection for the old pots.' Two old and thoroughly undistinguished bells from the 17th and 18th centuries were accompanied by six others dating from that time in the mid-19th century when bell founding was at its nadir—even when well-struck, they were never pleasing to the ear.

Now we are to have a new and, we hope, tuneful ring. It is estimated that the new tenor will weigh about 11½ cwt (the weight of the old one is variously estimated at between 8½ and 10 cwt.). New frame and fittings will accompany the new bells, and although there may be something to be said for teaching learners on rough bells ('If you can ring St. Andrew's you can ring anything'), the University Guild will now have at its disposal bells on which there will no longer be an excuse for bad striking. Parish and ringers both stand to gain.

There only remains the awkward matter of paying the bill. The University Guild is naturally doing all it can to help raise the money, but the only source is voluntary contributions. If any readers of 'The Ringing World,' especially those who remember what the old bells were like, can spare even the smallest sum, it will be most gratefully re-



The bells of St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge, after their removal by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

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J. D. P.

LIST OF PEALS

Appended is the list of 25 peals rung at this tower:—

March 18th, 1864.—5,040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hours and 59 minutes. (Rung for the Cambridge Youths).

March 24th, 1865.—5,040 Plain Bob Major in 2 hours and 58 minutes. (Cambridge Youths).

June 22nd, 1887.—5,040 Stedman Triples in 3 hours and 1 minute. (Oxford Diocesan Guild).

December 23rd, 1899.—5,056 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 2 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

January 31st, 1901.—5,040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 8 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

June 17th, 1903.—5,024 Plain Bob Major in 3 hours. (Cambridge University Guild).

August 1st, 1903.—5,040 Stedman Triples in 3 hours. (Ely Diocesan Association).

January 16th, 1904.—5,040 Stedman Triples in 3 hours and 1 minute. (Ely Diocesan Association).

March 1st, 1904.—5,040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hours and 9 minutes (Ely Diocesan Association).

December 26th, 1907.—5,040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 4 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

December 26th, 1908.—5,056 Cambridge Surprise Major in 3 hours and 4 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

June 20th, 1912.—5,040 Stedman Triples in 2 hours and 59 minutes. (Cambridge University Guild).

August 4th, 1913.—5,152 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 5 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

March 26th, 1914.—5,024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 6 minutes. (Cambridge Youths and Ely Diocesan Association).

June 1st, 1914.—6,336 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 31 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

December 26th, 1922.—5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 2 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

February 22nd, 1947.—5,040 Plain Bob Major in 3 hours and 4 minutes. (Cambridge University Guild).

December 2nd, 1950.—5,008 Plain Bob Major in 2 hours and 53 minutes. (Cambridge University Guild).

July 14th, 1951.—5,040 Plain Bob Major in 2 hours and 55 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

February 15th, 1952.—5,040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 14 minutes. (Cambridge University Guild).

November 29th, 1952.—5,056 Plain Bob Major in 2 hours and 50 minutes. (Cambridge University Guild).

November 28th, 1953.—5,088 Superlative Surprise Major in 2 hours and 55 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

November 27th, 1954.—5,024 London Surprise Major in 2 hours and 39 minutes. (Cambridge University Guild).

November 26th, 1955.—5,040 Stedman Triples in 2 hours and 35 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

July 21st, 1956.—5,040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hours and 31 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Saxmundham District

A meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Yoxford and Peasenhall on July 7th. Ringing commenced at Yoxford, a light six, in the afternoon, and Peasenhall, also a light six, in the evening. The meeting was well attended.

The service was at Peasenhall, where the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Thickett) gave an interesting address.

Tea had been organised by the Vicar, with the help of the local ladies to make sandwiches, cakes and pastries, and an excellent tea was had by all. At the business meeting the financial position of 'The Ringing World' was discussed, and an increased circulation seemed to be the only answer. A vote of thanks was given to the Vicars for the use of the bells, and the ladies for the tea. Next meeting: Tunstall and Blaxhall on September 22nd.

A. R. B.

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Claiming to be the oldest active change ringer, Mr. F. V. Sinkins, in his 92nd year, rang the treble to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples for service on Sunday morning, August 5th, at St. Leonard's, Streatham. The company who took part in the peal of Yorkshire Surprise, rung at Bures for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mills, are grateful to them for entertaining them to supper afterwards.

The Citrus Growers' Association have offered to supply the restored St. Clement Danes' Church with oranges and lemons for special occasions, writes 'Squirrel Nutkin' in 'The Church Times.'

The conductor of the peal of Surprise Major rung at Willesden on July 12th (page 482) informs us that the method rung was Ripon, and not Acton. He expresses his apologies to all concerned.

Following the successful reunion of veterans last year, Mr. A. W. Coles, of 41, Holloway Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts, is arranging a similar gathering in London this year on September 15th.

Five girls from Rotherham High School, assisted by a local ringer, rang touches of Plain Bob and Little Bob and an extent of Grandsire Doubles for the School's annual service in All Saints' Parish Church. The ringing was of a good standard and a worthy contribution by the girls to this annual function.

There are prospects of Cottingham, Yorks, bells ringing shortly. The Rector (the Rev. W. R. Hebron) writes in his parish magazine that repairs to the tower roof are to begin next week and when complete 'we shall be able to ring our bells again.' For the repair work to the roof, steel girders, an aluminium alloy floor and a thin coating of asphalt are to be used.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Owing to severe damage to bell ropes by pigeons at Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, S.W., the bells will be silent until further notice.

The first peal of Chester Imperial Bob Major was rung at Chester on August 4th. It is C.C.C. 252.

A new reader from overseas, sending his initial cheque, writes: 'I can't tell you how much I look forward to the arrival of the first issue. I hope to be a subscriber for many years to come.' The wish is mutual.

The centenary of the birth of Sir Henry Rider Haggard, K.B.E., the famous novelist, was celebrated by a peal on the bells of Ditchingham, Norfolk. Following the peal the ringers were entertained to refreshments by his daughter, Miss Lilius Rider Haggard.

Members of the Kettering Grammar School Society attempted a peal at Great Addington on July 13th which failed in the second extent because of a shift. The first extent (480) of Little Bob by the Society was then rung, and the first course of Cambridge.

St. Christopher's Society of Change Ringers have 18 members on tour this year in Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire. The Society was started in 1951 and is led by Mr. Peter N. Bond. A feature of the year's tour is the taking of tape recordings of bells so as to provide a permanent feature. Their visit to Louth on August 9th was the subject of a very good Press report in the 'Lincolnshire Evening Telegraph.'

After over 30 years as a carillonneur, Mr. Ferdinand Timmermans, Stadsbeiaardier, Rotterdam, Holland, retires this summer. Mr. Timmerman is the foremost carillonneur in Holland, and special concerts in his honour will be played on carillons all over the world. He is also a composer of note.

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THE LATE MR. E. ALEXANDER YOUNG

ARCHITECT-HISTORIAN WHO WAS FOR TEN YEARS CENTRAL COUNCIL SECRETARY

THE death occurred on July 23rd of Mr. E. Alexander Young, A.R.I.B.A., F.S.I., of Bromley, Kent. He had reached the age of 91 in May last. Cremation took place at Streatham on July 27th, and the ringers present included Messrs. T. H. Taffender (Master), H. W. Rogers (secretary), A. D. Barker and W. G. Wilson, of the London County Association, of which Mr. Young had held one office or another for more than 50 years; J. S. Mason (Master), A. A. Hughes and J. F. Smallwood (Past Masters) and A. B. Peck (secretary) of the Ancient Society of College Youths, of whom he was Master in 1933; E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, of which Mr. Young was secretary from 1921 to 1931, and a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee from its formation in 1912 until his death; I. Emery (Bromley) and J. W. Chapman (Streatham).

Ernest Alexander Young was born at Southampton in 1865, and after being educated in London was articled to an architect in 1881. He began in private practice as an architect and surveyor in 1904, and seven years later became district surveyor for the Borough of Lewisham, retiring in 1931. At one time he was well known in London as a public lecturer on matters relative to architecture and building, and he had a wonderful knowledge of London's architectural history.

WITH ST. JAMES' SOCIETY

His acquaintance with ringing started in 1885, when he got to know some of the St. Clement Danes' ringers, being at the time engaged as a student in surveying and measuring the steeple of that church (and paying the steeplekeeper, Edward Albone, sundry half-crowns for the privilege). It was not until 1890 that Albone taught him to handle a bell. On January 5th of the following year he joined the old St. James' Society, soon to become the London County Association, at its old headquarters in Essex Street, Strand, a room at the Essex Head, which had once been a favourite rendezvous of Dr. Johnson. His membership of the College Youths began a few years later.

Mr. Young became secretary of the St. James' Society in August, 1892, holding this office for two years. Some years ago the present secretary persuaded him to record in detail his experiences during his first 15 years of membership, and this forms a fascinating account of London ringing and ringers of the day, and some of the many factions and intrigues which went on, not only between the different Societies but within the one with which he was most closely associated. Later, Mr. Young designed the present membership certificate, and in 1924, the centenary of the formation of the St. James' Society (so named from its original headquarters, St. James', Clerkenwell), presented to the London County Association a silver badge to be worn by the Master.

WORK FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL

Mr. Young's membership of the Central Council began in 1912, when he was elected for that Association, whom he continued to represent until 1923. He then became an honorary member and, in 1951, a life member. Increasing infirmity had prevented him from attending the last four meetings, but before this he had missed only three in 40 years. His work for the Council began at once when, with Mr. E. H. Lewis and Major J. H. B. Hesse, he assisted Sir Arthur Heywood in writing 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging,' which remains a standard work on the subject. Mr. Young devoted considerable attention to the movement

of bell towers during ringing, and at one time was a member of a committee approved by the R.I.B.A. to report on what was then a somewhat obscure question.

In 1921 he took part in a conference between the Towers and Belfries Committee and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, as a result of which a report was drawn up, setting out the points on which the two bodies agreed, for the first time, in connection with the hanging of bells in old church towers. In the same year Mr. Young had succeeded the Rev. C. D. P. Davies as secretary of the Council, and during 1925 and 1926 took a leading part in the gallant but unsuccessful endeavours made to save the famous ring of ten at St. Michael's, Coventry (Coventry Cathedral), from being recast and made into a carillon. He published at his own expense a booklet containing no fewer than 73 communications on the subject which passed between the various parties concerned. As a practising musician and a determined opponent of Simpson tuning, he moved a resolution on the subject at the 1926 Council meeting which led to a long and interesting discussion; before the meeting he had presented to the members a pamphlet entitled 'Bell Tones,' in which he set forth his objections to this type of tuning.

'THE FRAGRANT MEMORY'

In 1933 Mr. Young was elected Master of the College Youths. It was his practice for many years at the Society's annual dinner to propose 'The Fragrant Memory of the Masters of 100, 200 and 300 years ago,' which he would do with a wealth of detail which was obviously the product of much careful research. Latterly he had supplied the information for another to read out. It was he who discovered in a little courtyard opening off Lime Street, a narrow thoroughfare in the City of London, the tomb of Sir Henry Tulse, sometime Lord Mayor and Master of the College Youths in 1684. The inscription was almost indecipherable, but luckily it was known, and in their tercentenary year the Society had the inscription restored and a commemoration plaque fixed to the stone.

A HEARTBREAKING TENOR

Mr. Young claimed no prowess as a practical ringer. He described his first attempt at rounds, on the 9th at St. Clement Danes', as 'a lamentable failure,' adding that he was roundly admonished by a famous ringer who was present. He became a member of the 'scroof,' and was content to remain a tenorman, having no ambition to go further. In 1893, the bicentenary of the casting of the bells, he suggested a peal attempt, only to find himself omitted when the band was made up. After strong protests he was included but 'some grit was put into the tenor bearings in order to make it a heart-breaking job, even for a lusty youth like myself. But it was overdone, and in 40 minutes she would "set" vertically and remain stuck so.' In the following year the bell had to be rehung in new bearings.

After this discouraging experience he vowed he would never ring a peal, but 30 years later he relented and rang Lavenham tenor to Stedman Triples, in which Bert Langdon, Alf Peck and Challis Winney took part. He had just previously rung two handbell peals, the second one when Challis Winney called Carter's Odd-Bob One-Part peal of Stedman Triples, to which Mr. Young rang 7-8. Subsequently he took part in at least one more tower-bell peal. He was very fond of ringing the tenor to Stedman on handbells, and a few months after his 90th birthday took part in a course of Triples 'in hand' at a meeting at Farningham, Kent—

probably the last ringing function he was able to attend.

It is, therefore, not for his ringing prowess that Mr. Young will be remembered, but he served the art of ringing faithfully for many years and in many different ways. He outlived his contemporaries, and as his main work ended nearly a quarter of a century ago, he was unknown to many ringers. Those who were acquainted with him, however, will always remember him as a dignified and courteous old gentleman, who was liked and respected by all.

E. A. B.

APPRECIATIONS

'Friend after friend departs.

Who has not lost a friend?'—Scott.

Mr. E. Alexander Young was a stalwart who had served the Exercise in his day, as witness his secretaryship of the Central Council. His tenacious struggle to save Coventry Cathedral bells, his fight for the name of a famous ringer, over 30 years ago, 'tis true. To have known E. A. Y. and have his friendship I deemed an honour.

I last saw him about a year ago when he visited this Island, the first time for 25 years. When, over a cup of tea, he joined with the late Walter Scott (another veteran of this town), then 85, and myself to talk of happy days—for instance, his 60th birthday peal at St. Mary's, Southampton, now 31 years ago last May. Only two of that band survive—T. H. Taffender and myself. The late Challis Winney called Holt's Original, and E. A. Y. rang on the treble. We shall not see his like again, I am afraid, in these days of hurry. He was of the old Victorian type, gracious, kindly, courtly and full of humour, 'one of nature's gentlemen.' May he rest in peace and his name and memory be honoured in some way by the Exercise he served so loyally and well is the hope of one of his humble admirers.

W. UPTON.

Newport, Isle of Wight.

Dear Sir,—As one who knew the late Mr. Young for only about 20 years—a short period compared with a good many other people—may I say what a perfect Christian gentleman I found him to be. Kindness and consideration were his watchwords. I shall always remember him ringing 7-8 on handbells to Stedman Triples, when 90 years of age, at the annual meeting of the Lewisham District. K.C.A. in October, 1954—a feat many others would like to do at a much earlier age.

May he rest in peace after 'a course well rung.'—Yours sincerely,

A. PURDOM.

Bromley.

REDEDICATION

ST. JAMES', BRISTOL

The rededication of the ten bells of St. James', Horsefair, Bristol, took place during the morning service on Sunday, July 29th. After the dedicatory prayers a short course of Grandsire Caters was rung. The bells have been silent since Easter, when Messrs. Mears and Stainbank commenced the fitting of ball bearings, new clapper staples, rope guides in the ringing chamber and the strengthening of the frame carrying the two trebles. The work has cost about £560.

The bells are now in excellent condition and the keen band of ringers at this church look forward to a long period of progress under the able leadership of Mr. Leslie Pearce.

THE SOCIETY OF LIVERPOOL COLLEGE YOUTHS

(Continued from page 506)

LIVERPOOL, 1850

IT is 50 years since the Society was established, and 47 peals have been rung in whole or in part membership.

Easter Monday, April 21st, 1851, witnessed the opening of a new ring of eight by Mears, at Runcorn, Cheshire. The 'Youths' were conveyed to and fro by omnibus, 'every expense was paid and every man had 7s. for his day's trouble.' The first peal on the bells was accomplished on the anniversary day in 1852, when the journey was by steamboat, returning the same day.

The year 1852 saw two peals of Grandsire Caters rung at St. Peter's, and peals of Grandsire Triples at St. James', Christleton, Cheshire, and St. Luke's, and an opening peal at St. Thomas', Douglas, I.O.M.

IN THE ISLE OF MAN

To open the bells at St. Thomas', I.O.M., cast by Mr. Murphy, of Dublin, the company embarked on the 'King Orry,' at 9.25 a.m. on December 4th, and after a tolerably fine passage, arrived at Douglas at 5.50 p.m. the same evening, while the rain poured down in torrents. Ringing the following day for service, morning and afternoon, is recorded.

The opening peal, Holt's Ten-Part, was not uneventful. Following the half-way single the second and sixth ropes broke. A fresh start was made and the second rope again broke, as did the third rope. While Mr. Andrews, a ringer, spliced the ropes, some 300 ladies were entertained by the 'Youths' with their hand-bells. One 'Youth,' Evans, is reported 'nervous.' A change course upset the next attempt, the record continues, 'Started again and the peal was successful.—December 7th, 1852.'

ELECTION INCIDENT

Ring for the General Election, for which the Society was promised £10, but had great difficulty in getting £5, is recorded. One member, Ned Davies, 'conducted himself very disorderly and was intoxicated as well—fined 5s.: 2s. for being drunk, 2s. for insulting and abusive language, and 1s. for leaving before the ringing was done.' (Incurring the last 1s. at least stabilised his loss).

The 'Youths' had now learnt something of politics, and something of finance, more than many modern men, for an entry reads, 'Rung for the school children's anniversary—5s. per man, and 5s. extra for the man getting the money.'

In 1853 a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Peter's, and in 1854 Grandsire Caters was also rung at St. Peter's, and two peals of Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Luke's.

It was on October 3rd, 1854, George Borrow writes of the sweet bells of Llangollen ringing for joy on the reported capture of Sebastopol; Liverpool bells were rung for the same purpose on Monday, October 1st. George Borrow appears to have been the only one to benefit from the ill-founded report.

Two peals were rung in 1855, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples, both at St. Luke's.

Holt's Original was rung 'in hand' for the Society in 1856, at Mr. Bates', Boar's Head, Drury Lane, conducted by John Heron, ringing 3-4, and was followed by a peal at St. Luke's in honour of Mr. Hand's 80th birthday.

AN ALTERCATION

'On quarter night, December 24th, after some little altercation. Thomas Gay tendered his resignation, but becomes a member again on Sunday morning, January 2nd.

Two peals were rung in 1857, one a United Societies' peal and one for the Liverpool College Youths—Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples, both at St. Luke's.

Visiting Liverpool in 1858 and 1859, Mr. Albert Escourt, of Painswick, took part in two peals. The distinguished visitor conducted, in 1859, a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Nicholas'.

Holt's Original was rung at St. Luke's in March, 1862, and a week later Grandsire Cinques is recorded at St. Nicholas', with Stedman Cinques the following year on the same bells. A peal of Grandsire Caters was also rung at St. Peter's in 1862. All four peals being recorded for the Liverpool College Youths.

The year 1865 brings to an end this era of Liverpool belfry life, with a muffled peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. Peter's as a tribute of respect to the G.O.M. Mr. John Hand, who conducted the first peal in Liverpool, in 1800.

E. L. HUMPHRISS.

(To be concluded)

NOTES

The torrential rains at Douglas reminds the writer of an expedition into Wales, recorded thus:—

'One unlucky Friday—with sorrow and pain I proceed to record it—it came on to rain!

It rained on the Saturday, it rained on the Sunday,

It rained every hour of the day on the Monday,

On Tuesday it rained cats and dogs, as they say,

And Wednesday was also a very wet day.

On Thursday and Friday, especially the latter day

It rained very hard—but my gracious on Saturday,' etc.,

To be fair to Ned Davies: Liverpool possessed a modern, adequate and clean water supply in 1892. Old prints show the well from which the town's water supply was drawn in a field, in which cattle are grazing. Sterilised and pasteurised milk was introduced by the large milk distributors in the 1920's, and about the same time a few farmers introduced T.T. milk into the city.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On July 29th, 1,260 Double Court: Miss R. A. Gower 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, C. T. Hillis 5, D. Staples 6. For Matins. Also on July 29th, 1,260 Hereward Bob: Miss R. E. Gower 1, D. Staples 2, C. T. Hillis 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, L. C. Smith 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR IN NINE METHODS

Dear Sir,—Further to my composition in eight methods, as published in 'The Ringing World' on November 4th, 1955, I have managed to add Cassiobury, making it nine methods with all the bells doing all the work of each method, but it makes a little longer peal.

The following gives the arrangement as it must be rung with this method included.—Yours faithfully, A. J. PITMAN.
Port Talbot.

		5,472 OR 5,408				Methods	
23456	M	B	W	H			
23564	2			2	1	LBNBL	
52364				1	1	PWW	
65324				1		NSDDYY	
35264			2	1		WPBL	
63254			1	(3)		LPNNNBB*	
45236	1			1	1	NNNPL	
24536			3	1		LDSL LBL	
32546			1			LDL	
24365	2			2		LBYYBYL	
53462	1			1		LDL	
45362	3			1		LBLLSDL	
64352			1	3		LCYYBB	
34562			2	1		LSBW	
65243	1			1		CPDPWPYP	
25463			2	1		WCBL	
42563				1		PDCCL	
32465		1	1			SDBBBW	
56423	1		1	1		CNCCW	
45623				1		DCCLSS	
64523				1		SSLCD	
25346	1			1		WCCNC	
54326	1	1				WBBBDS	
54263	2		2	1		LBWWWWWBL	
62345	1			1		WCW	
43526	1			1		WCW	
63425	2					LCBW	
52436	1		1	1		PYWPDPCC	
62534	2			3		WBSLBB	
35426	1			1		YYCCDP	
42356			1	1		LCL	
62453	2					LBPW	
24526	1			1		YYDDSN	
23456				1		WWP	

1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 512 Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury (Y), 384 Superlative, 352 Lincoln (N).

* 3 Bobs Home may be omitted at (3) and the two leads of Bristol to reduce.

North Weald Ringer's Wedding

Members of St. Andrew's Guild of Ringers, North Weald, Essex, presented an oak striking clock to Mr. Sidney King on July 22nd as a wedding present. A congratulatory quarter peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor was lost five minutes before the end through the tenor rope slipping off the wheel.

Mr. King's marriage to Miss Maisie Davis took place at Holy Trinity Church, Southall, on July 28th. Another congratulatory quarter was attempted on July 29th before morning service at North Weald, but this had to be called round after about 1,000 changes because of a late start.

The honours were done before evening service, when 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles were rung.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BELLS OF BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN HALL

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read Mr. Ogden's letter in your issue of July 20th, as I made a similar visit to this tower in 1946 and my experience and observations are recorded in 'The Ringing World', Vol. XLI, page 543, dated November 15th, 1946.

The present Master Bell Ringer of Berwick appears to be rather ignorant in the matter of the history of his bells; they were certainly cast and hung for ringing long before the present century. The ring was cast by Lester and Pack of London in 1754 and presumably installed about that year; the Freeman's Records maintained at the Town Clerk's office have reference to bell repairs going back to the early 19th century.

A peal has been rung on these bells. The bells were rehung by Carrs of Smethwick in 1894, and on completion of the work the bell hanger, J. Buffery, arranged for a trial by a band of ringers from Newcastle. The result was a peal of Stedman Triples in just over three hours, a series of complaints by resentful citizens and tea with the Mayor in his parlour! As Mr. Ogden shows, the bells are now unsafe for ringing, but they were rung by occasional visiting bands until just before the last war.

It seems very doubtful now whether any full scale restoration of these bells is possible, as the Town Hall is owned by the Freeman of Berwick, and, like most of these old corporations, their plea is one of poverty. Then again, Berwick is isolated in both a geographical and a ringing sense and there are no competent local ringers with the required zeal to investigate any scheme.—Yours truly,

K. ARTHUR.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

CORNELIUS CHARGE—A MEMORY

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. E. Morris' interesting letter of the 3rd inst. of the late brothers Charge, Reuben, who came to ring recently at Streatham, often used to talk about his brother's achievements—'Corney slipped up,' once he said.

At one time the brothers were ringing quite a number of peals at Fulham, and at the finish of a peal of Grandsire Caters (one of Cornelius' compositions) his brother, Reuben, who took part, declared that the peal was false.

Subsequently the figures of the composition appeared in 'Bell News,' which was sent with the report of the peal in question. The figures caught the eye of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, the well-known composer, who proved it false. Result—peal withdrawn.—Yours sincerely,

J. W. CHAPMAN.

Streatham, S.W.

'OPEN' OR 'CLOSED' LEADS

Dear Sir,—In some towers I notice that the bell leading full at handstroke makes a slight but definite pause before leading, in others no pause is made. On more than one occasion I have brought this up for discussion and find that there are two schools of thought on this matter. Some bands say pause; others say no pause.

Is there any ruling on this, please?—Yours faithfully,

AUSTIN STONE.

Cottingham, Yorks.

Note.—The 'open' handstroke lead is normal in most parts of the country, but 'cartwheeling,' as the 'closed' lead is usually described, is not uncommon in parts of Yorkshire and Cheshire particularly among six-bell bands. It is also frequently used by call change ringers in the West Country. There is no rule on this subject.—Ed.

EXPANSION OF OUR ART

Dear Sir,—Referring to the leading article in 'The Ringing World' for February 10th, on the subject of the limited scope for the production and sale of ringing books and pamphlets, I believe that this is only one small facet of a much larger problem which continually confronts the Exercise. As the author rightly suggests in his closing remarks, these books do help towards the expansion of the art.

But surely the converse is also true. An expansion in the art, and in the number taking part in it would also help the sales of books and pamphlets, and sir, as I believe you would be only too happy to agree, the sales of 'The Ringing World' itself.

Are we, as ringers, doing all we can to further the art of ringing? Are we satisfied that ringing is making advances comparable with, shall we say, electronics or other expanding industries?

When one opens 'The Ringing World' and from time to time reads that yet another record has been created in Spliced Surprise, one must admit that at any rate technical advances are undoubtedly being made. But are these advances really helpful to the expansion of the art? I should not like for one moment to underestimate the very great skill and sustained effort demanded of these torch-bearers. Those who have progressed as far as the standard methods may be dimly conscious of what breaking a record in Spliced Surprise must mean in terms of skill, study, practice and time; but what of the many who can do little or no change-ringing, and what of the vast multitude of the 'listening public' who neither know nor care what is being rung so long as the striking is good?

These torch-bearers have done noble work, but their light is out of sight of the main body behind. As Sir Winston Churchill once said: 'Britain leads the world; but is the world following?' It is to the followers of the Exercise, and the general public after them, that we must look for an expansion in the art.

What then is the scope for expansion, and what part can ringers play in helping to fill the ringing vacuum that undoubtedly exists even in these overcrowded islands? Probably the most promising field for immediate expansion would be those churches where the bells are for some reason sadly silent. Most of us who have rung away from our own tower can call to mind such a church not many miles away. Then there are the churches that have towers but the bells are either derelict or wanting. A more difficult problem here. Then, seemingly right out of reach, are the churches that do not even possess a tower.

I visited such a church recently. It is comparatively modern and unfinished, the west end being bricked off and awaiting extension. Inside there is a plan showing the existing portion and the proposed extension. I could not see anything to indicate that any tower was planned. I wondered if any of the good folk living there realised what bells mean in the life of the English Church, and what they would miss if the church should be completed without them. The church is in a wealthy neighbourhood, and I came to the conclusion that it could only be through complete unawareness of the real meaning of the bells that they have been completely ignored in the design.

There must be scores of similar examples of the ringing vacuum throughout the country. A vacuum which if not filled by us will be eventually filled in other ways, leaving the churches in question permanently the poorer for being deprived of this much-cherished traditional way of life.

Surely it is up to us as ringers to ponder these

things and to try and form as clear a picture as we can of what ringing means in the life of the church. This, of course, is what really matters. It is the factor that has governed the total number of ringable towers we see published in Dove's Guide. There is scope here for reading and research, and with a clearer view of the meaning and purpose of the bells constantly before us, and a willingness at all times to keep the wellbeing of the art in the forefront of our own personal desires, we can in time still further improve our relationship with our fellow ringers and the rest of the church.

Such a policy persistently carried out on a large scale would surely improve the soil in which a genuine expansion of the art could flourish.—Yours faithfully,

Bexhill-on-Sea.

COLIN E. VERDON.

HENRY BRETT, OF COWLEY

Dear Sir,—Cowley is a little village just west of the main Cirencester-Cheltenham road, and it is truly an unspoilt village, and a pure agricultural village by reason of the fact that there is no trace of industrial development, no railway or main highway to mar the tranquil atmosphere of this rural community high up in the Cotswolds.

In 1946 the County Council took over the Manor House as a residential conference house for adult education and youth movements. With the estate went the age-old rights of the Lord of the Manor, possibly the first time that a local authority has ever acted as a village 'Squire.'

Like much of the lands in England at that time, Cowley belonged to one of the religious houses, in this case the Abbey of St. Mary's, at Pershore, and it remained in their possession until the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII. The lands were originally given to the Abbey by Edward the Confessor in return for some land which he required to build a church in London—the site where now stands Westminster Abbey.

It was Westminster Abbey with which Cowley thus possesses a singular link into whose hands the Manor passed after the dissolution of Pershore Abbey.

It was leased successively to families named Bridges, Bloomer and Brett, and late in the 17th century one of the last-named, Henry Brett, built the first Manor House on a site south-east of the present buildings. Henry Brett was eventually made bankrupt, the reason of his failure being an unusual one. The local historian, Rudder, tells us that he was passionately fond of bellringing and was continually travelling about the country at a vast expense with a company of ringers, and dissipated a splendid fortune. The present Manor House was built just over a century ago by Mr. James Hutchinson, and stones from the old Manor House were used in the foundations. Between this date and 1946, when the County Council purchased it, several families have lived in the house, and made improvements and additions. Prominent in this respect was the late Sir James Horlick, by which time the estate had grown to 3,000 acres.

Built in the early 13th century and sharing the dedication to the Blessed Virgin of its parent church at Pershore, Cowley Parish Church stands close alongside the Manor House. Though only a small building, its seating capacity, 100, is roughly equal to the population of the village. In 1500 the embattled tower at the western end, the porch and chancel were added. There are six Rudhall bells in the tower, and three were given by Henry Brett, whose excessive interest in campanology brought about his ruin.

Could any reader give more details of the ringing career of Brett?—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD J. THOMAS.

Carmarthen.

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEK-END IN THREE COUNTIES

There are many ways of spending a ringing week-end. One of the most enjoyable is to invite eight ringers of much the same ability and arrange five peals for them. This is exactly what Mr. Brian Bladon, of Swindon, did for August 4th-6th, and a very successful venture was the result.

A start was made at Stratton St. Margaret, a very pleasant eight, with a tenor of 8½ cwt., for Lincolnshire. The peal seemed 'in the bag,' but with only three courses to go the conductor called 'Stand,' owing to a shift course. After lunch in Swindon a visit was paid to Great Coxwell (5, 11½ cwt.), where the very genial Vicar (a Yorkshireman) gladly gave permission for us to ring on his seldom-heard bells.

Then over to Highworth for the first peal of Surprise on the bells. These are a clear-sounding ring, rehung by Taylors, and a start was made for Yorkshire. Brian Bladon, who was conducting, was not satisfied with the ringing, which was too slow, and set the bells up after 30 minutes. A change round in the band, and a really good peal was rung at a brisk pace. Some were a little tired, but we still went on to Lechlade (6, 15 cwt.) and rang London and Stedman for the benefit of a local ringer.

We started off on Sunday with service ringing at Christ Church, Swindon, a grand 10 (tenor 22½ cwt.), and then went over to meet Mr. W. B. Kynaston at Rodbourne Cheney (6, 8 cwt.), where on a pleasant ring we rang Plain Bob, Cambridge and London.

The afternoon peal was booked for Bishopstone, where the bells have a reputation for noise. However, Derek Jones made a really good job of the tenor and making his calls heard, and we scored the first of Surprise on the bells, and the first Major since 1921. A short run over to Ashbury (6, 14 cwt.) and permission was granted by the churchwarden for us to ring after Evensong on a good-going rehung Taylor six.

Our first tower for Monday was Shrivensham and we scored a very good 'fast' peal of Rutland, which was Malcolm Cloke's first peal of Surprise as conductor. As he is the second Oxford Guild ringer to do this within two months, someone suggested the method must be easier than it looks! The Vicar of Shrivensham kindly congratulated us while we were having lunch.

Our last tower was Watermoor, Cirencester, and we were welcomed by Mr. F. J. Lewis, whom the writer had not seen since 1934. The bells are rung from the ground floor and have a long draught, with the treble hung above the others. The method chosen was Superlative, and a very slow peal was accomplished. The writer's wrists ached more on the treble than if he had been on the tenor!

The parting of the ways came after this, and the band thanked Brian Bladon for arranging so enjoyable and successful a week-end. A. P. C.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The July meeting of the Society was held at Calverley on Saturday, July 28th. Throughout the afternoon and evening members and friends, representing a dozen or more towers, took part in ringing a variety of methods, including many touches and courses of Plain Bob for the learners present.

Tea was served in the local schoolroom at 5 o'clock and was enjoyed by all present. The business meeting followed immediately afterwards, at which the local company and helpers were thanked for their hospitality to the Society.

The next meeting will be held at Otley on August 25th.

SINGLE HUNT TRIPLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—As there are only 52 decent regular six-lead Triples methods, perhaps you would publish them in 'The Ringing World.' The only double changes that occur in these 52 are of the form 125, 127, 145, 147, 347 and 167, 347, 367 at the half-lead only. There are many others with places such and 123 or 345, but, personally, I don't think they are worth while. I give them in place notation, grid first, then half-lead, then lead-end places:—

- 1.—3, 1, 5, 1, 7, 145; 7; 127a.
- 2.—3, 1, 5, 3, 7, 5; 7; 127a.—Waterloo Bob.
- 3.—3, 1, 5, 3, 7, 125; 7; 127a.
- 4.—3, 1, 5, 3, 127, 5; 7; 127a.
- 5.—3, 1, 5, 1, 347, 1; 7; 127b.
- 6.—3, 1, 5, 3, 147, 3; 7; 127b.—Stanstead Bob.
- 7.—3, 1, 5, 1, 7, 5; 367; 1c.
- 8.—3, 1, 5, 1, 7, 125; 367; 1c.
- 9.—3, 1, 5, 3, 7, 5; 167; 1c.—R. Waterloo Bob.
- 10.—3, 1, 5, 3, 127, 3; 147; 1d.
- 11.—3, 1, 7, 3, 7, 3; 7; 127a.—New Bob.
- 12.—3, 1, 7, 3, 127, 3; 7; 127a.
- 13.—3, 1, 7, 3, 7, 145; 7; 127b.
- 14.—3, 1, 7, 3, 147, 5; 7; 127b.
- 15.—3, 145, 7, 3, 7, 3; 7; 127a.
- 16.—3, 145, 7, 3, 127, 3; 7; 127a.
- 17.—3, 145, 7, 1, 7, 5; 147; 1d.
- 18.—3, 145, 7, 3, 127, 5; 147; 1d.
- 19.—3, 145, 7, 3, 147, 5; 347; 1d.
- 20.—3, 147, 5, 1, 7, 5; 167; 1d.—Croydon Bob.
- 21.—3, 147, 5, 1, 347, 1; 367; 1d.
- 22.—3, 147, 5, 3, 127, 5; 167; 1d.
- 23.—347, 1, 5, 3, 7, 1; 347; 1c.
- 24.—347, 1, 5, 3, 7, 3; 147; 1c.
- 25.—347, 1, 5, 1, 7, 3; 127; 1d.
- 26.—5, 1, 5, 1, 7, 125; 7; 127a.
- 27.—5, 1, 5, 1, 7, 5; 7; 127a.—Carshalton Bob.
- 28.—5, 1, 5, 1, 347, 125; 7; 127a.
- 29.—5, 1, 5, 1, 347, 5; 7; 127a.
- 30.—5, 1, 5, 3, 7, 3; 7; 127b.—St. Edmundsbury.
- 31.—5, 1, 5, 3, 127, 3; 7; 127b.
- 32.—5, 1, 5, 3, 7, 3; 167; 1c.—Burnham Bob.
- 33.—5, 1, 5, 3, 7, 1; 367; 1c.
- 34.—5, 1, 5, 3, 7, 145; 367; 1c.
- 35.—5, 1, 7, 1, 7, 3; 7; 127a.—Hawkhurst Bob.
- 36.—5, 1, 7, 3, 147, 5; 367; 1d.
- 37.—5, 147, 5, 1, 347, 1; 7; 127a.
- 38.—5, 147, 5, 3, 147, 3; 7; 127a.—Pennings Bob.
- 39.—5, 147, 5, 3, 127, 3; 7; 127b.

- 40.—5, 147, 5, 3, 7, 3; 7; 127b.
- 41.—5, 147, 5, 1, 7, 125; 347; 1c.
- 42.—5, 147, 5, 1, 7, 5; 347; 1c.
- 43.—5, 147, 5, 1, 347, 5; 347; 1c.
- 44.—5, 147, 5, 1, 347, 125; 347; 1c.
- 45.—5, 147, 5, 3, 7, 5; 147; 1c.
- 46.—7, 1, 5, 3, 7, 1; 347; 1c.
- 47.—7, 1, 5, 3, 7, 3; 147; 1c.
- 48.—7, 145, 7, 1, 7, 5; 347; 1c.
- 49.—7, 145, 7, 1, 7, 125; 347; 1c.
- 50.—7, 145, 7, 1, 347, 5; 347; 1c.
- 51.—7, 145, 7, 1, 347, 125; 347; 1c.
- 52.—7, 145, 7, 3, 7, 5; 147; 1c.

Methods marked 'a' and 'b' have a 127 plain lead-end, 147 bob lead-end and 12347 single lead-end.

Methods marked 'c' and 'd' have a 1 plain lead-end, 147 bob lead-end and 14567 single lead-end.

I have seen a paper, signed by J. J. Parker, with the figures of No. 30 under the title of Farnham Royal Bob Triples. This name was changed to St. Edmundsbury by a pre-war Methods Committee.

In addition to these regular methods the following have also been 'pealed':—

- 53.—7, 1, 7, 1, 7, 1; 7; 127.—Plain Bob (St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, London, January 17th, 1689.)
- 54.—347, 1, 7, 1, 7, 1; 7; 127.—Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Warnham, Sussex, February 3rd, 1887.)
- 55.—5, 1, 5, 1, 7, 1; 7; 1.—College Single III. (St. Olave's, Southwark, March 23rd, 1727.)
- 56.—3, 147, 5, 167, 7, 1; 7; 127.—Cumberland Imperial Place. (Hackney, February 17th, 1801.)
- 57.—3, 1, 5, 3, 7, 1; 7; 1.—St. Dunstan's III. (St. Dunstan's-in-the-West, January 27th, 1727.)
- 58.—7, 1, 5, 1, 7, 1; 7; 1.—Fulham III. (Fulham, 1748.)
- 59.—3, 1, 7, 1, 7, 3; 7; 1.—Grandsire Double III. (Richmond, Surrey, January 4th, 1767.)
- 60.—5, 1, 7, 1, 7, 1; 7; 125.—Middlesex Bob. (Twickenham, January 22nd, 1733.)
- 61.—7, 1, 7, 3, 7, 3; 7; 127.—St. Simon's College Bob. (St. Bride's, London, April, 1732.)

I hope that the list of regular Triples will prove useful, until the Methods Committee complete and have published their collection. —Yours sincerely,

Stanwell.

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was held at Binsted on July 21st. This most out-of-the-way tower in the District had not been a meeting place for many years owing to the state of the bells and lack of ringing interest locally. However, in the past few months the new Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Gant) has gathered together about a dozen young people, who, under the leadership of Mrs. Gant (captain), have learned to handle and can ring rounds well. At the Guild service the Vicar welcomed the Guild and gave an amusing but instructive address. Tea was served in the Institute, to which 28 sat down.

The Vicar was elected an honorary member, and the following ringing members from Binsted tower were elected:—Mrs. P. E. Gant, the Misses G. W. C. Stretton, S. Jones, H. M. Cain, Mrs. White, Messrs. A. E. R. Knight, P. E. Knight, B. L. Newport and P. W. Collins.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Chertsey District welcomed a fine day on August Saturday for its meeting at Ottershaw, where methods up to London were rung before the service at 4.30.

Only 24 people sat down to a good tea at the Otter, this being followed by a short business meeting at which an honorary member was elected from Weybridge. The secretary asked whether it was worth holding a meeting on August Saturday, as the attendance was so low, but the meeting favoured the continuance of the practice.

Mr. G. Talbot proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. D. Hiam, for the use of the bells, to the organist, who was called in about ten minutes before service time, and to the ladies who prepared tea.

On returning to the tower the bells were put to good use until 8.30 p.m., about 40 people having handled the ropes during the ringing time. E. A. H.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

CHECKENDON, OXON

Overcast skies met the party which set out from among the Chiltern Hills for the Sussex coast on July 21st, accompanied by friends from Shiplake and Reading.

In spite of being late off the mark, we arrived at the first tower, Bosham, dead on time. This is King Canute's church, built by the Saxons, and overlooking a pleasant little Sussex backwater dotted with sailing ships. The bells (6, tenor 13 cwt. 7 lbs., in F) are quite a good ring, but we found them difficult to handle and didn't really do them justice.

Later on, the peaceful countryside round the unspoilt little village of Walberton was echoing to the music of the little Taylor six (10½ cwt.), which were rather noisy in the church. An enthusiastic young reception committee met us here, and ringing was much improved on our efforts at Bosham.

At lunch-time we dispersed into the seaside crowd at Bognor, meeting later to make the short journey to Felpham (6, 12 cwt.). Here a big wedding was in progress, and the happy couple were serenaded on their way with a good extent of Stedman. The bells, however, are odd-struck, and, according to their 'go', will soon be needing some attention by the founders. Just before we left, the non-ringers' paddling party arrived back from the beach, with the usual trappings, and were annoyed to find they had missed a wedding.

The coach sped on through Littlehampton, and the good Mears six at Lymminster were soon going to Plain Bob. These bells are a credit to the towerkeeper, and the best ringing of the day was heard here. During the early touches the Vicar came in, welcomed us, and showed the party round his recently restored church.

After a commendable tea in Arundel, the swarm settled on the last tower of the day, the six at Goring-by-Sea (18 cwt.). A small, enclosed ringing room made it warm work but everyone enjoyed the hour spent here. The writer has two vivid memories of this tower; that of Ben Wakefield let loose on the fine organ next door to the ringing room, and of the one-eyed secretary of the Reading University Society poring over St. Clement's in a crowded corner. Incidentally, one also found it difficult to catch John's good eye for a Stedman dodge!

The homeward journey took us through Horsham and Guildford, where the customary halt was made. Ringing during the day ranged from rounds to Kent, and the party express their thanks to those who met us at the towers, and to George Hearn for another grand outing.

R. K. R.

SPALDING, LINES

Spalding ringers and friends from neighbouring towers chose Norfolk for their annual outing. Leaving Spalding at 7 a.m., the first stop was made at East Dereham, where the eight bells were made good use of, although the ropes, falling anti-clockwise, were found difficult by some members.

Two famous Norwich towers, St. Giles (8) and St. Peter Mancroft (12), were visited before lunch, partaken of at Norwich, and in the afternoon Aylsham (10) and Cromer (6), where the sea also proved quite an attraction, were visited.

The coast road was followed to Wells-on-Sea, tea being taken before ringing on the eight bells of St. Nicholas' Parish Church. The last tower of the day was Fakenham, where the eight bells were kept going to a variety of methods till 8.30 p.m. A call was made on the homeward journey at King's Lynn for refreshments, and Spalding reached at 11.30 p.m.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

Fine weather favoured this outing on July 21st. Joined by ringers from East Retford, Rampton, Warsop, Tuxford, Sutton-on-Trent and Muskham, the new 41-seater bus left Retford at 7.30 a.m., making its way to Staffordshire via Newark, Nottingham and Derby. Rolleston-on-Dove was reached at 10, dead on time. The nice eight were kept going for fifty minutes, the Vicar giving us a welcome. Hanbury should have been reached at 11, but delays through road work, narrow lanes and inquiring the way found us forty minutes late.

The Rev. R. Russell thought we were going for the day and boiled water for making tea, which some were ready for. However, ringing had to be short on this good octave, and then came the time for departure. The Vicar was reluctant to let us go, visitors please note! We should have got to Marchington by noon, but, sad to say, did not arrive until 12.50. We marched to the church, a 'No Through Road' notice preventing our driver from taking the coach down. Only half an hour was had on the grand six. We learned afterwards the Vicar had waited fifty minutes for us. An apology has, however, been sent to him. The six at Dilhorne followed; although the treble gave some a bit of trouble, Cambridge was brought round. Here the Rev. A. Stanley met us.

Mr. A. W. Hall met us at Cheadle (R.C.), and an hour was spent on the grand eight before tea, a touch of Spiced Oxford Bob, Court, St. Clement's and Grandire Triples being rung. After tea the good ring of six at the Parish Church was put to good use for an hour. The last tower of the day was Mayfield, another good six. After a group photo had been taken, the hour of good ringing came to an end all too soon. Goodnight was said to the local ringer who met us and so we left for home. A short stop was made at Alfreton, as some had become hungry and others dry. Thanks are accorded to all the clergy for giving permission to ring, Messrs. J. W. Cotton and E. H. Edge for information and the local men who met us. Retford was reached at 11 p.m. after an enjoyable day.

H. D.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE

Kingstone ringers, together with ringers from Peterchurch, Much Dewchurch, Madley and Allensmore, spent an enjoyable day in Leicestershire on July 28th. Making an early start by coach, 5 a.m. from Peterchurch, passing through Hereford at 5.45 a.m., arriving Loughborough at 9.45. The first call of interest was Messrs. J. Taylor's bell foundry, where the party was met by Mr. P. Taylor. During a very good tour of the foundry various processes were explained and many questions answered. Clearly the average person knows little of the amount of experience and craftsman's skill that goes into the making of a ring of bells. The foundry campanile was the next item of interest, and most of the company tried their skill at handling this very light ring.

Calls were made at Hathern (6), Rothley (6) (best ringing of the day here), and finally Sharnford (6). Ringing during the day included rounds, Grandire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. A most enjoyable day came to an end all too quickly. Home was reached safely and happily after various adventures not really connected with ringing.

The grateful thanks of the company are due to Mr. Paul Taylor, the incumbents and local ringers who met us and gave their kind assistance, also to Messrs. A. Colcombe and C. Phillips, who organised the trip so efficiently.

T. H. Y.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE

The Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held their annual outing on July 21st. Leaving Runcorn, we travelled to Loughborough, where we were met by our friends from Grappenhall and Frodsham who had travelled in another coach. We were then taken on a tour of the bell foundry by Mr. P. Taylor, who explained the various stages by which the bells are made. After ringing several methods on the foundry bells, we had lunch in Loughborough.

After visiting Kegworth for ringing at the Church of St. Andrew, we returned to Loughborough for more ringing at All Saints' Parish Church. On the homeward journey ringing took place at Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Overseale. The organiser of the outing was Mr. C. Rad-den, of Stockton Heath.

H. H.

LAVENHAM

Lavenham ringers, with their wives and friends, held their 31st annual outing on July 28th.

Leaving Lavenham at 8 a.m., halts were made at Long Melford and Clare to pick up other ringing friends. The first stop for ringing was Godmanchester, where some good striking was enjoyed on the bells. Next came St. John's, Peterborough, with more excellent striking, followed by lunch at the Granville Cafe. St. Mary's was next on the programme, where various courses were rung.

A move was then made to Whittlesea St. Mary's for further ringing, and, after tea, St. Andrew's was visited, where the final touches of the day were brought round.

Methods rung during the day were: Grand-sire, Stedman, Plain, Kent, Double Norwich and Cambridge. Thanks are due to the five incumbents for the use of their bells, to those who kindly met the party, to Messrs. G. Bush and H. S. Peacock for their great help, and to Stedman Symonds for his grand organising.

S. H. S.

NORTH SHIELDS

The annual outing of Christ Church Guild, South Shields, was held on Sunday, June 24th, when the ringers, accompanied by their wives and friends and six ringers from South Shields, travelled by coach to High Force, Middleton-in-Teesdale. Although fog was encountered, the destination was safely reached and lunch enjoyed at the High Force Hotel. The surrounding area was visited, including the waterfall, and the journey resumed to Allendale.

After an excellent tea, the bells of St. Cuthbert's, Allendale, were rung for evensong, about 15 ringers taking part. The return journey was by Hexham and Newcastle, and North Shields was reached at 10 p.m.

A most enjoyable day was spent by the combination of a comfortable coach, good meals and a nice ring of bells.

KETTERING GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The end of term outing was made by bicycle in very wet weather. However, eleven members came, and we were met later in the day by Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Watson and Mr. B. S. Cope. Towers visited were Clipston (newly rehung), Sibbertoft (rough), Welford, Misterton, Husbands Bosworth, Lubenham, Foxton, Great Bowden, East Farndon (with queer noises aloft) and Great Oxendon.

There was a wide range of methods, with more Surprise than on previous occasions (including the first course of London by the Society). About 70 miles were covered during the day.

P. G. K. D.

QUARTER PEALS

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Leavett (Tollesbury) 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, W. S. Girling 3, A. E. J. Lester 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, D. Brand 6. For Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. W. Jones (first quarter) 1, R. D. Tomlin 2, J. Pink 3, F. P. Jones 4, E. G. Talbot 5, F. D. Jennings 6, L. A. Reece 7, S. F. W. Kimber (cond.) 8.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.—On July 31st, 1,896 Minor (being 1,176 London Surprise and 720 Norwich Surprise): S. Twitchett 1, Miss M. Mills 2, M. Mills 3, Miss R. Seabrook 4, T. Bird 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1 and 2 leading): H. Preece 1, E. Turner 2, J. Hale 3, T. E. Hiddins 4, D. W. Davies 5, P. J. Perham (first quarter) 6, W. T. Petty (cond.) 7, D. L. Hughes 8. For Evensong and the annual visit of Mr. P. J. Perham (Hornsey).

CAMBRIDGE.—On Aug. 5th, 1,257 Stedman Cinquses: P. H. Pigg 1, F. E. Haynes (cond.) 2, C. M. P. Johnson 3, F. B. Cookson 4, J. D. Painter 5, E. G. Hibbins 6, W. J. Ridgman 7, J. G. Gipson 8, T. R. Dennis 9, H. L. Martin 10, P. Border 11, H. F. Brown 12. For Evensong.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Aug. 7th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. White 1, J. W. Unwin (cond.) 2, W. F. Jenkins 3, S. Walter 4, D. Chatfield 5, P. Newing 6, B. J. Luck 7, A. Butler 8. A birthday compliment to W. F. Jenkins.

CASTON, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Shingfield 1, R. C. Button 2, E. Shingfield 3, C. E. G. Banham 4, W. M. Mann 5, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 6. Rung for Holy Communion service on the Feast of Transfiguration to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of the Rector (Canon H. E. King) and Mrs. King.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 5th, 1,056 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Jennings 1, Ann Miles 2, Mrs. P. A. Cracknell 3, J. Laker 4, B. Cracknell 5, S. Arnold 6, W. Slaughter 7, G. T. Jennings (cond.) 8. Longest Bob Major for 1, 3, 5 and 8 as conductor. For Evensong.

DITCHHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Hill 1, Miss B. Sanger 2, D. Hill 3, R. Crago 4, H. C. Lintern 5, A. J. Sanger 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, H. Look 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. R. S. Tucker of the local company.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): W. Geers 1, J. Sims 2, G. Hurrell 3, F. Hurrell 4, F. Richardson 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, P. Rablah 8. For Evensong. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Rablah; also a farewell to Miss Beryl Stubbs on leaving the Eltham band to join her parents in Tanganyika.

HADLOW, KENT.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Brunger 1, Mrs. W. H. Dobbie 2, W. R. Manser 3, S. A. White 4, G. Fry 5, L. J. Honess 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, J. T. Medhurst 8. Rung for the wedding of the grand-daughter of L. J. Honess.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Foreward 1, V. Green 2, D. Simms 3, M. Thomas (first of Minor) 4, R. Trebilcock 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On July 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. J. Young 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, C. J. Young 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Aug. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of April Day, All Saints', St. Simon's, Bob, and 300 Grandsire): S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, H. S. Peacock 4, S. Gilbert (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. For morning service.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 6th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Papworth 1, C. Button 2, Miss W. M. Elliott 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, R. Pye 5, A. R. Elliott 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss J. Skingle and Mr. F. Whiterod, a member of the local band.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On July 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Doreen Peacock 1, Daphne Hyams 2, R. Stevens 3, R. Bridges 4, S. Blatch 5, J. Lodge 6. Conducted by H. King. Rung for evening prayer and a wedding compliment to Mr. Sidney King and Miss Maizie Davis.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thomas (cond.) 1, C. J. B. Taylor 2, C. D. Mann 3, F. Dickinson 4, Miss G. Hawkins 5, M. S. Hart 6, H. Hughes 7, W. Smith 8. First of Triples for 1, 5, 6, 8. Rung for the patronal festival and as a wedding compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of 480 Plain Bob, 480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 300 Grandsire Doubles): S. Pugh 1, F. E. T. Tranter 2, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 3, C. Wixey 4, W. C. Wixey 5, W. R. Wixey 6. Rung for the home-coming of Mrs. T. Goodyer, wife of the Master of the Australian Association until his business trip abroad.

RIPLEY, DERBYS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Marshall (first quarter) 1, F. Hill 2, P. Sewry 3, R. Stretton (cond.) 4, J. Brown 5, J. Faulkner 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. Wm. Butler 1, F. R. Scott 2, B. L. Taylor 3, Sylvia Wickenden 4, J. C. Birt 5, Janet Adamson 6, K. Buckingham 7, A. J. Glass 8, W. Birmingham (cond.) 9, E. L. A. Hudson 10. First quarter on ten bells for 4, 6 and 7. Specially rung as a farewell to the Rector (Rev. Claude Williams), who is to be Rector of Henley-on-Thames.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Race 1, D. A. Lodge 2, F. J. Wood 3, B. W. Parke 4, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 5, P. J. Crouchman 6. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mary L. Wood. Also on July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. L. Wood 1, J. E. Race 2, F. J. Wood 3, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 4, H. O. Goddard 5, B. W. Parke 6. Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Margaret Clegg, and also as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Parke.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Hills 1, L. Turner 2, A. J. Salisbury 3, W. Flatt 4, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 5, C. E. Willmington 6, E. Smith 7, H. Turner 8. In memoriam H. Chinnery (Orsett), who was interred this day at Orsett.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of All Hallows, on Aug. 1st, 1,260 of Grandsire Triples: Jill Barron (first quarter, age 13) 1, Ann Muir (first quarter, age 11) 2, A. J. Muir 3, J. B. Thorp (first 'inside') 4, W. A. Lewis 5, Miss J. Barbrook 6, D. Hill Brown (cond.) 7, R. Holmes 8.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On July 29th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Plain Bob): A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, K. Bonas 3, G. Crisp 4, G. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Ward 1, Mrs. Bagworth 2, J. Tomsett 3, A. Bishop 4, N. Bagworth 5, M. Sinden 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, H. Cox 8. First in the method for 1 and 4. Rung for the 75th birthday of the tenor ringer.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Ringers Asked to Honour Enthronement

A party of 63 sat down to tea at the summer meeting of the Wellingsborough Branch held at Higham Ferrers on July 21st. Ringers were present from Irthlingborough, Wellingsborough, Finedon, Bozeat, Great Doddington, Rushden, Raunds, Earls Barton, Kettering, Lowick, Bromham, Pertenhall, Luton and Denton, with local ringers.

The Guild service was led by the Vicar (the Rev. C. S. Ford), who also gave an address. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 11s. 3d. Before the business meeting a silent tribute was made to the memory of Mr. T. Fowler, who died at Wilby the previous week, aged 88. The Branch hopes to hold its next meeting at Wilby.

Mr. B. P. Morris, the Guild's Master, asked members to make September 29th, the date of the enthronement of the new Bishop of Peterborough, an occasion for ringing in the diocese. It was agreed to send a donation of one guinea to the Spencer Leeson Memorial Fund.

WEDDING

MR. RONALD J. SANDERSON—MISS DOREEN E. SMYTHE

The marriage between Mr. Ronald J. Sanderson and Miss Doreen E. Smythe, two members of the local company and former officers of the Doncaster and District Society of Change Ringers, took place at St. Peter's Church, Bentley, near Doncaster, on July 28th. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by Canon H. G. G. Herklots, M.A., president of the Doncaster and District Society.

The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by Miss Elizabeth Bate, secretary of the Ladies' Guild, Yorkshire District, Miss Barbara Hulme and Miss Pamela Lee. The best man was Mr. Dennis A. Chapman, cousin of the bridegroom. The groomsmen were Mr. C. Donald Wheat, of the local company, and Mr. Raymond Doff.

After the service the five bells were rung by fellow members of the Doncaster and District Society. The reception was held at the Angel and Royal Hotel, Doncaster, and the honeymoon was spent in London and Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

LATE NOTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Lymsham, Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 8778

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lugwardine, Saturday, August 25th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 22nd, to A. T. Wingate, c/o 30, Venns Lane, Hereford. 8782

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Windsor, August 25th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. from nearby cafe. Further ringing 6 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, September 1st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Annual meeting, September 15th, 1956, at Manchester. Ringing details later. Business meeting at No. 4 Committee Room, Town Hall, 3 p.m. Own arrangements for lunch. Dinner at 6 p.m. at Waldorf Hotel, Cooper Street. Social evening to follow. Tickets for dinner 12/6 each; applications for tickets with remittance to Hon. Sec., C. H. F. Knight, 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester, by September 6th, 1956. 8776

NOTICES

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FREEMAN.—On Aug. 1st, 1956, at the Eastholme Maternity Home, Lincoln, to Mary and John, a son, Stephen John. 8770

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MISCELLANEOUS

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The ringing meeting arranged for Saturday, Aug. 18th, at St. George's, Mossley, has now been cancelled.—R. Benson. 8760

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MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Shouldham, Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8742

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Gransden (6) on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8743

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Aug. 18th, High Halden (6), 2.30 p.m. 8726

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Kimpton bells (6), Saturday, Aug. 18th, 3 p.m. Service and tea.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 8733

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Walmer on Saturday, Aug. 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ladies welcome; gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Waters. 8707

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, Aug. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at nearby cafe, business and further ringing until 8.30.—Frederick A. Finch. 8741

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Howden, Aug. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (moderate charge). Names to Mr. E. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8755

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 8731

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice meeting at King's Somborne on Aug. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 8758

CRAYFORD, KENT.—Surprise practice, Tuesday, Aug. 21st, at St. Paulinus' at 7.30 p.m. We shall be pleased to see you.—Mary R. Andrews, Bexley. 8764

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, St. Mary-atte-Bow, East (8), Wednesday, Aug. 22nd, 6.30-8 p.m. A good attendance, please. Everyone welcome.—Bullock, Dis. Sec. 8768

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Aug. 25th, meeting at the Queen's Head, Cranford, 6.30. Details of ringing next week. 8762

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester and Crewkerne Branches.—Combined meeting, South Petherton, Saturday, Aug. 25th.—T. J. Setter, J. T. Locke. 8749

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Eyam (6), Saturday, Aug. 25th, 2.30 p.m.-3 p.m. Well Dressing ceremony 3 p.m. Ringing again at 4 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 8763

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Campsall (8), Aug. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, Aug. 23rd, to Mr. F. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster. 8774

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting at Southchurch, Aug. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, by Aug. 22nd, to E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough. 8773

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Alderton, Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea before Tuesday, Aug. 21st.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 8757

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Pirton, Aug. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Winchendon Place Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8752

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Burmarsh (6) on Aug. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Aug. 21st, to Mrs. R. Wratten, Marshlands Farm, West Hythe, Hythe, Kent. Please make effort to attend this meeting.—W. P. G. 8719

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch, near Warrington, Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 (free). Business 6. Names to Joseph Leatherbarrow, 43, Wigshaw Lane, Culcheth, near Warrington. 8761

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Otley, Aug. 25th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Whitaker, 97, Ilkley Road, Otley.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 8750

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sharnford, Aug. 25th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Cups of tea at Star Inn 5 o'clock; please bring own food.—F. K. Measures, Dis. Sec. 8756

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Thurmaston, Aug. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea (at 5), by the 20th, to W. Partridge, 40, Charnwood Avenue.—B. S. Payne. 8771

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Walsby (8) on Aug. 25th. No tea provided.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 8766

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD AND DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Repton on Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Aug. 23rd, Mr. S. H. Jones, 24, Brook End, Repton, near Derby. 8736

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Third quarterly meeting, Saturday, Aug. 25th, at Wells. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by the business meeting. 8745

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Aug. 25th, changed to Pevensey (6). Service 4.30. Afterwards at Westham (6). Practice method: Double Court. Names for tea (early, please) to H. Reynolds, 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 8753

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Half-yearly meeting to be held at St. Bees on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Aug. 29th, to H. Wilson, 128, Main Street, St. Bees.—G. McKay, Hon. Sec. 8772

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Tollesbury (6), Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. 8724

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Crusader meeting, Bobbingworth, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Speed, 6, Council Cottages, Bobbingworth. 8769

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL.—The annual gathering of the LADIES' GUILD (Southern District), GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District) and OXFORD GUILD (Sonning Deanery Branch) will be held at Wokingham on Sept. 1st. Service in St. Paul's Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at Waterloo Restaurant, Market Place, 5.15. Notify for tea by August 27th. Ringing: Sandhurst, Finchampstead, All Saints', Wokingham, 2.30-3.30; St. Paul's 3.15-4.15; Arborfield, Binhurst, Hurst and All Saints' 6-9.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winkers, Wokingham. 8747

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Hawkhurst, Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by Wednesday, Aug. 29th, to Mr. W. Gorrings, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 8765

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Buckingham, Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Will those requiring tea please notify, by Aug. 28th, Mr. F. Townsend, Main Street, Maids-Moreton, Buckingham.—R. H. Howson, Hon. Sec. 8759

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Handsworth at 3 p.m. on Sept. 1st. Names for tea, by Aug. 29th, please, to Mr. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2.—J. Seager, Sec. 8775

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 1st, at Thrumpton (5), 3 to 4.30, and Gotham (5), 6 to 8 p.m. Bus to Thrumpton leaves Nottingham (Huntingdon Street) at 2.20 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Cuckoo Bush Inn, Gotham. Names to me by previous Tuesday.—C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 8754

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Dyffryn, Neath, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 8748

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hoo (6) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please note change of date. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Sept. 4th, to Mr. A. Vidgeon, Whitehouse Farm, Hoo, near Rochester, Kent.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 8751

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