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CRICKET AT TANFIELD

'There's a breathless hush in the Close tonight,
Ten to make and the match to win,
A bumping pitch and a blinding light,
An hour to play and the last man in.

Play up, play up and play the game.'

'Vitai Lampada'—SIR HENRY NEWBOLT.

SUCH were the thoughts which sprang to mind on July 20th, when members of the Durham and Newcastle Association met at Tanfield, Co. Durham, to revive an old custom of a cricket match-cum-ringing meeting. The last recorded occasion was in 1896, when the 'Bell News' gave a full report of the proceedings and showed the Newcastle side to be the winners over the Tanfield ringers by 57 runs to 41.

Now, after an interval of 61 years, with a new generation of Tanfield ringers seeking to avenge the earlier defeat, a challenge match was arranged between two teams, selected by the Vicar of Tanfield, the Rev. R. Race, and the president of the Association, Mr. K. Arthur. Arrangements for the day were in the capable hands of Mr. K. W. Cheeseman, the local impresario, who provided us with a wicket on the same field as used by the ringers of last century, so we felt we would be playing on hallowed ground. With the march of time, a special feature of today's game was the inclusion in each team of three lady ringers, who added extra spice and colour to the contest.

At the match of 1896 transport from Newcastle was by horse-drawn wagonette, but in these enlightened days of 1957 such means appeared to be a luxury, for of all days July 20th was the start of the national bus strike, and it was only through the generosity of a few car owners that the two teams could be brought together. However, in spite of the strike and other setbacks, which delayed the start, it was agreed to take an early tea, and the umpires (Messrs. W. N. Park and J. Armstrong) went out to the wicket at 4.30 p.m. in ideal weather. The scorers (Miss M. Wilson and Mr. J. A. Brown) took up their stand, while spectators began to gather from far and near, including one from Canada, a gentleman from Saskatchewan visiting his native village after 51 years' absence—we dare hope that it was the match which enticed him home! A party

of nomad ringers also arrived and pitched their tent in the members' enclosure.

Winning the toss and batting first, the president's team did not achieve much success against the Tanfield pace attack or the 'spinners' of the local fair sex, and the side was all out for 29 runs in just over half-an-hour. Under these circumstances, the Tanfield ringers seemed certain to retrieve the honour and could be excused for feeling confident, but they did not bargain for a keen visiting attacking field, and their bats fared disastrously with the whole side being out for 14 runs. Thus the visitors were the victors again and retained their 61-year-old record. At the close of play the scoreboard read as follows:

President's XI.—S. Hewitt (N. Shields) 0, E. N. Harrison (Fenham) 0, G. Cairns (Fenham) 9, K. Arthur (Fenham) 7, G. S. Deas (N/C Cath.) 0, D. A. Bayles (Chester-le-St.) 1, Mrs. K. Arthur (Fenham) 1, D. Robson (N/C St. George) 6, Miss E. Scott (N. Shields) 1, Miss M. Softley (S. Shields) 0, F. W. Cokke (Darlington) 4. Total 29.

Vicar of Tanfield's XI.—K. W. Cheeseman (Tanfield) 1, Miss A. Holmes (Tanfield) 0, Rev. R. Race (Tanfield) 0, Miss E. Brabban (Tanfield) 0, J. Race (Tanfield) 0, C. T. Lamb (Benfieldside) 3, Miss R. Brabban (Tanfield) 5, E. Oliver (Consett) 0, R. Oliver (Consett) 0, N. Errington (Consett) 3, J. Robinson (Tanfield) 2. Total 14.

After congratulations all round, warm thanks were accorded the Vicar, Mr. Cheeseman and all the helpers who had contributed to the success of the venture. The umpires and the scorers proved worthy officials, and we were grateful to the supporter from the 'members' enclosure' who distributed sliced oranges to the teams on the field during the intervals.

The remainder of the evening was taken up with ringing on the eight bells of the Parish Church of St. Margaret, and in a convivial get-together at the Peacock Inn, where the ghosts of the ringing cricketers of yester-year are wont to walk.

A challenge for a return match next year has already been made to the victors, so all aspiring exponents of rope and willow are advised to get in some intensive training in readiness, and follow the epic command: Play up, play up and play the game.

K. A.

A WEEK-END IN THREE COUNTIES**BAMPTON, OXFORDSHIRE.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,***A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR***Tenor 25 cwt. in D.*

STEPHEN IVIN Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
*PETER J. SHIPTON 2	PHILIP MEHEW 6
ANTHONY R. PEAKE 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
BRIAN BLADON 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
 *First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' The conductor's 50th different tenor 'turned in' to a ring weighing 25 cwt. or more.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann M. Cox, of Guildford.

FARINGDON, BERKSHIRE.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR***Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E.*

PETER J. SHIPTON Treble	BRIAN BLADON 5
PHILIP MEHEW 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
RALPH BIRD 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
A. PATRICK CANNON 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed by EDWIN HIMS.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

ALDBOURNE, WILTSHIRE.**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,***A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR***Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.*

A. PATRICK CANNON Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
PHILIP MEHEW 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
DEREK P. JONES 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS 4	BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal of London Major as conductor. First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

HUNGERFORD, BERKSHIRE.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,***A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR***Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.*

A. PATRICK CANNON Treble	DEREK P. JONES 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
BRIAN BLADON 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7
RALPH BIRD 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

First peal of Bristol as conductor. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 475th tower for a peal. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS**LEICESTER.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,***A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS***Tenor 21 cwt. in E.*

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	GEORGE H. HEBBORN 6
DAVID SIMPSON 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 7
JOAN K. BROWN 3	JOHN M. JELLEY 8
*VERNON PRATT 4	ERNEST J. JELLEY 9
ERNEST MORRIS 5	ALBERT J. COOKE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

*First peal.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.***On Tues., Aug. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS***Tenor 21 cwt.*

STANLEY W. COPLING Treble	GEORGE SAYER 6
*H. WILLIAM BARRETT 2	LIONEL S. WOODS 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 8
ARTHUR G. MASON 4	BERT GOGLE 9
*RICHARD F. PRIME 5	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wed., Aug. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,**At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,***A PEAL OF 5025 STEDMAN CATERS***Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.*

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 7
ERNEST MORRIS 3	HARRY POYNOR 8
PHYLLIS POOLE 4	ERNEST J. JELLEY 9
JOSEPH W. COTTON 5	*ROGER K. STRETTON Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

*First peal on ten bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,***A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS***Tenor 28½ cwt.*

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	ARTHUR R. WRIGHT 6
HARRY BOSWELL 2	†IAN M. HOLLAND 7
*PAUL J. RIGBY 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 8
JOHN A. ANDERSON 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS 9
ERNEST STITCH 5	†ERIC EDGINTON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

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

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.***On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL***Tenor 16½ cwt.*

*H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON Treble	†ANTHONY E. COX 6
WILFRID G. WILSON 2	FRANK W. LEWIS 7
†MRS. A. E. COX 3	RONALD F. DISERENS 8
MRS. O. L. ROGERS 4	WALTER LEE 9
*DAVID CORNWALL 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

*First peal on ten. †First of Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tues., July 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.***A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES***Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.*

LEONARD STILWELL	Treble	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	JAMES H. LILLEY	6
ALBERT W. BOND	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
FREDERICK PAGE	4	ARTHUR J. HART	Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

Rung to the respected memory of Mr. Keith Hart, after meeting one short for Stedman Caters.

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HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5152 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JOHN S. BARNES Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
GEORGE P. ADAMS 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

PHYLLIS POOLE Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 5
ERNEST J. JELLEY 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wed., July 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY BOSWELL Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5
*PAUL J. RIGBY 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 6
ERIC E. SPEAKE 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Rutland.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON 2	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 6
PHYLLIS POOLE 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

STANLEY W. COPLING .. Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD .. 5
L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE 7
C. JACK GIBSON 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch.)

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BARTHOLOMEW AND GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

*DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. Treble	STEPHEN LL. PARRY .. 5
†KEITH ABBOTT 2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. 6
ALLAN SMITH 3	HAROLD HAMER 7
JOHN T. WALMSLEY 4	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on eight bells.

Arranged and rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Ian Geoffrey) to Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Mills.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-part.

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*JACK HANDFORD .. Treble	†ROGER A. BREWIN .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 6
ROYSTON WILMORE 3	F. KEVIN THOMPSON .. 7
†HUGH MATTHEWMAN .. 4	CHARLES LOWE Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'

‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples.

PAKEFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

*JILL MARTIN Treble	SYDNEY J. MERRY .. 5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE 6
JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. 3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 7
MICHAEL SOLLEY 4	PETER KINDRED Tenor

Composed by F. G. MAY.

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

* First peal of Major.

A compliment to Mr. J. F. White, one of the most regular Sunday service ringers and donor of the third bell, whose 83rd birthday was on August 6th.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*ROGER L. NUTT Treble	VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. 5
LESLIE EVANS 2	†JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 6
STELLA HUGHES 3	†IAN M. HOLLAND 7
†JOHN R. JOYNER 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal with a treble bob hunt. † First peal of Lincolnshire 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Fri., Aug. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
SUSAN CHADDOCK .. Treble	†JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 5
*ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
MILTON FOWLER 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. Treble	*ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. 5
*JESSIE M. KIPPIN 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 7
JOHN HARTLESS 4	R. ROGER SAVORY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Superlative as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mary E. Davis and Derek J. Perry on the occasion of their wedding at St. Peter's earlier in the day. Also as a 21st birthday compliment to the twin daughters of the treble ringer.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD WOODYATT .. Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 6
SUSAN JACKSON 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
*FRED JUKES 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by R. GEORGE MORRIS.

* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 25 cwt.
EMILY B. P. WALKER .. Treble	*CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 5	
HARRY SPRINGATE .. 2	RONALD E. NORRIS .. 6	
JENNIFER M. HIGHLEY .. 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7	
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

*First peal of Triples 'inside.' The conductor's 100th peal for Kent County Association.

Rung as a compliment to Derek Norris and Brenda Sheepwash on their engagement; they are both ringers at Chatham.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
FRANK E. HAYNES .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
*DIANA J. PERRINS .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

*First peal of London.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Remigius.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Treble	*RICHARD F. PRIME .. 5
*LIONEL S. WOODS .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 3	JOHN S. BARNES .. 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 4	GEORGE SAYER .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

*First peal in the method.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES W. HAW .. Treble	GEORGE BUSH .. 5
*MRS. J. W. HAW .. 2	ALBERT SCOTT .. 6
CECIL WADE .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. 7
RONALD HILL .. 4	JOHN H. BLUFF .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

*First peal of Major 'inside.'

This composition is rung for the first time.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Edburga.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

FRANK L. HARRIS .. Treble	*GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. 5
*JAMES E. DANIELS .. 2	*DAVID BEACHAM .. 6
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 3	DAVID HOARE .. 7
MICHAEL J. BEST .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

*First peal in the method. The first peal of London on the bells.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 28 lb. in D.

*PETER M. ADCOCK .. Treble	RONALD A. BUGG .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. 7
†IVAN COOPER .. 4	†LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVE.

*First peal of Major (aged 15). †First peal in the method. First

peal of Major as conductor (aged 15).

Rung as a birthday compliment to Peter Lester, of Needham Market.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 5
EDWIN R. GOATE .. 2	PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD .. 6
DORIS E. LIDBETTER .. 3	A. ERNEST LONG .. 7
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Rung by members of the East Norfolk Branch, by invitation of the Church Authorities, to commemorate the 850th anniversary of the founding of the Abbey.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Aug. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At Bishop Ryder's Church.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
ERIC E. SPEAKE .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Aug. 12, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*SAMELA R. P. THOMAS .. Treble	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	JOHN ANDERSON .. 6
STELLA HUGHES .. 3	P. GEORGE GOLDER .. 7
ERNEST STITCH .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLLS.

Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

*First peal of Major in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Haley's variation of Thurstans'.	Tenor 15 cwt.
EDWIN BARNETT .. Treble	HAROLD W. CLARK .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	†HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
ALFRED G. HILL .. 4	†PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

*600th peal. †200th peal on the bells. ‡50th peal on the bells.
 Rung on the 25th anniversary of the death of Edwin Barnett, sen., father and grandfather respectively of the ringers of the treble and third, for 43 years leader of the ringers at St. Paulinus', Crayford, who between 1899 and 1929 called the first peal by all the above band except the tenor ringer.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
RALPH BIRD .. Treble	HARRY SPRINGATE .. 4
*RUTH HIGHLEY .. 2	TERENCE BARTON .. 5
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 3	BRIAN BLADON .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

*First peal 'inside.'

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Court Bob, Oxford Bob and St. Clement's and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
GRACE BURCHNALL .. Treble	†RICHARD HOBBS .. 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	GEORGE CHALLANS .. 5
*TERANCE RANDALL .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

*First peal. †First peal in five methods.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Challans, whose anniversary was on July 23rd.

DENTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HAUGHTON,

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 15 cwt.

DEREK OGDEN Treble	DEREK F. YATES 4
TREVOR TAYLOR 2	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH .. 5
NEIL BENNETT 3	DEREK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

HATHEROP, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings).

Tenor 7 cwt.

JOHN LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM A. GODWIN 4
*PETER W. BARTLETT 2	PATRICK A. BARTLETT 5
MRS. W. A. GODWIN 3	JOYCE MORSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal 'inside.'

A 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

C. JACK GIBSON Treble	RICHARD F. PRIME 4
PETER S. BEDFORD 2	JOHN W. BLYTHE 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*CYNTHIA MOORE Treble	MRS. D. LOWE 4
ERIC HORNBY 2	†DOUGLAS LOWE 5
JOHN SCOTT 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. 100th peal as conductor. 50th peal on the bells.

HAWARDEN, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DEINIOL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Single Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	JOHN T. TILSTON 5
JOHN DEAN 3	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

TWYFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

*ROWENA TYLER Treble	*CHARLES E. COOPER 4
J. HARRY COOK 2	*GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT .. 5
HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. 3	ROLAND H. COOK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

* First peal of Minor in two methods. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Thomas Thompson, a ringer from Great Dalby, who was married the same day at Lyddington, near Swindon, to Miss Mary Preedy.

MARCH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENDREDA,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

C.C.C. Nos. 20, 21, 74, 75, 76, 77 and 82.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. Treble	HAROLD S. PEACOCK 4
DONALD F. MURFET 2	TREVOR A. BEVIS 5
FREDK. S. PARSONS 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR A. BEVIS.

* 50th peal.

A birthday compliment to Miss June Peel, who is a bellringer at this church.

BARROW, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 St. Peter's, ten extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob (four callings) and ten extents of Grandsire (ten callings).

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HUBERT MITSON Treble	†TERENCE G. PAGE 3
KENNETH G. BROWN 2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 4
	‡LESLIE N. MELTON Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. ‡ First peal in five methods. 50th peal as conductor.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

BENJAMIN BARKER Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE 4
DAVID K. WALKLATE 2	*ERNEST H. JOHNSON .. 5
JACK BAILEY 3	ALFRED MOULD Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal in three methods.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Lancaster general secretary at the foundation of the Derbyshire Association, and a devoted ringer at this church for many years.

HANDBELL PEALS

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT 24, MANOR STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1-2	*JOHN A. ACRES 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS 3-4	JOHN M. JELLEY 7-8
	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 9-10

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 150th peal together.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

IN THE BELFERY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS 1-2	HARRY POYNER 5-6
JOHN A. ACRES 3-4	JOHN R. SMITH 7-8

Composed and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 9, 1957, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

IN THE BELFERY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

HARRY POYNER 1-2	JOHN ACRES 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3-4	*JOHN R. SMITH 7-8

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal of Major on handbells as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS.

A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK 1-2	JOHN R. SMITH 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS 3-4	MRS. J. R. SMITH 7-8

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire and 660 Plain Bob): A. Craven (first on a working bell) 1, Diana M. Gough (first in two methods) 2, Pamela R. Gough (first in two methods) 3, D. H. Paine (first in two methods) 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. For the Easter festival.—Also on Aug. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. H. Craven 1, Joan E. Baker (first of Doubles 'inside') 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, R. D. Brown (cond.) 4, H. W. Brown 5, Valerie Mepham 6. Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, April Day, Plain Bob and 60 of Grandsire): S. N. Bristow 1, Miss J. Taylor 2, C. W. J. Tarr 3, R. G. Smith 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—At the Parish Church, on July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Shallowcross (11) 1, Joan Carter (cond.) 2, W. Harrison 3, D. F. Malloch (first 'inside') 4, A. D. J. Goodwin (14) 5, M. R. Gibson (14) 6. Rung prior to evening service and in commemoration of the baptism the previous day by the Rector (Canon Colin Lamont) of his grand-daughter, Catherine Mary Whitam.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Monica Fray 1, J. Brain 2, T. Phillips 3, Kathleen Weller 4, M. Horseman 5, C. Kortright 6, M. Chilcott (cond.) 7, H. Hardwidge 8.

BADBY, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pat Tyson (first quarter) 1, E. Bull (first 'inside') 2, R. Roberts (first 'inside') 3, R. Chater 4, T. Haines (first 'inside' and as cond.) 5, P. Box 6.

BENSON, OXON.—On July 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. B. Bond (cond.) 1, J. Berry 2, J. Godman 3, R. Baker 4, F. Godden 5, A. Greenough 6, W. Fulger 7, F. Absalom 8. First of Major 4 and 6. Last quarter on the bells before rehanging.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss B. A. Thompson 1, Miss M. R. Andrews 2, Miss J. R. Cox 3, Miss D. M. Ward 4, E. A. Barnett 5, H. Hovord 6, H. E. Audsley 7, J. L. Morris (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge Major for 2 and 3. Rung for Evensong and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. R. Andrews.

BIDDISHAM, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 8th, 1,272 Minimus (14 extents of Erin and 13 each of Reverse Plain Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob): J. Brain 1, Monica Fray 2, M. Horseman (cond.) 3, L. Derrick 4. First four-bell quarter by all and presumably on the bells. Fifteen changes of method.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. W. G. Elliott 1, B. E. Matthews 2, P. H. Langton (cond.) 3, T. Newman 4, R. A. Brown (first 'inside') 5, G. R. Crisp (first quarter) 6. Rung for St. Richard's-tide. Ringers of 1, 2, 5 and 6 are members of the local St. Richard's Guild. Ringer of 3 a former member.

BODENHAM, HEREFORD.—On Aug. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Rushton 1, Mrs. T. Rushton 2, Mrs. J. Minton 3, R. Billings 4, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 5, T. Rushton 6. For morning service.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On July 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss O. Couchman 1, T. E. Sone 2, Miss L. Grenham (first of Major) 3, E. Bromley 4, R. E. Lambert 5, A. Bromley 6, R. T. Lambert 7, C. A. Tester (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Aug. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Betty Stephenson 1, G. North 2, A. W. Gravett 3, P. G. B.-Knights 4, E. K. Jordan 5, A. W. Bond 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, P. Lewis 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2, 4 and 8.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Morley 1, R. Stretton 2, Miss J. Giles 3, B. S. Cope 4, P. G. K. Davies (first of Triples 'inside') 5, D. W. James 6, G. E. Watson (cond.) 7, V. Headland 8. First of Triples for 1, 3 and 8.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss W. Harewood (first quarter) 1, Miss T. Barnett 2, J. Vardy 3, H. C. Pearce 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, J. Dampen 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Admiral Sir Lumley Lyster, a member of the P.C.C., who was interred this day.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Shuttle 1, Miss J. Shuttle 2, K. Buckingham 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, A. Bird 5, C. Dent 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. For the birthday of H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss J. Taylor 1, S. N. Bristow 2, C. W. J. Tarr 3, R. G. Smith 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael J. Commins and Ann Rutt, married this day at St. George's, Bicknoller, Somerset.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. K. Snelling 1, G. Apps 2, R. Johnson 3, K. Snelling 4, J. Jeffery 5, R. Overy 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, T. Brett 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. B. J. Wilson and Miss E. J. Smart, eldest daughter of the Vicar (the Rev. J. O. Smart) and Mrs. Smart.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Y. West 1, T. R. Roast 2, E. G. Roast 3, P. J. Came 4, J. West 5, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Brig. A. Francis Hawkins, churchwarden of this church, who passed away on June 27th. Also on July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Skennerton (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Dowsett 2, P. J. Came 3, M. Edwards 4, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 5, P. W. Saltmarsh 6.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss D. M. Miller 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, I. J. Dickin 4, B. Jeffries 5, A. R. Jones 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, K. D. Perkins 8. Rung by members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild after a peal attempt.

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 8th, 2,040 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Hart 1, J. Pettitt (first 'inside') 2, A. W. Rolfe 3, K. G. Brown (cond.) 4, L. Melton 5.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): D. Cooper (first quarter) 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, Miss R. Tyler 3, C. E. Cooper (cond.) 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. Rung for evening service.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Cooper 1, W. Dixon 2, G. Dixon 3, F. Rayment 4, W. Barton 5, A. C. Walsh 6, P. Whitaker (cond.) 7, E. H. Simpson 8. Rung for the festival of St. Oswald.

HAMPTON, MIDDLEX.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Minor (720 Hereward Bob, 540 Horsmonden Bob): Margaret Essen 1, P. Feddern 2, W. S. Deason 3, D. A. S. Hawkins 4, P. A. Lawrence (cond.) 5, R. A. Woodcock 6.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At the Church of All Saints, on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. H. Avey 1, E. F. P. Bryant (first as cond.) 2, Miss M. Gibson (first of Triples) 3, S. F. Buckland 4, Mrs. C. A. Levett 5, R. G. Roberts 6, C. A. Levett 7, W. Levett 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Lowings (first in method) 1, S. Penfold 2, M. Bland 3, T. East 4, R. Brown 5, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 6, F. V. Gant 7, A. Gargrave 8.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On July 31st, 1,760 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Wagborne 1, F. J. Lambert 2, T. E. Sone (cond.) 3, E. Bromley 4, S. G. Ponting 5, R. E. Lambert 6, R. T. Lambert 7, C. A. Tester 8.

KINGSBURY, MIDDLEX.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Reed 1, Miss J. Smith 2, Mrs. M. L. Thirst 3, M. King 4, A. F. Thirst (cond.) 5, J. Voss 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

LITTLE BADDOW, ESSEX.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Dowsett 1, I. J. M. Saunders 2, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 3, P. J. Came 4, J. E. G. Roast 5. Rung in memoriam Fred Nunn, for many years vergier at this church.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. G. Orland 1, E. Gautry (first 'inside') 2, E. M. Thresher 3, J. H. Williams 4, M. F. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the feast of St. Lawrence.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Roome (cond.) 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, R. Chater 3, Miss D. M. Miller 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, J. M. Rainbow 6, M. R. Bennett 7, R. V. Baker 8. First quarter on eight bells for 3 and 6.

MADRON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 3rd, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Rita M. Webb (Warmley) 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 2, H. Taylor 3, A. Carveth 4, D. N. Penrose 5, E. F. Payne (Syston) 6, G. Werrell 7, G. W. Taysom 8. Longest length on eight by 1 and 7.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret MacKay 1, F. Osbaldiston 2, Dorothy Stafford 3, W. Dowse 4, A. Osbaldiston 5, A. McFall (cond.) 6.—Also on Aug. 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Dorothy Stafford 1, F. Osbaldiston 2, A. Osbaldiston 3, B. Groves 4, A. McFall (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6. For Evensong.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7, 8 covering): S. J. Boulden 1, Maisie Vantom 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, M. G. Swift 4, H. S. Humphrey 5, E. G. Swift (cond.) 6, A. L. Terry 7, R. Allen 8. For morning service.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): A. R. C. Clarke 1, Nancy Kempell (first as cond. in two methods) 2, G. Olliver 3, Freda Hankey 4, A. Streeter 5, W. Clarke 6.

ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Snape 1, J. Wheadon 2, S. Sage 3, J. Jenkins 4, R. Hough 5, S. Hough, jun. (cond.) 6. Rung fully muffled in memoriam George Bason, local ringer.

SEDESLOCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. P. Bryant (first away from cover) 1, Celia Whitfield 2, Daphne Lester (first as cond.) 3, Margaret Wilson 4, E. Fellows 5, Katherine Stisted 6. An 18th birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Wilson.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Chad's Church, on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (rung on the back eight): Mrs. E. F. Willcox 1, F. A. H. Cattell 2, J. E. Wilson 3, A. E. G. Owen 4, P. J. Evans 5, F. G. Beddow 6, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 7, F. R. Mason 8. The fourth wedding anniversary of the ringer on the 2nd bell.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At Immanuel Church, on Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Crowe (first quarter) 1, J. Chapman 2, J. Cook 3, G. Parsons 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, M. Williamson 6, C. Nichols 7, E. Talbot 8.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on July 13th, 1,320 Little Bob Maximus: F. G. Leaker 1, T. Edwards 2, P. Gray 3, I. H. Trueman 4, R. G. Hooper 5, R. J. Bowden 6, D. Heighton 7, F. Hansford 8, J. Gilbert 9, F. Mack 10, N. H. Coombs 11, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 12. First of Little Bob Maximus by all the band.

THURMPTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob and 780 Grandsire): G. Fisher (first quarter) 1, J. Butler 2, F. Priestley 3, C. W. Towers (cond.) 4, S. Adams 5.

WEST DIDSLEY, MANCHESTER.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): G. Buchan 1, Barbara Kay 2, G. Bevers 3, D. F. Manning 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, M. J. M. Ratliff (first in four methods) 6. First quarter for 1 and 3. For Evensong.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCs.—On Aug. 10th, 1,344 Spliced Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major (being 960 Plain Bob, 384 Cambridge, with 24 changes of method): Miss B. Ayris 1, P. J. H. Hudson 2, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 3, A. E. Hartley 4, A. Greenhalgh 5, J. L. Wright 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, J. Thornley 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 8th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Bagworth 1, J. Tomsett 2, M. P. Moreton 3, A. Bishop 4, M. Sinden 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob Minor for 1, 4, 5 and 6. Rung for the 76th birthday of Mr. H. Cox.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 11th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Brown 1, G. Filby 2, A. Lawes 3, E. Etheridge 4, R. Plummer 5, G. Filby, jun. (cond.) 6.

AN AUSTRALIAN WEEK-END

THE affectionate term for England, used by Australians and English alike, is 'the old country,' and this was used many times during our adventure to Sydney over the weekend, July 12th to 15th.

Most of us in Melbourne remember the annual general meetings we attended in either native or neighbouring counties. These memories are now brought back to us by 'The Ringing World,' which we eagerly await each week. Now Australia can boast of an 'occasion'—a journey and a meeting of considerable dimension! Indeed, an experience that will never be forgotten.

Fourteen ringers from Victoria, one each from Ballarat and Bendigo, and the remainder from St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, spent an eventful weekend in Australia's largest city. Representing the three ringable towers in the State, we made the 1,100-mile train trip in acceptance of an invitation by the N.S.W. Association to attend their annual dinner and competition. The party was Jack and Gwen Roper, Brenda Sheppard, Kenneth Minchinton, Warne Wilson (Bendigo), Graeme Hayes (Ballarat), Alan and Tom Bennett, Arthur Fisher, Clyde Simpson, Ernest Hughes, Diana and George Pipe.

'The Spirit of Progress,' a luxurious diesel express, left Melbourne on the stroke of 6.30 on the Friday evening. We were given a hearty send-off and soon settled down to a comfortable beat. Having told the ticket-collector that we were a church party, that man was unable to hide his consternation when one of the ringers produced two bottles of sherry, a somewhat generous 'aperitif' to the later dinner, as a rejoinder to 'Tickets, please!'. Many were convinced that sleep would come easily during the

15-hour ride—we have since realised the enormity of the joke.

However, with much good fun, feasting and talking, we eventually crossed the New South Wales border and arrived in Sydney at 9.30 a.m. As the late John S. Goldsmith related in 'Great Adventure,' it isn't until one has slept and travelled in the same small compartment as another man that one learns his real character. Thus it was that with flavourings of the Cheshire and Oxon accent, dressed with the Aussie drawl, that we were able to have a laugh at ourselves and our companions.

Our hosts, the Sydney ringers, had obviously spared nothing to ensure a memorable weekend. Booking in at the Great Southern Hotel, which the English visitors will remember is in George Street, we were able to wash and brush up, although under pressure! The cars were waiting, and making our way to the first tower (Christ Church, St. Lawrence, 6) we were introduced to everybody. In some cases it was a matter of meeting old friends again, but for many the privilege of seeing many of those who have done so much for the N.S.W. Association.

Other towers during the day were St. Benedict's (6) and St. Mark's, Darling Point (8). At the latter the annual competition was held, and by a kind donation by Mr. Ralph Joyner of an inter-state cup, Victoria were able to sense the atmosphere, so electric at times. The local shields were well contested, and everyone benefited from these tests. The press and television men were at times all too prominent, but as one wag pointed out, at least it was a start to stardom. After the service an excellent dinner was served with well over 100 in attendance. Even this wasn't the final item for Saturday, for

leisurely entertainment was provided until 10.30 p.m., and we did enjoy the ale, too!

Sunday as usual with ringers' outings, when everybody vows he or she will have a 'lay-in,' knowing full well it just isn't done, saw us up at 7 a.m. The four towers for the day were all much enjoyed. The two delightful sixes of Turramurra and Parramatta soon rang out over the glorious Sydney Harbour, and in the afternoon the very fine eight at St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral really won our affection. Three of the party considered these a very close parallel to the renowned eight at Lymm, Cheshire.

Thus Sunday was drawing to a close with still a novelty in store—the eight steel bells of St. Jude's, Randwick. Unfortunately these bells are in poor condition; nevertheless for many of us it was an opportunity to hear such a ring.

So with much regret we waved them 'good-bye' on Sydney station on Sunday evening, for the long journey back home. The way we were received and the generous hospitality offered by the N.S.W. ringers will never be forgotten. This must be an annual event; thank you very much, Sydney.

ERNEST H. HUGHES,
GEORGE W. PIPE.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On July 30th, 1,347 Stedman Caters (composed by Fred Hayes): Miss J. Adamson (Slough) 1, F. W. Goodfellow (Hillingdon) 2, A. D. Barker (Stoke Poges) (cond.) 3, Mrs. A. D. Barker (Stoke Poges) 4, F. R. Scott (Langley) 5, W. F. Butler (Clewley) 6, K. Buckingham (Windsor) 7, J. C. Birt (Slough) 8, W. Birmingham (Slough) 9, A. D. Rivers (Slough) 10. Rung as a tribute to the life of service to his church and the belfry of Fred Hayes, of High Wycombe (died July 24th), by members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild. R.I.P.

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Returning from a holiday at Eastbourne recently, Major and Mrs. Hawkins, of Windsor, had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Geo. Baker at Brighton. Despite the fact that he will be 90 next October, Mr. Baker was busy in his office, and to the delight of the visitors had papers and cuttings in his pocket, some of which related to the late Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft.

After ringing only about six plain courses of Grandsire Caters over a period of two months, Vernon Pratt (aged 14) has rung his first peal (the fourth to Grandsire Caters) at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, on August 3rd. He commenced ringing 15 months ago. Mr. S. Harrison, Ringing Master of St. John's, would like to thank the South Wigston ringers, under the leadership of Mr. B. G. Warwick, for their valued help, and particularly Mr. Ernest and Mr. John Jelley, who have been attending St. John's practices regularly over the last five years.

Amongst many visitors who watched the ringing of a peal of Treble Bob at St. Anthony-in-Meneage, Cornwall, on August 10th, was the retired Bishop of Reading, who stayed to the finish and congratulated the band on the splendid striking. He showed great interest, and said it was the ringing that brought him to the church, being on holiday in the area. The waters of the Gillan Creek on the Helford river almost reach the church gates, and some who had come with the peal band had the excitement of seeing a small sailing craft turned over by the gale, and its three occupants thrown into the water. Fortunately, they were able to swim ashore to the sound of ringing bells. Maybe yet another Cornish legend will grow up, that St. Anthony's bells drew to shore these unfortunate shipwrecked holidaymakers!

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal on August 13th in memory of the late Edwin Barnett, sen., could not be attempted at Crayford, with which he was associated for most of his ringing career, owing to war damage repairs. The band are grateful to the Vicar of Erith for permitting them to ring it there on a night when services are held. The composition, Haley's variation of 'Thurstans', is rarely rung nowadays, but it was one which Mr. Barnett frequently called. It is thought that Mr. H. E. Audsley, whose 200th on the bells it was, is the first ringer to accomplish this total on two different rings of bells, having done so at Crayford some years previously.

The bells of Lancaster Priory will be heard before the service to be broadcast from there on Sunday, August 25th, at 9.30 a.m. in the North Home Service only. We understand that these bells are not hung for ringing. The organist has composed a chime for the occasion.

Members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild who visited Edenbridge, Kent, on August 10th wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries and Brian for the kind reception given to them after a peal attempt for Bob Major, which came to grief after 1 hour and 20 minutes. However, a quarter peal was successful, and the opportunity of ringing at Limpsfield Chart, Surrey, was much appreciated.

Northampton and District ringers enjoyed a good ringing programme on August Bank Holiday, when the towers of Litchborough, Chacombe, Banbury, Adderbury, Deddington, Bloxham and Tadmarton were visited. As Swalcliffe bells were not available, due to illness, a very enjoyable visit to Home Farm, Balscote, was substituted. Many thanks, Mr. Jarvis, and to all who made this a successful day.

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U.A. TOUR OF THE WEST RIDING

WE had been told that the West Riding was industrial; that all we should see would be factory chimneys and smoke; and that if that was where we really wanted to spend our holidays, well . . . !

What they had not told us was that there is a great deal of lovely country also, and that Yorkshire people know how to make guests welcome: we discovered the first of these facts on our arrival at our headquarters, at Bingley Training College, and the second became steadily more evident throughout the week.

For the writer the week began somewhat inauspiciously: he ran out of petrol three miles from Bingley at 11.45 p.m. on Friday and had to be fetched—not a very popular procedure. For those who arrived in better time there was ringing at Bingley during the evening.

However, on Saturday morning everyone's spirits were high, and we set off on what proved the most 'industrial' day of the tour, to Birstall, Cleckheaton, Ossett, Batley and Wakefield. It was decided on leaving Ossett that we would eat our lunch in the Sunday School at Batley; however, such a spirit was unlikely to be maintained, and sure enough we had it in the 'local' as usual. At Wakefield we sampled the new amplifier system, still under trial: one member complained he could hear two distinct rings of 12 and was not at all clear which one to strike in!

Sunday ringing was enjoyed in three more-or-less nearby towers—Bradford Cathedral, Bingley and Haworth—both morning and evening, together with a splinter group of late arrivals who visited Ossett in the evening.

At lunch we entertained a few visitors—the Vicar of Bingley, Miss Maxwell (the college principal) and Vernon Bottomley, representing the Yorkshire Association. Leslie Morris was unfortunately prevented from joining us at the last minute for business reasons.

CAR REPAIRS

A casual visitor to the college during the day might well have wondered what sort of a tour this was: there were pieces of car engine strewn all over the drive, two or three men actively working away, and the usual crowd of on-lookers offering 'helpful' advice. The process wasn't speeded up by the expert who, having taken the engine to pieces in the morning, vanished after lunch, leaving the not-so-experts to put it together again.

That evening it was discovered that another member proposed to arrive in the small hours, having left the south of England at 5 p.m. to drive to Bingley; and the writer 'volunteered' to sit up for him. Fortunately, he wasn't very late.

After the weekend we lost those of our party who thought work more important than ringing; however, several more joined us at Ripon after our visit to Beckwithshaw, the first Monday tower. It proved somewhat difficult, not to say impossible, to get everyone to the same place at the same time for lunch; but judging by the ringing at Sharow afterwards, all appeared to have had the same sort of meal. We enjoyed a pleasant run over the moors to Otley, ringing there and at Birstwith on the way, before arriving back at the College.

EIGHT NEW MEMBERS

The business meeting on Monday evening produced the part-audited-and-found-more-or-less-correct accounts for 1955-56 (!), and the suggestion that the borders of Sussex and Kent be visited next summer, provided that the usual bogey of accommodation could be overcome. Eight new members were elected.

Tuesday produced some lovely scenery, some excellent bells and probably the best ringing of the week. We visited Silsden, Kildwick and Skipton before lunch, then spent an hour or so sightseeing round Bolton Abbey, in Wharfedale, before going on to Ilkley and Guiseley. After supper, the local practice at Pudsey and its very hospitable ringers were visited—an outing which one member was heard to say was his sole reason for coming on the tour.

After Corporate Communion at the parish church, conducted by the Vicar, we had another more-or-less industrial day on Wednesday, visiting Almondbury and Marsden before lunch at a small pub high on the moors. A band of experts left us to ring a peal of Pudsey at Drighlington, while the remainder continued to Brighouse and Elland. The latter tower was noteworthy for the sight of six of the ringers sucking 1½-in. diam. gobstoppers, thoughtfully purchased at a local grocer's—but the smell of aniseed proved too strong for the more tender plants! We were reunited at Bradford Cathedral, where some of the local band joined us. Later that evening an expedition to Mirfield was undertaken, a most interesting ten—but quite a good eight.

A DAY OF BROKEN ROPES

The longest day took us to the extreme east of the Riding, at Selby Abbey on Thursday, by way of Far Headingley and Tadcaster. A band who (after a quick ring at Far Headingley) had gone to attempt a peal of Plain Bob at Pontefract All Saints' rejoined us at Selby with news of a broken rope. We were rushed through our afternoon's ringing at Kippax in order to arrive at Leeds Parish Church in time to ring before Evensong—only to find no Evensong because no curate to say it. This gave us almost too long on these fine bells for the temperature, but half a course of Cambridge Maximus was achieved and even an enthusiastic tenor-grabber's three leads of Bristol. After supper, one of our leading bellfounders distinguished himself at Denholme by breaking his rope in the middle of the sally while calling Stedman. The bell set, the rope-end was reversed and knotted on, and he continued to ring it with half a sally and a pseudo-Yorkshire tail.

The last day, Friday, saw the loss of another peal attempt, for Eastcote at Sowerby, through a shift course. The non-pealers spent the morning at Haworth (also quickly visited by the peal band), Oxenhope and Heptonstall, where the whole party reassembled. One carload had a somewhat hair-raising journey through their navigator's theories about straight lines and short distances. The afternoon was spent in and around Halifax: at the parish church, where we were told that our ringing prevented the making-up of wages in an adjacent factory; at Haley Hill and at Northworram.

THE SOCIAL

As usual, a most successful social evening was organised by York, in which almost everyone was persuaded to make fools of themselves in one way or another, aided and abetted by the secretary's lurid taste in clothing (we never did decide whether those socks really were luminous) and by Leslie Morris's genial efforts as a judge of handbell ringing.

And so another enjoyable week ended: Wilf Moreton's organisation was first-class and the weather was kind; though our pleasure was somewhat tempered by our sympathy for Mr. Lewis, who had come all the way from Scotland to join us and was then prevented from ringing by doctor's orders. Our very grateful thanks are due to the incumbents and tower captains for so cheerfully putting up with us—we hope it was worth it for them! B. D. T.

THE BELLS OF HOLSWORTHY

'There is no music like that of the bells,' said the Rector of Holsworthy (Rev. A. Warne) to an assembly of some 50 ringers and friends on August 14th; and be it said, the harmony in the meeting was no less harmonious than the now-famous octave.

In the area—the N.W. Branch of the Devon Guild and the N.E. pocket of Cornwall—mainly due to the efforts of the Sangwin brothers, John, Charles and Fred, over the years there is a spirit of enthusiasm for change-ringing. Not only were members from most of the towers in the Branch present, but also visitors from Combe Martin, Kelvedon (Essex), Launceston, Lifton, Leicester, Plymouth (Emmanuel), Stafford, Stratton, Teignmouth and Wiveliscombe. The meeting could be described as a holiday-makers' practice, and good use was made of the bells from 2.30 p.m. to late in the evening. The striking was good and all the standard methods were rung.

After tea, in Sanders's Café, six certificates were presented to young ringers, making some 14 within the year, by the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild). He expressed his pleasure at meeting so many friends and congratulated the young recipients.

Members of the Branch were asked by their chairman to consider proposals concerning the annual general meeting of the Guild, its venue and general arrangements. The members were asked to think over the proposals and to come to a decision at the annual meeting of the Branch at Hatherleigh in November.

The thanks of the meeting were accorded the Rector, who acted as organist, for his excellent address and the use of the bells; to Mr. Baker (reader), who read the Guild prayers; and all who helped in what may be described as a splendid meeting. F. C. S.

ST. PETER'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—I wonder if any ringers could enlighten me with regard to the method published in the 'R.W.' of August 9th under the title 'St. Peter's Doubles.' This method is, of course, St. Martin's with a different bob and more extents available.

If this is considered a new method there is no reason why we shouldn't ring St. Simon's and St. Osmond's with St. Peter's bobs, and call them for argument's sake 'Danbury' and 'Purleigh' Doubles. I have reason to believe that the Central Council came to some decision on methods with the same course and different bobs, April Day being the most common one rung. Could someone 'in the know' please clarify this?—Yours sincerely,

J. E. G. ROAST.

Danbury, Essex.

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THOSE I REMEMBER

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 514)

One who helped me a lot in my early career was Charles H. Fowler. He was a grand ringer long before he came to Leicester (as a printer), having rung many notable peals in and around Oxford with the famous James W. Washbrook, Charles Hounslow, Rev. F. E. Robinson and company. He took part in the record long peal of London Surprise, and later was one of the band in the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 1,000th peal. Of slight build, he could—and did—turn a heavy bell in to a peal with grace and skill. He conducted almost all our early peals of Double Norwich and Superlative. He died in December, 1914, at the early age of 39, having rung 171 peals. He took part in the long peals of 10,176 Kent and 11,008 and 17,104 Double Norwich at South Wigston.

WILLIAM WILSON

A close friend of Chas. H. Fowler was William Willson, who was for many years the leading light in Leicester ringing affairs, and was a conductor of great ability. He conducted the long peals just referred to as well as taking part in the record Stedman Caters at Loughborough Parish Church in 12½ hours. He was steeple-keeper of St. George's, Leicester, until St. John-the-Divine's bells were installed, when he took command there, in later years adding two trebles to make one of the best rings of ten in England. Mr. Willson had a dominating way with him, and woe betide any who did not go his way or do what he was told at once! He had four daughters, two of whom made good ringers: Lilian (who took part in the first ladies' peal at Cubit Town, London) and Hilda, who married Wm. Jacques, of Mansfield, Notts, also a good ringer. Lilian was married to T. Henry Hardy (my pal, and for whom I acted as 'best man') and my own daughter was named after her! 'Harry' Hardy, besides being a ringer of ability, was also a chorister at St. Margaret's with a remarkable range of voice. He could sing an oratorio or a comic song with equal ease, and was the first (and only) man to gain 100 per cent, and a gold medal for singing at the local festival of music.

When St. Margaret's bells were augmented to 12 it was agreed that the first peal should be by our Sunday service ringers, and Harry rang the fifth bell to this, which I called. He was to have been in the first peal on the 12—Kent Maximus—but died suddenly just before it was fixed. Therefore his father-in-law, Wm. Willson, took his place, and the peal—which I conducted—was rung muffled. Strange to say, I took the fifth bell—the one Harry rang in his last peal, and shortly after the start the muffle came off and I rang it open! William Willson was a trenchant writer on bell topics, and will be well remembered by older ringers for his columns in 'The Bell News' under the nom-de-plume of Jingle. He was co-editor of the fine but short-lived journal 'The Belleranger.' He was one of the band who rang in the silent handbell peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, and after the first war organised the memorable pilgrimage to the Menin Gate, Ypres, in 1931, when in the presence of many

reverent strangers a short and impressive service was conducted by the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, handbells rung and a wreath deposited. It was during this visit that the first peals (on handbells) were rung in Belgium and one in France. Mr. Willson died on November 6th, 1941, aged 73. He had rung about 350 peals. He had a nephew of the same name, also a fine ringer, who took part in a number of peals but who, unfortunately, died young.

Two other fine ringers I must mention were George Cleal and Samuel Cotton, who came from Tewkesbury and Worcester respectively. They were close friends and both exceptionally good both on tower- and handbells. I class Samuel Cotton as one of the finest men I ever knew, either in or out of a belfry. I never knew him to get hot and bothered, or to argue or disagree with anyone on any occasion. If a failure occurred either on handbells or towerbells, he would let the others argue and fight it out, and would simply say: 'It's all over and done with; let's ring it again, and see where it went wrong.' When telling anyone who had gone adrift, he would not yell or shout as some did (say Willson or Dexter) but would quietly say 'over,' 'under,' 'lead now,' or whatever was right, and generally helped one much better than either flustering or frightening a youngster.

Mr. Cotton had a beard and was the living image of King George V. He was in the shoe trade, as was George Cleal, who had a 'nanny-boat' beard. Mr. Cleal was a little man, but had a dynamic character. He could call Grand-sire and Stedman like very few ever could hope to attain. He called some of John O. Lancashire's Odd and Even Bob and Single peals.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER

Of my generation but a little earlier was Frederick H. Dexter, who was an apt pupil of the two last named. He was a very clever ringer and composer. In the latter sphere he excelled in Stedman Caters, producing many compositions of original character, well off the beaten track, calling them equally well, but preferring to allow others to do this. He turned out many compositions of Triples and Cinques, as well as Surprise methods. He was tall and of slender build, very near-sighted, but could turn in a heavy bell with ease and precision. He had a flow of language equal to none—never particular in his choice of words—yet, withal, a grand fellow and warm-hearted friend. In the tower he was a real martinet and well-earned the title of the 'Sergeant Major' for his brusque manner in 'chasing around' anyone who did the wrong thing, struck his bell badly, or wandered from the straight and narrow path. He would point to his ears and say: 'God gave you these—use the blanks!'

On the occasion of one of my early attempts for Stedman Triples at St. Mark's, Leicester, we got into the last block when out went the light—then it came on—to our consternation. Then it kept coming on and off and made it impossible for us to continue. F. H. D. set his bell and rushed pell-mell down the spiral stairway, and we said, 'Woe betide whoever he catches!', but when he got to the bottom he could not get

out, the door being wedged. Eventually we found it was the curate who wanted to start a service! By that time, however, F. H. D. had cooled off somewhat. We were given permission to go again within a week or so and got the peal (my No. 80). F. H. D. suffered with asthma, and sometimes in peals made most weird noises and pulled hideous faces.

On the occasion they attempted the first peal of Bristol at St. Martin's I was the 'spare part' or stand-by. They had a full team and I heard some beautifully struck courses and quite expected to hear they had rung the full peal. Imagine my surprise when told they lost it in the last course. F. H. D. made one of his funny noises at the back of his throat and they made a 'bob' of it. This caused chaos as there was no bob and the peal was lost! I heard him once explaining ringing to a young curate at St. Martin's, and was 'all ears' expecting him to drop out one of his favourite expressions. However, after telling him the worst ringers were parsons! he said he had one once whom he chased up and down till the poor devil didn't know what he was doing, and was just ready to 'lay an egg!'. F. H. D. was in partnership in the hosiery trade with Len E. Allen, a cathedral ringer, and with whom I rang several peals. His son, Harold Dexter, is an accomplished organist with many degrees, and now organist of Southwark Cathedral.

(To be continued)

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

There are some very promising ringers in Norfolk and Suffolk Grammar Schools. The repertoire for their summer outing in Norfolk included the following methods: Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's and Stedman Doubles; Plain Bob, Kent, Cambridge, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, and Little Bob Minor; Bob Triples, Bob Major and Grand-sire Triples (on handbells).

Meeting at Diss, the party came from the following towers: Mulbarton, Barking (Suffolk), Pakenham, Newmarket, Blo-Norton, East Marling and Beccles.

Towers visited were: Kenninghall, East Harling, Quidenham, New Buckingham, Banham, Winfarthing, Shelfanger and Diss (where Mr. Nolan Golden permitted the party to ring before his company started their attempt for a peal of Bristol). The thanks of the party are due to the clergy and organiser for a very enjoyable day.

BRENCHELY AND HORSMONDEN

The annual outing of the Brencley and Horsmonden ringers, with visitors and non-ringing friends, was a trip into Hertfordshire on July 20th.

Leaving at 7.30 a.m., the journey was via London to Broxbourne for an hour's ringing. St. Andrew's, Hertford, was visited before lunch. The afternoon tower was Braughing, and after tea at Bishop's Stortford, the towers of Sawbridgeworth and Harlow.

Our thanks are due to incumbents for the use of the bells, and to local ringers who kindly met us and made the day so enjoyable.

P. A. T.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE MAJOR PROBLEM

Dear Sir,—If the discussions at this year's Central Council meeting achieve nothing more than to provoke forthright comments like those of Mr. Humphriss and the North Staffordshire Association ('R.W.', August 2nd), they will have been worth while.

Both, in my view, were right in pointing out that the wording of the two motions concerned with the College of Campanology were such that any vote on them would be at best an expression of opinion rather than a decision. However, in fairness to Council members there, I think it should be said that most of them did realise this, if not before the discussion, they did an hour-and-a-half later when we decided to pass to the next business. Council, after all, has as much right to express an opinion as its critics!

Fascinating though these subjects are, I think we can safely leave matters of procedure in the Central Council to its Standing Committee, and the destiny of the College of Campanology in its own hands. At the back of these discussions there is a matter which should be of great concern to us all.

There are all over Britain hundreds of towers in which the bells are not rung at all on Sundays, and many, many more where they are rung most inadequately. I doubt whether much more than half can be rung adequately every Sunday. This concerns us all, for the Associations to which we all belong were formed, and still exist, to promote Sunday service ringing. They all say so in their constitutions in one way or another. Although things might be better, I am certain they would be very much worse if it were not for the tremendous amount of hard work put in by these Associations since the latter part of the 19th century.

We have, nevertheless, reached rather a static condition and must think about how we should organise our effort more effectively. The effort must be to train bands of ringers, rather than individuals, to be as much part of their own church as of the ringing Associations. The magnitude of the task needs no emphasis, but I am sure it is not beyond us.

As a start, I believe, with Mr. Humphriss, that the Central Council could help a great deal by asking a few of its members to put their heads together in committee to think about this problem and report back some practical advice for the Associations. I hope they would have the courage to be bold and, if necessary, revolutionary in their recommendations. Backed by the weight of the Council's discussion and approval, such ideas could be valuable all over the country.

At present the Council are prepared to give advice about bell-hanging and preservation, method construction, peal boards and other things, but not on the most important problem of all—the silent and jangling towers. This is a pity.—Yours, etc.,

PHILIP GRAY.

Bristol.

THE TWO HARBYS

Dear Sir,—Replying to Major E. F. M. Samson's letter (p. 499, August 2nd), the 5-bell tower of Harby, Notts, is Harby near Lincoln. It lies about nine miles due west of Lincoln, but about half-a-mile over the Nottinghamshire border. Harby, Leicestershire, also a 5-bell tower, lies about the same distance from the Nottinghamshire border, some nine miles due north from Melton Mowbray.

Granby, Notts, has five bells, not four.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

CHRISTMAS EVE, 1918

Dear Sir,—In answer to your enquirer of lines of poem, here is the complete verse, written by Robert Bridges in 1918. To me it is very beautiful; he had, I think, been in early days a ringer himself. I have often wondered why it is not more widely known, especially amongst ringers.

CHRISTMAS EVE, 1918

A frosty Christmas Eve,
When the stars were shining,
Fared I forth alone
Where westward falls the hill
And from many a Village
In the watered valley
Distant music reached me—
Peals of bells aringing.
The constellated sounds
Rang sprinkling on earth's floor,
As the dark vault above
With stars was spangled o'er.
Now blessed be the Towers
That crown England so fair
That stand up strong in prayer
Unto God for our Souls.
Blessed be their founders
An' our Country folk,
Who are ringing for Christ
In the belfreys tonight,
With arms lifted to clutch
The rattling ropes that race
Into the dark above
And the mad romping din.

But to me heard afar
It was starry music—
Angels' song comforting
As the comfort of Christ,
When He spake tenderly
To His sorrowing flock.

Note this was written just at the ending of the First World War.

Yours sincerely,

W. A. OSBORN.

Galhampton, Yeovil.

Note.—We thank Norman Pearson, Miss Jenny Armstrong and other ringers for their replies.—Ed.

ANTI-CLOCKWISE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Morris' letter is interesting. Why bells were hung anti-clockwise is a question which I do not think has ever been satisfactorily answered.

My first experience of an anti-clockwise ring was at Gravesend as a boy, and for the next 50 years I enquired the reason for left-handed rings from ringers in all walks of life, including bell-founders and ringing architects, without success.

It was Mr. John Wheadon (now of Wilmslow, Cheshire), prior to the war after either a peal or meeting at Northfleet (an anti-clockwise ring), who gave me the most convincing reply.

His theory was that in olden times bell-founders would cast the bells and hang them, but would not make the frames. This would be done by the local carpenter or wheelwright who, in the absence of any plans or designs, fixed them upside down.

There are not many ringers now who, like myself, have rung peals on anti-clockwise rings of eight, ten and 12. Now that Cambridge bells have been rehung it can never happen again.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

Craford.

A MUSICAL PEAL

Dear Sir,—Mr. Nolan Golden's remarks on his interesting article on compositions, on the musical qualities which can be obtained by the use of 6ths place bobs in Bristol Surprise Major prompts me to send the following peal, which I put together about eight years ago after a discussion with Mr. Maurice Hodgson. It will be seen that apart from one 'blot', the peal consists entirely of the 12 courses with the 6th at Home almost complete) and the other 12 combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 (slightly less complete) in the minimum number of changes.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

5,024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR (6ths place bobs)

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34256	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	—
36245	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—
52364	—	2	—	—
26354	—	3	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—
43265	—	2	—	—
62345	—	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
63542	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—
23456	2	—	—	—

JACKDAWS IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—I could not help thinking of all the previous articles titled 'Bats in the Belfry' when I read this extract from our local 'Evening News':—

'It is not bats in the belfry that workmen will have to contend with at Iping Church, but jackdaws.

'Before repairs can be started to the church countless jackdaws' nests from the belfry will have to be removed.

'It is estimated that there are two cartloads of sticks and other nesting materials to be cleared. The heap almost reaches the one old bell, dated 1616, now hanging.

'To prevent the nuisance in future (the birds' chattering also often interferes with services) the louvers in the tower will be covered with wire netting.

'Among other work to be done to the church is the replacing of broken tiles and repairs to the guttering and to the lead roof of the tower.'

Yours, etc.,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Havant.

A BELL MUSIC QUERY

Dear Sir,—The letter of P. M. Whitaker ('Ringing World,' July 26th, 1957) raises an interesting point.

It is, however, incorrect to say that the only disadvantage of his system over the conventional 13 bells would be the loss of a ring of six. In addition to this ring of six in the major key, the four rings in the minor key would also be lost (one of ten, one of eight and two of six).

I believe that at Buckfast Abbey the bells are rung in the minor key during Lent.

I agree that the ring of 12 he suggests would probably sound better with a sharpened second. Perhaps the Buckfast Abbey ringers with the 14 bells at their disposal would like to try it out by leaving out the third and eighth instead of the usual second and eighth.—Yours faithfully,

ROY W. STICKLING.

Cockington, Torquay.

LETTERS—Continued

FOUR-BELL TOWERS IN KENT

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. Head's letter in 'The Ringing World' of August 2nd, Boughton Aluph had a ring of five. To the eternal shame of the diocesan authorities these pre-Reformation bells were sold as scrap. This fact is mentioned in the current edition of Mr. Dove's 'Ringer's Guide.'

To Mr. Davis' letter, on the same subject, in the issue dated July 19th, I give the following information. According to Stahlschmidt's 'Church Bells of Kent' the Bicknor ring were, or are, *all* steel bells. Mr. Dove does not include them in his current list of steel rings but Mr. Davis mentions them as existing. The bells are given as having diameters of 15, 18½, 20 and 21 inches respectively, and were hung in 1862.

On the same authority (Stahlschmidt, 1887) Newnham had treble and second unmarked while the third is marked 'Pack and Chapman, 1772.' The tenor is given as having a diameter of 33½ in., probably about 8 cwt. in A sharp, and is attributed to Stephen Norton, 1363-1381.

In 1887 there were two other 4-bell towers—Staple and Wormshill. Neither of these is listed by Mr. Dove so cannot have been augmented but may have been partially scrapped. Staple's bells included a third, considered to have been cast by Richard Hille, circa 1420, and a 41 in. tenor by Joseph Hatch, 1623, probably 12/13 cwt. in F sharp. Treble and second were by John Hodson, 1680. This church has an early 13th century tower.

Wormshill is credited with a treble and a tenor of steel by Naylor Vickers and Co., 1863. The second and third were by R. Phelps, 1718. It is possible that Mr. Davis is confusing this ring with Bicknor which, he says, has treble and tenor of steel.

I am hoping someone will come forward and tell me that all these 'oil drums' have been scrapped. The church at Wormshill was heavily restored in 1879 and 1901, so that it may now have only two real bells. Any information will be appreciated.—Yours very truly,

G. H. DOWSETT.

Beckingham, Kent.

A VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND

Dear Sir,—I would like, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank members of the Irish Association of the towers of St. Thomas', Belfast; St. Comgall's, Bangor; St. Mark's, Dundela, and Holywood for the warm welcome I received in their belfries on Sundays and practice nights during my two weeks' holiday in N. Ireland.

The English visitor to Ireland, be he ringer or layman, always receives kind hospitality and friendship.

The newly-formed band at Dundela are to be congratulated on the progress they are making in change-ringing under the leadership of Mr. Frank Fagg; this tower had a new ring of ten installed about 18 months ago.

Thank you, Ulster.—Yours, etc.,

Gravesend, Kent. T. E. G. TAYLOR.

LATE NEWS

We regret to hear that the Rev. D. P. Roberts, Vicar of Whiston, Lincs, is a patient in Whiston Hospital.

Of the 18 attempts, 11 peals were scored during Mr. Pat Cannon's peal tour, centred on Reading. Highlight was the first peal of Surprise Royal at High Wycombe.

Mr. Ernest Morris has written a short historical and descriptive account of the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, Leicester. It is beautifully illustrated and written in an entertaining style. The price is 1s. 6d., and profits are devoted to the Church Funds.

A WEEK-END IN THREE COUNTIES

FOLLOWING the success of last year's 'Bladon's Bank Holiday weekend special,' when four Surprise peals were rung in three counties, he decided to arrange a similar venture for this year. The result was again very satisfactory, and another four Surprise peals were accomplished.

There were a few heartburns early on Saturday morning when Derek Jones, who was expected at Swindon on Friday evening, phoned up to say that he was still at Derby, having had battery trouble coming from Scotland. The time was 8.25 a.m., and something had to be done urgently as we were due at Bampton at 9.45! Brian rushed round to see his friend, Tony Peake, and persuaded him to come immediately! Many thanks, Tony, for helping us out. As the main means of transport was Derek's 'Rolls,' we had to run for the bus at 8.50!

The peal at Bampton gave particular pleasure to the writer, as it replaced a failure there during a tour in 1955, when he had to 'retire' in the last course, mainly due to lack of oil on the bells. This time he was determined to succeed, and as often happens when one is *expecting* a rough passage, a very comfortable peal was scored on these fine 'Old-style' bells, though Ralph Bird had plenty of work on the fifth!

Ralph Bird kindly 'ferried' us to Clanfield, where we had an excellent lunch at the Plough, and we hired a taxi to take us to Faringdon for the afternoon attempt. Mr. C. I. G. Pearce had everything ready for us, and the very apologetic Derek was mildly admonished! A good peal of Superlative was rung at a very brisk pace, and Stephen wrung out his vest after 'That's all.'

Before returning to Swindon we paid a visit to Uffington (5, 15 cwt.), and Mr. R. Iles, the churchwarden's son, and local captain, kindly gave permission for us to have a short ring on a 'country five,' hung in an octagonal tower. He complimented us on our ringing; and it is also worthy of mention that a lady at Faringdon came from a house by the church and said how much she had enjoyed our peal.

On return to Swindon, Ralph Edwards, the 'Taylor' specialist, was awaiting us at the Wheatshaf, having come from Ebbw Vale, with the sad story of a broken rope! There is a fortune waiting for the firm who can design an unbreakable bell-rope!

We started off on Sunday with service ringing at Christ Church, Swindon, one of the finest 'Taylor' tens anywhere, and then drove the 20 miles to Malmesbury (8, 11 cwt.). Mr. Victor Hemus was delighted to see us, and renew acquaintance with George Fearn from Solihull days. After lunch at Swindon, we were ready for the afternoon attempt at Coln St. Aldwyn, Glos (8, 8½ cwt.).

HIS OLD FRIEND: ABRAHAM RUDHALL

The writer, ably supported by the remainder, 'kidded' Ralph Edwards that he would thoroughly enjoy these bells! Correctly guessing that Ralph had not bothered to read the 'R.W.', page 468, he was told that they were a modern ring from a well-known foundry! It was not until we raised them in peal that he realised they were by his old friend, Abraham Rudhall! The laughter that followed probably caused us to take the attempt for Rutland less seriously than usual, and after a slight trip in 20 minutes, the conductor called 'Stand.' The writer was testing the 'go' of the fifth, and the rope broke at the second pull, so we should have lost it anyway. An interesting question: 'Would R. G. E. have met his first "Waterloo" on the 6 cwt. seventh if we had con-

tinued?' Incidentally, the crown staple of the fifth was so loose that the clapper could strike anywhere! After a chat with Mr. W. A. Godwin, local District secretary, we obtained permission to ring at Hatherop (6, 7 cwt.), and found there a merry little ring.

Mr. W. J. Dixon gave us a warm welcome at Burford (8, 17 cwt.), and the musical 'Gillett and Johnston' bells were soon going to a touch of six-spliced, conducted by the Bedfordshire genius, Stephen Ivin. Mr. Dixon called us a touch of Stedman, his favourite method, and we finished with Grandsire.

After a snack at the Barn Café, we took the road to Kempsford (6, 16 cwt.), where the genial young vicar was delighted to see us, and pointed out the interesting features of his wonderful church and its associations with John of Gaunt. A course of London and Cambridge soon convinced those who had not rung there before that the peal of Caernarvon Delight rung last year, with four of our band, was a most creditable performance!

Our morning tower for Monday was Aldbourne (8, 19 cwt.). As the draught of rope is over 80 feet, it was with some trepidation that we started for London. However, a good peal was rung, and Ralph Bird had the pleasure of calling his first peal in the method. Brian made a good job of the tenor, although he is usually found on the light end and amongst a band of tenor ringers proved that he can handle a large bell equally as well as a small one. Mr. T. A. Palmer had very kindly arranged lunch for us in the village hall, and we enjoyed a good meal.

Our last tower was the handy eight at Hungerford (13½ cwt.), and we were welcomed by the Vicar and the local captain. Phil Mehew, who usually likes to ring the tenor to a 'slow and measured beat,' found that he really had to work to ring the peal of Bristol in 2 hours 36 minutes! Stephen Ivin called his first peal in the method, and showed us during the weekend what an exceptionally brilliant conductor he is, even at 19.

Before we parted, Brian Bladon was duly thanked for arranging such an enjoyable and successful weekend. We are looking forward to meeting again, with the same band, and having another happy weekend, perhaps in another area. A. P. C.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

West Buckland Visited after 47 Years

Neither the inclement weather nor the national bus strike dampened the enthusiasm of the many ringers who attended the summer meeting of the Taunton Deanery, held at West Buckland on July 27th.

This was the Association's first meeting at West Buckland since 1909, and in his address the Vicar (Rev. J. Lloyd) expressed the hope that they would not wait a further 48 years before visiting the village again. The Vicar also reviewed the recent restorations carried out in the church, which had included the tuning and rehanging of the ring of six. Tea and the business meeting were held in the Village Hall, and the bells were put to good use until 9 p.m.

This meeting was notable for the great number of visitors present from towers as distant as Nailsea, Queen Camel and Woodbury (Devon); also for the great variety of methods rung, ranging through the standard methods to Spliced Treble Bob. Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise. F. W. S.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD'S SUMMER TOUR IN SOMERSET

(OR: 'THE UPS AND DOWNS OF THE RAVING RINGERS')

BY the evening of Sunday, July 14th, all of the Manchester contingent had arrived at Bristol Youth Hostel; two (the two 'F's') had even set out a week earlier to get better acquainted (with the West of England—they hastened to add) and six of us had a pre-tour tower grab, dodging showers, in the morning at St. Mary Redcliffe (12), St. Stephen's (10) and the University tower of St. Michael's (6). After the Ringing Master had succeeded in having us thrown out of one café, and the ex-R.M. had poured his coffee down himself in another, the weather cleared to let us explore Bristol and 'lose' the two F's in the Clifton Caves, before returning for Evensong at Redcliffe.

Monday's ringing began, over the hill, on the mellow-toned eight at Chew Magna (28 cwt.), but quickly stopped at Blagdon when it was discovered that a chiming hammer was interfering with the swing of the fourth bell. The rector was informed and a protracted picnic lunch was therefore taken—with the 'braves' dancing around the two 'squaws' quietly buttering bread amidst a horde of wasps. Unfortunately, we arrived late at the fine tower and ring of ten at Wrington (37 cwt.), where we rang our first course of Surprise: our next course of Cambridge on the heavily-going 35 cwt. eight at Congresbury ended suddenly when the fifth's rope broke, but Superlative and Bristol turned out well on the grand eight at Yatton (21 cwt.).

A nine-mile ride from the too-cleverly hidden Youth Hostel at Clevedon (where our lady secretary mistook the men's dormitory for the cycle shed) brought us on Tuesday to Weston-super-Mare, to be joined by our two Southampton University companions, and guided in the pouring rain through the town (spontaneously re-christened 'sub-Mare') to the home of Mr. and Mrs. White, where we had the pleasure of seeing our last year colleague Janet looking so well and ringing handbells, and where the table was literally groaning under the weight of so much food. Several courses later we left for Banwell (8, 23 cwt.), Winscombe (one of the few less-than-a-ton eights) and the ton six at Axbridge, where we rang London and Spiced Kent and Oxford.

'HOT WATER' HOSTEL

After supper at the 'hot water' hostel at Cheddar, the local ringers were overwhelmed to find their practice night 'commandeered,' but then they overwhelmed us with their 'Cheddar Surprise.' We returned on Wednesday morning to ring Superlative on this 23 cwt. eight, before going on to the 30 cwt. eight at Wedmore, where Yorkshire would not come round, although Cambridge did. Dampened we may have been physically, but certainly not spiritually at magnificent Wells Cathedral, whose 56 cwt. tenor inspired us to plain courses of Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal and a reasonably well struck three leads of Bristol. It was still pouring down when we went to the no-less-fine towers of Wells Parish Church, St. Cuthbert's (8, 27 cwt.)—where again Yorkshire would not come round—and Glastonbury (8, 26 cwt.), where we concentrated on Grandsire and Plain Bob.

After a rainy night at Street Y.H. (there was no lack of water for washing) and an unsuccessful 'grab' of the 16 cwt. five at Walton, we arrived, after cycling 14 miles, at the excellent 25 cwt. ring at Bridgwater, where Superlative and Yorkshire did come round, as did London and Oswald Delight on the sixes at Wembdon and Durligh. It was just before dropping the bells at the latter tower that one of the ladies was heard to remark: 'I keep coming adrift in the middle.' A few miles, a few hills, a few

showers and a few cups of tea later, crossing the Quantock Hills, this statement was brought home to her very forcibly when her cycle chain 'came adrift in the middle' and she had to walk several miles (in torrential rain, of course) to Crowcombe Hostel.

Friday found us heading in hot sunshine (!) to Old Cleeve (18 cwt.) for Oswald Delight Major, Cambridge and Grandsire; thence to the 14 cwt. six at Carhampton and the 21 cwt. eight at Dunster, where the ex-R.M. found that a puncture repair in the now familiar down-pour (even next to an 'A.A.' box) is seldom permanent—a fact proved half-an-hour later when the operation had to be repeated, before proceeding to the hostel at Minehead, where we were to spend two consecutive nights. We were thus able to travel 'light' on Saturday, after ringing Bob Major, Royal and Double Norwich Caters on the grand ten here, to the beautifully-roofed church at Selworthy (6, 12 cwt.) and on westwards to Porlock's truncated-spined church—dedicated to St. Dubricius, who (traditionally) crowned King Arthur and married him to the 'fair lady Guinevere.'

UNUSUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

A picnic lunch in a nearby field was interrupted by our old companion rain, but not before some rather unusual photographs of various people in various postures had been taken. Our applied mathematician, who here realised the non-academic meaning of 'the moment of a couple in a field,' pleaded that she 'never feels safe when M—— has his camera handy.' Retracing our tracks, we then made inland to the light six at Wootton Courtney to ring again Spiced Minor and to have tea with real strawberry jam, before returning to the hostel, where a serious discussion about the relative merits of the two Societies of Youths was interrupted in order to find (1) Tincture of Myrrh and Borax for 'Schwanda's' aching tooth, and (2) a spanner so that the Ringing Master could retune (?) the common-room piano!

It was here on the morning of Sunday, July 21st, that Cxrxl offered to Gxxfrxy her cardigan with the comment: 'It should just fit you'—a statement capable (figuratively speaking) of several interpretations. We re climbed the hill to St. Michael's Church (22 cwt.) to ring with the local ringers and attend morning service. After lunch, four members returned to attempt a handbell peal; but by the kindness of Mr. Pugsley and the local ringers we were able to ring a quarter of Bob Royal for Evensong. On returning to Minehead Hostel for our cycles for the 15 miles ride to Crowcombe Hostel—where the warden very kindly had hot soup waiting for us—our Ashton friend discovered another faulty inner-tube, which refused to be repaired and the cycle dealer was not in (not so surprising at 8 o'clock Sunday evening!) so that he stayed the night at Minehead and rejoined us next morning at Bishop's Lydeard, expecting to ring here and not at Taunton: but our organisers had succeeded in getting the scaffolding around the wrong tower, so that we left immediately for the stately tower of Taunton, whose 30 cwt. 12 were soon ringing rounds. Little Bob Maximus, Grandsire Cinques and Cambridge Royal.

Lunch was taken before ringing on the 22 cwt. eight at Ilminster, where Cxrxl had her cycle repaired (?)—with the result that she could only engage middle gear—and where Dxxrthx, apropos nothing in particular, said: 'I was most careful.' The 23 cwt. tenor in South Petherton's octagonal tower does not seem to be quite in key with the other seven bells; even so, an Austrian lady visitor did not appear to notice as she shuttled to and fro taking photographs of the ladies, who were trying to ring Plain Bob. There was no or-

ganised meal that evening, so we invaded the only café in Crewkerne open at that time. After enduring several 'renderings' on the juke box, there was a mass exodus to the tower to ring the standard methods and a not-too-well-struck course of Bristol at the local practice. A good fish and chips supper afterwards fortified us for the hill climb to Winyard's Gap Hostel—an old school, in which Gxxfrxy discovered how to turn the windows between the two dormitories from merely translucent to transparent; and the warden thought that, on a photograph, Mxchxxl looked angelic!

Back down the hill and Tuesday's 'heavy' ringing began with Caters, Royal and Bristol on the two-ton ten at Yeovil, to be followed by the heaviest six and eight in the kingdom: the 36½ cwt. tenor at Queen Camel turned in well to Cambridge and Bob Minor, and a course of our favourite Bristol and a touch of Stedman were struck reasonably well at massive Sherborne Abbey (46 cwt.). (The heaviest six, eight and ten (Wells) all in one week!) Another dark ringing room and the rough 'go' of the 28 cwt. eight at Milborne Port were not conducive to good striking, and we left a little disappointed with our performance; if only we could have made as good a show there as we did of the delicious buns and cakes so kindly provided by the 'Ringers' Friends, Mr. and Mrs. White, we might have also rung better Minor at Marnhull (19 cwt.).

It was well worth cycling the 17 miles on Wednesday to Ditchet for this lovely 24 cwt. eight and the very fine 21 cwt. ten, three miles away at Evercreech. It was en route to the latter tower, whilst we were discussing how and where we should have lunch, that a sudden hissing sound indicated that someone's tyre was letting him down, and so we adjourned to a conveniently-sited café for large platefuls of sausage, ham and eggs. The fine-toned Rudhall eight of 25 cwt. in the pinnacled tower at Shepton Mallet were soon sounding out. At Croscombe, the local ringers were amused to see our secretary 'drumming' behind on the *treble*, for a touch which, as those who know her can well imagine, soon changed hysterically from Grandsire Doubles to a double grand fire!

Even after bidding farewell next morning to Michael and Paul, the course of Grandsire Triples could not be anything but good on the beautiful eight (24 cwt.) at Chewton Mendip. Here we reached the peak of a tour, and we are appreciative of being allowed to ring a good peal of Double Norwich—a token of thanks to all local ringers for an enjoyable 12 days. After the peak, the falling off: our Plain Bob and Stedman at Midsomer Norton and the Minor at Winford could have been better—or was it due to the secretary's stockinged feet? And so the prodigals returned to St. Mary Redcliffe again on practice night.

On Friday, July 26th, we bade 'auf Wiedersehen' to Bristol and each other to wend our various ways, each of us with a vast store of memories of a good tour and each wishing to thank all incumbents, tower captains and ringers for their ready hospitality; the Y.H.A. wardens for their tact and endurance; our retiring Master, Geoffrey D. Fearnough, for (just) keeping us in control; and our secretary, Miss Carol Eustace, for doing her best.

Your chronicler: in or out of the belfry.—
BAT.

HEYWOOD, LANCES.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (runz on the front six with 7, 8 covering): D. Butterworth 1, R. Maher 2, J. P. Partington 3, K. Abbott 4, J. Taylor 5, G. S. Mills (cond.) 6, T. Hurst 7, J. Mills 8. Runz on the anniversary of the Sunday School to celebrate the birth of a son (Ian Geoffrey) to the conductor and his wife, who is also a ringer at this church.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

Guilborough Branch

The Branch's annual visit to Hazelbech has always been noted for good ringing, a good attendance, a good tea and good weather. All these came up to expectations on August 10th, except the weather—heavy rain prevented visitors from seeing this lovely country church at its best.

The ringing varied from rounds and Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise, a good standard of striking being maintained.

The total attendance was 58; apart from a good number of Branch members, visitors were present from Northampton, Kettering, Leicester, Coventry, Chilvers Coton, Stamford, Deddington and Great Glen.

Owing to the Vicar's absence on holiday, the usual service could not be held, but ringing was stopped at 5.15 p.m. for tea, served in the Milton Room by Miss Church and her helpers. At the short business meeting members were reminded of the evening practice meeting at Long Buckby on August 24th, and the next monthly meeting at West Haddon on September 14th.

Ringing continued during the evening until 9, when the bells were lowered in peal to end a most enjoyable meeting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District was held on the first Saturday of August at St. Michael's Church, Marden. This rather scattered village has a very limited 'bus and train service. Despite this, quite a good number attended. Owing to a slider being out of order, the third bell had to be held by a series of volunteers.

The best striking was during a course of Bristol. The Ringing Master (Mr. Colin Tester) made sure the beginners had plenty of practice in rounds, call-changes and Grandsire. Ordinary ringers were catered for in Bob Major, Stedman and Double Norwich. A touch of Cambridge Major just did not go.

Some of the local ladies provided an excellent tea in the Parish Hall. The short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. G. Eagling), with the one and only Peter Bond at the organ. A very brief business meeting was presided over by Mr. B. Collison. A. F. W.

Peals of Royal at Hull

In connection with the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at Hull on August 5th, it is interesting to note that only five peals of Royal had previously been rung on the bells—all Kent Treble Bob, and ranging over a period of some 48 years, viz.: March 14th, 1903 (conducted by the late Chas. Jackson); August 1st, 1904 (late G. Lindoff); May 12th, 1913 (late C. Glenn); May 24th, 1920 (late G. F. Williams); and May 19th, 1951 (G. E. Feirn). It was also in this tower that the late Charles Jackson called the first peal recorded by the Yorkshire Association on November 9th, 1875, which was J. Holt's Six-part peal of Grandsire Triples.

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OBITUARY

THE REV. H. E. BENNETT

Members of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers heard with great regret that the Rev. H. E. Bennett, rector of Plympton St. Maurice, had died on August 12th, aged 65 years.

Mr. Bennett had just completed the blessing at Evenson on the Sunday when he was seen to stumble. A doctor was called, and he was taken to the Rectory where he died without regaining consciousness.

The Rector was very interested in ringers, and shortly after the war he learnt to ring and was a source of great encouragement to a young band of ringers. Although he did not take an active part in regular ringing, he frequently came into the belfry to join in the ringing. For three or four years he was chairman of the S.W. Branch of the Guild, and a great welcome was always extended to any meeting at his church.

The funeral took place at the church on August 16th, when the very large congregation was evidence of the great esteem with which the Rector had been held, many additional seats having to be brought in to seat the large gathering. About 20 clergy were present. The Requiem Mass was conducted by the Vicar of Plymstock, and the Bishop of Plymouth gave a short address.

The cortege was brought to the church on the previous evening, when touches were rung on the half-muffled bells by the ringers, under their captain, Mr. K. Farnham. Several of the ringers are also in the choir. Muffled touches were rung before and after the funeral service.

The S.W. Branch was represented by Mr. H. N. Thomas (Emmanuel, Plymouth), chairman, and Mr. T. G. Myles (St. Andrew's, Plymouth), hon. secretary and Ringing Master, and Messrs. G. Godard and W. Collier (Emmanuel). Some ten members of the local band were present. H. H. T.

RINGERS' OUTING

COTLEIGH, DEVON

The Cotleigh band of ringers, accompanied by some ringing friends from Honiton and Bucknell, set off at 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 1st, on a day's outing.

The first call was at Whimble, where after an hour's ringing some members found it necessary to buy ice-creams to keep cool. Another hour's ringing was enjoyed at Clyst St. George, where the bells have been tuned and rehung since the church was bombed early in the war.

Next on to Topsham, where after a quick lunch some more ringing was enjoyed. Then having just over an hour to spare it was decided to visit Powderham, where after visiting the Rector and the captain of the ringers it was found possible to ring, and this was very much appreciated.

Tea was then taken in Exeter, and after this the party moved on to Upton Pyne. Here we were joined by another Cotleigh ringer, and the enlarged party, after ringing at the church, moved on to Brampford-Speke to enjoy ringing on this light ring of bells.

The last tower visited was Pinhoe, where Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles were rung. The party left very tired but happy after an enormously successful outing.

Mr. Sparks, captain of Cotleigh band and organiser of the trip, would like to thank the incumbents and the captains of the towers visited for their co-operation. C. W.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Monk 1, A. Lawrence 2, P. Delaney 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, S. Clark 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. A. J. S. M. Lowers, wife of the Vicar.

NOTICES

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MEETINGS

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE
YOUTHS.**—Saturday Aug. 24th: St. Dunstan's.
Stepney, 3.30 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.
—A. B. Peck. 686

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSO-
CIATION.**—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meet-
ing, Brent Knoll, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells
(6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 728

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Repton, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Court Room, 5 p.m. All welcome.—V. M. Horton and J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.E. District) and SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint meeting, Bures, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 683

GLOUCESTER and BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Parkend, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Handbell ringing during afternoon, Lydney (8) available from 6 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 734

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Wooburn, Saturday, Aug. 24th, 3.15 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 706

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Aug. 24th, at Heathfield.—H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 691

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hanbury, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 696

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The Corporate Communion at Chew Magna arranged for Sunday, Aug. 25th, has been cancelled.—Percy G. Yeo. 725

STREET, SOMERSET.—Holy Trinity Church.—Service of thanksgiving at Evensong, Sunday, Aug. 25th, at 6.30 p.m., for restoration and rehanging of bells. Ringing before and after service. All welcome.—William Marsh.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Ilchester and Crewkerne combined meeting at Ilminster on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Ringing 5 to 9 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 730

EAST DERBYSHIRE and NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wingerworth, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Tea 5 p.m. Names to E. Blythe, 58, Church Street (South), Derby Road, Birdholme, Chesterfield.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 736

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—An evening meeting will be held at Great Paxton (5) on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells available 6 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 736

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Kelvedon (6), Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to J. Elliott, 28, Easterford Road, Kelvedon, Colchester. 697

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, Aug. 31st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 28th, to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 684

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 31st, at Southover, Lewes (10). Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Aug. 28th, to Mr. R. C. Hide, 1, Priory Place, Southover, Lewes. Kathleen M. Yeo, Hon. Sec. 689

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—Meeting at St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells 2 p.m. Business meeting 3.30. Service 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Please do your best to come. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec. 731

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Immanuel Church, Streatham, on Saturday, August 31st. Tea will be available for those who notify by Wednesday, August 28th.—Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey. Phone LIV. 7370. 746

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at All Hallows', Bispham, Parish Church, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting after tea.—John F. Turner. 745

LEEDS and DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Collingham, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names, please, to Margaret Barker, Westfield, Harewood Road.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 718

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Dersingham on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, Aug. 29th, to Mrs. A. Nurse, 7, Centre Vale, Dersingham, King's Lynn. Look up Double and Single Oxford and Double Bob.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 712

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stamford All Saints' (6) on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous, please, to J. Bluff, 81, New Cross Road, Stamford. 729

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Monthly meeting at Loughborough on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Ringing arrangements: Bell Foundry 3 p.m., All Saints' from 6.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—K. Wagstaff, Sec. 740

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Summer meeting at Elford, near Lichfield, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than August 28th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 694

SWANSEA and BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Gorseion (8 bells), Saturday, Aug. 31st. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please.—Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea 687

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting at Conisborough, 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7th. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. Braithwaite, The Vicarage, Conisborough.—G. Watson and J. Seager, Secs. 719

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Woodbury, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 3rd to J. L. S. Glanvill, Higher Bagmore Farm, Woodbury. 722

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Downham, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Oliver, Fremnell's Garage, Downham. 720

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Goldhanger (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 735

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Cowden on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea. 737

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Sept. 7th. half-yearly ringing meeting at Rochdale Parish Church (8), 2.30 to 9 p.m. Committee will meet at St. Chad's Fold, Water Street, at 3.30 p.m.; also the bells of Whitworth, St. Bartholomew (8), will be available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., and from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Chad's Fold at approximately 3s. per head. Names for tea by Sept. 4th to Mr. A. Smith, 11, Greenbank Road, Rochdale. 693

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lillingstone Lovell, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Sept. 2nd.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 727

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 7th, at Croydon, Surrey. St. John's bells (12) available 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Sylverdale Hall. All very welcome! Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, please, to N. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 724

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 7th, at Trowell. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 5.45 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—C. W. Towers. 713

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (8s. 6d. each) available shortly and obtainable from dinner committee, Branch secretaries, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 698

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare and Exeter Branches.—Provisional notice is given of a joint meeting to be held at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Members of other Branches will be very welcome. 723

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