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1957 WITH THE LADIES

THE greatest change in ringing in the last 60 years has been the introduction of women to the belfries. There will be few who will disagree with Mr. John Willis, who made this statement in welcoming the Ladies' Guild to Canterbury for their annual meeting on July 5th. Women have come to stay in our belfries: indeed without them Sunday ringing would be in a sorry plight in many of our towers.

The presence of the Ladies' Guild is a natural corollary to this entry. Compared with the main territorial Guilds the ladies are at a disadvantage: there is not a District to correspond with each territorial Association, and hence Guild meetings involve travel. But in the last few years there has been a trend for expansion, and some 13 Districts submitted reports to the annual meeting.

Organisation on a national scale is no easy matter. There is, however, a spirit of enthusiasm among those who are leading the Guild, and within the Districts there is a determination to resist any attempt to let activities dwindle and decay. Throughout, the spirit of independence is strong; and while many meetings are joint occasions with territorial Associations, the ladies take great care to preserve their identity and individualism.

What is the story these Districts have to tell? The Beds and Northants, which has just completed its first year, has a ringing membership of 41, its own Surprise band in Minor methods, and ladies' bands capable of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Bob Major. One of the oldest Districts is the Central, and from this new Districts have been created; nevertheless, it has 83 members. Kent District, which was formed in 1954, carried out its programme and is planning to hold six meetings a year in order to cover the six Districts of the Kent County Association. The paid-up membership is 48.

Mrs. A. Richardson, who is secretary of the Lincoln District and one of the Guild's Central Council representatives, reported quite a good year with a membership of 56. The Midland District, where there is a change of secretary, held five meetings. The year 1957 was an outstanding one for the North-Eastern District, whose members showed enterprise in money-raising to ensure adequate hospitality for the Guild's annual meeting at Newcastle upon Tyne.

The North-Western District held meetings at Manchester, Southport and Chester during the year, and has a membership of 8 honorary and 60 ringing, a decrease owing to 17 members allowing their subscriptions to lapse, although there were 11 new members. The Southern District, with 10 honorary and 69 ringing, had a small programme of two meetings. A vigorous District is the South Wales, with Mrs. J. S. King as secretary. Fifteen new members were elected and there is a paid membership of 45.

Sussex is able to report all the four meetings of 1957 being well supported and quite a high standard of ringing maintained. The membership is 37. The Western District, which embraces six counties, has quarterly meetings. It has been customary of late for at least one coach-load from Bristol and Bath to attend one meeting with ringing en route. Nurtured in the atmosphere of Birmingham, the West Midland District reports that ladies' bands achieved Cambridge Major at Clent, Cambridge Royal at Solihull (with the assistance of the president, Mrs. K. Lock), London Minor at Great Barr and Stedman Triples at Yardley, where several members took part in touches of Spliced Surprise.

1957 proved to be a good, successful year for the Yorkshire District, and although two of the most staunch members were lost, a quarter peal and a full peal were scored. The new secretary, Miss E. A. Wardill, writes: 'We shall try to have an equally successful year in 1958.' And so may it be for the whole Guild.

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TEN BELL PEALS

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
BASIL JONES 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 8
JOHN FREEMAN 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

GILLIAN R. PARSONS .. Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 6
KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT .. 2	BRYAN C. STIRLAND .. 7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 8
DAVID E. PARSONS .. 4	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 9
GORDON P. T. PETERS .. 5	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers as a wedding compliment to John N. Diserens and Mary Owens.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON .. Treble	DAVID CUBITT 6
*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2	FRANK RAYMENT 7
THOMAS W. STRANGWAY .. 3	FRED SEAGER 8
FRED BENNETT 4	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 9
PETER WOODWARD 5	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

Conducted by ROY BETTLEY-COOKE.

* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

Rung to celebrate 500 years of worship in the present building.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD SCOTT Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
*MAURICE J. THURMOTT .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 7
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 3	GORDON BENFIELD .. 8
ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. 9
WILLIAM BARTON 5	VERNON BOTTOMLEY Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First touch of Cambridge Surprise Royal, and first peal on ten tower bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

GEORGE COUSSINS Treble	*MARGARET L. GIBSON .. 5
*PAMELA M. JERVIS 2	WALTER A. PECK 6
LINDA J. KEW 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
†D. KENWYN WALTERS .. 4	ALAN E. HARTLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALAN E. HARTLEY.

* First peal. † First of Major. ‡ First in the method.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 variation.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE Treble	JAMES E. LOOKER 5
MRS. M. M. GODLEY .. 2	HENRY G. KEELEY 6
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 3	HARRY J. GAYLARD .. 7
G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 4	*FRANCIS G. KNIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY J. GAYLARD.

* First peal.

Specially arranged for Dennis Chapman on holiday from Canterbury.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., June 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT	<i>Treble</i>	JOHN PINFOLD	5
JOHN A. ANDERSON	2	PETER BORDER	6
RUTH M. BORDER	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	7
PAUL J. RIGBY	4	WILLIAM T. SHELTON ..	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the formation of the parish of Erdington.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN WISEMAN Treble	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 5
*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 2	*PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 6
*JILL MAYES 3	*RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	*JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

*T. ROGER SULLIVAN .. Treble	ARTHUR F. BURLEY .. 5
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS .. 2	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 6
*JILL SWANNE 3	DR. RICHARD E. PRICE .. 7
ALAN CARVETH 4	GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

* First peal.

A compliment to Alan Carveth and Mary Cork on their engagement, to David Penrose on his 21st birthday, and the conductor's mother (87 on June 29th). Rung on the Eve of St. Peter.

ECCLESHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

CLIVE M. SMITH Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 5
ERIC E. SPEAKE 2	*RODERICK J. LEES .. 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	PETER BERESFORD .. 7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 4	EDMUND A. MALIN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor, and first of Surprise on the bells.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	MICHAEL SOLLEY 5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. 2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 6
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 3	*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 7
PETER KINDRED 4	*A. WILLIAM BIRD Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

* 25th peal together. Mr. Bird has now 'circled the tower.'

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. Treble	GEORGE E. CRISP 5
KITTY WILLERS 2	FRANK E. HAYNES 6
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 3	JOHN G. GIPSON 7
RUTH M. BORDER 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WANTAGE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

ARTHUR SAYERS Treble	ROBERT A. REEVES 5
CHARLES COLES 2	HARRY P. FLOYD 6
ALAN R. PINK 3	HARRY WHITE 7
PETER G. DAVIES 4	EDGAR J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung for the Feast of St. Peter.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 2,016 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire and 1,536 Superlative, with 132 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

*ERNEST E. BRAY .. Treble	DAVID HOARE 5
*ANTHONY J. SANGER .. 2	*VICTOR ROBERTS 6
*MICHAEL ROSE 3	*GWILYM SALMON 7
*RICHARD J. CRAGO .. 4	ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW (adapted). Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First of Spliced Surprise as conductor. First of Spliced Surprise Major for the Association by a band resident in the diocese.

With compliments to Mr. and Mrs. Reginald A. Higgins upon the occasion of their silver wedding.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

MARGARET A. LADD .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
*STANLEY JENNER 2	EDWARD J. JENNER 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
DORIS E. COLGATE 4	BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5168 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	RAYMOND G. LOFTY 5
HENRY TOOKE 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
KENNETH L. BROWN 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
CHARLES H. MOORE 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the rebuilt chancel on St. Peter's Day. The church was rebuilt about 1350 and the chancel had been in ruins since 1537.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., June 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

JOHN A. ANDERSON .. Treble	PETER BORDER 5
*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	*PAUL J. RIGBY 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of London.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE WATCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

*NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. Treble	ERIC N. HARRISON 5
KENNETH ARTHUR 2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 6
†MARION CAPEY 3	†GEORGE S. DEAS 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 4	DENIS A. BAYLES Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by K. ARTHUR.

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

Specially arranged to celebrate the baptism of Stephen Irwin Wright, infant son of the treble ringer.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Leeds and District Society.)

On Thurs., July 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb.

THOMAS W. STRANGWAY .. Treble	JACK F. HODSON 5
DOROTHY HOGG 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY 6
FRED SEAGER 3	RONALD H. DOVE 7
HAROLD SCHOFIELD 4	IRVIN SLACK Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by IRVIN SLACK.

Specially arranged and rung on the appointment of the Vicar of Leeds (Canon C. B. Sampson, M.A.) as Chaplain to H.M. the Queen.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

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

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	*FRANCIS R. LOWE 5
RONALD H. BULLEN 2	ROGER BALDWIN 6
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
GORDON A. HALLS 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* 25th peal together. First peal in the method.

Named after the town of Xenia, Ohio, U.S.A., and rung on the eve of Independence Day as a tribute to our American comrades.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

PERCY J. SPICE Treble	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	PHILIP MEHEW 6
ROBERT COLLINS 3	JOHN L. MORRIS 7
IAN H. ORAM 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.			
AVRIL THACKRAY Treble	PETER BORDER 5		
RUTH M. BORDER 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 6		
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 7		
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor		

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

First peal of London on these bells.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.			
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY 5		
ALAN J. FROST 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 6		
BRIAN BLADON 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7		
WILLIAM S. DEASON 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor		

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

This is the first peal in the method, and was rung at the first attempt.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

W. A. Cave's variation of J. W. Washbrook's. Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.			
NORAH M. BIBBY Treble	JOHN WALDEN 5		
B. STEDMAN PAYNE 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 6		
MARY C. PAYNE 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7		
HARRY POYNER 4	ERNEST F. PAYNE Tenor		

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

A birthday peal for Miss Mary C. Payne.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.			
ROY D. TOMLIN Treble	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 5		
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 6		
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	FREDERICK E. CULLUM .. 7		
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor		

Composed by J. L. MORRIS.

Conducted by FREDERICK E. CULLUM.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WELLS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 6, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5008 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.			
JOHN R. SMITH Treble	EDWARD HOWES 5		
CECIL V. EBBERSON 2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 6		
GEORGE A. COOKE 3	TONY OWEN 7		
HERBERT LASKEY 4	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor		

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of 2 and 3.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 28 methods: (1) Penistone, Royston, York Minster and Bolton Abbey Treble Bob; (2) Hemsworth, Gladstone, Campanulla and Crofton Treble Bob; (3) Dronfield, Retford, Spalding and Minehead Surprise; (4) Beighton, Redcar, Hayfield and Appleby Surprise; (5) Boston, Selby, Staveley and March Delight; (6) Felkirk, South Kirkby, Barnsley and Havercroft Treble Bob; (7) Luton, Ripley, Thorne and Rhyl Surprise; 27 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb.

JOHN R. KENNETT Treble	BERNARD GROVES 4		
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5		
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 3	WILLIAM A. SMITH Tenor		

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in these 28 methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

FLITWICK, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of an extent each of Norwich Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.			
RONALD J. SHARP Treble	STEPHEN J. IVIN 4		
*JUNE SINFIELD 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5		
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 3	JOHN W. SINFIELD Tenor		

Conducted by JOHN W. SINFIELD.

* First peal in seven methods. First on the bells since augmentation. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sinfield.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 55 methods: (1) Ely, Wilmslow, Rostherne, Knutsford, Bogedone, Balmoral, Skipton, Chepstow and Fotheringay Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (2) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate, Marple, Taxal, Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Elston and Clarence Delight, and Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) St. Werburgh, Vale Royal, Combermere, Crowland, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight; (4) Lincoln and Coldstream Surprise; (5) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel, Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, Pontefract, Donottar, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (6) Westminster and Allendale Surprise; (7) Chelsea, Peveril, Melandra, Beeston and Leasowe Delight; 135 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

CAROL FERNLEY Treble	BERNARD GROVES 4		
*WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 2	*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5		
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor		

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* 50th peal together. First peal of Minor in 55 methods by all the band, and on the bells.

SHOTESHAM ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores each of St. Simon's Bob and St. Martin's Bob, and 22 of Plain Bob, each in four variations of calling. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. Treble	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 3		
*ALAN F. ELLIS 2	PETER M. ADCOCK 4		

PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor

Conducted by PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLLE.

* First peal on five bells and other than Plain Bob. The fastest peal on the bells.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

ROY EASSON Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 4		
ROBERT L. PIRON 2	ROY A. WARD 5		
ANNE E. AMOR 3	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor		

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

LLANOVER, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being two extents of Stedman and ten extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*REV. I. J. RICHARDS .. Treble	DAVID J. KING 3		
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2	*BRYAN JOHNS 4		

*GEORGE WARD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WARD.

* First peal in five methods. Rung as a compliment to Miss Helen Walker, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Walker, on the occasion of her Confirmation, which took place on Wednesday, June 18th, 1958.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 5
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 3	*ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* 50th peal together. First of Surprise Minor as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the second ringer.

WHEPSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETRONELLA,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

Tenor 7 cwt.

*JOHN E. IVINGS .. Treble	*RAYMOND D. HART .. 3
†GEORGE W. JENNINGS .. 2	ARTHUR W. ROLFE .. 4
LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor	

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

* First peal. † First in the method. First of Doubles as conductor.

STANGROUND, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of two extents Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, four extents
Grandsire and 36 extents Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*PAUL D. SIMMONS .. Treble	†RONALD F. PATRICK .. 4
*LESLIE J. WARD .. 2	ROLAND W. MORANT .. 5
†JOHN M. ROFFE .. 3	*MICHAEL J. MOSSENDEW Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND W. MORANT.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. First as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN R. G. SPICER .. Treble	PETER J. COLES .. 4
BARBARA E. SPICER .. 2	MICHAEL J. DYER .. 5
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 3	*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

* 25th peal together.

Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the second upon joining the
W.R.A.F.s; also to the ringer of the fourth upon his demobilisation
from the R.A.F.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three extents each of London Singles, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Union Bob, St. Columb, Fortune, Kennington, Old Doubles, Chase, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Canterbury. Tenor 11 cwt.

*RAYMOND HENMAN .. Treble	ANTHONY A. FORD .. 3
*ARTHUR J. HENMAN .. 2	ROBIN V. BAKER .. 4

ALLAN R. JONES .. Tenor
Conducted by RAYMOND HENMAN.

* First peal in 14 methods. First as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. J. Kightley, a member
of the local band.

CLEEVE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

On Thurs., July 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-APOSTLE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising two six-scores of Plain Doubles and 40 extents of Grandsire
Doubles (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

REV. RICHARD A. SLUMAN Treble	*REV. JOHN B. T. HOMERAY 4
REV. ALBERT WEBB .. 2	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS.. 5
REV. PETER HEARN .. 3	†REV. G. W. RUMING .. Tenor

Conducted by THE REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First of Doubles for the
Guild.

Rung to mark the beginning of the Lambeth Conference.

HORSELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 21 six-scores of
Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*HAZEL PUGH .. Treble	*NEIL CARTER .. 4
GEORGE TALBOT .. 2	ROY COLLINS .. 5
HAZEL HANCOCK .. 3	*BRYAN PRIESTLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY COLLINS.

* First peal.

A farewell compliment to Neil Carter who is shortly leaving for
Canada.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

*†ERIC P. SPARKS .. Treble	†PETER BARRAND .. 4
ALAN MEADOWS .. 2	PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 5
*JOHN H. OWENS .. 3	STANLEY WALMSLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WALMSLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First in the method. ‡ First peal. First
as conductor.

Rung for the Sunday School anniversary.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WARREN (1947-57) .. Treble	ROY R. TIFFIN (1950-) .. 4
COLIN M. TIFFIN (1952-) .. 2	HUGH NEILL (1947-55) .. 5
JOHN W. G. PIDGEON .. 3	ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. Tenor

(1940-54) 3

Conducted by ROBIN N. PITTMAN.

Rung by past and present members of Brentwood School to com-
memorate the granting of a Royal Charter 400 years ago this day to
Sir Antony Browne, licensing him to found this school. He lies buried
in this church.

HANDBELL PEAL

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Buxton College Society of Change Ringers.)

On Sun., June 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT 68, ROCKFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

Tenor size 16½ in A sharp.

JOHN R. KENNETT .. 1-2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3-4
R. BRENT WHERRY .. 5-6	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in the method by all the band. First in the method on
handbells. 50th handbell peal for the Association.

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QUARTER PEALS

ALFRETON, DERBYS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. S. Smithson 1, E. G. Holdgate 2, W. Swain 3, W. Riley 4, B. A. Richards (cond.) 5, A. E. Wheeler 6, E. J. Sterland 7, R. J. Stretton 8. Also on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples by the same band. Rung in honour of the visit to the Deanery of the Bishop of Accra (the Rt. Rev. C. Read) and the Rt. Rev. G. Sinker (Bishop of Naxpur, 1949-1954), before the festival service.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On July 2nd, 1,280 St. Clement's Bob Major: W. P. Blake 1, T. G. Phillips 2, D. E. Cobb 3, Monica Fray 4, L. Derrick 5, J. H. Gilbert 6, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 7, J. Brain 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On June 21st, 1,304 Little Bob Major: Cyril Wright (cond.) 1, L. Coe 2, Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 3, H. Wagstaffe 4, G. Davison 5, D. Cooper 6, A. B. Cooper 7, J. Saxton 8. Arranged for the visit to Bolsover of the Rt. Rev. R. Rosevear (Bishop of Accra).

BRISTOL.—On May 15th, at St. Ambrose's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. R. Hussey 1, Miss M. Smith 2, F. Skidmore 3, D. J. Hunt 4, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 5, B. Shackleton 6. First of Doubles 1, 2, 3 and 6. For Ascension Day Communion service. Also on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Godsell (first quarter) 1, N. Denson 2, A. C. Baker 3, D. J. Hunt 4, R. G. Hooper 5, F. R. Hussey 6. First of Doubles 2 and 3. Alternate 120's conducted by D. J. Hunt and R. G. Hooper. For public baptism service.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. P. White 1, Miss A. White 2, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 3, F. L. Andrews 4, H. G. White 5, R. P. Rawlings 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. White. Also on April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. H. White 1, Miss A. White 2, W. P. White 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, H. G. White 5, G. White 6. For Evensong. Ringers of 1, 3, 5 and 6 are brothers.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On June 22nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Bower 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, E. C. Hynard 3, Miss J. Spurgeon 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, J. H. Edwards 6, D. L. Mills (cond.) 7, L. D. Mills 8. For Evensong.

CARLTON, BEDS.—On July 2nd, 1,440 Minimus (being 240 each of New Little Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure Bob: Mrs. G. Robinson (first quarter) 1, J. Hilson 2, A. Franklin 3, P. Wakeman (cond.) 4).

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 780 Plain Bob): Mary Solomon 1, J. B. Gorrod 2, P. G. Tovell 3, R. T. Tovell 4, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 5. First in two methods by all except conductor. For the patronal festival.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Helps 1, H. F. Creed 2, Mrs. L. Sherrell 3, G. Creed 4, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 5, Mrs. M. Helps 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. For morning service.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Smith 1, J. Pannell 2, N. Martin (cond.) 3, D. Parker 4, D. Manzer 5, C. Rowe 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of David Croucher, killed this morning coming to ring for morning service.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On June 15th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pat J. Laycock (first quarter) 1, R. Wake 2, J. T. Finney 3, B. V. Vick (first 'inside') 4, E. Treagus 5, A. R. Tysoe 6, E. Winifred Keys (cond.) 7, W. G. Challen 8. Rung for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution Special Evensong.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On June 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. E. S. Moreton 1, Miss D. J. Clarke 2, A. H. Beamish 3, J. Dravcott 4, L. Trevor 5, G. A. Bell 6, J. A. L. Thompson 7, H. Harris 8, J. F. Clarke (cond.) 9, J. E. Lloyd 10. Rung for the Sunday School festival.

DUXFORD, CAMBS.—On June 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Halls (first away from tenor) 1, M. Stracey (first in method as cond.) 2, I. Stracey (first quarter) 3, C. Bowtell (first quarter) 4, G. Lilley 5, F. Wallman (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the bells by an all-local band. Rung for the last service at the church for the Rev. J. B. Joyce after 15 years.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Renshaw 1, Miss C. Linfoot 2, P. Birkett 3, F. Linfoot 4, A. Rogers 5, W. Sykes 6, R. Senior 7, J. Pearson (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 7. Rung for the Sunday Schools' Whitsun procession.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss J. Stephens 1, B. Smalley 2, Miss J. Bradley 3, W. J. V. Conduct 4, W. Shelton 5, J. Beech 6, H. Jenkins 7, A. Braginton 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Wendy Foulger, aged 18, who passed away June 15th.

FEAR HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.—On June 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Elizabeth Slater 1, Dorothy Skelton 2, Rosemary Hick 3, Susan Pettingell 4, B. Turnbull 5, E. Johnson 6, A. Johnson 7, L. Drake (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and a compliment to Bryan Turnbull on his graduation at Leeds University with the degrees M.B., Ch.B.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On June 29th, 1,260 Minor (720 Combined Kent and Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): Miss M. Prophet 1, Mrs. T. W. Crowe 2, Mrs. K. Arthur 3, J. A. Ainsworth 4, T. Sewell 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6. A compliment to Norman H. Hewett and Lorna Aitken, who were married at this church the previous day.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Burley (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Deacon (first 'inside') 2, Miss C. Putoffock 3, A. N. Robinson 4, E. E. Breed (cond.) 5, H. Goldsmith 6.

HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of April Day, Seighford, Kennington, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Clifford's Pleasure, All Saints' O'd and 60 Reverse Canterbury): R. V. Baker (cond.) 1, M. R. Bennett 2, R. G. Chater 3, R. Henman 4, A. R. Jones 5. For Evensong.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Turner (first quarter) 1, F. Fulwell 2, Miss P. Rayner 3, P. Ruch, M. Hawkins 4, A. Grant 6, G. Ruck (cond.) 7, P. Bettridge 8. For Evensong.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's Bob and 540 Plain Bob), with 7-8 covering: A. Crabtree 1, R. Maher 2, Mrs. G. S. Mills 3, J. P. Partington 4, K. Abbott 5, G. S. Mills (cond.) 6, C. S. Taylor 7, J. Mills 8. Rung for the Sunday School anniversary; for the first birthday of Ian Geoffrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Mills; a welcome home to J. P. Partington at the end of his university career; and a compliment to Mr. G. Partington and Miss Clarice Sharratt, and to Mr. P. Butterworth and Miss Helen Standing, on their marriages.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At the Church of All Saints, on July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Cox 1, Sheila Wallace 2, Margaret Tilbury (first quarter) 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, P. J. Evans 5, R. Biggs 6, D. Cornwall (cond.) 7, S. M. Bailey 8.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On June 23rd, 1,440 Minor (one extent each of Plain Bob and Single Court): Doreen Armstrong 1, R. Larkin 2, J. Meredith 3, B. Mills 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For the annual service of the Nottingham Oddfellows Friendly Society.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wright 1, F. Benfield 2, J. W. Felce 3, S. F. Earl 4, J. Payne 5, B. E. Frost (cond.) 6. For the patronal festival.

LEICESTER.—On June 29th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. H. Bowley 1, A. Cattell 2, J. E. Cook 3, Alan Cattell (cond.) 4, C. V. Cattell 5, E. R. Whitehead 6, J. P. Partington 7, P. Davis 8. Rung by the Sunday service band as a farewell to John P. Partington on his successful completion of studies at the University of Leicester. For Evensong.

LINCOLN.—On July 1st, at the Church of St. Peter-at-Gowts, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): C. Popple 1, H. Hurst 2, A. Melton (cond.) 3, J. A. Freeman 4, J. Bundy 5, A. Elliott (Kelvedon) 6. A farewell to Mr. A. Elliott after spending a holiday in Lincoln.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Young 1, Heather Bonner 2, Jill Cook 3, Evelyn Gibson 4, J. T. Clay 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, E. Silvey 8. For Evensong as a farewell to Canon D. J. Amies, B.D., M.Th., Vicar of Marlow since 1938, on his retirement after 43 years in the Ministry.

MONMOUTH.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering: Miss G. Goodwin (first quarter) 1, L. H. Jones 2, Mrs. K. Smith 3, Mrs. D. Stafford 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, T. H. R. Browning 6, K. Goodwin 7, E. Goodwin 8. For the Monmouth festival service.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On June 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. G. Saunders 1, N. Garrard 2, Miss B. Syrett 3, F. C. Arnold 4, W. E. Garrard 5, C. F. W. Phillipino (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Symonds on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Willey 1, Daphne Hyams 2, Wendy Bowak 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Daphne Hyams and J. McPhail.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Clarke (first away from tenor) 1, Nancy Kempell (cond.) 2, W. Dunn 3, A. R. C. Clarke 4, G. Olliver 5, S. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled to the beloved memory of the Rev. T. P. Owen, a previous Rector of Nutfield, whose funeral service was held at Nutfield on this day.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on June 22nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: E. Talbot 1, Mrs. P. Wright 2, A. Lewry 3, P. Wright 4, G. Peters 5, J. Cook 6, T. Cross 7, C. Wood 8, J. Euston (cond.) 9, D. Randall 10. For Evensong.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At Immanuel Church, on July 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss D. Crowe 1, E. Talbot 2, M. Williamson 3, J. Cook 4, R. Hinde 5, J. Euston (cond.) 6, W. Wilson 7, J. Jelley 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On June 29th, at St. Matthew's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): D. W. Gray 1, Miss J. M. Highley 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, J. Hales (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 7. Also on July 6th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor (with tenor covering): J. M. Steele (first of Treble Bob) 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, J. Hales 7. Rung to celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Friswell and the first birthday of Gillian Wilkings.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICS.—On June 28th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): Miss J. Kirkman 1, J. H. Cook 2, R. A. Hill 3, P. Minchin 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. Rung, after a peal attempt had failed, as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. Cecil Matthews (captain of the Waltham ringers) and Mrs. Matthews.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wenda Monk (first quarter) 1, J. Powell (first 'inside') 2, B. Ferris (cond.) 3, P. Delaney 4, J. Ferris 5, M. Webb 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 1, 2 and 5.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On June 24th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,304 Plain Bob Triples: R. Renn 1, Monica Blagrove 2, W. Butler 3, E. S. T. Farr 4, A. C. Wenban 5, A. J. Glass 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, A. J. Painter 8. For the patronal festival.

WOBNURN, BEDS.—On June 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Anne Spavins 1, Angela Grainger 2, I. N. Pett 3, K. C. Fleming 4, A. E. Butcher 5, M. E. Downs 6, P. Newing (cond.) 7, K. G. Spavins 8. For the Feast of St. Alban. Also on June 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Angela Grainger 1, Mary Tapley 2, Mary E. Stephens 3, H. B. Whitney 4, K. C. Fleming 5, B. Grainger 6, I. N. Pett 7, M. E. Downs (cond.) 8. Rung to congratulate the conductor on obtaining a degree.

WOOTEN WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gower 1, Miss J. Morrison 2, J. Green 3, A. C. Morris (cond.) 4, P. Bennett 5, J. Stockley 6. Rung for the visit of the Coventry and Warwickshire Car Club and St. Peter's Day.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION Western District

The annual meeting of the Western District was held on June 21st at Lindley, near Huddersfield by the kind invitation of the local company. The attendance of about 30 members was considerably below average and no doubt partly due to the poor weather.

Under the able supervision of the Ringing Master (Mr. Vernon Bottomley) full use was made of available ringing time, equal opportunities being given to both learners and more experienced ringers.

The Vicar addressed a few words of welcome to the visitors in the Parish Hall, where he and the churchwardens joined the ringers in an excellent tea arranged by the local company.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Mr. L. W. G. Morris in the unavoidable absence of the vice-president. After the reading of the minutes, the company stood for a short period of silence as a mark of respect to three recently deceased members of the District—Mr. G. W. Slack, Mr. F. W. Bradley (who joined the Association in 1893) and Mr. A. E. Hancock.

A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to all those who had shared in the organisation of the meeting.

The following officers, due to retire, were re-elected en bloc:—Ringing Master, Mr. V. Bottomley; Committee, Messrs. T. W. Strangeway, A. W. Bond and J. Pearson. In proposing their re-election, the chairman said that the District was ably served by its present officers and he saw no reason for change.

Miss Margaret Clark and Messrs. David Smith and Edgar Drake were elected members.

It is to be hoped to hold the next meeting on September 13th at Ilkley and Addingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Banbury and District Branch

The annual meeting of the Banbury and District Branch was held at Deddington on July 5th and was well attended, nearly half the members of the Branch being present. The service was conducted by the Vicar and the address given by the Rev. C. O. Moreton, the retiring Branch Chairman. The Deddington handbell ringers accompanied the hymns together with the organ.

An excellent tea was served in the School-room followed by the business meeting at which the Rev. T. W. Griffiths was elected Branch Chairman. Miss Cross, the General Secretary, on behalf of the Guild, expressed thanks to Mr. Moreton for his services to the Guild and wished him and Mrs. Moreton a long and happy life in retirement. The other officers were re-elected except that Mr. Stretton replaces Mr. Burton on the Guild Committee.

Six new members were elected including four from Mollington, one of the earliest towers affiliated to the Guild (1885) and, unfortunately, one of the earliest to drop out (1894). The bells there have been put in order and the Branch voted a grant of five guineas towards the cost.

It was agreed that the autumn meeting should be held at Wroxton and Hanwell on October 4th, and the next monthly practice at Lower Heyford on August 30th.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On July 3rd, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: J. Brain 1, Monica Fray 2, M. J. Horsman 3, E. Brown 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, D. E. Cobb 6, E. Naylor 7, E. J. Chivers 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

AN EVENING TOWER-GRAB IN CHESHIRE

'George and Bernard, what time are you coming, Bill?—be ready for 6.15 p.m.'

'Half a mo'—I only leave the erecting shop at 5.45!'

But George—the driver—who also works in the railway erecting shop, picked us up at 6.20, and 'the Dean' three minutes later.

We were turning in left by the church at Lawton at 6.45—not bad going. The same time Shelagh, David and the party from Stafford followed us in by the right. Bob was waiting for us on the church step, with the bells up.

Thirty-five minutes' ringing and we were on our way again to Alsager, where Arthur was waiting for us, but said: 'Get the bells up and get going; we have some work to do up there' (new ropes, I believe). Here we were joined by Fred and Bill from Market Drayton, who improved the ringing. We had just fallen the bells on the last chime when down came the tenor rope. 'There you are,' said 'the Dean,' 'there's one down for you, Arthur.'

Then on to the tit-bit of the evening, Barthomley—six of Rudhall's best, augmented to eight, and almost a perfect match. Here the party was augmented by two from Northwich. It was also practice night at Barthomley; but I think the local ringers chose the better part, sitting out on the green listening.

At 8.30, the real object of 'the grab,' Ronald Dove, of Guide fame—for which the Exercise owes him so much—took leave of the company to catch the 8.57 p.m. to Leeds.

Judgment: Much better than peal ringing; and 'the best night in my long association with ringing,' said 'the Dean'—and he should know. Our best and grateful thanks to all incumbents and local ringers. 'OWD BAT-ER.'

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The 240's of Double Grand-
sire Doubles, rung to a 5,040
at Neath, Glamorgan, on July
5th, were produced by Mr. A. J. Pitman after
some talk about the method at a local practice.
The band were given the figures many months
ago with the advice that they might ring and
publish it if they wished, but as he was afraid
that it might not conform with the Central
Council's requirements as a peal, they must do
so on their own responsibility.

The peal at Ockley was rung on June 14th,
and not May 31st as published. The conductor
sends his apologies to all concerned.

The quarter peal of Stedman Triples at West-
minster Abbey on June 24th was for the dia-
mond jubilee of the Royal Army Medical Corps,
not the silver jubilee as stated in our issue of
July 4th.

This week we announce the first peal of
Scientific Triples (composition on another page)
rung at Hampton, Middlesex on July 5th. The
band extend a friendly challenge to the Cheshire
band to ring a peal of it.

In future, any visitors who stand in a peal
with the band who rang at Willersey should
not be worried if they hear: 'Do you think
they'll last?'. It is not the stamina of the band,
or the ropes, but Wilf's trousers! He hitched
them up so often during a recent peal that the
rest of the band offered to subscribe towards the
cost of a pair of braces!

The five bells at Dickleburgh Parish Church,
Norfolk, have been brought to the ground pre-
paratory to their journey to Loughborough for
general overhaul and augmentation to six. To-
wards the cost of over £1,000 the sum of £800
has been raised, and a generous person has
offered—if the fund reaches £1,000 by Christmas
—to meet the rest. A little something from
friends would enable this kind offer to be
accepted.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Supt. Claude Rush reports
that the restoration fund for
Eye, Suffolk, bells now stands
at £982, and £426 of this has been raised by
collecting and selling 78 tons of paper, rags
and old sacks. The work is pressing on with-
out let-ups, so £1,000 should be reached by the
beginning of September.

Errata.—F. C. E. for Ilkeston Surprise Major
(see page 295); 24365, 62345,, 34562, 46325,
54263.

Whepstead ringers desire to congratulate Mr.
R. D. Hart on his grim determination to ring
his first peal. After two fruitless journeys to
Whepstead, Suffolk, and Coventry, he with
John Ivings scored a good first. Who said
ringing was a dying art?

Mr. Alan R. Elliott of Kelvedon, Essex,
desires to express his sincere thanks to all the
ringers at the Cathedral, St. Peter's, and St.
Giles', Lincoln, for the very friendly welcome
extended to him on his recent visit to that
city, which made his stay so enjoyable.

Miss Susannah Smith, a member of the
Godalming (Surrey) bell-ringers' band for 11
years and the present captain, was married on
July 5th at Godalming to Mr. Raymond Stan-
ley. The bells of Godalming Parish Church
were rung before and after the service by ringing
friends. The bride is also a part-time member
of the Auxiliary Fire Service.

The peal at Carbis Bay celebrated much as
the footnote tells, and most of the band went
on to Truro for David Penrose's birthday party
in the evening. His uncle called the peal. It
also enabled Jill Swanne, who has recently
gained her B.Sc. at Southampton University,
and Roger Sullivan, both of Carbis Bay, to ring
their first peal in their own tower. Congratu-
lations to both. A welcome was extended to
Dr. R. E. Price who was on holiday in
Cornwall.

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LADIES' GUILD HAVE RECORD ATTENDANCE AT CANTERBURY

WOMEN IN BELFRY GREATEST CHANGE IN 60 YEARS

THE loyalty of members of the Ladies' Guild was demonstrated in a remarkable manner at the Guild's annual meeting at Canterbury on July 5th when there was a company of 132 at tea. This was a record gathering for any meeting of the Guild.

Ringing took place at St. Stephen's and St. Dunstan's in the morning and the Cathedral Belfry was crowded in the afternoon which preceded the Cathedral Evensong. Special seats were reserved in the choir for the Guild at Evensong, and the Dean (the Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson) before reading the second lesson extended a welcome to the Guild. He recalled, while in Cheshire when the Armistice was declared in 1918, taking five young girls into the belfry and showing them 'how to make a big clang on the bells and the whole town was full of joy.'

The ladies were the guests of the Kent County Association to tea after the service and Mr. John Willis in his welcome described his guests as 'charming, accomplished, beautiful, athletic ladies.' As vice-president of the Kent County Association it was his privilege to welcome them and to hope they were enjoying the hospitality of the Association and also their visit to this lovely old city.

AN 1896 MEMORY

His ringing memory was long enough to go back to 1896 when Miss Alice White was the first lady ringer to ring a peal on tower bells. 'I remember the utter astonishment with which we mere boys (I was a boy in those days) viewed the introduction of women into the belfry. It seemed the last place one would expect to find them. But conditions have changed; the great reduction of manpower brought about by the first World War was the opportunity for the ladies and the Ladies' Guild was formed. You have been led by some able lady officials and it is all to the good.'

'If anyone asked me what was the greatest change in 60 years of ringing I would say the greatest change had come about by the introduction of ladies to bell-ringing and the formation of the Ladies' Guild, because in our early days men quarrelled among themselves very bitterly both in Association meetings and the towers. These troubles seemed to have disappeared and I think that a very great deal is due to the ladies whom we have now with us.'

One other thing. He had often looked at certain ladies ringing in the belfry and he had been rather surprised that a set fashion had not been evolved for lady ringers because it was rather disconcerting when the arms went up at rope end to see a gap between the waist and the skirt. He thought the most graceful attire would be something that hung straight down all in one piece. He had no doubt that the president and secretary would be putting their heads together and be issuing paper patterns before long. [Laughter.]

On behalf of the Kent County Association he offered the Guild a sincere welcome on the first meeting of the full Guild to Canterbury.

Mrs. T. J. Locke, the president, thanked Mr. Willis for his welcome and the Kent County Association for their hospitality. 'We have all had a wonderful time and will enjoy ourselves this evening.' She thanked Mr. Bert Luck for his untiring efforts in making all the arrangements and the incumbents of St. Alphege's, St. Dunstan's, St. Saviour's and the agent of the Cathedral for permission to ring.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

There was a representative and large gathering at the business meeting presided over by the President (Mrs. Lock), supported by the hon. secretary (Miss D. Colgate). Members were present from as far afield as Nottingham, Birmingham, Lincolnshire, Leicester and South Wales.

Before the proceedings started the company stood in silence in memory of Miss Margaret Rhodes (vice-president of the Yorkshire District for several years), Mrs. Phyllis Poole (of whom it would probably be true to say was more widely known, liked and respected than any other member of the Guild), and Mrs. Mack (probably better known as Miss Dora White, who was the first lady to ring a tower bell peal of Stedman Triples).

New members elected were: The Misses J. Steed, Gay Williams and Smith (Benenden School), Mrs. Evans (Hythe), the Misses Evelyn Cumberworth (Rainham), Christine Remmer and Alison Macfarlane (St. Albans), Doreen Harfleet (Guildford), Harriett Trevelyan (Steep), Margaret Crate (St. Albans), Mrs. Yvonne West and Miss Mary Dowsett (Dunbury), Miss Judith Corby (Sevenoaks). Hon. member:—Mrs. Collins (Guildford).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Miss Colgate announced that no nomination other than that of Mrs. Lock had been received for the office of President. She proposed her election and Mrs. Mitchell seconded.

Thanking the members for her election, Mrs. Lock said she would remind the Guild that she was entering her third year as president and they would have to find someone else to take her place in accordance with the rules. If she had not visited their District would they send her an advance notice of their meeting. 'I wish there were seven Saturdays in a week.'

Regarding the election of hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Lock said last week the good lady who had held office for seven years 'dropped a bombshell' saying she was not seeking re-election. She suggested that the two offices should be divided. This was agreed to.

Miss Colgate was then elected hon. secretary on the proposal of Mrs. Barnett seconded by Mrs. Percy, and Miss Joan Beresford hon. treasurer on the motion of Mrs. Barnett seconded by Mrs. Hart. Miss Audrey Bailey was re-elected hon. auditor.

The secretary's report for 1957 stated that a number of new members had been elected and most District secretaries reported well-attended meetings. Receipts from subscriptions were lower and an inspection of the register reveals that a number of members owed one or two years' subscriptions. As the result of these arrears and also the dinner held in October expenditure exceeded income. They trusted that this would be rectified in 1958.

In spite of many difficulties, including illness and last minute cancellations, the dinner was enjoyed by all who attended and thanks were due to the President who worked hard for its success.

TWO PEALS

Two peals had been rung—Plain Bob Major at Handsworth by members of the Yorkshire District and Plain Bob Major at St. Michael's, St. Albans, by the Central District. Both bands were congratulated.

In expressing grateful thanks to all District secretaries, special tribute was paid to Miss W. Oliver, who was secretary of the Southern District for many years but owing to home ties has

had to resign. They were glad to know she retained her connection with the District as vice-president. Mrs. De Jong, of the Western District, Miss Diana Perrins, of the West Midlands District, and Miss Kathleen Yeo, of the Sussex District, had also to give up their work as secretaries for various reasons.

The report recorded appreciation of the wonderful welcome given to the Guild by members of the North Eastern District on the occasion of the annual meeting at Newcastle. Everything was so well organised that Mrs. Lea and her committee must have worked hard to achieve such a successful result.

The report was adopted.

The accounts show a loss of £5 14s. 4½d. of which £5 7s. 11d. was the deficit on the dinner. Mrs. Stanforth proposed and Mrs. Speake seconded the adoption.

NEXT MEETING

The hon. secretary reported that the committees of the North Western and West Midlands had met and agreed that Liverpool would be an excellent centre for the next meeting. Miss Rudyard, whose father was now ringing Master of Liverpool Cathedral, had offered to provide personal contacts. It was decided to hold the 1959 meeting at Liverpool.

A vote of thanks to the president for taking the chair was proposed by Mrs. Barnett and carried with acclamation.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The first week-end meeting of the Guild took place on July 5th and 6th, in East Dorset. Ringing began at 11.30 on Saturday on the fine heavy six of Bere Regis; the ringing was not quite up to the standard of the bells perhaps, but we were a scratch lot, and had not all recovered from the fatigues of the road there. However, this was speedily put right after the party had been entertained to lunch by Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Brown, at Wareham.

The first call of the afternoon was at the noble octave of Kingston. Even the fact that the magnificent view was shrouded in mist did not prevent some worthy ringing, notably a good course of Cambridge. Moving on, the convoy made its way to Poole, and had just time to park on what appeared to be the side of a cliff, and get in position to send off a wedding party in the proper fashion, with Stedman Triples. After tea at Wareham we were to have rung there, but just a week before the bells had disappeared to Loughborough, so instead we went to the little church at Wool. Here we were fortunate to be joined by some very young ladies of the local band, who showed us how Grandsire Doubles should be rung. Saturday finished with an excellent dinner at Wareham, and a handbell session until bedtime.

Those members who had stayed the night met in the belfry at Poole next day, to ring with members of that tower for morning service. Grandsire Caters went quite well, but Bob Royal was anything but regal; we saved our faces with a final touch of Stedman Triples.

All members taking part would wish to take this opportunity of saying 'thank you' to all incumbents and ringers of these Dorset churches for their kind hospitality, and to our guests who came and made such a success of the meeting. That it was a success however is really due to the organiser, C. T. Brown—we are most grateful to him, not least for his offer to do it all again next year. Members therefore please note that the first weekend in July, 1959, is booked for Dorset.

D. L. G.

RINGING IN AOTEAROA

By PETER G. RICHARDS

(Continued from page 452)

CHRISTCHURCH BELLS

We now have to cross the Cook Strait to the south island, and travel to the very English city of Christchurch, with its glorious cathedral and 10-bell ring (tenor 32 cwt.). These bells and the Society are the oldest in New Zealand: they celebrated the 75th jubilee on October 31st, 1956.

The bells for St. Paul's Cathedral, London, were cast by the Loughborough foundry in 1879, and at the time they were said to be the finest ring ever cast, so the Christchurch Cathedral authorities immediately ordered from the same foundry a ring that was to be an exact replica of the London bells. Such an excellent reproduction was executed that, if you were to be blindfolded and walk down Colombo Street, Christchurch, whilst the bells are ringing, you would swear that you were walking down Ludgate Hill.

Eight of these fine bells were the gift of R. H. Rhodes, and two trebles from E. P. W. Miles. The bells carry very apt inscriptions to commemorate these two noble benefactors:—

Through all the ROADS of life the best
We'll strive to be your guide;
And let our notes do your behest
By tolling far and wide.
We've crossed the seas to this fair land,
To do God all the honour;
From clime to clime we'll ring our chime,
And tell of RHODES the donor.'

'We two little bells to complete the chime,
Were nearly left out too late,
When Miles to the rescue but just in time,
Added us on to the eight.'

The bells were installed in the year 1881, but the Society founded in 1880, and they have moulded themselves on the Ancient Society of College Youths; this is more than just a sentimental desire to follow in the footsteps of the most celebrated of English Associations. The first bell-ringers at All Saints', Christchurch, were taught by members of the A.S.C.Y., and each successive generation has kept to the strong traditions of its foundation members.

The 75th jubilee celebrations saw the largest gathering of bell-ringers and those interested in the art ever in New Zealand: about 70 in all attended the three-day function.

Mr. Caldwell and I attended from the St. Peter's Society, and we were intrigued by a little red ensign fluttering from the belfry window, as the great bells thundered out over the city. On enquiring we were told that like a lot of bell-ringers it was an emigrant from the homeland and that it had flown at Windsor Castle at the Coronation of King George VI. It was brought back to the Society of Bell-ringers by Mr. W. H. Fussell as a gift from the Castle authorities, and is now flown from the belfry windows only on very special occasions.

The Christchurch Cathedral Society were forced by Mother Nature to abandon the ringing of the Cathedral bells for a while. Around the turn of the century there occurred quite a violent earthquake which resulted in the collapse of the top of the 210 ft. spire. The ringers, however, being true to the Exercise, didn't for-

sake the art and lean on their haunches; instead they mounted their penny-farthings and rode out to the little ring of five (tenor 6 cwt.) at St. Paul's Church, Papanui.

Papanui is the final tower of our tour. Unfortunately the bells here are very rarely pealed, the reason once again is that they are housed in a wooden tower, which age has weakened. The bells are at present chimed, but it is to be hoped that before long the tower will be strengthened sufficiently to allow the ancient art to be regularly practised.

To conclude this treatise on New Zealand, I will mention the facts that will, I hope, be useful to the intending visitor.

St. Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton, North Island. Practice night: Wednesday, 7 till 9 p.m. Sunday ringing: 8.30 till 9 a.m. and 6 till 7 p.m. Mr. Caldwell is the Master, and an enquiry at the Deanery in Bridge Street will soon locate him.

All Saints' Cathedral, Christchurch. Practice night: Tuesday, 7 till 9 p.m. Sunday ringing in morning and evening on alternate Sundays as at St. Paul's, Melbourne. An enquiry to Mr. Harry Mee, at 96, Kerrs Road, Wainoni, Christchurch, will soon see the visitor with a rope in his hands.

OUTINGS

ST. AMBROSE, BRISTOL

The ringers of St. Ambrose, Bristol, together with wives and friends, had their annual outing on June 14th to Lyme Regis. On the outward journey a stop was made for coffee and ringing at Martock, with its very large ringing chamber.

Both lunch and tea were enjoyed at Lyme Regis and also ringing on the musical eight in the Parish Church. Our English summer took place that day and those not ringing had a restful afternoon on the beach.

A two hours' run through some of the best scenery in the south brought us to Midsomer Norton. Some excellent ringing including a near perfect rise was had on the eight bells which are rung from the ground floor. A very good supper at the Greyhound Hotel followed, and after a few brief speeches of thanks the homeward journey was made. Methods up to Cambridge, Double Norwich and Double Oxford were rung under the able captaincy of Mr. R. G. Hooper, ringing Master for Bristol Rural.

CARDIFF

Motor-bikes, trains, buses, a lorry, a car (and tired feet!) conveyed eight young Cardiff ringers on an eventful outing on June 28th. The first stage of the journey led to Aberdare, where the fine eight bells were soon 'tapping out' touches of Triples and Bob Major. (Many thanks, Aberdare!)

The party then split up and made their own way to the Swansea and Brecon festival, at Brecon, three members taking a short 'bus ride and then hitch-hiking the rest of the way. Thus our youngest ringer covered 23 miles on 3½d.!

After meeting several old friends and making use of the bells available, the party made their separate ways back to Cardiff. G. R. M.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

New Bishop At Summer Festival

In glorious weather, and ideal surroundings, this year's Annual Festival, held at Brecon on June 28th, proved a great success. The attendance was excellent, and visitors came from as far away as Surrey, Crewe, Eardisland, Gloucester and Cardiff.

In many ways a service held in a cathedral always seems to be more impressive, and this occasion was no exception. For the first time since the creation of the Diocese a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells immediately before the service by four members of the Guild, standing at choir stalls.

Evensong was conducted by the Dean (the Very Rev. Edward Jones), and the Bishop gave the address. The theme he took was 'Priority,' Priority in building and rebuilding churches. In deciding these factors, we have always to use a sense of proportion in saying which was necessary, and which was not necessary—and he went on to say that we must not forget that without the church there would be no stained glass windows, no organ, no bells, and none of the arts so well known in our cathedrals and churches. He was quite sure however, that the people of Swansea would see that a ring of bells was put in the stately tower in the centre of the town, before very long.

After tea in the Parish Hall, the business meeting was opened by the general secretary, with a warm welcome to the Lord Bishop, Dr. John Thomas, the new president. We do not, he said, fully appreciate the honour bestowed on us by the presence of the Bishop at our meetings, and would suggest that we show our appreciation by seeing that all rings of bells in the Diocese are rung regularly for Sunday service.

The Bishop replied by thanking everyone for their warm welcome, but he was afraid that he would have to have the help of the Master and general secretary on any technical matters relating to the Guild.

Both the general secretary's and the Master's reports told of a general improvement in ringing. It was a great pity however, that Knighton, Dolou and Bronllys were not yet affiliated to the Guild, but it seemed one couldn't do anything about it.

The statements of accounts were presented by the treasurer, with the happy results of increases in bank balances.

All officers were re-elected including the five committee members.

It was agreed to hold the 1959 Festival at Brecon again, and the date and time to be decided later. A proposal to hold it always in Brecon was withdrawn, as on some future date it may be necessary to hold it at St. Mary's, Swansea.

The Ringing Competition was again postponed, and a proposal for a Guild's Badge was left to the committee to draw up details for the 1959 meeting. Together with the Bishop, seven life members and three resident ringing members were elected.

The Dean thanked everyone for giving towards the Cathedral Appeal Fund.

The meeting proved undoubtedly that Brecon was very central for everyone, and as far as ringing is concerned there are many towers available if required. J. A. H.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HANDBELL MUSIC

Dear Sir,—I hesitate to write again after occupying so much space in the 'R.W.' in recent weeks, but I feel that the article on Handbell Music by Col. M. D. Bell merits some attention, and perhaps the word of an 'old man' may be respected!

Quite frankly, although I realise that the proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof, I am not greatly impressed by his method. The one used by Mr 'Billy' Barton of Pudsey, which incorporates what is best in Col. Bell's, is, I consider, far superior.

Three or four years ago I was asked to teach a group of the G.F.S., belonging to the local church, tune-ringing on handbells. After trying various methods without much success, I approached Mr. Barton who gave me much advice and a sample of his 'music.'

His method, like Col. Bell's, is to use numbers in place of ordinary notation and to write these out in tonic sol-fa.

By this method any rhythm may be set down and, of course, no knowledge of musical notation is required. Mr. Barton also has separate copies for each ringer containing his (or her) own bells (e.g., 1-2, 3-4, etc.) with the melody notes underlined in red and bass notes in blue.

This latter device is, I think, very necessary, as too often we hear performances by reputable bands in which the melody is swamped by the inner parts.

HANDSTROKE ONLY

Again, following Mr. Barton's advice, I taught the girls to ring their bells on handstroke only, no backstroke being used at all. It was surprising how quickly they learnt to cut out the 'double-tap' and with what speed and efficiency they could execute repeated notes after a little practice.

I may say that after a few weeks they were performing at concerts. My wife, who teaches at a Secondary Modern School, has 'borrowed' the handbells (as wives will), and has used this method successfully in her music lessons, where it is quickly grasped even by the lower streams.

I found it better to make my own arrangements as quite frequently the full harmonics of 4-part writing are overpowering if continued for any length of time. The procedure (if anyone is interested) is as follows.

- (1) Write the arrangement in staff notation. (If one has knowledge of harmony, this is better done away from the keyboard, although it may be done there by trial and error if desired. Concentrate largely on 3-part harmony, using 4-part sparingly, e.g., cadences, final choruses, etc.)
- (2) Make a master copy in tonic sol-fa, using numbers instead of the customary notation.
- (3) Write out separate copies for each pair of bells containing only their own.

ST. GEORGE'S, DAMERHAM

Dear Sir,—It has been found that the 3rd bell in our ring of six is cracked, and we are advised to have it recast. At the present time, we have had heavy expenses on our church fabric and we find it very difficult to face this further financial crisis. Many of you in your ringing tours of Hampshire have visited our tower and we feel you might care to help us in some way by sending us stamps, postal orders or even cheques. Rev. A. Philips will be most grateful to receive help from anyone wherever you may be.

M. F. MACKENZIE (Miss).

The School House, Damerham.

Semitone bells for modulation purposes can be shown by 2 sharp, 9 sharp or 6 flat, etc., and need not necessarily be used by the ringers of 2, 6, or 9 respectively, but can be fitted into any ringer who is not busy at that particular moment. A table with a cloth on can be used to hold the 'music' and the unused bells.

Mr. N. Chaddock's excellent band at Rotherham use music proper, I believe, and a word from him on this subject would be most interesting.

Here is an example of this type of notation for a range of two octaves.

11 8 8 - 7:6 6 - 4:3 3 - 2 1 1
: : 13:13 | : 9:8:8 | : 6:8:8 | : 7:6:6 etc.
15 - 11 - 15 - 11 - 12 - 14 - 15 -

No. 3 and 4 would appear:

: : : : : : : 4 3 3 | : : : etc.

The bars could be numbered for use in practices. Students should be made to count (audibly at first), throughout the piece, or this may be left to the instructor.

I wish it to be understood that this method is Mr. W. Barton's and not mine, but I have found that it produces excellent results in a short time.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES

By JOHN CARTER

1234567	5,040
2135476	By ALBERT J. PITMAN
2314567	2 3 4 5 6 4 18 20
3241657	4 1 5 2 6 3 — — D
3426175	2 1 3 4 6 5 — —
4362157	3 6 5 2 1 4 — — D
4631275	6 4 2 5 3 1 — — —
6413725	2 3 1 6 4 5 — — —
6147352	6 5 3 4 2 1 — — —
6147523	3 1 2 5 6 4 — — —
6415732	2 6 4 3 1 5 — — —
4651372	3 5 6 1 2 4 — — —
4563127	5 4 1 6 3 2 — — —
5436217	4 2 6 1 5 3 — — —
5342671	1 3 2 5 4 6 — — —
3524761	1 4 5 2 3 6 — — —
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At a Bob, thirds place is made instead of firsts at any of the positions indicated: bobs are invariably made in pairs as shown. The course thus contains 21 possible calling positions.

First rung at Hampton, Middlesex, on Saturday, July 5th, 1958, conducted by Robin G. Leale.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Southampton on July 5th. Mr. F. D. Rogers (Master) presided and some 60 members were present from a wide area of the Guild. Visitors from London were Messrs. W. Theobald and W. Williams.

The recorder reported a big drop in the number of peals rung—from 113 in 1956 to 39 in 1957. This was largely because the handbell bands at Portsmouth and Bournemouth had been depleted.

The librarian reported a great year for the library; two gifts of books had been received: (1) from Southampton University Ringers; (2) from an anonymous donor. The Guild handbells had been in constant use, chiefly by the Southampton University Guild.

Officers elected were: Master, Mr. F. W. Rogers; treasurer, Mr. R. Reed; general secretary, Mr. J. King; auditor, Mr. L. Bailey; librarian, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

The recorder of peals, Mr. M. Lakin, announced that he was not seeking re-election, as probably he would be leaving the area shortly. He was thanked for his services. Mr. D. Matkin (Bournemouth) was elected recorder.

It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Portsmouth on July 4th, 1959.

Mrs. Kippin said that in recent years a great deal of time had been taken up at their meetings over alterations to rules, and she felt that an overhaul was needed. It was decided to set up a sub-committee comprising: Admiral Everett, Mr. C. Kippin and Mr. R. Reed to go into the matter, and report back.

The service was held in St. Mary's Church, the preacher being Rev. R. O. Stephenson (Bitterne Park). Tea was afterwards taken in the Chantry Hall.

The rings of ten at St. Mary's, St. Michael's and North Stoneham and the ring of eight at Bitterne Park were available to members during the afternoon and evening.

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5,088 Xenia Surprise Major

By STEPHEN IVIN
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Repeat twice.

First rung at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, July 3rd, 1958, conducted by D. P. Jones.

This composition is also suitable for Ilkeston Surprise Major.

BISHOP'S LONG JOURNEY TO REDEDICATE OAKLEY BELLS

ON Sunday evening, July 6th, the six bells at Oakley, a Suffolk-Norfolk border parish, were rededicated after general overhaul by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The oak frame, put up by Geo. Day and Son, of Eye, in 1879, has been taken away, although in good general order, and a steel frame erected some ten feet lower in the tower. The fourth bell has been recast, and all have been turned, retuned and supplied with fresh fittings at a cost of about £1,200, less than half of which has so far been raised. But this is Oakley Bell Year and, by the end of it, it is hoped that the debt will be well reduced.

The houses in Oakley are scattered: there is only one near the church, and this is the Rectory. It is, therefore, one of those churches where, without fear of complaint from householders, the full sound of the bells could be allowed to go across the surrounding countryside.

A good gathering of Suffolk and Norfolk ringers rang the bells after the service and found how well they went. The recast fourth fits in with its fellows and, so far as being a new bell goes, is undetectable. The 10-year-old treble has some shrillness still. They are rung from the ground floor.

The church was full for the service, conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. D. Tyson). There was a large choir of both sexes and all ages. There was evident enthusiasm and determination in all who had arranged and practised for the service, which included no less than six full-bodied hymns, as well as the Bell Carol, which was sung by the choir. The lesson was most clearly and beautifully read by Margaret Bourne, a member of the choir and a ringer like her sister.

NOT HALF-WAY

The Vicar said that they had been able to pay off £500 the day before—not quite the half-way mark. So far, they had asked for no help from diocesan sources. He praised the way women helpers had cleaned the church for the service, as two days before everything it was smothered in dust and dirt as the incidental builders' work in the tower had taken longer than anticipated, and the tower is open to the church.

The dedication was performed by the Lord Bishop of Dunwich. He also preached the sermon, and had taken part in the service in St. Paul's Cathedral (nearly 100 miles away) that morning, when some 400 bishops from all over the world attended preparatory to the beginning of the Lambeth Conference.

Bells, he said, take part and have a place in our national as well as parochial and private life—a mouthpiece for stirring the minds and emotion according to the event. He had particularly noticed the ringing before and after the service in St. Paul's that morning.

Ringling means much to the community. Take ringing on New Year's Eve—bidding penitence for mistakes in the old year and a forward look with a prayer into the new one. We are told in our prayer books to pray, and a bell to be rung twice a day—not on Sundays only.

Bells are messengers of God proclaiming His Gospel unto the world. To ringers he would say: 'Exercise your sacred ministry and be sure that your own lives accord with what you are preaching.' Bishops, priests and deacons should not only preach but should act according to what they preach to evade condemnation of being called hypocrites. Ringers should act likewise by going to church to worship after they have called others to do so. Sometimes there are people who ring and then go to the nearest 'pub.' 'To me,' continued the Bishop, 'that is the work of a hypocrite. You cannot summon those others to do something and then not do it yourself. . . . If the congregation believed in the message of the bells the Rector

would have no difficulty in getting the rest of the money now needed, but it would be useless to pour out all that money for the overhaul if people did not listen to them and hear their message.'

The six ringers who rang rounds immediately following the dedication, with the Bishop in the midst of them, did their job extremely well. There was no unevenness throughout and a perfect 'stand' was effected. The local ringers are enthusiastic, with Mr. Flack training the newer ones, and the tower should be a live one.

THE BELLS

Treble (4 cwt. 1 qr.).—Inscription: *The gift of Hon: Mrs. Douglas-Hamilton who resided first at Brome Hall and later at Oakley House: 1885-1947.*

University Of Bristol Society's Summer Tour, 1958

ON Friday, June 13th, 20 members of the University of Bristol Society met at Bridgwater for the start of the annual summer tour. Of those taking part, all were cycling and Youth Hostelling except three whose previous contact with Youth Hostel beds had not been too comfortable.

After ringing at Bridgwater we went to Wembdon, Cannington and Stoke Courcy. At the last named tower the third has been rehung by a local ringer and proved rather difficult to handle. The dash to the Hostel followed but this was rapidly reduced to a crawl when it was discovered that Holford Youth Hostel is near the top of a rather high hill. At breakfast next morning the warden sized-up the Master with the admirable description of a 'chatterbox.'

Saturday's ringing started with two fives—West Quantockhead and Sampford Brett. We then pressed on to Old Cleeve, where the Vicar took some of us into the village club, of which they are very proud. After lunch followed by ringing at Carhampton we moved on to Minehead. Here we managed Stedman Caters and also suffered the first of a series of punctures. Dunster was next on the list and after ringing on the eight there we visited Timberscombe. Exford was the Hostel for the night and was finally reached after much walking up hills.

A BUSY SUNDAY

We crept out of the Hostel soon after 7.15 on Sunday morning to ring on the fine six at Exford before Communion. Ringing for matins was arranged at Winsford but some of those with long Hostel duties only arrived in time to hear an exhibition touch of Cambridge Minor. However, after adding our musical talents to those of the rest of the congregation, we rang for a while after service. At the Vicar's invitation we ate our lunches on his lawn. One or two were sufficiently brave to bathe in the stream flowing past the end of the lawn. Very reluctantly we left Winsford to visit Exton. Ringing for Evensong was at Dulverton and we had a glorious ride of several miles down the Exe valley with its beautiful wooded slopes and colourful clumps of rhododendron bushes. We spent the night at Bampton Hostel—an old malthouse conveniently situated in the middle of the town.

Ringling on Monday started at Bampton. where we were met by an old member of the Society, and we then cycled to Tiverton. Before ringing on the fine eight we had time for coffee in an hotel that possessed a fabulous collection of beer mats. We also had lunch in Tiverton and despite our strange attire we

Second (5 cwt. 2 qr.).—*John Goldsmith Fecit 1711 St. Margaret. mr I K bC W.*

Third (5 cwt. 2 qr.).—*John Goldsmith Fecit 1711 St. Thomas.*

Fourth (6 cwt. 1 qr.).—*William Dobson Founder Downham Norfolk 1828.* Additional inscription: *Recast 1958. John Taylor. H. D. Tyson, Rector. H. Barlow, A. Flatt, Churchwardens. F. Flatt, Capt. of the Tower.* (This bell was cracked and had to be recast.)

Fifth (7 cwt. 3 qr.).—*+ Sum O Rosa O Pulsata O Mundi O Katerina O Vocata.* (This bell was made by William Dawe, of London, and is dated between 1380 and 1408. The inscription is very badly mutilated.)

Tenor (11 cwt.).—*John Goldsmith Fecit 1711 mr John Kett mr Brown Turner Church War-s.*

gained admission to a very respectable restaurant. After ringing on the ten at Cullompton we visited Uffculme, Sampford, Wiveliscombe and Uplowman before returning to Bampton for well-earned refreshment and rest.

HOSPITALITY.

On the following morning we said goodbye to Bampton and made our way to Huntsham, the home of the Troyte family. Here a course of Bristol was rung, the aged and infirm having at last remembered enough of the blue line to fill in the gaps. Ringing at Ashbrittle and Rockwell Green followed and then the party swept into Wellington to have lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Bird, the parents of the Society's secretary. Twenty ringers finally disappeared into the house and enjoyed a delightful lunch served by Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Slocombe. Even the local press took notice and we were duly photographed and interviewed. After lunch we rang at Wellington before going on to Milverton. That night found us in Crowcombe Hostel which has the air of a country club about it. Here we had our first (and last) real sing-song before trying to sleep on the creaky bunks.

The last day started with the anti-clockwise six at Crowcombe before going on to Bishop's Lydeard, a ring we found difficult to handle because of the tower sway. Taunton St. James' was the last tower before lunch and here we met Mr. W. G. Gigg. After lunch we visited St. Mary's, and found the bells rather a handful. The engaged couple in the party had rather taken us by surprise with the announcement a week earlier but we made amends at this stage by presenting them with a very serviceable rolling pin. St. George's, Wilton, was the scene of our last ring together and the party then split up to go their various ways.

Our chief memories of the tour will be the unbelievably good weather, the lovely countryside and the large number of beautiful carved screens we saw in the churches. We are most grateful to the secretary of the Society, Mr. P. J. Bird, for organising the tour, to the incumbents and tower captains for their hospitality and to Mrs. Bird for the way she 'fed the five thousand' when we descended on Wellington.

M. S.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—On July 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Ellison 1, S. A. Longbottom 2, J. Rhodes 3, C. Sutcliffe 4, H. Wild 5, H. B. Schofield 6, P. Dawson 7, S. Longbottom (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the christening this day of Helen Elizabeth, daughter of Sam Blundell, a member of the local company.

STORIES FROM OUTINGS

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE

The last Saturday in June has now become the traditional date for the outing of the Bolsover Parish Church ringers and friends, and after several days of very heavy rain it was a very pleasant change to have a reasonably fine and warm day for the visit to several towers in the Coventry and Warwick District.

It was necessary to make an early start and calls were made at Cresswell and Warsop to pick up old friends, including Harry Prout who rang at Bolsover many years ago and has now retired to live in Warsop.

The first stop was at Nuneaton where Mrs. Beebe was waiting to meet the coach. The allotted time passed very quickly. It was only a very short journey to Bedworth where slight difficulty was experienced with the new ropes. The red sallies reminded us of home and the ground floor ringing was appreciated by all. The writer was very much impressed by the fine high altar and reredos and it was encouraging to find the Curate and one of the churchwardens taking such a keen interest in the visit. A number of the non-ringers had gone forward by service bus into Coventry and all assembled at the Wine Lodge Hotel for a very substantial lunch.

In the early afternoon a visit was made to Allesley and we were pleased to meet Mr. Taylor. The light bells were moved along at a merry pace and the visitors showed considerable interest in a table with a glass top covered with extracts of pages from the 'Ringers' Diary.' It was noted that this was the home tower of W. A. Stote who is a regular visitor to meetings of the Derbyshire Association.

The afternoon was devoted to the two towers of St. Mary's and St. Nicholas' in Warwick. Two of the local ringers had very kindly raised most of the bells of St. Mary's and the party were very pleased to make the acquaintance of Mr. Wm. Collett who has been connected with the tower for more than 60 years. For many it was their first experience of ten bells but a good touch of Kent Treble Bob was brought round. A course of Superlative Surprise Major was rung on the back eight, Little Bob and Plain Bob Royal on the full ten. There were divided opinions on the comparison between these bells and those at Chesterfield.

Mr. Collett accompanied the party to St. Nicholas' and the new ring of eight was very greatly appreciated by all. A young lady kindly deputised for Mr. Garner-Hayward (away in Italy) and joined in a course of Bob Major. The bells here were very easy to strike and were heard to great advantage in a course of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Tea was taken at the Warwick Restaurant and the last call was at Tamworth where Mr. Peers very kindly waited approximately 30 minutes to meet us. The heavy eight proved to be the highlight of the day and in spite of a long and tiring tour the striking was up to the best standard, particularly in touches of Stedman Triples, St. Clement's Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Some of the best ringing of the day was heard in a course of Yorkshire Surprise Major with Herbert Rooke on the tenor. The Vicar of Tamworth visited the coach and had a kindly word with members of the party.

It was approximately midnight when the last of the party reached home but all agreed that this was one of the best outings ever arranged. The writer would particularly like to thank Mr. Garner-Hayward and members of the Coventry Diocesan Guild for their ready assistance with suggestions for the tour. A. B. C.

SWINDON RINGERS SELECT MIDLAND TOWERS

A prompt 7 a.m. start was made on June 28th by the Christ Church, Swindon ringers on their customarily superbly organised annual outing. Joined by friends from neighbouring towers, a total of 43 ringers, including an eleventh hour 'gate-crasher,' filled a luxurious coach en route for the first tower at Bromsgrove (Worcs.) with an historic ring of ten. Some excellent Stedman Caters redeemed a rather disappointing full course of Cambridge Royal, while the beginners rang some creditable Grand-sire Caters on these mellow bells.

An early salad lunch awaited a ravenous party at Dudley—where the temptation to foist some members of the party on the famous zoo had to be resisted! A beautifully musical and sweet-tuned ten were found at St. Thomas's Church, and the customary Caters and Royal methods were rung, including a Bob course of Kent and also some Little Bob. At Walsall our all-too-short ringing time was sadly curtailed by a wedding for which the sun had obligingly appeared. However it produced probably the best ringing of Stedman Caters, of the day. A neat touch of Stedman Cinques had full justice done it with some excellent and almost faultless ringing, which gave much satisfaction to everyone.

Tea was to follow next, in Lichfield. To everyone's regret the glorious bells at the Cathedral were not available, but we had an enjoyable time on the mellow eight at St. Mary's, Cambridge, Double Norwich, St. Clement's Major and Stedman Triples were among the methods brought round. Thus we were soon en route for our last tower of the day at Coleshill (Warwicks). A very tuneful light eight here were put to good use, and Superlative and St. Clement's were brought round although on the whole the anti-clockwise ring did not produce very distinguished ringing. Another group photo to follow the one at Walsall was taken here in the evening sun—it's to be hoped everyone managed to get some part of themselves into the photo!

All aboard again via Kenilworth and Warwick for supper and drinks at the Home Office Fire Training Centre at Moreton-in-the-Marsh. The superb 'facilities' and refreshments here made the perfect end to the day. Everyone was well satisfied with the Resident Recording Engineer who had done 'sound' work during the day recording the ringing at the various towers on the tape recorder, when our efforts were played back to us.

Swindon was reached just before 12.30 a.m. at the end of a long but exceptionally satisfying and thoroughly enjoyable day. Everyone's most sincere thanks are due to Eric Sutton for his thorough and painstaking organisation, to Frank Wilton for his excellent arrangements at Moreton, and to all the tower captains and incumbents for the privilege of ringing upon their bells. 'CAMPANAMANUAL.'

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX

For their outing on June 28th, 15 ringers from North Weald went and sampled the bells at half-a-dozen towers in North Essex. This was something of an adventure, for North Weald had not done anything like that for a long time.

The first tower was Newport, where everybody had a go from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise. Then followed Wendans Ambo, Littlebury and Elmdon, where a fine tea was had at the King's Head. Chishall, with its long draught and small circle, took some getting used to. The tourists visited Clavering, where the best ringing of the day took place.

BURGHILL, HEREFORD

Last year our Vicar—a Salopian—at our request, planned for the Burghill, Hereford, ringers a very interesting ringing tour mainly in Shropshire. We were agreed that another trip into this lovely county would please both the ringers and the non-ringers. Our band on June 7th was strengthened by the Rector of Presteigne, the Rev. E. Geoffrey Benson, a former Vicar of Burghill, who was able to act as navigator: Mr. Austin Wingate, of the Hereford Cathedral band; Mr. W. Jones, for many years a member of our band and now resident in Gloucester; Mr. T. Stokes, father of our captain, and Bill Adams, of St. Nicholas', Hereford, a rooted tenor-man.

At Claverley we found a nice mellow and tuneful ring of eight bells (15½ cwt.) by Gillett and Johnston (1929). Two members of the local band met and rang with us and we felt we were being made very welcome (this experience was felt at all the towers visited). Claverley has a keen Sunday service band and with very few exceptions the bells have been rung for morning and evening service for the last 16 years.

Our second tower was at St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth. Here we again found a lovely ring of eight bells, a very fine 21 cwt. Warner tenor, and the ladies a fine shopping centre. We were met here by Mr. H. G. Thomas the retiring Master and newly-elected secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

Our third tower was to have been at St. Michael's, Madeley, but owing to our late arrival and a wedding time would not permit.

At Broseley we were welcomed by the Rector and one of his ringers, and we quickly had this tuneful octave (13 cwt.) by Mears in action. We arrived at Much Wenlock in time to have a leisurely booked tea before ringing. The massive stone tower contains a ring of eight bells. The back six are by Rudhall, 1729, trebles added by Taylor, 1931. The 'go' and tone of the 16 cwt. tenor is such as would please the most exacting campanologist.

Our last tower was Cleobury Mortimore—our only six of the day and the Rev. E. G. Benson's 621st tower. It was his only 'new' tower on this outing. The bells are by Abel Rudhall, 1757. We had asked for the use of the bells for 30-40 minutes but the Vicar, who met us, and who has no Sunday service band, appeared to be so enthusiastic at hearing his bells ringing again that we felt we could have stayed longer had time allowed us to do so.

Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples and Plain Bob Minor and Major. From a ringing point of view the 279 Grandsire Triples at Broseley and the two courses of Bob Major at Much Wenlock were the best efforts. Our thanks are due to the six incumbents for giving us permission to use their bells and to the ringers who were waiting at each tower to meet us.

F. M.

50 Years After At Llantwit

On Monday, June 29th, 1908, the bells of St. Illtyd, Llantwit Major, were rededicated after being recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. They were originally a six, cast in 1722 by Abraham Rudhall.

On Saturday, June 28th, ringers came to the tower from as far away as Cardiff and Bridgend, and according to the Parish Magazine 'We were treated to a variety of ringing from rounds to methods hitherto unheard at Llantwit Major.' Afterwards they, together with old and present ringers of the parish, held a short service in the church, which was followed by tea and more ringing with renewed vigour.

On Sunday, the actual day of the anniversary, there was Festal Evensong with special hymns and lessons.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Northampton Branch

The village of Courteenhall is situated 1½ miles off the main Northampton—Stony Stratford road, and with a population of about sixty, it has no bus service or village pub. It was at the beautiful church dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul that the Northampton Branch held its summer meeting on June 28th. The weather on this day was exceptionally kind. Before ringing commenced at Courteenhall, the bells of the neighbouring parishes of Wootton and Roade were made available. When all had assembled at Courteenhall, and the service touch duly rung, the Guild form of service was conducted by the Rector of Courteenhall with Collintree (Rev. C. L. Dunkerley), who also gave the address. The local organist, Mrs. W. Gosnald, was in attendance. Afterwards, a stroll through the park was necessary, for tea had been arranged in the only convenient place—the Old Grammar School, a well kept building, some 200 years old. Tea was served to 64 ringers and friends.

As this was a non-business meeting, it was necessary for the secretary to give notice of a change in date of a special meeting to be held at Walgrave to enable the enrolment of new members from this tower. The secretary said he was pleased with the state of Branch towers, and that nearly all had a band of ringers. New members were also forthcoming from Pitsford, where training of young people was in progress.

On behalf of members and friends present, Mr. G. F. Roome thanked the Rev. C. L. Dunkerley (Rector), the organist, and ladies for the tea arrangements. Replying, the Rector said he could not help but notice the young people present, and stated that on looking down from the pulpit, he could not see one bald head! The bells of Courteenhall were again ringing across the park to complete a beautiful scene.

A social evening later took place in the Church Hall which was attended by over 100 ringers and friends. The evening consisted of dancing to the music of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis and a selection of popular games. Entertainment was given by Miss Diana Papworth with a selection of tap and Scottish dancing, and the 'Planets' Skiffle Group. Refreshments were served by the church ladies. During the evening the secretary thanked all who had taken part in the entertainment and for the excellent arrangements made.

Mr. B. E. Frost (Branch Ringing Master), is to be congratulated on the way he carried out the duties of M.C. According to a local resident it was the liveliest 'do' in the village since the Coronation.

At Loughborough Foundry

A start at 6.30 a.m., and for some even before, was necessary for the Framsdens (Suffolk) and Diss (Norfolk) outing to Loughborough. At the foundry we were met by Mr. Paul Taylor, and Mr. John Fidler escorted us round, which was greatly appreciated. At the Campanile, after a few bumped stays, Cambridge Royal and Yorkshire Major were rung. Some asked: 'Why all the shelves in the Campanile?'

After lunch All Saints' Church was visited, and a good course of Cambridge Royal was rung. Many of the party preferred these bells to those of Grantham.

We apologise for our poor attempt to raise in peal at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, but Cambridge Royal was well rung. After tea the handy eight at Aylestone and South Wigston were visited. Home was reached after an absence of 20 hours. We thank especially Mr. Brian G. Warwick for his valuable help in organising the outing.

S.

A DAMERHAM WEDDING

The wedding took place on June 28th, at St. George's Church, Damerham, of Mr. R. T. Jones, of Ross-on-Wye, and Miss J. M. Gray, of Damerham. The Rev. A. Phillips officiated at the choral service.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white figured brocade with a shoulder length veil held in place by a circlet of imitation orange blossom.

She was attended by her sister, Miss Evelyn Gray, who wore a full length dress of yellow net over taffeta, with a matching headdress.

The best man was Mr. K. Walker.

At the conclusion of the service touches were rung on the bells by the local band of ringers.

The reception was held at the Compasses Hotel, Damerham.

After the reception a peal of Plain Bob Minor was attempted by members of the Salisbury District ringers. Unfortunately it came to grief after ringing for 1½ hours. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was then attempted and was successful. The band was:—P. Waterman 1, J. Baverstock 2, Miss A. Bacon 3, A. Haines 4, P. Morgan 5, H. H. Abrahams (conductor) 6.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN T. BARTRAM

The death took place in Workspoor Victoria Hospital on June 9th of Mr. John T. Bartram, of East Retford, aged 74. He was to have undergone an operation but unfortunately passed away before it could be carried out. For many years he had lived at Misterton and was churchwarden there. He had learnt to ring at North Wheatley and at one time was attached to the Gainsborough tower.

He joined the North Notts Association in 1906 and for years would cycle miles to meetings. He also had been a member for many years of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. On his retirement from work he came to live at Retford and joined the East Retford band in 1949.

Mr. Bartram assisted West Retford on practice nights, and often rang there on Sunday mornings before going to his own tower. Of a quiet nature, he had rung less than a dozen peals: to him Sunday service ringing seemed to be the object.

The funeral service took place at East Retford on June 13th. Canon W. E. A. Pugh officiating and the interment was at Ordsall: his wife predeceased him some years ago. Ringers attended from East and West Retford and North Wheatley and the bells were afterwards rung half-muffled.

Although East Retford has a fair number of young learners, 'Jack,' who was well respected, will be greatly missed and will leave a gap that will be hard to fill.

May he have rightly earned his reward.

H. D.

QUARTER PEALS

BELPER, DERBYS.—On June 29th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. F. G. Nicholson (first quarter) 1. Patricia A. M. Forster 2. J. K. Fox (first quarter) 3. P. Davies 4. G. A. Hall 5. W. A. Morley (cond.) 6. Rung for Sunday School anniversary and patronal festival.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Easter Sunday. 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Jenny George 1. V. Cott 2. J. Parker 3. D. Parker 4. N. Martin (cond.) 5. A. Smith 6. For Evensong. Also on April 20th. 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: A. Smith 1. N. Martin (cond.) 2. V. Cott 3. D. Parker 4. J. Parker 5. D. Manner 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third. Also on Whit Sunday. 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: V. Cott 1. N. Martin (cond.) 2. Jenny George 3. J. Parker 4. D. Manner 5. A. Smith 6. For Evensong.

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THOMPSETT.—On July 8th, 1958, at St. Woolos', Newport, to Vivien and William, a son (Simon). 2712

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ONLY SIX ROPES in our tower, but no one need 'stand out' at the fete at Kimpton on August 9th in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund. Kimpton bells available 3 to 8 p.m. at District meeting on this day. Dance, with licensed bar, 8.30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Watch for further notice.—J. G. Cull, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. 2667

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—Owing to repairs to tower and spire all ringing is suspended until further notice.—F. V. Gant. 2702

WITNEY RINGING SOCIETY.—Tuesday practices suspended during August. Visitors welcome on Sundays at 10.15 and 5.30. Practices restart on September 2nd at 7.30. 2705

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS and SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Saturday, July 19th. Ringing 3.30 p.m.—John Chilcott, A. W. J. Butler, Hon. Secs. 2638

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Norton St. Philip, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 2650

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cucklington, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Stoke Trister bells after meeting. Names for tea.—J. Badman, Evercreech. 2682

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Leamington Spa Parish Church, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea at Pattisons Restaurant 4.45. Service 6 p.m., followed by meeting in the ringing chamber at 6.30 p.m. Good attendance requested.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec. 2660

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Basingbourne (6), Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Littleton also available after tea.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2661

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 19th, at Hemingford Grey (6), 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Hemingford Abbots (6) after tea. Hemingford Grey also available.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2672

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wischbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea available.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2673

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Tillingham, Saturday, July 19th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bus (Kemps Coaches) outside Maldon Bus Station at 2.45 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 2610

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Little Horkesley on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Great Horkesley (6) also available from 6.30 p.m. 2627

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, July 19th, Newdigate. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea, King's Head, Capel, 5. Capel bells available from 6 p.m. 2631

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, July 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2675

HAWKURST GUILD.—Meeting, Hastings, Saturday, July 19th. St. Clement's, 3 p.m.; All Saints', 6 p.m.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 2658

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 19th, at Barnet, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 2670

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Margate, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2646

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary-atte-Bow East (8), Saturday, July 19th. Ringing 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Short business meeting, vestry, 6 p.m. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock. 2671

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Staines, Saturday, July 19th. Ringing at St. Peter's, 3 to 4.30; St. Mary's, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—W. T. Cook, Dis. Sec. 2674

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Chardstock on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 2656

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Brandon, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Anthony R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 2674

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Barcombe (6), Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Royal Oak.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 2648

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Abbots Ann, on July 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Parish Room. 2683

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined evening practice at Blechingley (8) on Wednesday, July 23rd. Bells 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2694

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on July 26th at 6 p.m. Ringing 3.30 p.m. at St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park.—John Chilcott. 2703

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Uphill (6), on Saturday, July 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall.—David H. White. 2684

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Portishead (8) on Saturday, July 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 2690

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Practice meeting at East Budleigh, Saturday, July 26th, at 7 p.m. Visitors welcome.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 2706

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Barnby Dun, Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Russell Stephenson, Estoperpetoa, Stainforth Road, Barnby Dun.—George Watson, Sec. 2698

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, July 26th, Chipping Campden (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Ebrington (6), 6.15 p.m. Names by July 22nd.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 2692

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Northleach, Saturday, July 26th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 23rd.—Weaban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 2685

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Avening, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. each). Names for tea, by Tuesday, July 22nd, to S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 2700

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at North Nibley (6), July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by July 23rd.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 2693

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—District meeting at Cranleigh (8) on Saturday, July 26th, from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. O. L. Warner, Fairmead, Parkhouse Green, Cranleigh.—D. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 2689

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Lydd on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Miss M. Vantom, 2, Tarts Cottages, Skinner Road, Lydd.—C. T. H. 2653

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. George's, Beckenham, Saturday, July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea (2s. 6d.) by Monday, 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 2654

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh, Saturday, July 26th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 (bring own food). Business 6 p.m. Evenson (said) 7. Rudhall eight here, ton tenor, excellent 'go'.—Thornley, Sec. 2688

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Singleton Parish Church on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—John F. Turner, Branch Sec. 2710

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Calverley on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Dawson, 16, Salisbury Place, Calverley, Pudsey, Yorks. 2696

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoke Golding, July 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea, by the Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. H. Hill, Gables, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 2704

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Burton-on-Stather (8), on Saturday, July 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 23rd to Mr. Barnes, Tee Lane, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe. 2665

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Hoar Cross, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. All welcome. 2708

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Mundford, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 22nd, to Mr. H. Fuller, 97, Nelson Crescent, Thetford. 2679

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Hughenden (8), July 26th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. (Windsor 1484.) 2691

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Meeting at Yardley Hastings, Saturday, July 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to John E. Skerritt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick, Wellingborough. 2709

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Lyneham (6), July 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—Mr. F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham, Wilts. 2697

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Edwinstowe, July 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service evening. Names for tea (5 p.m.), by Tuesday, July 22nd, to Mrs. Woodhead, 12, Church Street, Edwinstowe, Notts.—D. H. Rooke. 2686

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Kedington, Saturday, July 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the White Horse. Names to Miss R. Seabrook, Clare. 2649

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting at Coddanham, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Henley (8) 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, Wednesday, 23rd, to W. J. Button, Hon. Sec., Stonham Aspal. 2701

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Pot-pourri practice meeting at Eastbourne, July 26th. St. Saviour's handbells 3 p.m. Tower bells 3.30 p.m. Service and tea. All Saints' after tea.—H. Reynolds, 10, Eastern Avenue, Polesgate. 2687

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A practice meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 2707

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mickleton, Saturday, July 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business. Names, by July 22nd, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 2695

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Kiln Down on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash (2/6) please, by Tuesday, July 29th, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 2699

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Advance Notices.—The autumn meeting will be held at Norwich on September 27th. Full ringing arrangements will be announced in good time. The annual general meeting, 1959, will be held in London (Southern Region) on April 25th, and the autumn meeting at Newport, Mon., on September 26th, 1959. 2711

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