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THE GREATEST OF THESE

"I SEE," said the Professor, "that the subject of the finances of 'The Ringing World' has arisen again. To pay or not to pay!

"And what is your opinion?" I asked, carefully waiting to see which way the cat would jump.

"That," he replied, "I have expressed before. The answer to this problem, if approached with a logical and alert mind, is really quite simple, and can be reduced to a straightforward mathematical formula. Look at it this way: any newspaper or journal depends for its existence on its circulation. Right?"

"Right!"

"If this continues to dwindle then the paper itself is doomed to extinction. Anything that tends to reduce its circulation is, therefore, another nail in the coffin. Now, nothing is calculated to reduce the circulation (i.e. the number of copies sold) more effectively than an increase in price; that is why any newspaper, national or otherwise, regards this step as a last resort. Correct?"

"Correct!"

"Ergo, the number of copies sold is in inverse proportion to the price of the paper once this passes beyond certain prescribed limits. From this it is a comparatively simple matter to obtain an equation, which, in fact, I have done."

And he produced a paper upon which he had inscribed the following hieroglyphics:

$$C = \frac{K \times 10^4}{P}$$

P

Where P = Price of "The Ringing World" in pence.

C = Circulation in number of copies.

K = Constant, which varies according to Professor Dodge's tables but is, at present, about 4.95.

"All this may be true," I said, "but I have heard it said that 'The Ringing World' should be placed on a proper commercial footing, and be made to pay for itself."

"There are always people ready to stand on the side lines and offer instructions to the players; people who know more about editing than editors, or about finance than financiers. What is often overlooked is that commercial advertisements in papers and periodicals, a source of income denied to 'The Ringing World,' often bear a large burden of the production costs without which the paper could not function. If we remove all voluntary effort from the running of our paper I should imagine that it would have to cost about 2s. 6d. per copy. We could begin putting the paper on a commercial footing, as you call it, by raising the editor's salary and continue by paying all contributors for articles received and published."

"I would have done very nicely out of that," I remarked smugly.

"On the contrary, I doubt whether any of your articles would have been accepted if they had had to be paid for!"

This was a sobering thought.

"Anyway," he went on, "what is wrong with labour of love? I have noticed that those who contribute least in this direction often make the loudest song about the little they do contribute or the most vociferous complaints about the contributions of others. How many times have I pointed out (and been attacked for doing so) that bellringing is a most privileged hobby, with ringers using the most expensive instruments for their own pleasure, often at less cost to themselves, than in any other pastime of a comparable nature. It is a pity that so many are indifferent to, or fail to acknowledge the existence of, their own paper, but the loyal and faithful remainder realising, as I have demonstrated, that the raising of the price should be adopted only as a last resort, should be prepared to render what assistance they can in other directions, financially or otherwise, and should, moreover, regard their contribution as a great privilege."

"So you would rely on charity after all?"

"Mr. H. L. Roper, at a meeting recently, pointed out that charity is still a Christian virtue. I'm afraid that, in an age when, and a country where, more people are receiving charity than ever before, this is a fact often forgotten."

THE RECORD LENGTH OF MAXIMUS

SATURDAY, May 15th, was a day that had long been anticipated in Birmingham, and now it was upon us. For most people the bright, sunny morning must have been a welcome sight, offering the opportunity of a day at Edgbaston watching the cricket, the first swim of the year or simply relaxing in the sunshine. Not so, however, for the 12 who met outside St. Philip's Cathedral at 8.30 a.m.! The prospect of a day similar to the previous one, when the temperature climbed into the high 70's, was to them disturbing, for it would definitely increase the odds against their success.

However, if anyone had these thoughts they certainly did not show it, for it was a cheerful group that assembled for photographs. Even the appearance of two nurses, which might have been a bad omen, did not dampen their spirits!

At 8.45, after receiving the good wishes of the Master of the Guild, Mr. Richard Ingram, the band ascended the tower accompanied by the three umpires, John Anderson, George Fearn and myself. Up until a week ago George had intended to ring in the peal, but then, unfortunately, he had been forced to withdraw owing to a strained back. Stephen Ivin had kindly agreed to stand in his place.

All reasonable precautions had been taken in the preparation of the bells for the peal, but these could not possibly compare with the precautions taken for the 29 courses at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1929. For that peal the bellfounders had been called in, a new set of ropes, well stretched, had been put on, and "everything done that Mr. Ben Thorpe, the towerkeeper, could think of." For this peal we trusted (not without some confidence) that the bells were in peal-ringing condition, and relied on ropes that had already proved their worth in peals.

The adjustment of the ropes took rather longer than expected, but at 9.5 they pulled off, and one minute later were in changes. The band stood as follows: Bob Smith treble, Martin Fellows 2, Norman Goodman 3, Michael Fellows 4, John Eisel 5, Basil Jones 6, David Purnell 7, Clifford Barron 8, Stephen Ivin 9, Ricky Shallcross 10, Alan Ainsworth 11, and Peter Border tenor.

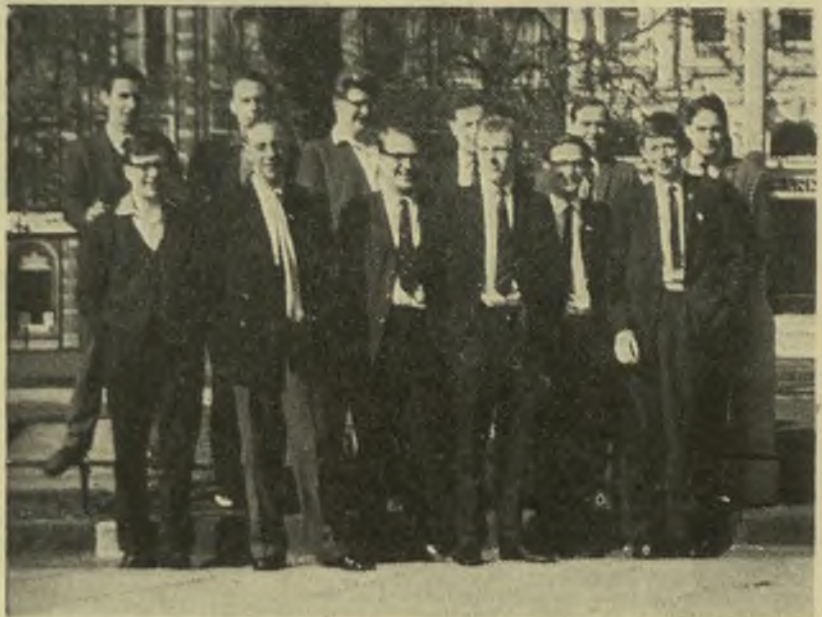
TENOR RINGER IN TRAINING

No one underestimated the task that lay ahead, but at least they must have had some confidence in their ability to succeed. Nine of the band were regular Cathedral ringers, and the other three all had experience in long peals. Probably the biggest task was Peter's, but he had kept his hand in with a peal of Londinium on his bell just 36 hours before, having first "warmed up" for 44 hours the previous week-end on Exeter tenor, so one could hardly say that he was not in training!

The ringing soon settled down into quite a good beat, and the first course-end came up in the slightly slow time of 22 minutes and 30 seconds. From then until the eighth course the ringing was maintained at a very high standard, and as a consequence the speed increased gradually. Two "65" courses (a favourite in Birmingham) came during this spell, their arrival being heralded by a perfect "1234657890ET" change.

From the 9th course until about the 14th course the striking became a shade unsettled, due mainly to spacing out by the little bells. The graph shows clearly how the time per course increased during this period. It was probably at about this time that the band began to realise the length that lay ahead, even though three hours had been completed; also it was warm; and it was lunch time!

By mid-afternoon the ringing had returned to the good rhythm of the morning, and it may be seen that, as before, the effect on the speed was that it increased and eventually settled to a steady level. The occasional mistake had begun to creep in after mid-day, but usually it was of a minor nature, and did not affect the evenness of the ringing in the afternoon.



Back row (left to right): John Eisel, Basil Jones, Peter Border, Alan Ainsworth, David Purnell and Clifford Barron. Front row: Robert Smith, Norman Goodman, Stephen Ivin, Frederick Shallcross, Martin Fellows, Michael Fellows.

The weather by this time was quite warm, though fortunately a fresh wind and the odd cloud helped to keep the temperature down from the level of the previous day. The band did not appear to be unduly troubled at this point, and generally spirits were good. A trip by one of the back-enders still managed to evoke a wink and a smile!

A SHORTENED VERSION

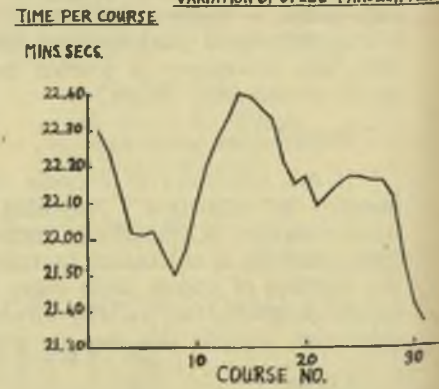
At 6.10 a bob at Middle brought the bells into the Plain Course, and it says much for the band that after nine hours' ringing they were still able to produce some excellent roll-ups. However, fatigue was now beginning to take effect, and for a time mistakes became more numerous. It was probably this as much as anything that prompted Alan to call the shortened version, by omitting the last block of three Homes. At any rate, his announcement "Only three more courses" had an immediate effect on the ringers and the ringing, as the graph plainly shows. It was as if they had taken on a new lease of life; the ringing brightened up considerably, and mistakes all but vanished. Chief instigator of this improvement was Alan himself, who was ringing strongly and with much enthusiasm at this point. Even in the last course he was heard to tell one member of the band to listen to his striking!

At 7.52 p.m., after 10 hours and 46 minutes' ringing, the Ashton record was passed, and at 8.35 p.m. the bells came triumphantly into rounds. The time was 11 hours and 29 minutes—four minutes shorter than the previous record, although two more courses had been rung.

Almost immediately after the bells had stood, the Provost, at whose request the peal had been arranged, came into the belfry to congratulate the ringers and to express his thanks to them. Outside there was a crowd of ringers who had gathered to hear the final stages. Frank Haynes had journeyed up from Cambridge; Ralph Edwards and Roger Fry from Bristol; and there were several from Hertfordshire and neighbouring counties, in addition to a number of local ringers.

Congratulations were showered on the band as they emerged, but whilst these congratulations were duly and gratefully acknowledged, the chief thought in the minds of the 12 was to counter the effects of dehydration which had set in as a result of their labours during the heat of the day.

VARIATION OF SPEED THROUGH PEAL



A FINE ACHIEVEMENT

Looking back on the peal, I have no hesitation in stating that it was of the standard required for a record length. It was a very fine achievement indeed, particularly when one bears in mind that these bells are not easy to ring.

Essentially, of course, it was a team effort, but the ringers of 10, 11 and 12 deserve special mention. These three maintained an unwavering beat throughout the peal and must have been a constant source of inspiration to the rest of the band. Peter, in particular, should be singled out for his handling of the tenor. Added to his turning-in of Exeter tenor the previous week, it completed a truly tremendous "double" in the field of heavy-bell ringing, the like of which will surely not be equalled, let alone surpassed, in the foreseeable future.

Worthy of comment, too, are the performances of Michael Fellows, at 17½ the youngest member of the band; Norman Goodman, the oldest member (45), whose previous longest length was 5,280; and Basil Jones, who rang better with one hand than most ringers do with two. For Bob Smith it was also a personal achievement, since he has now rung in the record lengths of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus.

In conclusion, I should like to thank Messrs. George Fearn and John Anderson for their much-welcomed assistance to me in umpiring the peal.

RODERICK W. PIPE.

THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

THE ninth annual general meeting of the Guild was held in London on May 15th, and the record attendance made it very reassuring as to the future of the Guild. Our guest was Mr. Scholefield Allen, M.P., who apologised for arriving late, as no one could tell him where St. Botolph's Hall was.

The ringing programme for the day started at St. Giles', Cripplegate, and then at St. Vedast's. After lunch St. Leonard's, Shore-ditch, St. Botolph's and Southwark Cathedral were visited, and those who arrived on Friday evening rang at St. Luke's, Chelsea. High tea was served in St. Botolph's Hall, and Mrs. Davis and her helpers were thanked for the excellent meal.

The secretary presented the statement of accounts, which showed a loss on the year's workings due to extra stationery. A suggestion in the secretary's report, that the regional Masters should meet annually, between the autumn and the annual general meetings, was approved.

Mr. Charles A. Bassett was elected Master. The officers re-elected were Mr. J. Arthur Hoare, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. W. Bertram Kynaston, Western Region; Mr. Charles A. Bassett, Southern; Mr. Sidney Foskett, London Midland; Mr. Harold Walker, North Eastern; Mr. Rodney Meadows Eastern; Mr. Jack E. Brough and Mr. Frank R. Merton, Guild auditors.

Mr. S. Foskett's proposal of Newcastle on Tyne for the 1966 annual general meeting on April 30th was carried. The autumn meeting is to be at Nottingham on September 25th.

Two new members were elected—Mr. C. Norris an associate member, and Mr. P. Bassett a ringing member.

Increase in subscriptions was discussed after Mr. Jack Thomas moved an increase to 3s. per member per annum. Extra cost of postage, he said, was one reason for the increase. Mr. Vaughan supported the motion. On a show of hands, it was agreed that subscriptions will be 3s. as on and from January 1st, 1966. The increase to apply also to all associate members.

The secretary was asked to obtain particulars of a badge of office and report back at the next meeting. Mr. J. Thomas again brought up the question of an annual dinner, but the matter was not supported.

Mr. Rawlings was thanked for the excellent ringing programme, and also incumbents for the use of the bells. J. A. H.

M.U.G.S. AT THE FAIR

It was raining—the usual Guild weather—when ten members of Manchester University Guild had a day's outing to Cheshire. First ringing was at Great Budworth, where a course of Yorkshire went especially well.

The 30ft. vertical ladder, the means of access to the ringing chamber, caused some trouble at St. Mary-on-the-Hill, but the ringing on this light eight was enjoyed. Not so at St. Mary's Without, where we rang after lunch.

During the few hours free time some made a bee-line for a fair. The Master, having shown his prowess by winning a coconut, one of the girls decided she would like a goldfish, which were also offered as prizes. However, she did not look quite so happy when, a few minutes later, John won one and presented it to her. The goldfish which was named Gregory, proved to be quite hardy and survived the journey home, and now resides in a bowl in a Manchester landlady's front room!

Evening ringing was at Eccleston (best ring of the day) and Frodsham. Organiser Stephen Taylor and incumbents are thanked. D. J. B.

ADELAIDE'S BELLS

From Adelaide, South Australia, comes news from Ron Russ of a lively controversy which has been raging in the local Press for and against the ringing of St. Peter's Cathedral bells. A finer ring no one could ever wish to listen to, but the area has more than its fair share of antagonists, and severe methods of sound control have to be applied. From a local Press columnist comes the following poem, which has effectively closed the correspondence, and which holds a lesson for the antagonists of bells. To appreciate it, one needs to be aware of the proximity of the River Torrens, flowing between the Cathedral and the city, the municipal golf course and the statue of Adelaide's founder Colonel Light, standing on a hill only a hundred yards from St. Peter's. The author's name is Max Fachen, a non-ringer.

Out across North Adelaide rooftops ring the bells with merry stroke,
Tolling with a strong insistence, tugged by each bellringing bloke.
Spreading outwards through the morning like the ripples of a pool,
Some will smile to hear their music, others run for cottonwool.

Some will lift their heads and listen to the old majestic chimes,
Others write a scolding letter. Poets pen their meagre rhymes.
Swans within their reedbeds fluting, answer to the distant sound,
Rowboats on the River Torrens, disconcerted, run aground.

Still the bells will swing and clamour over boating shed and hut,
Here a scowling golfer mutters. Bells have made him miss his putt.
Babies in their baskets stirring to the sound of iron tongues.
Add their tiny mite of tumult from their new and wondrous lungs.

Housewives close or open windows. Fellows mutter in their beds—
Sleeping in on Sunday mornings, place a pillow on their heads.
Riding high above the treetops comes the ringing loud and clear,
Colonel Light upon his hillside cocks a grave impartial ear.

Can you hear the loud transistor, with its electronic beat,
While the passers-by will scurry on their eager harried feet?
Here a heavy bus is rumbling down the motorridden scene,
Skyward there a jet is shrieking, trailing plumes of kerosene.

While the sounds will mix and thunder, there's a flat, uneasy tone.
Is it time we changed the needle on life's jazzy gramophone?
Tender though our earthly eardrums, brittle are our earthly shells,
I confess I find some comfort when I hear the sound of bells!

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT CUP CONTEST

Five teams competed in this year's contest held at Beighton on May 29th, and judged by Mr. H. Chant, assisted by Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert. Warsop were the winners, with Whittington second and Rotherham third.

It was a most enjoyable meeting and tea, some 50 people being present. Five new members were elected and details given of the outing in the Loughborough district on July 3rd. N.C.

WHEN THINGS WENT "BANG" IN VICTORIA

THOSE Calgary ringers have been at it again! Disturbing the peace in Vancouver and Victoria. Easter Sunday night saw the departure from Calgary of Mike Simpson and the writer for a visit to our Western neighbours. Our route this time took us through the Okanagan Valley, the fruit growing district of British Columbia, where the early blossom looked beautiful in the morning light as we pulled into Penticton for breakfast. Vancouver was reached about mid-day, after some 16 hours travelling.

Our arrival coincided with the visit of Mr. Philip M. Gray, of England, who was in Vancouver on a business trip, and for whom special ringing had been laid on for that evening. We duly met with the other ringers at the appointed hour, and the bells were soon in use. Owing to a rather small turn out, ringing was limited to Grandsire and Plain Bob, with one extent of Stedman Doubles. The proceedings were not helped by the Calgary contingent turning on bright lights and insisting on photographing the ringing, and also making a tape recording. Being no other refreshment house available, we had no alternative but to adjourn the proceedings at 9 p.m., for of all things coffee.

Next afternoon we embarked on the ferry at Tsawwassen for Vancouver Island and Victoria. After supper we met Mr. Izard and the other ringers at Christ Church Cathedral, and this is when things started to go "Bang." Once again the lights were turned on, and the tape recorder was produced, and attempts were made to photograph the bells, but these were short lived as the lights fell over, exploded and set fire to the carpet. This did at least enable us to get on with the business in hand, namely, ringing. Here we made several attempts, and finally brought round a touch of Stedman Triples. Unfortunately, our time here was not long enough to enable us fully to appreciate this very fine ring of eight (tenor 29 cwt.). Next morning, after inspecting the collection of ships bells at the Maritime Museum in Victoria, we returned to Vancouver, and yet more ringing.

Wednesday night is the regular practice night at Vancouver, so once again we spent the evening ringing, but again we were limited to Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples.

That concluded the ringing for the week. Thursday was spent out in a small boat salmon fishing, but without any noticeable success, and on Friday we started on the long trip home to Calgary, taking the opportunity to relax our tired muscles with a couple of swims in the various hot springs en route. J. A. M.

SIX BELLS + SIX TEAMS = SANDHURST

With the precision usually associated with its Military Academy, Sandhurst "passed out" a clear winner in this year's Sonning Deanery Striking Competition held at Arborfield on May 15th.

Six teams in all were able to laze in the sun and in turn enter the cool tower to "do their bit" whilst the two adjudicators, Major Bragg and Mr. W. Viggers, were confined to the vestry to count the faults.

After an excellent tea, Mr. Viggers opened with his opinion of the afternoon's ringing, dwelling briefly but convincingly on two types of ringers—the one who listens and hears and the one who hears but does not listen!

The positions of the "placed" teams were: 1 Sandhurst, 2 Hurst "A," and 3 Easthampstead with 18, 28 and 29 faults respectively.

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Letters to the Editor

AN EARLIER COMPOSER

Dear Sir,—The composition of 5,000 London Surprise Royal published on page 372 and attributed to Mr. W. E. Critchley has been in my possession for some years and is attributed to Mr. Frank E. Darby. I feel sure that the composition was rung several years ago at St. Michael's, Southampton, since I obtained it from that exponent of London Royal, Mr. C. H. Kippin.

The peal can be varied in the first three courses and I give below the alternative callings of Mr. Darby's peal.

5,000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
By Frank E. Darby.

23456	M	W	H
24536	—	—	2
43265	—	I/V	3
62534	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—
42356	—	—	1
54326	—	—	—
25346	—	—	3
23456	—	—	2

OR

23456	M	W	H
52436	—	—	—
64235	—	—	1
43265	—	I/V	3
23456	—	A	—

Yours sincerely,

R. ROGER SAVORY.

Marchwood. Hants.

RECORD OF RECORD PEAL

Dear Sir,—A tape recording was made of portions of the record peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus recently rung at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham.

I am making arrangements to have a 12in. L.P. (33 1/3rd r.p.m.) record made from the tape recording, which will include the first and last half courses of the peal and part of the middle of the peal. The total playing time will be approximately 40 minutes.

If any are interested in purchasing a copy they should forward £2 6s. (including postage and packing) to me within the next two weeks so that I may place a firm order.—Yours faithfully,

J. A. AINSWORTH.

54, Royal Oak Road,
Halesowen,
Birmingham.

EARLIEST OCTAVE IN ENGLAND

Dear Sir,—I very much doubt if Robert Mot cast the octave at St. Andrew's, Holborn, in 1578, for Mr. Trollope puts in a proviso: "if we can trust the evidence." Mot established the foundry in 1570 and his earliest known bell was one bearing his name and date 1575, formerly at Danbury in Essex. When I used to ring at St. Andrew's in 1901/2 there was a lot of boasting about the date of the bells, and it was claimed they rang after the victory of Henry V at Agincourt in 1415! I prefer to rely on the 1911 Victoria History of Middlesex (Bell Founders), Vol. 2, pages 165-168, which states that: "In London Mot cast the Sanctus bells at St. Andrew's, Holborn."—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

RINGING IN HOLY WEEK

Dear Sir,—In the six bell tower of All Saints', Hastings, the bells were never rung through the whole of Lent. They were lowered and chimed for all Sunday services, being rung up for early Communion on Easter Day.

This custom was dropped when two trebles were added and change ringing introduced in 1922.—Yours, etc.,
C. A. LEVETT.
Hastings.

A PLEA FOR CALL CHANGE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I am a regular reader of "The Ringing World" and although not a method ringer I do find many things of interest in the paper. I do feel though that if more space were given to call change ringing a far greater circulation of "The Ringing World" would ensue.

Could there not be some of the best known call changes printed, such as "Queens" or "Royal Occasion" or the many others that are known to some ringers. It would help to create a greater interest in our art.

It is a known fact that method ringers are far and away outnumbered by call change and round ringers. So let's revolutionise "The Ringing World" so that it will appeal to all ringers.
J. R. MICHELL.
Callington, Cornwall.

CORRECTIONS TO GRANDSIRE VARIATION PEALS

Dear Sir,—I am advised by Mr. R. H. Jones that the names are incorrect for some of the variations in the peal at Cropwell Bishop (page 367). It should read:

Forty-two extents (9 bob and single variations), being five extents each of New Grandsire, Ryllsun, Fulmer, Cropwell Bishop, Ferncliffe, Mitre, Donningleigh and Gonalston and two of Lambey.

The peal at South Wilford (page 317) should read:

Forty-two extents (9 bob and single variations), being five extents each Antelope, St. Swithin, Northleigh, Ray, Beckley, Isis, St. Margaret and Oxford and two extents of St. Valentine.

Also that at South Wilford (on page 383) as follows:

Forty-two extents in 16 bob and single variations, being two extents each of Bucknell, S. Collen, Ardley and S'owe: three each of New Antelope, Upton, Gunthorpe, Caythorpe, Netherfield, S. Aldgate, Westleigh, Bulcote, Wheatley and Woodborough: and two each of Uppingham and Woodthorpe.

The errors are regretted.—Yours sincerely,
GEORGE A. DAWSON.

MARCH SAINT WENDREDA

A party of bellringers from March Saint Wendreda held an enjoyable half-day's outing on May 15th. The party, including several learners, revisited churches in Ely district, about an hour being spent at each. Quite good ringing ensued at Sutton, despite the "lumpiness" of the bells, but at Wilburton, although helped by Mr. Markwell and Mr. Yarrow, the party could achieve little.

Excellent touches were brought round on the pleasant, easy-going six at Stratham Church and a rock-garden approach to the fane was much admired.

Tea was obtained at Ely after which the Cathedral was inspected, followed by a visit to St. Mary's Church, where more good ringing was enjoyed in the company of Mr. Pickett (tower captain).

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE H. CROSS

An Appreciation

The members of the Norwich Diocesan Association offer their condolences to Mrs. Margery Cross and her family and gratefully acknowledge their indebtedness to George Herbert Cross for his contribution to the prosperity of the Association.

Although it is some 38 years since he left the county, he is remembered with great affection and admiration. He was, indeed, a complete ringer, a fine striker, a brilliant conductor and an accomplished composer. He was, too, a splendid companion with a tremendous, kindly sense of humour.

Mr. Cross was born in Norwich on November 9th, 1893, and became interested in ringing when a schoolboy. At the age of 16 he rang his first peal at St. John de Sepulchre, Norwich, on September 30th, 1909, and conducted his first at the same church, a half-muffled peal in memory of King Edward VII on May 20th, 1910. A few months later, the first of many of his compositions was published. On June 18th, 1914, he conducted a peal of Oxford T.B. Major by a band whose average age was 18½. This was the youngest band to ring a peal of Major on tower bells. By the outbreak of the First World War Mr. Cross's peal total had risen to 87, a high proportion of which he had conducted.

It was after the war, having been wounded while serving with the Norfolk Regiment, that Mr. Cross made his capabilities felt. Not only did he revive the fortunes of the famous tower of St. Peter Mancroft, where he became Master, but he put new life into the Diocesan Association as secretary of the Norwich District. His peal-ringing bands vied with those of Pulham and Diss, many young ringers were encouraged and new records made. A 7,136 of Double Norwich—his own composition—was rung at St. Miles', Norwich, on November 24th, 1920, and in 1923 at Aylsham on July 28th the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal since the historic peal at Mancroft in 1769 was rung, and this was also his 150th peal as conductor.

The next four years were fruitful ones and the Association continued to flourish virtually under his leadership. In grateful appreciation of all he had done for ringing in Norfolk a gold Albert medallion, suitably inscribed, was presented to Mr. Cross on August 30th, 1927. This was, regrettably, a farewell gift, but the donors congratulated him on his promotion. For many years, holidays brought Mr. Cross back "home" and peals were usually rung, including the first peals of Superlative Surprise Maximus and Cambridge Surprise Maximus in the county of Norfolk. Altogether he had taken part in 298 peals for the Norwich Association, 35 of which were handbell peals.

What was Norfolk's loss was certainly the gain of the Kent County Association and the Society of Cumberlands Youths and many. I am sure, connected with these Societies will speak of the sterling worth of George Herbert Cross.

NOLAN GOLDEN.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Hinckley District held its annual striking competition on the six bells at Sharnford on May 1st. Five teams entered this year—Thurlaston, Higham-on-the-Hill, Leire, Sapcote and Earl Shilton. Sapcote were adjudged the winners, with Earl Shilton coming a close second. The District's thanks are extended to Mr. R. Beniston, Mr. L. Stevens and Mr. B. Warwick, who acted as judges.
V. W.

JOHN NICOLL
BELL ROPES

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WEEK-END TOUR OF NORTH DEVON

FOR their tour this year 17 members of the "Avon Amateurs" set out to enjoy the delightful scenery of North Devon.

The rendezvous was Milverton (8, 18 cwt.), from where we crossed the border and in spite of nearly floundering on the gentle curves of Devon lanes arrived safely at our base for the week-end, Combe Martin.

After a good night's rest and a hearty breakfast we arrived at R. J. P.'s well fought for six, Berrynarbor (10 cwt.). We then plunged into the heart of the holiday country at Ilfracombe (8, 11 cwt. and 8, 12 cwt.), where having cleaned up the town, a brief battle with holiday traffic brought us to the White Horse at Braunton (8, 16 cwt.), where we entertained the company with handbells.

Lunch was at Barnstaple. In spite of D. J. O.'s navigation we eventually found the Parish Church (8, 22 cwt.). The bells are not often rung and the handling reflected this. Bideford (8, 17 cwt.) produced the best ringing on the best ring of bells of the tour.

We sat outside Great Torrington Church for 20 minutes before moving on to the famous eight at Chittlehampton (8, 13 cwt.), where we were impressed by the tower and awed by the prize certificates. The last tower was Chulmleigh (8, 24 cwt.); we were fed at Ilfracombe and watered at Combe Martin, ending the evening with a concert on "Little Hangman."

Sunday morning service at Combe Martin (8, 14 cwt.) was followed by enjoying the glorious views of Exmoor, and later a Devon tea at Watersmeet before a final ring at Lynton (6, 11 cwt.). **BOPP.**

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

THE Monmouth Branch meeting, held at Nash on May 8th, proved to be a well-attended and enjoyable occasion. Many ringers present were old friends of the Vicar, Canon Oliver Davies, who was, for a long period, Vicar of Christ Church, Ebbw Vale.

The service was conducted by Canon Davies, who in his welcome recalled the many happy meetings he had enjoyed at Ebbw Vale. The Rev. Ivor J. Richards read the lesson. A delightful buffet tea was waiting at the nearby Waterloo Hotel, and a very pleasant social hour was enjoyed by all. Mr. Reuben Clench, on behalf of the company, sincerely thanked Canon Davies for his warm hospitality. Before the business meeting, members stood in silence to remember Mr. J. Jaynes, of Ebbw Vale. A record number of 28 new members were elected from Bedwelty, Monmouth, Caerleon, Ebbw Vale, All Saints' and St. Woolos', Newport.

The Branch Master, Mr. Lionel Jones, was prevented from attending earlier, but fortunately arrived in time to close the business, and ringing on the six bells continued under his able direction until late in the evening.

The next Monmouth Branch meeting: Bedwelty, July 10th.

"LUMLEY," 1965

NOTHING quite succeeds like success, we are told, but it was success which almost caused the undoing of the fourth annual one-day ringing course held by the Durham and Newcastle Association at Lumley Castle, Chester-le-Street, on March 20th. Since its inception, each year has seen an ever increasing number of students attending, and this year a record number of 102 members was registered but disaster loomed when at the last moment it was learned that the castle could cater for only 68 persons owing to staffing difficulties. Some prompt action by the man on the spot, Mr. D. A. Bayles, saved the day, however, and the surplus was found accommodation in a local hostelry.

The policy of a developing curriculum was continued this year and three streams of students were provided for. An Elementary grade was presented in three separate stages covering rope handling and bell control for the raw recruit; first steps in change ringing for the rounds ringer; and elementary method ringing for those at the plain hunt stage. An Intermediate stage was also divided into three stages and covered progressive ringing from Plain Bob to Kent T.B. Minor, Kent T.B. Minor to Cambridge Surprise Minor, and Elementary Conducting. An Advanced grade commenced with a discussion group considering certain topics of interest to local ringing, followed by practical assistance with the Elementary grade and an attempt for a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, the composition of which had been previously studied by all the band.

A new "look" was given to the course by the appearance of new faces on the list of instructors. The "resident" panel of Messrs. D. A. Bayles, E. P. Rock, F. Hodgson and K. Arthur was augmented by the addition of Messrs. T. Cooke, G. S. Deas and E. Hudson to the Elementary grade and K. W. Cheeseman to the Intermediate grade, and their contributions proved most welcome and beneficial.

Introductory sessions for all grades were held at the castle and/or Chester-le-Street belfry and after lunch Elementary grades II and III and the Advanced grade left by special bus for Sunderland, where further lectures were given at Bishopwearmouth Church Annexe and practical sessions took place at Holy Trinity, St. Ignatius' and Bishopwearmouth belfries. Meanwhile the Elementary grade I and Intermediate classes divided their time between the castle and Lancheater, Houghton-le-Spring and Chester-le-Street belfries.

This "schism" continued until after dinner, when a reunion took place in the Pillared Hall of the castle and after a brief discussion of the day's events, including the report of the discussion group, an informal social evening was enjoyed until the calling of "Time." **K. A.**

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

Although within the postal district of the city of Birmingham, members were in the heart of the country on May 8th, when a most enjoyable meeting was held at St. Margaret's, Great Barr. The six bells were put to good use prior to the service, a notable point being that the choir were made up from choirboys and members of the Society who are also choristers.

Notice was given that at the forthcoming annual general meeting, to be held at Lichfield on June 19th next, a proposal would be made to raise annual subscriptions to 5s. each, and 10s. 6d. for non-resident life members. The next striking competition would be at Shreshill on July 3rd, draw at 3 p.m. Committee members were asked to see, if they could not attend any future meeting, that their tower was still represented by other members of their band. Committee meetings would in future start at 3 p.m. and last for one hour only.

New resident members elected were: Miss M. L. Ellwood, Miss A. Bagnall, Miss J. M. Sanders, Miss C. Hadley (Lichfield Cathedral), Miss C. A. Fountain (St. Michael's, Lichfield), Miss M. Smith (Cannock), A. Maiden and R. Lyons (Codsall), together with 14 life members.

To all who worked so hard to make this meeting an undoubted success we extend our sincere thanks. **C. M. S.**

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD West Lindsey Branch

The heavy ring of six in the lofty 500-year-old tower at Haxey were put to good use on the lovely warm afternoon of May 15th during the meeting of the West Lindsey Branch. The special method for the meeting was Old Oxford. The Vicar, the Rev. J. Sims, conducted the service, with a ringer, Mr. T. A. Gilbert, acting as organist.

Mr. C. H. Baker presided at the business meeting. The secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn) reported receipt of a letter from the Bishop's chaplain, stating that Dr. K. Riches would meet the ringers and preach at the Guild's annual service in January. Names were asked for the Branch outing to Loughborough on June 26th. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. E. Feirn who mentioned the Vicar, Mr. J. Underwood and local ringers and the ladies responsible for the excellent tea.

Numbers were swelled on returning to the tower by visiting ringers, who added to the enjoyment of the ringing.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Birds singing and trees bursting with new leaf are recollections of the Kingswood meeting on May 15th. The recently inducted Vicar, the Rev. E. Ashford, conducted the service and local lady ringers provided tea. Methods varied from Plain to Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles with some Reverse Canterbury for good measure.

Next quarterly meeting: Godstone, June 19th.

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WOLVERCOTE (OXFORD) WEEK-END TOUR

AT 5.30 a.m. on May 8th, Wolvercote ringers with their wives and friends left Oxford by coach for Devon, their eighth annual tour and so far the best.

On the long journey to Cullompton, everyone was wondering whether this tower would be reached on time. Peter's new portable radio was switched on within minutes of leaving Oxford, thus providing the company with music and amusement. Unfortunately, Cullompton was reached 45 minutes late, and only half an hour could be spared to ring Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal on the lovely ten.

Tiverton was the next tower, and good use was made of the excellent bells before adjourning for lunch at a nearby cafe. The first courses of Surprise were rung at Heavitree, as well as a very good touch of Stedman. Here some of the company met part of the band who were to attempt a peal of Maximus at Exeter Cathedral that afternoon.

A journey through misty countryside brought us to Buckfast Abbey and Bill Symmonds. Tea was taken prior to ringing the 12 bells to Grandsire Cinques and Plain Bob Royal. Totnes, the last tower of the day, was declared by all to have a good old-fashioned ring. It was a short ride to Brixham, where the night was spent.

Sunday morning dawned bright and sunny, and after ringing for morning service at Brixham, advantage was taken of the warm weather by some of the party to walk over Berry Head.

Lunch over, the company journeyed to Paignton, where Bill Symmonds was again welcomed. Babbacombe followed with Bill scoring his first course of Surprise Major at his home tower. Leaving Bill, the company arrived at Clyst Honiton, the last scheduled tower, where the general standard of ringing was low compared with the previous towers. After tea at Ottery St. Mary the local ringers allowed the company to ring on their glorious octave.

The long ride back to Oxford was relieved with a short break for refreshments at Frome, and radio Peter was still broadcasting when Oxford was finally reached early Monday morning.

Thanks are due to the organiser, Mr. Norman Chamberlain, for the excellent tour, and to Bill Symmonds for helping with the arrangements. Local incumbents and tower captains are also thanked. Lastly and most important of all, thanks go to Nobby for his safe driving.

E. R. V.

FROM YORKSHIRE INTO DERBYSHIRE

There is no doubt that a sunny day and good fellowship creates wonderful results and encourages high ideals. This was the case when combined forces of Horbury, Ossett and Rothwell ringers made up a coach party on May 15th and visited other towers amongst the lovely scenery of North Derbyshire.

The first halt was at Tideswell, with a stately 14th century church with a well-toned ring of eight. After lunch at Buxton another pleasant hour was spent at nearby Fairfield.

The next call was still in mediæval country at Darley Dale. Here one can quietly stand by the steeple and read the inscription on the largest and oldest yew tree to be known (in a churchyard)—2,000 years. Seeing this tree make one feel small and humble and in turn appreciate our heritage, and at least handle the bells of St. Helen's, Darley Dale, with well-struck touches which fortunately is not hard here to accomplish.

The fourth and final call was at All Saints', Ashover, 12th century church, where the hum of the overtone was pleasant.

Our organiser, M. Irvin Slack, is to be commended on a job well done, on what was agreed to be the best ever of our annual combined outings.

F. B.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Southern District

THE annual meeting of the Southern District on May 15th commenced with ringing on the eight bells of St. Leonard's, Wortley, the picturesque village on the Sheffield-Penistone road and the seat of the Earl of Wharfedale. Some enjoyable ringing was abruptly concluded after an hour by a broken rope, and a move was made for Bolsterstone, another delightful village high above the reservoirs, and ringing continued here on the bells of St. Mary's. This tower has, for many years, been famous for its generations of the Brearley family and it was a great pleasure to meet three members of this highly respected family.

After an enjoyable tea, the District vice-president, Mr. Norman Chaddock, took the chair for the business meeting. The retiring District secretary, Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, did not wish to seek re-election this year, and Mr. Michael King, of Wentworth, was unanimously elected in his place. Messrs. J. Seager and T. Tarbatt were re-elected and Mr. N. Donovan was elected to the District Committee, Mr. Tarbatt to continue to serve on the General Committee. Mr. W. F. Moreton paid tribute to Mr. Gilbert for the work he had done for the District during his 27 years in office.

Messrs. R. Plant, of Bradford, and A. Howland, of Rotherham Parish Church, were elected members of the Association. It was decided that the next meeting be held jointly with the Barnsley District Society in Rotherham on August 14th, with ringing at Thrybergh, Eastwood and the Parish Church. A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised the sum of £1 1s. 6d.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. F. Moreton and seconded by Mr. N. F. Moxon.

J. J. L. G.

SILSOE RINGERS' OUTING

THE ringers of Silsoe, Bedfordshire, accompanied by a large number of non-ringing friends, had their annual outing on May 29th, and a most enjoyable day it was.

The area visited was the more remote part of Suffolk, when everyone was surprised and delighted to find such "unspoiled" beauty within comparatively easy reach of the busy and populous London area.

The first tower of the day was Horringer (or Horningsheath), a peaceful spot with a handy light eight. Next came the highlight of the day, for at Leiston there stands an ancient Abbey church for wonderful proportions and almost indescribable beauty, the ingenious construction of the roof being reminiscent of the famous lantern at Ely. This architectural treasure stands in the most beautiful surroundings, and, more important from the ringers' point of view, it houses a magnificent ring of eight bells.

Reluctantly we departed from this magic spot and proceeded to the historic town of Aldeburgh, where lunch was taken within sight and sound of the North Sea breakers, after which ringing was enjoyed on the recently augmented eight bells. Leaving Aldeburgh, some 50 good English miles stood between us and our tea, but the journey was broken by a call at Hintlesham, where some good ringing was enjoyed on the light six.

Last stop (almost!) was Stapleford, near Cambridge, where, after ringing, a liberal supply of refreshment, both solid and liquid, was taken aboard.

The hearty thanks of all are extended to incumbents, to friends, both old and new, who met us, to Desmond Brazier for his most competent organisation, and to members of the Silsoe Church choir, whose rendering of the usual variety of songs on the long journey was quite outstanding.

A. E. R.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE SOCIETY IN DERBYSHIRE

THE Bellringers' Society of St. John's College, York, now approaching the end of its second full year, held its first ringing tour during the Easter vacation. Twenty-six towers were visited, spread leisurely over five days. The area chosen was Derbyshire, and although the weather was generally poor, excellent scenery and fine bells ensured an enjoyable and successful tour.

The core of ringers consisted of eight past, present and future members of the Society—R. Aldington, P. Dilks, I. Johnson, M. King, A. Miles, G. Pluckrose, R. Smith and R. Joy Watkin. These were joined at various times by other members of the Society, ringing friends and local ringers.

The tour began with the two good eights at Dore and Norton, just outside Sheffield. The pleasant six at Great Longstone and the fine eight at Bakewell followed, and the first day ended at Edensor in Chatsworth Park, where a quarter peal of Doubles was rung.

A highlight of the second day was the well-kept bells at Darley Dale, where, joined by the Rector (the Rev. R. St. J. Smith) and his daughter, we were able to ring our first Kent and Stedman. A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Bradbourne ended the day.

Moving into the Buxton area on the third day, we began with the noisy five at Chelmsorton, recently augmented by Taylors, and also rang at Burbage, Fairfield, Taxal and Wormhill. A quarter peal was rung on the Rudhall six at Chapel-en-le-Frith.

On the fourth day, after some enjoyable ringing on the eight at Tideswell, we pressed on to the long-draughted light six at Eyam. On the easy-going six at Old Brampton a quarter peal of Bob Minor folded up about three-quarters of the way through. The two eights at Hope and Castleton provided us with a big contrast. On the pleasant, fast-turning bells at Hope some good Bob Major and Kent and Oxford Spliced were rung. At Castleton the bells were slower turning. Bob Major was going well before the rope on the seventh snapped.

The last day saw us back in Yorkshire. We began at the long-draughted six at Bradfield, where a quarter peal of Doubles in ten methods was rung, followed by a course of Cambridge before ringing down. The next two towers were the eights at Ecclesfield and St. Marie's R.C. Church in Sheffield, the latter being voted the best bells of the tour. Here we rang our best Grandsire Triples and Bob Major and finished with a good touch of Kent. To mark the end of the tour a peal of Minor in four methods (St. Clement's, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob) was rung at Wentworth.

The Society expresses its thanks to incumbents and people who met the party. After this initial success it is hoped the tour will become an annual event in the calendar of the Society.

R. A.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT

Mr. John K. Smith organised a wonderful day for the 40 people who participated in the St. Paul's, Burton-upon-Trent, annual outing on May 29th.

Leaving Burton at 7.15 a.m., the first call was Chesterfield, where some very pleasant ringing took place, which was in fact to set the example for ringing at Eckington, Sheffield (Ranmoor), Rotherham (All Saints'), Doncaster and Gainsborough.

The lunch at Rotherham Co-operative Society Restaurant was very well served with the well-known Yorkshire hospitality and the tea at the Doncaster Co-op was also of ample proportions.

This outing will be remembered for the excellent timetable, which necessitated no rushing or any standing about. The day came to a very happy end at 11.30 p.m. back at our starting point. When May 21st, 1966, comes round there will be no shortage of applicants for seats on the coach. Thank you.

R. A. W.

ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

Compiled by H. CHANT

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"I"

- ILSTON COLLEGE BOB**
Recently rung on handbells. Is really **Grandsire Double Bob**.
- IMMANUEL SURPRISE**
See **Rosendale Surprise**.
- IMPERIAL**
x 56 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 5. 2nds 35264.
In Shipway's book, 1816. Appeared in William Woodcock's notebook.
- IPSWICH SURPRISE**
x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 1. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1907.
- ISHAM ALLIANCE**
36.14 x 16 x 12 x 3. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.
- ISLINGTON DOUBLE**
x 14 x 36 x 16 x 16 x 16 x 6. 2nds 56342.
Asymmetrical. In Annable's notebook.
- ISLINGTON TREBLE BOB**
See **College Exercise**.
- IYER ALLIANCE**
x 16 x 36.12 x 12.3. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

"J"

- JERVAULX COLLEGE BOB**
x 16 x 36.12.5. 6ths 34625.

"K"

- KELLY ALLIANCE**
34.16 x 36 x 34 x 3. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.
- KELSO SURPRISE**
36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.5. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.
- KENILWORTH DELIGHT**
See **Kentish Delight**.
- KENNET ALLIANCE**
x 14 x 36 x 12 x 3. 2nds 42563.
- KENT DELIGHT**
See **Barham Delight**.
- KENT EXERCISE**
See **Barham Delight**.
- KENT LITTLE COURT**
34.12.34. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961. Supplies missing changes in certain special Alliance methods.
- KENT NEW TREBLE BOB**
See **Kent Treble Bob**.
- KENT TREBLE BOB**
34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 1. 6ths 42635.
First appeared as **New Treble Bob** in "Clavis," 1788. Also called **Kent New Treble** (or, as in Addy's notebook, "Trebbe"). In C.C. Collection, 1907.
- KENTISH DELIGHT**
34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.5. 6ths 35264.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907
Also called **Kenilworth**.
- KETTERING DELIGHT (I)**
See **Balmoral**.
- KETTERING DELIGHT (II)**
x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 1. 4ths 62534.
In A. Gill's notebook. See also **Windsor Bob**.
- KILLMARSH SURPRISE**
A false method attributed to C. Severn by A. Nash.
- KILLMARSH TREBLE BOB**
34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 3. 6ths 56342.
In Addy's notebook without name, 1865.
Named by Charles Severn of Killamarsh in "Bell News," July 1st, 1891.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

- KILLARNEY BOB**
34.16 x 16 x 3. 6ths 64523.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called **St. Guthlac** and **Market Deeping**.
- KILLARNEY DELIGHT**
See **Berkeley (Castle) Delight**.
- KILNDOWN ALLIANCE**
34.16 x 16 x 14 x 3. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961.
- KIMBERLEY ALLIANCE**
x 16 x 36.14 x 14.3. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.
- KIMBERWORTH DELIGHT**
x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.3. 2nds 54632.
- KING EDWARD'S SURPRISE**
x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 3. 2nds 54632.
"Bell News," February 9th, 1907.
Also called **Crown Bob**.
- KINGS COLLEGE BOB**
x 16 x 123 x 5. 6ths 34625.
Single change method.
- KINGSTON SINGLE**
x 16 x 16.34.16.34.16 x 14 x. 2nds 42635.
Asymmetrical. In Annable's notebook.
- KINGSTON TREBLE BOB**
x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.5. 6ths 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.
- KIPPAX SPECIAL ALLIANCE**
x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.5. 6ths 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1961.
- KIRKBURTON DELIGHT**
34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 1. 2nds 65324.
- KIRKHEATON DELIGHT**
34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 3. 2nds 54632.
- KIRKSTALL DELIGHT**
x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 1. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.
Also called **Middlewood**.
- KIRKTHORPE DELIGHT**
34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 3. 2nds 42563.
Rung and named at Cawthorne.
- KIRKTHORPE SPECIAL ALLIANCE**
x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.5. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.
- KNUTSFORD DELIGHT**
x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.5. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The London County Association has dropped from its title North Southwark Diocesan Guild.

From Cuddesdon, even ordinands who ring are due for ordination this Trinity.

We regret that the peal at North Collingham on page 352 was duplicated on page 367.

The Carillon Hotel, Oceanfront, Miami Beach, Florida, publishes a daily feature sheet about the hotel and guests called "The Bell Ringer."

Miss M. Chilton rang her 75th and not her 15th peal at Cropwell Bishop (page 367). This was the first peal in the method for the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

Brentwood, Essex, honoured the birthdays of two of their veterans with a quarter peal on May 9th. They were E. C. Sharplin (81), who rang the treble, and Ernest W. Furbank (78), who was on the fourth.

The ringers of the peal at Long Sutton on May 15th wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Townsend for the excellent tea and the kind hospitality they both afforded the band.

The attempt for the first peal (Grandsire Caters) on the bells of Guildford Cathedral on May 30th failed after 1½ hours' ringing owing to a shift course and the bells running round. A quarter peal was later rung for Evensong. The next peal attempt will be on Sunday, July 18th.

In 1913 a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Harpenden by an "all local" band, the first time this had been possible. The second "all local" peal took place recently, on May 29th, to mark the consecration of the new daughter church in the parish. Taking part in both peals was Mr. Arthur Day. Mr. Leslie Coburn, whose father and uncle took part in the peal in 1913, was also in the band.

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HERE'S TO THE MAIDEN

Here's to the maiden whose peals are fifteen;
 And here's to the man who's called fifty.
 Here's to the flaunting who like to be seen,
 But seek, with their subs, to be thrifty.

Toast them with glee!

Between you and me

I'll warrant they'll prove an excuse for a fee.
 Down with the furtive, who shrink from our eyes

And would, of statistics, have none, sir.
 Down with the expert, replete with Surprise,
 Too blasé to publicise one, sir.

This must be checked—

Let them object!

I warrant we'll find an excuse to collect.

So let 'em seek silence or let 'em seek fame;
 Royal or Ancient, I care not a feather.

Let us reckon them all at a shilling a name,
 And let us e'en roast them together.

Down with the lot!

They can pay on the spot—

I'll warrant they'll never go free from a scot.
 With apologies to Sheridan's "School for Scandal."

OVER 25 YEARS AS MASTER

The highlight of the meeting of the N. and E. District at Edmonton on May 15th was a presentation made to Mr. Alick Cutler by his many friends in recognition of his services to the District as Master for over 25 years. The presentation, which took the form of an electric shaver, was made by the Rev. Stanley G. W. Knight, Vicar of Edmonton, and Mr. Cutler suitably replied.

May is a popular month for ringing outings and due no doubt to this fact the attendance was not up to the usual standard, but those who did make the journey were recompensed by being able to participate in more touches than is usual at meetings.

Following the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, with Mr. Platt accompanying at the organ, a splendid tea was enjoyed, provided by Mrs. Trudy Newcombe and her helpers. The provisional election of Miss Vanessa Rodrigues as a non-resident life member prior to a peal attempt was confirmed.

E. H. K.

AN ESSEX FIRST PEAL

The peal at South Benfleet, the first on the bells, was rung by members of the Southend and District Guild at the express wish of the local captain, Mr. C. L. Matson. The band were entertained by him after the peal in the local tavern, where it was very pleasing to see the company joined by the two churchwardens and other friends, all of whom took an interest in this first peal on the bells.

WOMEN CHORISTERS AT OXFORD

A feature of the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is the big muster of robed choristers that walk in procession behind the Guild's banner. The Dean and Chapter of Christ Church have made a special concession this year to allow robed women choristers to be in the choir. Mr. Frederick Sharpe is hoping for a good response from our chorister-lady ringers so as to fully justify the Dean and Chapter's latest step in the emancipation of women.

FIRST PEAL AT SOUTH BENFLEET

It sounds hardly credible that the first peal has been rung at South Benfleet, as is reported in this issue, as the bells there are very old. According to notes by C. L. Matson, the local captain, in 1949 Messrs. Mears and Stainbank strengthened the frame and restored the bells and cast a new tenor, which has a flat crown and is inscribed "a thanksgiving for victory, 1939-45."

The other five bells are all odd, the fourth being over 500 years old and was cast in the early 15th century by John Walgrave, of London. The tenor, 11 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb., was cast in 1636 by John and Henry Wilner, of Borden, Kent, and the fifth is of the same century, being inscribed "Miles Graye made me, 1676." The present second is dated 1664 and is by John Hodson, of London. The third is a product of the Whitechapel Foundry and inscribed "Mr. Henry Blewett. Thos. Meers late Lester Pack and Chapman of London, Fecit 1790."

Mr. Matson quotes from Benton's "History of Rochford Hundred" (about 1870), giving the following record: "Upon a board in the belfry is the following: These compleat peals were rung in the year 1794 by us, Wm. Baubrooke, Jno. Brooks, Jno. Cooper, Wm. Potter and Jasr. Lane or Jno. Pickering. Old Doubles Kents 12, Old Grandsire 15, New Grandsire 25, Dream 12, Antelope 15, Four Cambridge Delights 14, 15, 24 and 25, New Doubles 12, Fortune 12, Gogmagog 15, St. Dunstan's 12, Hudibrass 12, London Doubles 132, Chase 15, Cambridge Journey 15, Two Westminsters 12 and 15."

No trace now remains of this board and Mr. Matson adds that the numbers following the names of the method do not represent the number of "peals" or "extents" rung in the method, but indicate the bells in "the hunt" and "half hunt" and the work done by these bells and the method used.

A HOLLOWAY GOLDEN WEDDING

London ringers will join with us in offering our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turner, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on May 22nd. The following day a well struck quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells of St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Holloway, a church to which "Bert" has given over 50 years' service as a ringer, including nearly 40 years as tower captain.

"Bert" took part in the first peal on these bells in 1909, conducted by the late Richard Deal. He has "circled the tower" to peals three times and assisted many learners, including R. N., our correspondent, in eight-bell ringing. A member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for half a century, he was frequently at Society practices in years gone by, including those at St. Paul's Cathedral.

His ringing activities are now curtailed on account of his 77 years and his health not being of the best, but he will still go along to St. Mary Magdalene's for a special occasion if possible. Old ringing chums, we are sure, wish him and Mrs. Turner a happy and prosperous continuation of their married life.

ONLY CLOUD ON AUSTRALIAN RINGING HORIZON

Headed "The Representative Calls," Mr. Philip Gray, the representative of A.N.Z.A.B. on the Central Council, writes in the May issue of "Ringing Towers" his impressions of Australian ringing today, arising from his recent visit.

"There is only one cloud that I can see on the Australian ringing horizon," he writes. "A lot of the Australian rings of bells are now around 100 years old and are, as a consequence, very difficult, if not impossible, to ring well. You are really handicapped badly by this fact, perhaps more than many of you realise. I know full well that the situation would be far worse than it is if many of you had not put in countless hours already 'up aloft.' Nevertheless, this cannot be a substitute for the major overhauls that are needed. This means money, and a lot of it, and neither churches nor city halls are normally well supplied with that. I would suggest that this is a matter that A.N.Z.A.B. might take up officially and do what they can to bring home the following points to the respective authorities:—

(1) The bells in their towers are valuable. One hundred years hanging in the tower without major attention must inevitably bring the bells to a state of disrepair and perilously close in some cases to a dangerous state. Probably no other part of the fabric of the building has had less spent on it during the last 10 years.

(2) Australian ringing is in a much healthier state than it has been and there is very little likelihood now of rehung bells not being used for lack of ringers. The existence of the A.N.Z.A.B. needs to be stressed, what it stands for and its current strength. This is a relatively new situation in Australia, but it is probably not generally realised."

He also suggests that A.N.Z.A.B. appoints a towers and belfries adviser in each State to give practical advice.

CATHEDRAL SOCIETIES MEET

On May 15th members of the Hereford Cathedral School Society and the Worcester King's School Society of Ringers met at Worcester for an afternoon's ringing. The ten bells of St. John's Church, Claines, were rung to methods including Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal and Cambridge Major. The Societies then attended Evensong at Worcester Cathedral. Tea, preceded by the singing of Grace by Cathedral choristers, was taken at King's School. In the evening the ten bells at All Saints' Church were rung to a variety of methods.

P. C.

Only six peals have been rung on the rehung bells at Uffington but it is just sufficient for Mr. Charles E. Black to "circle the tower" to peals.

Adelaide Cathedral ringers are making progress with Double Norwich Court Bob Major and have rung touches with their own resources. Among those recently ringing their first touches in the method was Mr. Herbert Greenhalgh, formerly of Pendleton, near Manchester, who is now 61. He took up ringing again after coming to Australia about ten years ago.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 34 cwt.

William Hibbert Treble	Antony R. Kench 7
David P. Hilling 2	Roland Park 8
Raymond Cousins 3	Alan J. Frost 9
John Phillips 4	Michael V. Chilcott 10
William T. Cook 5	Michael P. Moreton 11
W. Norman Park 6	Dennis Randall Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WIVELISCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., May 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 16 cwt.
Archie Gale Treble	Harry Purchase 5
Fred Casley 2	Henry W. Lloyd 6
Arthur R. Tudball 3	William A. J. Knight 7
George Sparks 4	*William Middleton Tenor

Conducted by William A. J. Knight.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the rededicated bells. Rung by members of the Dunster Branch for the 75th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, founded May 31st, 1890.

ASHWICK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being a 240 Morris' arrangement, and 24 extents of Grandsire and 16 extents of Plain Bob.	Tenor 7 cwt.
Sheila Y. Hallett Treble	†Jonathan G. Rose 4
*John Sheppard 2	*Christopher R. Jenkins 5
*Richard C. Taylor 3	*Fred C. Chaytors Tenor

Conducted by Sheila Y. Hallett.

* First peal. † First in two methods. First as conductor. Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Association. Also birthday compliments to ringers of the 4th and 5th, and Brenda H. Boyce, also a ringer.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., May 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge, two of Kent T.B., three of Plain Bob.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
Ronald White Treble	Sidney W. White 4
Gilbert W. Rendell 2	Trevor A. Cross 5
Derek S. Beaufoy 3	William E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Ernest L. Hawkins, churchwarden.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Norman Sherratt Treble	Barry Corbishley 5
*Harold Dowler 2	Roy Worrall 6
Walter Sherratt 3	Dennis Latham 7
*Raymond J. Ballard 4	Ivor R. Nichols Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.

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

DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Tues., May 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents.	Tenor 15 cwt.
*Olwen Evans (14) Treble	Christopher Jones 4
Victor Neal 2	Harold Worrall 5
David A. Godfrey 3	†Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* First attempt for a peal. † 400th peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. E. Richardson, who was inducted as Rector of Davenham the previous evening.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., May 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in G flat.

George S. Deas Treble	Eric N. Harrison 5
M. Elaine Murcott 2	Rodney A. Yeates 6
Andrew G. Craddock 3	William Davidson 7
James Crowther 4	Michael Maughan Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler (B.74). Conducted by Michael Maughan.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. John.

On Wed., May 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnston's Variation.	Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.
*Christopher Ottaway .. Treble	James Crowther 5
Jennifer Sceeny 2	William Davidson 6
Michael Maughan 3	Eric N. Harrison 7
†Rodney A. Yeates 4	George S. Deas Tenor

Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.

* First peal. † 50th peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. V. Carefull, who was inducted Vicar of this church the previous Saturday.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Ipswich, (2) Bourne, (3) Durham, (4) York, (5) Surfleet, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

*William A. Thow Treble	Rodney A. Yeates 4
William Davidson 2	James Crowther 5
Andrew G. Craddock .. 3	Michael Maughan Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Fri., May 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) London, Wells, (2) York, Durham, (3) Ipswich, (4) Bourne, (5) Surfleet, (6) Cambridge, (7) Beverley.

Tenor 6 cwt. 27 lb. in B.

William A. Thow Treble	Andrew G. Craddock 4
Rodney A. Yeates 2	James Crowther 5
William Davidson 3	Michael Maughan Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

Most methods to a peal by all the band.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PRITTLEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., May 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*Stephan G. Halliwell .. Treble	Frank B.' Lufkin 6
†Allen W. Cansdale 2	Jack Belcham 7
Lawrence J. Beal 3	Michael J. Hallett 8
*David Sloman 4	Alfred J. House 9
Philip Sadler 5	Bernard C. Sadler Tenor

Composed by George E. Symonds. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. First of Bob Caters by all and for the Association.

(The Southend and District Guild)

SOUTH BENFLEET, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Mon., May 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's, as follows: 1 Cambridge Surprise, 2 Oxford and Kent T.B., 3 St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, 4 Oxford and Plain Bob. 5, 6 and 7 Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

Bernard C. Sadler Treble	*Michael J. Hallett 4
Allen W. Cansdale 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
David E. Belcham 3	Alfred J. House Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* 50th peal for Association. First peal on the bells.

BLACK NOTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Fri., May 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings).

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

Joe E. G. Roast Treble	*Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 3
*James L. Towler 2	Peter J. Eves 4
*Ian R. Pantou Tenor	

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. The ringer of the 3rd has now completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WARMLEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Grandsire and 21 extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*Christopher Gibbs Treble	*William Lampard 4
Anthony W. Gibbs 2	Alan F. Lee 5
Henry Taysom 3	*Derek M. Smith Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee

* First peal in two methods. Rung half-muffled in memory of Vera Wilkins.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. GREAT BARRINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., May 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of London, York, Surfleet, and Beverley, and three of Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association peal, including James F. List, Peter G. Holden, and Frederick W. Soden.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 7 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Guildford Diocesan Guild peal, including Christopher D. J. Webb, John F. M. Maybrey, and Alan D. Elsmore.

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by E. John Wells. For the wedding of Richard North and Elizabeth Tosswill.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

KNEBWORTH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Hertford County Association peal, including G. William Critchley, Rosemary A. Spicer, and Claudia A. Critchley.

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by G. William Critchley. * First peal of Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, containing 1,088 Cambridge, 928 Rutland, 896 Superlative, 800 London, 672 Brighton and 640 Bristol, with 139 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Kent County Association peal, including David S. Osenton, Christopher T. Osenton, and Andrew J. Corby.

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of six spiced.

DARTFORD, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., May 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in E flat.

Table listing names and positions for the Dartford peal, including Lucile M. Corby, Christopher T. Osenton, and Arthur G. Mason.

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London, and 1,312 Bristol, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the Frindsbury peal, including Peter S. Muchlinski, Thomas E. Sone, and Alexander Waddington.

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of four spiced on this plan. † First peal of spiced.

MILTON REGIS, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., May 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Table listing names and positions for the Milton Regis peal, including Cyril S. Jarrett, Charles T. Davidson, and Peter S. Muchlinski.

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

Rung as a 101st birthday compliment to Mrs. Mary Dobbie, of Milton Regis.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLETON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Table listing names and positions for the Lancashire Association peal, including J. W. Washbrook, Edward Jenkins, and J. Colin Ashworth.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

* First peal in the method. Rung for 250th anniversary of the bells.

EAST CROMPTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., May 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the East Crompton peal, including Derek Butterworth, Margaret E. Fort, and Philip Crossthwaite.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., May 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In nine methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (2) London, (3) Ipswich, (4) York, (5) Bourne, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

Table listing names and positions for the Leicester Diocesan Guild peal, including William Johnson, Christine J. Stratford, and Laurence Watkins.

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

DONINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and the Holy Rood.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild peal, including Norah M. Randles, Joyce M. Gurnhill, and Jack L. Millhouse.

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Parker. First peal of London Surprise Major as conductor.

Rung to welcome Rev. F. A. H. Tompkins, the new Vicar of Donington.

LONG SUTTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, (1) Cambridge S., (2) Single Oxford, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's College, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Long Sutton peal, including Janet Hubbard, Frank Taylor, and Derek J. Jones.

Conducted by Keith R. Davey.

Conductor's 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. W. Townsend (local captain).

(North Lindsey Branch)

GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Grimsby peal, including Muriel A. Pashley, Maureen P. Bee, and John H. Parker.

Conducted by Arthur Pashley.

* First peal. † First of Minor. Rung as a compliment to Eric Hotine and Pamela Hodgkiss, married earlier this day at North Cotes.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the London County Association peal, including Mrs. Jean Anderson, Charles W. Ottley, and Dennis A. Hewitt.

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson. * 150th peal.

A compliment to Mr. C. W. Ottley, the new Master of the L.C.A.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

BIRCHINGTON, Kent.—At the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park.
On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.
 Pauline Fennell *Treble* Timothy G. Pett 6
 Yvonne Edwards 2 Richard O. Humphries .. 7
 Roger D. Bailey 3 Robert E. J. Dennis 8
 Anthony H. Smith 4 Roger W. Powell 9
 Edward F. P. Bryant 5 Nicholas J. Davies *Tenor*
 Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
 First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal by all the band except the conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SLOUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.
 Ivor Goulter *Treble* Cyril A. Wratten 6
 Gillian M. Hussey 2 W. Bertram Kynaston .. 7
 *D. John Hunt 3 James R. Taylor 8
 Michael J. Hobbs 4 Anthony R. Peake 9
 Rev. Roger Keeley 5 Brian Bladon *Tenor*
 Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
 * 200th tower for a peal. The first peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild and for all the band except the ringer of the 5th.

STOKE POGES, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Wed., May 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.
 *Robert Lister *Treble* John Young 5
 Mrs. Arthur D. Barker .. 2 Brian T. Lister 6
 Arthur D. Barker 3 Sydney M. Bailey 7
 Joyce I. Barton 4 Wilfrid G. Wilson *Tenor*
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Arthur D. Barker.
 * First peal and first attempt.

ISLIP, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Thurs., May 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.
 Peter J. Heritage *Treble* Sydney M. Bailey 5
 Edward R. Venn 2 Noel J. Diserens 6
 Walter F. Judge 3 *Christopher C. Clarke .. 7
 Alice E. J. Lester 4 Alan R. Pink *Tenor*
 Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
 * First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
 Rung for Ascension Day.

STANTON HARCOURT, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Tenor 11 cwt.
 Edward D. Patching .. *Treble* James F. List 4
 John A. H. Betts 2 †Michael J. Church 5
 *Peter G. Holden 3 David Floyd *Tenor*
 Conducted by David Floyd.
 * 25th peal. † First peal.
 Rung to congratulate the ringers of the 5th and 6th on their recent examination success in Accountancy.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAZELBECH, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sun., May 30, 1965, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.
 *Susan E. Ferguson *Treble* Frank E. Coales 5
 Mary R. Bloxam 2 Ian W. Hall 6
 Jean Marlow 3 Denis G. Pearson 7
 *Philip Bosworth 4 Murray A. Coleman *Tenor*
 Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
 * First peal of Major.
 A 76th birthday compliment to the composer.

FLOORE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven extents, five callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.
 Katharina M. T. Newman *Treble* William H. Collins 4
 Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2 Richard J. Danby 5
 *Judith A. Ashby 3 Barrie Hendry *Tenor*
 Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
 * First peal. First peal on the bells for approximately 50 years.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Thurs., May 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being seven extents in eleven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Thelwall and Childwall, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in F.
 Katharina M. T. Newman *Treble* Geoffrey E. Watson 4
 Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2 Alan A. Paul 5
 Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 3 Barrie Hendry *Tenor*
 Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
 First peal in eleven methods by all.

RECORD PEAL

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 11 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 16368 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
 Robert B. Smith *Treble* David J. Purnell 7
 Martin D. Fellows 2 Clifford A. Barron 8
 Norman J. Goodman 3 Stephen J. Ivin 9
 Michael J. Fellows 4 Frederick Shallcross 10
 John C. Eisel 5 J. Alan Ainsworth 11
 Basil Jones 6 Peter Border *Tenor*
 Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
 Umpires: Roderick W. Pipe, George E. Fearn and John A. Anderson.
 The longest peal to be rung on twelve bells, and also the longest peal of Cambridge Surprise.
 Rung as part of the celebrations to mark the 250th anniversary of St. Philip's Church, and the 60th anniversary of St. Philip's being made the Cathedral of the Diocese.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., May 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
 Norman J. Goodman .. *Treble* Ronald H. Bullen 7
 Martin D. Fellows 2 John C. Eisel 8
 Susan Funnell 3 Michael J. Fellows 9
 John R. Inslay 4 David J. Purnell 10
 Roderick W. Pipe 5 J. Alan Ainsworth 11
 George E. Fearn 6 Peter Border *Tenor*
 Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., May 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
 Robert E. Hardy *Treble* David J. Purnell 7
 Susan Funnell 2 Michael J. Fellows 8
 Norman J. Goodman 3 George E. Fearn 9
 John C. Eisel 4 Clifford A. Barron 10
 Roderick W. Pipe 5 J. Alan Ainsworth 11
 Frederick Shallcross .. 6 Peter Border *Tenor*
 Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., May 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
 J. Alan Ainsworth *Treble* David J. Purnell 7
 Susan Funnell 2 Martin D. Fellows 8
 Norman J. Goodman 3 George E. Fearn 9
 Michael J. Fellows 4 Frederick Shallcross 10
 John C. Eisel 5 Clifford A. Barron 11
 Roderick W. Pipe 6 Peter Border *Tenor*
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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., May 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Robert E. Hardy Treble	Frederick R. Shallcross .. 7
Susan Funnell 2	Martin D. Fellows 8
Norman J. Goodman .. 3	George E. Fearn 9
Michael J. Fellows .. 4	Clifford A. Barron 10
John C. Eisel 5	J Alan Ainsworth 11
Roderick W. Pipe 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border.
 Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Wed., May 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt.

John N. Lindon Treble	Martin D. Fellows 5
George E. Fearn 2	David J. Purnell 6
Michael J. Fellows .. 3	Norman J. Goodman .. 7
John C. Eisel 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
 Rung to welcome the Rev. Canon Greville Norburn, whose induction as Vicar of Edgbaston took place the previous day.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
EDGMOND, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*Ruth A. E. Fairbrother Treble	Edward R. Fairbrother .. 4
†Jennifer M. Beech 2	Richard J. Warrilow .. 5
George E. Morrall 3	Frank Beech, jun. Tenor

Being seven different extents. Conducted by Frank Beech, jun.
 * First peal. † First "inside."
 Rung as a wedding compliment to Marion Cotton and Dennis Owen, ringers at this church, also the first wedding anniversary of the ringers of 2 and 6.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
BULWELL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and All Saints.
On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Margaret E. Chilton .. Treble	John Hallett 5
Elisabeth J. Foster .. 2	David Stainsby 6
C. Richard Daft 3	Simon Humphrey 7
Susanna Poppleston .. 4	George A. Dawson .. Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by George A. Dawson.
 First of Major as conductor. A belated welcome to the new Vicar.

LAXTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.
On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 In 11 extents, being one extent each of Double Court and Single Court, Thelwall and Childwall, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and Cambridge Surprise.
 Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

Christine L. J. Mills .. Treble	*Harry Poyner 4
Mary C. Poyner 2	R. Brian Mills 5
Brian M. Buswell 3	*William L. Exton Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.
 * First peal in 11 Minor methods. First in 11 methods on the bells.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
SHIFNAL, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
 Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Gillian Griffiths Treble	Charles Eyre 5
E. Marion Key 2	Roger L. Hawksworth .. 6
Margaret A. Swain .. 3	Ian Friend 7
Barnabas G. Key 4	George Hemming Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
 A compliment to the Rev. Tony Villiers and Miss Jean Tomlinson, who were married prior to the peal.

THE SUREY ASSOCIATION.
GODSTONE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

Keith G. Game Treble	*Rev. Kenneth G. Hoare .. 5
*Thomas H. Bird 2	Alan Streeter 6
George Olliver 3	A. Patrick Cannon 7
*Wilfred F. Dunn .. 4	†Albert K. Wood Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
 * First peal of Triples. † First peal.
 Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the recasting of the bells by Gillett and Johnston—an excellent ring.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ARUNDEL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Patricia Diserens Treble	Malcolm M. Powell 5
*Marilyn C. Smith 2	Raymond P. Wood 6
Ronald F. Diserens .. 3	Brian J. Luff 7
Robert W. Wake 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
 * First peal of Cambridge Major. Tenor 13 cwt. 88 lb. in E.

EASTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Paul Fox Treble	Alan R. Baldock 5
Harold G. F. Reynolds .. 2	Ian V. J. Smith 6
Janet M. Percy 3	Robert W. R. Percy 7
*Rev. Michael A. Northwood 4	Ian P. White Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
 * First peal attempt.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ASHBOURNE COLLEGE BOB ROYAL
 Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

John R. Faithfull Treble	William Butler 6
Carolyn Vibert 2	Derek C. Jackson 7
Reginald W. Rex 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 8
Michael Hatchett 4	Michael J. Thomas 9
D. Kay Adkins 5	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by J. E. Cawser. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
 The first peal in the method.

HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., May 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Michael J. Thomas Treble	*Malcolm M. Powell .. 5
Patricia Diserens 2	†Brian J. Luff 6
*Marilyn C. Smith 3	Ronald F. Diserens 7
Carolyn Vibert 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by F. Warrington. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
 * First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First in the method on the bells.
 A birthday compliment to Frances M. Rickard, of Penryn, Cornwall, and Brian J. Luff. Tenor 7 cwt. 95 lb. in A.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
FYLINGDALES, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Christopher A. Moxon .. Treble	Richard D. Gibson 5
Ronald Ducker 2	Michael W. Crowder .. 6
Howard C. Palmer 3	Rev. Fred Ross 7
David S. Johnson 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
 First peal in the method by all the band.

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HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.
On Sun., May 9, 1965, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*David Wilcox 1—2	Robert B. Smith 3—4
Alan McFall (cond.) .. 5—6	

* First peal "in hand."

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
BUSHEY HEATH, Hertfordshire.—At 39, Titian Avenue.
On Tues., May 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor size 15 in C.

S Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2	Roger Baldwin 5—6
Christopher W. Woolley 3—4	John R. Mayne 7—8

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 (and The Gresham's School Society).
HOLT, Norfolk.—At Gresham's School.
On Ascension Day, Thurs., May 27, 1965, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ASCENSION BOB DOUBLES
 Being 42 extents in four variations of calling. Tenor size 15 in C.

Peter N. Mackley 1—2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
Paul Roys-Jones 5—6	

Rung in commemoration of our Lord's Ascension.

LONG LENGTH

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On May 1st, 3,520 Primrose Surprise Major: R. Farnsworth 1, C. J. Hughes 2, Eileen Osborne 3, J. Scager 4, M. Phipps 5, G. Goodall 6, J. J. L. Gilbert 7, L. Goodall (cond.) 8.

HALF PEALS

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On May 30th, 2,520 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, St. Blaise and Grandsire): Mrs. E. Anderson 1, R. J. Sanderson 2, Mrs. E. Wylie 3, A. Mullinger 4, J. Whitham (cond.) 5. Rung for civic service.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On May 29th, 2,880 Plain Bob Minor (being four different extents): R. Smith 1, Margaret E. Wilkinson 2, Jennifer Pearce 3, R. Aldington 4, M. King 5, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the St. John's College Bell Ringers Society.

ASH, SURREY.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. E. Denyer 1, Miss A. Hawes 2, Mrs. A. J. Smart 3, A. D. Sayer 4, P. G. Smart 5, J. A. Collier (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Thomas 1, H. Sealey 2, F. Branchflower (cond.) 3, F. Pike and C. Hancock 4, L. T. Hancock 5, H. Taylor 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Branchflower, father of conductor and captain of this tower for nearly 50 years.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): Miss M. Bullard (first quarter) 1, W. White 2, R. Hayden 3, F. Bird 4, A. Richardson 5, K. Westwood 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, D. Huitley 8. Also on May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Huitley 1, W. White 2, Miss A. Goddard 3, F. Bird 4, R. Walker 5, R. Hayden 6, D. Kingston 7, K. Westwood 8. First of Triples 1 and 8. A 76th birthday compliment to F. Bird, who has served this tower with devotion for many years.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On May 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Hore (first quarter) 1, M. H. Whittell 2, Mrs. E. Jackson 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. R. Walters 1, R. Lockwood (first "inside") 2, M. J. Howes 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

BRAY, BERKS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (1, 2 leading): D. Russell 1, C. Burridge 2, Janice M. Penning 3, Wenda R. Harris 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, R. A. Blewitt 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. Rung as farewell to Rev. J. and Mrs. Copping, upon their departure to the Vicarage, Langley Mill, Derbyshire.

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCS.—At the Chapel of Ease, on May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. W. Firkins 1, J. Attwood, jun. 2, M. J. Uphill 3, A. C. Berry 4, J. E. Whittall 5, A. R. Patterson 6. Rung silent and non-conducted. Also on May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Warner (first quarter, aged 13) 1, P. S. Robertson 2, R. M. Loxley 3, D. A. Trenfield (first as cond.) 4, M. Boskett 5, K. O'Beirne (first quarter, aged 14) 6. Average age of the band 14 years. First quarter peal on the bells after rehanging.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. J. Sheahan (first quarter) 1, Rosemarie Frith 2, P. Gibson 3, A. R. Groves 4, M. J. Cowling 5, I. R. Pantan (cond.) 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rachael Sinden 1, Mrs. Betty Chapman 2, G. Nielson 3, Elaine Dixon 4, B. J. Luck 5, D. Chatfield 6, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 7, A. E. Davies 8. For Ascension Day.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Linington 1, G. W. Reed 2, D. Stephens 3, E. H. Langley 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 5, S. Pryor 6.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Owen 1, Mrs. D. J. King 2, J. J. Sims 3, R. Howard (first quarter) 4, D. J. King (cond.) 5, Hilary Sims 6. Rung after Confirmation.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jacqueline S. Young (first quarter) 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, A. J. Slade 3, E. Pickett 4, E. T. Newnham 5, R. Durrant 6, M. C. Austin 7, D. S. Billimore 8. For Ascension Day service.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Eve Rimer 1, Mrs. Jennifer Pybus 2, Mrs. R. Page-Jones 3, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 4, C. L. D. Munday 5, G. W. Pybus 6, P. Scowston 7, R. Page-Jones 8. A wedding compliment to Ian Booth and Jean Woodbridge, both ringers of this church, who were married here the previous day.

QUARTER PEALS

CHUBHAM, SURREY.—On May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. G. Blows 1, Miss G. Mooring 2, C. D. J. Webb 3, J. W. Priest 4, J. King 5, P. J. Privett 6, Roy Collins (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8. First of Stedman 6 and 8. For Ascension Day Eucharist. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Hudson 1, Roy Collins 2, P. J. Privett 3, Miss A. Pickering 4, J. W. Priest 5, F. Godsmark 6, D. G. Blows (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8. For Evensong.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 1 leading and 8 covering): P. Morgan 1, J. Alexander 2, I. Davies 3, R. Macpherson 4, D. Barrington 5, C. Ricketts 6, E. N. Thomas (cond.) 7, D. M. G. Thomas 8. Rung by the Cowbridge Grammar School Society, for the annual schools' Ascension Day service at Holy Cross Church.

CRUYDON, SURREY.—On May 27th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. F. E. Collins 1, Miss H. Maltman (first of Stedman) 2, G. H. Humphries 3, K. Taber 4, N. D. Brown 5, R. C. Stevens 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, M. Parry 8.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Baines (first on working bell) 1, D. Slater 2, Betty Butler (first as cond. and 25th quarter) 3, A. Fuller 4, A. Butcher 5, Peggy Butcher 6. Tenor ringer has now "circled the tower" to quarter peals. For family service.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. C. May (first quarter) 1, H. W. Evans 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner 4, C. H. Cook 5, D. J. M. Cox 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, J. M. Hollyman 8. For the Festival of the Ascension.

EDGMOND, SALOP.—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. M. Burgess (first quarter) 1, I. Friend 2, F. Beech, jun. 3, E. C. Morrall 4, J. A. Morrey 5, G. E. Morrall (cond.) 6.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Rogation Sunday, May 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Ivings 1, Mrs. Ivings 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, R. Rose 4, J. Paul 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd, and also a compliment to Derek Rose, on his 12th birthday.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Jupp 1, A. Flood 2, J. King 3, Miss A. Pickering 4, Roy Collins 5, P. J. Privett 6, D. G. Blows (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8. For Farnham Music Festival.

FILTON, GLOS.—On May 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Rachel Morse 1, Ruth Sheldon 2, Mary Haslum 3, D. Haslum 4, D. Voss 5, A. Howard (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2, 3, 4. An Ascension Day observance.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on May 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. Meyer 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, C. W. Oxtley 3, M. P. Thomas 4, A. J. Hampton 5, L. C. Way 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, J. A. G. Harvey 8. For Evensong.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. C. Berry 1, M. J. Uphill (50th as cond.) 2, Ann Collett 3, R. Bateman 4, I. Lloyd 5, F. E. Carter (first quarter) 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, on May 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. J. Braga 1, Jill M. May 2, W. H. Viggers 3, Jessie M. Kippin 4, C. W. Munday 5, S. G. Pouting 6, D. A. R. May (cond.) 7, T. Page 8, A. P. Cannon 9, J. F. M. Maybrey 10.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Drury 1, Rita Peck 2, A. Honeywood 3, F. Smith 4, J. Felgate (cond.) 5, W. Felgate 6. A wedding compliment to Miss G. Brown, a ringer from Harwich, and Mr. U. W. Wildney, tower captain from Kirby-le-Soken, married at Harwich earlier this day.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Elizabeth Taylor 1, Gillian Sims 2, D. M. Morton 3, R. Godsall 4, T. Wood 5, A. T. Wingate 6, J. F. I. Turney 7, K. S. W. Morton 8, M. C. W. Sherwood 9, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 10.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Warren 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, A. Turner 3, K. Begrie 4, R. Newman 5, G. A. Parsons 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, F. Begrie 8. For Evensong, and the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Turner.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Grainger 1, F. G. Richardson 2, J. Fowler 3, J. McDonald 4, C. E. Wright 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, R. Mallett 8. Rung to mark the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carrott.

ILTON, SOMERSET.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Welch (first quarter) 1, R. Beale (cond.) 2, D. J. Beale 3, G. T. W. Norcliffe 4, D. E. Uphill 5, R. J. Dean 6. Rung for church fete.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hinman 1, W. Clamp 2, H. Clayton (cond.) 3, R. Looker 4, O. Homewood 5.

LEIGH, SURREY.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Hanning 1, W. Dunn 2, C. Dalton 3, R. J. Cooles 4, A. T. Shelton 5, K. G. Game (cond.) 6. Rung on the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the bells (May 26th, 1890).

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On May 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Selway 1, K. Pinney 2, D. Beaufoy 3, Rev. C. Marshall 4, W. E. Turner 5, T. A. Cross (cond.) 6. To mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.

LUDGVAN, CORNWALL.—On May 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: M. Bowers (cond.) 1, J. Waters 2, G. H. Lane 3, J. George 4, R. Curtis 5, J. J. Harris (first quarter) 6. First of Stedman Doubles 4 and 5.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Honeywood 1, F. C. Southgate 2, F. H. Erith 3, G. Waterman 4, N. J. Osborne 5, A. E. Honeywood (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Charles A. Andrews, 30 years in local band, interred at Thorington earlier this day.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Warner 1, Miss T. Langdon 2, D. Wright 3, A. Slade 4, C. Wright 5, I. Dear (first as cond.) 6.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. C. Dredge 1, M. B. Jefferies (first "inside") 2, E. G. Coombes 3, G. G. Salmon 4, Sheila Y. Hallett (cond.) 5, F. C. Chaytors (first quarter) 6.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Roles 1, A. G. Bennett 2, H. Rumens 3, N. O. Skelton (first "inside" in method) 4, L. A. Page 5, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 6, E. C. Read 7, A. J. Lucas 8. For Evensong.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. G. Collins 1, C. W. Barlow 2, D. A. S. Hawkins (cond.) 3, C. J. Final 4, W. J. H. Parker 5, H. Goodey 6. For Evensong, and to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Felicity Jane, to the Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Good on May 11th.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sheppard 1, R. C. Taylor 2, J. G. Rose 3, Sheila Y. Hallett 4, G. Salmon 5, C. R. Jenkins 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, W. C. Dredge 8. First of Triples 1, 2, 6 and 8.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on May 30th, 1,374 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. F. Wooldridge 1, G. Westwood 2, D. H. Watson 3, J. Warr 4, M. D. Fellows 5, R. Smith 6, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 7, J. C. Eisel 8. First of Yorkshire 1 and 4. By the local band for Evensong.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 16th, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. W. Hancock 1, J. C. Carpenter (first in method) 2, Ann Jenner 3, Sheila M. Dobbie 4, L. T. Pope 5, P. J. Dye 6, S. Jenner 7, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 8. For evening service.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Johnston (first of Triples) 1, G. H. Harding 2, Mrs. F. A. Penn 3, N. P. Spencer 4, R. D. Quartley 5, F. A. Penn 6, C. P. Quartley (first as cond.) 7, R. Gardiner (first of Triples) 8. For Confirmation by Bishop of Salisbury.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Rosemary Everex (first quarter) 1, G. K. Cooke 2, J. O. Berry 3, E. Griffiths 4, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 5, E. Garrard 6. For Ascension Day.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,342 Grandsire Cinques: C. Willmington 1, D. E. Cobb 2, K. Warner 3, June Whitcher 4, C. G. Wright 5, I. L. Dear 6, M. C. Austin 7, D. Hawkins 8, F. V. Gant 9, H. Duncan 10, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 11, D. A. Hewitt 12. First of Cinques 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10. Rung to mark the 21st birthday of D. Hawkins.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. G. Weeks 1, R. J. Moore 2, D. M. Smith (first "inside") 3, W. Lampard 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5.

WOLVERLEY, WORCS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Davie 1, J. Ranford 2, M. Smele 3, J. Cale 4, J. Gwilliam (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6.

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GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Surprise Major practice at Epsom Common, 8 p.m., on Wednesday, June 16th. Also, on Friday, June 18th, a ten-bell practice at Leatherhead at 7.45 p.m. 7013

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—St. Mary's Parish Church (8). Bells unringable as from June 14th for about four months during repairs to the tower walls.—A. R. Kench, Tower Captain. 7018

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Branch practice, Tuesday, June 22nd, 7 to 9 p.m. Ringing will include Plain Bob Doubles. — Ted Patching, Hon. Sec.

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MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and **EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting at North Wingfield on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Special methods: Lincolnshire Surprise and Reverse Bob. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—please bring own food.—Malcolm Phipps, T. H. Radford, Dis. Secs. 6996

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 12th, at Guilden Morden and Litlington. Guilden Morden (6) 3 p.m. Service at Guilden Morden 4.30 p.m. Tea at Litlington Vicarage 5 p.m. Litlington (6) after meeting.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 6978.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Bobbingworth (Boving) on June 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Neville, Blakehall Cottage, Bobbingworth. (Ongar 2291.) 6935

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 12th, at Dunsfold. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Hascombe bells available after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Freeston, 61 Furze Lane, Farncombe. 6927

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — South-West Branch.—Practice meeting Saturday, June 12th, at Shaugh Prior from 6.30-9 p.m. Amongst methods: Plain Bob and Cambridge. Beginners especially welcome.—M. A. Bould, Branch Sec. 6981

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—June 12th, Tring (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Collings, 16, Christchurch Road, Tring. 7007

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Carter, The Ringers, West Malling.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 6629

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Saturday, June 12th, St. John's, Waterloo Road, 3-4.30. St. Giles', Camberwell. Tea, Church Hall (in street opposite church). 5.15. Meeting. Ringing after. Names for tea to Miss F. V. Dupré, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road, S.W. 6. REN 4423. 6933

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kirtlington on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea as soon as possible to Mr. C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 6979

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Summer meeting at Mortimer on Saturday, June 12th. Bells: St. Mary's 2-3.30 and 6.15-9. St. John's 2-3.30 and 6.15-7.30. Service 3.45. St. John's. Tea 4.30 and meeting 5.15 at St. John's Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. Rumsey, The Vicarage, Mortimer Common. 6968

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, June 12th. Chirton (6), Marden and All-Cannings (5). Usual arrangements. 7021

SUFFOLK GUILD. — S.E. District. — Quarterly meeting at Blaxhall, on Sat., June 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing in the evening at Tunstall (6). Names for tea to Mr. F. Shaw, Stone Common, nr. Woodbridge.—W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 6923

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Milland and Rogate on Saturday, June 12th. Milland (6) 3 o'clock followed by tea at the Vicarage. Evenson at Rogate 6 o'clock. Rogate bells (6) afterwards. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. Telephone Sidlesham 325. 6998

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Studley, June 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify J. Perkins, 46, Tom's Town Lane, Studley, of names for tea. 7005

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Wraxall (8) on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available at 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 6990

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Heswall, June 19th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtun, Birkenhead. 7040

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Lower Peover on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Special method: Norwich Surprise Minor.—A. C. P. Pugh, Hon. Sec. 7030

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Coventry District. — Meeting, June 19th, Brinklow (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. French, Malabar, Heath Lane, Brinklow, near Rugby. No names, no tea. 7029

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 19th. Towers available: Wormhill (6), Taddington (4) 2.30 till 5 p.m., Chelmorton 6 p.m. till 9 p.m. Own tea arrangements. — G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 7027

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 19th. Service, St. Mark's, 4 p.m., preacher Rev. J. Sheppard-Walwyn, Vicar of Westleigh. Tea and meeting St. Mark's Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. C. Densham, 27, Monkswell Road, Exeter. Ringing: Cathedral, 1.30-3 and 6-8; Heavitree, 2-3.30; St. Mark's, 3-4; St. Petrock's 6-7; St. Thomas', 7-8 p.m.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Newton Hall on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—H. P. Thompson. 7026

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District. — Meeting at Woodston, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7039

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Randwick (4), Saturday, June 19th. Usual arrangements. **Handbell tune recital** after tea. Send names for tea.—E. Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud. 6971

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting at Cradley, Saturday, June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 7020

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, June 19th, at St. James', Waterfoot. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea from 5 p.m.—P. A. Mason, Branch Sec. 7035

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, June 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by usual business meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6986

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery and East Berks and South Bucks Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on June 19th. Ringing at Waltham 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45. Ringing at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, from 7 p.m. till 8.30. Please notify for tea by June 12th to Mr. J. Bolter, 10, Downfield Road, Waltham St. Lawrence, Twyford, Reading.—Miss D. Hague, B. C. Castle, Branch Secs. 7017

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. — Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, June 19th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 7036

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD and LADIES' GUILD (Central District).—Joint Ringing Day, June 19th. Bells: Stanford-le-Hope 10-11.30; South Benfleet 11-12.30; Rayleigh 11.30-1; Great Wakering 2.30-3.30; Prittlewell 3-4.30. Service, Prittlewell, 4.30, preacher, Provost of Chelmsford. Tea, St. Mary's Hall. Names early to Mrs. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell, Essex. (Southend 66147.) Evening ringing: Leigh 6.30-7.30; Thorpe Bay 7-8.30; Prittlewell 8-9.15. 7016

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. Annual meeting, Lichfield, Saturday, June 19th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3-3.45 and 6.30-7.30; St. Mary's (8) 2.30-3.15 and 7-8.30; St. Chad's (4) 2.45-3.15 and 6.30-7.15 p.m.; St. Michael's (6) 3-3.45 and 6-7.30 p.m.; Longdon (5) 3-3.45 p.m.; Shenstone (5) 7-7.45 p.m. Service in Cathedral Choirstalls 4 p.m., followed by tea in St. Michael's Parish Hall. Seating limited, so names for tea earliest possible, please (June 16th latest) to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs. Tel. Lichfield 4539.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6940

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District. — A practice meeting will be held on June 19th at Rickinghall Superior (6) from 6.30 to 9 p.m. Methods: College Exercise and Ipswich Surprise.—L. E. Last. 6961

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting Godstone (8) June 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. K. Wood, 45 Warren Lane, Oxced, by Wednesday, 16th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 6974

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Keymer (6), not Burgess Hill, Saturday, June 19th. Bells 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade, by previous Wednesday, please. 7037

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Brecon, Saturday, June 19th. Bells available: Glasbury and Talgarth 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Llanfeigan 12 noon to 2 p.m.; St. Mary's, Brecon, 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, by June 12th 1965.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec., 3, Lon Derw, Tycloch, Swansea. 6950

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District. — Quarterly meeting, Burghclere (6), June 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to P. Watts, The Grange, Burghclere, by previous Tuesday. Woolton Hill (6) after tea. 7031

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Cookley 3 p.m., Saturday, June 19th. Service 4.15 p.m. followed by tea and business. Names for tea by 24th, please, or you may be unlucky.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane Pedmore, Stourbridge. Phone 3470. 6994

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Goole on June 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 o'clock. Names to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole, by Thursday, June 17th. Business meeting for election of officers etc. Annual subscriptions now due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 6889

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual general meeting, June 19th, St. Chad's, Headingley. Business: Election of District secretary and Ringing Master. Bells available: St. Matthew's, Chapel Allerton (6) 3-4.30 p.m.; St. Chad's, Headingley after business. Names for tea (at Headingley) to Mr. A. I. Johnson, 80, Castle Grove Avenue, Leeds 6, by Wednesday, June 16th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7006

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Evening practice, Colerne, on Wednesday, June 23rd. Bells 7 to 9 p.m. Come and enjoy a ring on these good-toned bells in this noble tower.—H. Heath. 7028

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, June 26th, at Bradbourne, (3 to 5 p.m.) and Brassington (6 to 8 p.m.). Names for tea to Mr. A. Willis, 33, Gisborne Close, Mickleover, Derby, by Monday, June 21st. 7034

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Seal bells will be available after the meeting. Names for tea essential to Mr. G. F. Acott, 3, Main Road, Seal, Sevenoaks.—W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Sec. 7009

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Rothershorpe on Saturday, June 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 7041

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Dallington, Saturday, June 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. M. Fitzhugh, 36, London Road, Hailsham, Sussex, not later than Wednesday, June 23rd, please.—G. Fitzhugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 7038

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, July 3rd, at Eastbourne, Sussex. Bells available: 10 a.m.-11 a.m., Bexhill (8) and Southover (10); 10.45 a.m.-11.30 a.m., Hooe (5) and Laughton (6); 11.15 a.m.-12 noon, Westham (6) and Alfriston (6); 12-12.45 p.m., Hailsham (8); 1 p.m.-2 p.m., Willingdon (6); 2 p.m.-3 p.m., St. Saviour's, Eastbourne (8); 2 p.m.-3.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Eastbourne (8). Committee meeting 1 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. at St. Mary's. Tea (4/6) 4.15 p.m. Names, please, with cash and s.a.e. to Miss R. Earl, Earl's Corner Stores, Horsebridge, Hailsham, by June 30th. St. Mary's and All Saints' available after business meeting. 7038

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 3rd. 10 a.m., ringing at Christ Church; 11 a.m., service in the Cathedral; 12 noon, annual meeting in the Chapter House. All ringer-choristers (both men and women) are asked to notify the Deputy Master if they wish to join the choir for the service. Luncheon tickets (price 8s.) available from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, on receipt of remittance. Application before June 29th. Members are asked to check ringing arrangements with the honorary secretary at the Festival or by post (s.a.e.) not by telephone! There have already been cancellations and alterations.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6999

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Will those wishing to attend please notify Mr. E. J. Rowe, 3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, N.15, as soon as possible, but not later than June 24th.

JOHN CHILCOTT.

Hon. Secretary.
6842

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 30th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, Plain Bob): R. Rayfield 1, Margaret C. Godfrey 2, Wendy J. Wallace 3, Carol E. Cousins 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Commonwealth Youth service.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—At Quex Park, on May 27th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Janet Gordon 1, D. Barwick 2, P. Austen (first as cond.) 3, R. Ratcliffe 4, R. Deveson (first "inside") 5, T. Goodman 6. First quarter 1, 3, 4 and 6. Rung in memory of Frank C. W. Knight and Reg Deveson.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On May 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. Jewell 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, C. Reeves 3, F. Wreford 4, M. Lock 5, F. Mack 6, D. R. Bould 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On May 6th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: F. Cooper 1, G. Goodall 2, Mrs. J. E. Turley 3, A. Wilson 4, J. G. Brothwell 5, H. Taylor 6, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. E. Turley 8. To celebrate the 21st anniversary of the ordination of the Rector, Canon H. Ferraby.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Lillian Sumerlin 1, A. Day (first of Minor as cond.) 2, Diana Parrott 3, Mary A. Coburn 4, L. G. Coburn 5, A. W. R. Wilby 6, F. C. Jacklin 7, J. D. Painter 8. Rung prior to the service of consecration of the new Church of All Saints, Harpenden.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Smith 1, M. Lock 2, N. Mallett 3, F. Willis 4, C. Bryant 5, G. Skinner 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, P. Colton 8. Rung in memory of F. Rogers, who died on May 17th and had been a ringer at this church for 40 years.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Mary I. Hildred 1, Susan E. Thompson 2, A. C. Banton (25th as cond.) 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, C. J. Groome (25th quarter) 5. First in the method for all the band.

KINGSTON, DORSET.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Fooks 1, Miss R. A. Elmes 2, P. R. Keough 3, C. M. Heawood 4, J. W. Blackwood (cond.) 5, G. W. Elmes 6. For Sung Eucharist.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on May 23rd, 1,296 Surprise Minor (Norwich and Cambridge): J. Susan Smith 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, R. O. Humphries (cond.) 3, R. E. J. Dennis 4, T. G. Pett 5, R. W. Powell 6. For morning service by U.L.S.C.R.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. Smith (first quarter) 1, J. F. List (cond.) 2, E. D. Patching 3, T. G. Holden 4, P. G. Holden 5, T. Smith 6. To mark the launching of the Christian Stewardship Campaign.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss F. J. N. Brown (aged 13, first quarter) 1, Miss R. A. Elmes 2, Mrs. J. A. Robertson 3, P. R. Keough 4, G. W. Elmes 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6, J. W. Blackwood (cond.) 7, M. J. Young 8. For Evensong.

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