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ON STANDING BEHIND

'Hither, Page, and stand by me,
If thou knowest it, telling. . .

THE question of whether to stand behind or not to stand behind is one that has often been hotly debated and, as with most contentious subjects, the arguments for and against seem to balance each other pretty fairly. Very few, one imagines, are completely unacquainted with an old custom quite common in many belfries years ago (and possibly still not infrequent), the practice of introducing the beginner to plain hunting by setting him to the treble, standing behind him, and reciting to him the bells he must follow; and this regardless of whether or not he understood where he was going or what he was supposed to be doing. Whatever value this process may have, even in the most subsidiary degree, it must strike the thoughtful as a singularly unimaginative procedure, presenting a dismal blind alley to the duller pupil, and to the intelligent a meaningless rigmarole that only an innate sense of politeness forces him to tolerate.

The many text books of instruction now available for the beginner contain (if one recollects aright) no mention of 'standing behind.' Stedman the pioneer, Clavis, Troyte, Snowden, Powell, and many others, take it as part of their various plans that the learner will actually approach the treble capable, in some degree, of attempting his hunting without direct assistance, and modern systems of instruction claim, in some instances, that the beginner will indeed be competent to hunt right from the start, provided that the preliminary guidance and explanation have been sound. The means by which this enviable state of things is to be realised cannot be set down in a few words, but it is certainly true to say that by carefully graded instruction in the elements of theory and an intelligent use of hand-bells, it is possible to set the student to his change-ringing in a mood of eagerness and with prospects of advancement that cannot be offered by the dreary recitation previously noted.

It is not, however, by any means true to say that no form of assistance is of value and that at no time should anyone

stand behind another to assist him. Occasions spring to mind when such a procedure is not only justified but is a clear saving of time or a means of consolidating work done. The beginner, hunting the treble, may know his work and what is required of him, but his instructor may feel that a kindly word now and then will maintain confidence, or that a little reminder as to his course bell will be timely in the stress of trying to remember so many things at once. To the beginner, ringing Plain Bob 'inside' for the first time, some pointer as to striking the treble after dodges, some drawing of attention to change of course bell, may be of more value at the very moment than they would be after the attempt.

In more advanced work it is possible, too, to find occasion for profitable 'standing behind.' The budding conductor, striving to call Grandsire or Plain Bob from a non-observation bell, will benefit in the early stages by some simple direction in location of the treble, and in Stedman by the indication of certain key bells at the back. Such assistance, it is granted, may be overdone, and can be of little value unless it leads direct to further paper study; but we need not therefore assume that it is worthless or pernicious.

This brings us, of course, to the consideration of the art of 'standing behind,' for there is no doubt that there is an art in this method of assisting instruction. The two keys to success would seem to be preparation and taciturnity, by which we mean first standing by to emphasise some point previously studied, and second the restraint which shall prevent us from speaking too much. Knowing when to speak and realising instinctively how much to say are two priceless gifts, and some instructors have these qualities to perfection. By an uncanny sense they seem to know exactly where the learner will need assistance, and to appreciate the precise moment when their intervention will be most decisive.

Study of the problems of teaching practice, of the psychology of students old and young, and of the varied needs of divers degrees of comprehension, must convince the tutor that no means of instruction and no ancillary can safely be neglected, and that there is a time for everything and a place for everything. And everything includes occasional 'standing behind.'

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.)

On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY 2	BRIAN HARRIS 8
BASIL JONES 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	PETER LAFLIN 11
JOHN WORTH 6	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALTHAMSTOW, E.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composer's Circuits A. W. Tenor 19 cwt. 5 lb. in E flat.

DENNIS A. HEWITT Treble	FRANK LEWIS 6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 2	†GEORGE E. RUCK 7
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH 3	A. ST. JOHN BOYACK .. 8
WILFRID G. WILSON .. 4	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 9
*JAMES WALLMAN 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Yorkshire. † First peal of Royal and first of Surprise.

To mark the centenary of the first peal (Grandsire Triples) recorded in this tower, rung on May 19th, 1857.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK BLOWEN Treble	G. LEONARD HEWITT .. 6
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 2	THOMAS BOREHAM 7
JOSEPH L. STANIER 3	B. LESLIE JONES 8
E. DENNIS POOLE 4	LESLIE BARRY 9
*HARRY EDGE 5	†FREDERICK JONES .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. L. Stanier and Miss Valerie Poole.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

PETER N. BOND Treble	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS 2	BRYAN C. STIRLAND .. 6
THOMAS J. CLARK 3	DORIS E. COLGATE .. 7
ROGER BALDWIN 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

A compliment to Josiah D. Harris, of Portsmouth, on his 85th birthday.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt.

*DAVID STAPLES Treble	JOHN R. COOPER 5
†CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2	RALPH BIRD 6
‡GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 3	BRIAN BLADON 7
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Yorkshire. ‡ 100th peal.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

PETER R. SANDERS Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 5
*DERMOT J. ROAF 2	ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 6
*ROBIN N. PITTMAN 3	*COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. 7
*D. ROY STODDARD 4	*JOHN E. SPICE Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

* First peal in the method.

HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER 5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	RALPH BIRD 6
BRIAN BLADON 3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 7
GEOFFREY PEARSON 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

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

GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	*GEORGE KINDRED 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 2	PETER KINDRED 6
HORACE W. EASEY 3	†TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 7
JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. 4	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 1). Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ROBERT E. LESTER Treble	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 5
LESLIE G. FOSTER 2	EDWARD E. DAVEY 6
IVAN COOPER 3	LESLIE N. MELTON 7
HARRY D. LISTER 4	KENNETH G. BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

A birthday compliment to Leslie G. Foster.

TADCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt.

DAVID CUBITT Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
MILTON C. FOWLER 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
HOWARD SCOTT 3	GORDON BENFIELD .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

CYRIL LOW Treble	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5
HENRY FIELDEN 2	DEREK OGDEN 6
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 7
JACK ASHCROFT 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 HOBART SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
DAPHNE R. CASTELL .. 2	DENNIS KNOX 6
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3	FRANK A. BARRETT .. 7
JOHN R. MAYNE 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

This is the first peal ever rung in the method, which is No. 163 in Corrigan's collection.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	<i>Treble</i>	*DAVID BEACHAM	5
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
*JOHN PINFOLD	4	JAMES F. NASH	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN HOLT.

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* First peal in the method.

Specially arranged and rung to mark the completion of the repairs to the tower.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's No. 1 variation.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	<i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	GEORGE W. RIDGWAY	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

Rung to mark the second anniversary of the Rev. A. J. Day's induction to the benefice of Measham.

BRENCHELY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	<i>Treble</i>	*†COLIN A. TESTER	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	BERNARD V. COLLISON	6
*MARGARET A. LADD	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT	<i>Treble</i>	JOHN R. COOPER	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

The first peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD	<i>Treble</i>	ERIC SHARP	5
RONALD J. SHARP	2	ROBERT PIRON	6
C EDWARD JEFFRIES	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
JAMES G. NEWMAN	4	R. GORDON CORBY	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD (C.C.C. No. 31).

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.

Rung for Rogationtide.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*ARTHUR CROWDER	<i>Treble</i>	*RONALD CHAFER	5
*C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	JACK BRAY	6
*MICHAEL CROWDER	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	PHILIP BARNES	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

CYRIL H. KINCH	<i>Treble</i>	DONALD H. NIBLETT	5
EDGAR J. SMITH	2	*CHARLES COLES	6
ALAN R. PINK	3	FRANK A. BARRETT	7
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	4	STEPHEN IVIN	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Rutland on the bells.

Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY	<i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

Rung to celebrate the silver jubilee of the ordination of the Rev. B. H. Withers, administrator.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 2,944 Yorkshire, 2,208 Cambridge, with 92 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	<i>Treble</i>	*ALAN R. SYDER	5
*TERRY EARLE	2	HARRY J. MILLATT	6
*BRIAN J. HOWARD	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
WALTER ARNOLD	4	*THOMAS BIRD	<i>Tenor</i>

Arranged by SHIRLEY BURTON (No. 2). Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*ENID PALMER	<i>Treble</i>	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON	5
*VERONICA E. DUPRE	2	GEOFFREY M. HARVEY	6
WILFRID G. WILSON	3	HAROLD W. ROGERS	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	4	JAMES WALLMAN	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

Rung as a welcome to G. M. Harvey, home from Malaya after his National Service.



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MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CYRIL S. JARRETT ..	Treble	IAN H. ORAM ..	5
BRIAN BLADON ..	2	*JOHN L. MORRIS ..	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ..	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	7
*GEOFFREY PEARSON ..	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ..	Tenor

Composed by S. IVIN.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* 50th peal of Surprise Major.

A wedding compliment to Elizabeth Bate and Denis A. Chapman, who were married this day at Handsworth, Sheffield.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, GLODWICK,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

*ALLEN SMITH, JUN. ..	Treble	FRED PRITCHARD ..	5
SELWYN DEARDEN ..	2	HAROLD HAMER ..	6
GEOFFREY S. MILLS ..	3	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON ..	7
STEPHEN LL. PARRY ..	4	IVAN KAY ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PHILIP J. H. HUDSON.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. Mr. Fred Pritchard has now 'circled the tower.'

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ..	Treble	†DAVID ATKINS ..	5
HOWARD SCOTT ..	2	*ALEXANDER E. MARSH ..	6
MILTON C. FOWLER ..	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	7
*DAVID CUBITT ..	4	DOUGLAS BARKER ..	Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal in the method.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

RHODA HEMMINGS ..	Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON ..	5
AUDREY NOBLE ..	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY ..	6
MRS. S. H. JONES ..	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ..	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	4	WILLIAM MINOR ..	Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5152 HITCHIN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

VIVIANNE M. HORTON ..	Treble	HAROLD TAYLOR ..	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER ..	2	GORDON A. HALLS ..	6
DEREK P. JONES ..	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	7
ROBIN G. TURNER ..	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE ..	Tenor

Jointly Composed and Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS and

DENIS R. CARLISLE.

The conductors' 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all except the third ringer, in the county, and for the Association.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROBERT J. CASTLE ..	Treble	WILLIAM J. PAICE ..	5
MRS. B. C. CASTLE ..	2	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE ..	6
BERNARD C. CASTLE ..	3	ALFRED K. STREET ..	7
WILLIAM J. H. PARKER ..	4	FREDERICK HICKS ..	Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* First peal and first attempt. The conductor's 100th peal.

Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON ..	Treble	GEORGE R. G. BUTLER ..	4
STANLEY E. BENNETT ..	2	MAURICE BENNETT ..	5
JOHN G. AMES ..	3	FRANK TAYLOR ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

A birthday compliment to Mr. J. B. Hallifax, who has been a ringer at Fleet for 60 years. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hallifax for their hospitality after the peal

BUSHBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

JEAN A. QUILL ..	Treble	JOHN B. DINERAGE ..	4
DIANA J. PERRINS ..	2	*CLIVE M. SMITH ..	5
JOHN A. ANDERSON ..	3	JOHN H. ALLEN ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. ALLEN.

* 100th peal on tower bells. First peal of Minor and in the method as conductor.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, and two each of Single Oxford and Bob Minor. Tenor 9 cwt.

PETER E. PARRY ..	Treble	RONALD RUSSELL ..	4
PERCY D. BALDOCK ..	2	WALTER WESTON ..	5
*FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK ..	3	JAMES H. MUSSON ..	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in five methods.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day, Old Bob, St. Simon's Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*ROBERT S. ROBERTS ..	Treble	PERCY AMOS ..	3
GEORGE F. ROOME ..	2	*MICHAEL R. BENNETT ..	4

*ROBIN V. BAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal in seven methods.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 15 lb.

HERBERT W. PEARCE ..	Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE ..	4
ROGER J. FOX ..	2	JAMES E. LOOKER ..	5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY ..	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

Rung on the eve of Rogation Sunday.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

S. GEORGE COLES ..	Treble	†WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE ..	4
ARTHUR H. REED ..	2	WILLIAM G. GIGG ..	5
*JAMES E. BREWER ..	3	†REGINALD BEALE ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Stedman Doubles.

‡ 75th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5760 MINOR

Being eight extents in 11 methods: (1) Reverse Bob, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Childwall Bob and St. Clement's Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) Thelwall Bob, (7) Double Bob and Bob, (8) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.
ERNEST J. JELLEY .. Treble | ERNEST MORRIS .. 4
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 2 | G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 5
JOHN A. ACRES .. 3 | BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

YATESBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., May 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.
*VALERIE L. PRESTON .. Treble | DAVID T. DARBY .. 3
*F. BARRY PRESTON .. 2 | DENNIS G. BLOWS .. 4
JAMES C. TAYLOR .. Tenor
Conducted by JAMES C. TAYLOR.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 30, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 THELWALL BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents with all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 12 cwt. 18 lb. in G.
KENNETH BALLINGTON (13) Treble | FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 4
VIVienne M. HORTON .. 2 | GORDON A. HALLS .. 5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 3 | DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

Believed to be the first full peal in this method (C.C.C. P.15).

Rung to mark Ascension Day.

BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN R. COOPER .. Treble | CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 4
TERENCE BARTON .. 2 | RALPH BIRD .. 5
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The first peal in seven methods on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Elizabeth Bate and Denis A. Chapman, who were married this day at Handsworth, Sheffield.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford, four extents of Kent, and one combined extent, with 12 changes of method. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble | GRAHAM T. BALL .. 4
*RODNEY RICHARDSON .. 2 | JOHN H. BAILESS .. 5
*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 3 | MICHAEL VERNON .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung for the 29th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Heath, of Croft, on their wedding anniversary.

HIGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's, one of Kent T.B. and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN L. MORRIS .. Treble | CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 4
MICHAEL J. ROWE .. 2 | BRIAN BLADON .. 5
*SUSAN P. NICHOLSON .. 3 | IAN H. ORAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

* First peal 'inside.'

MILLOM, CUMBERLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Furness and Lake District Branch.)
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.
*MALCOLM H. OVERFIELD Treble | JAMES DICKINSON .. 4
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 2 | ALAN CAPSTICK .. 5
W. THOMAS TURNER .. 3 | RAYMOND SUART .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung for the 80th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) Chester and Munden, (3) London and Wells, (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (5) York and Durham, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge.
Tenor 13 cwt.

HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Treble | PETER J. CAME .. 4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 2 | DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 3 | JOE E. G. ROAST .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in 14 Surprise methods by all the band and on the bells.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. Treble | SYDNEY J. MERRY .. 4
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 2 | *GEORGE A. KINDRED .. 5
JOSEPH SAUNDERS .. 3 | PETER KINDRED .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., June 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of College, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and two extents Plain. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

JAMES BENNETT .. Treble | *ROBERT E. LESTER .. 4
HEATHER G. STEWART .. 2 | GEORGE WATERMAN .. 5
MARIAN H. MILLS .. 3 | URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* 200th peal. Mr. James Bennett has twice 'circled the tower.'

HANDBELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT 17, QUEEN STREET,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.
GERALD PENNEY .. 1-2 | JOYCE DODDS .. 5-6
GEOFFREY DODDS .. 3-4 | *PATRICIA DOORN .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' In memoriam Frank Whiteman.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sun., May 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CLARENDON LABORATORY,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 1-2 | JOHN E. SPICE .. 5-6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 3-4 | ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 7-8
Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

SALTDEAN, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(The St. Peter's, Brighton, Society.)
On Sun., May 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT REDLANDS, 86, LONGRIDGE AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5152 BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.
RUTH K. M. HOW .. 1-2 | W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 5-6
O. MICHAEL SLANEY .. 3-4 | ALBERT W. BOND .. 7-8
Arranged and Conducted by O. MICHAEL SLANEY.

QUARTER PEALS

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 6, 8, 7 covering): Miss I. Gill 1, J. F. Whitfield 2, Miss E. M. Foot 3, G. A. Masters 4, Miss K. Stisted (cond.) 5, Miss C. Whitfield (first as cover) 6, G. Prodder 7, I. S. Holland 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to two members of the local band.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 420 Grandsire and 540 Bob): B. Thomas 1, Mrs. A. R. Price 2, J. Alsop 3, G. Flower 4, A. R. Price (cond.) 5, T. Pearce 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Glyn Williams, tower-keeper and friend, who was interred this day.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Carr 1, Miss A. Eldridge 2, Daphne Pankhurst 3, Joan M. Downing 4, Daphne Lester 5, J. Downing (cond.) 6, C. Verdon 7, C. Pilbeam 8. First quarter 1 and 8. For Evensong.

BRIGHTWALTON, BERKS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Sayers 1, G. Hedges (first quarter) 2, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 3, C. J. Hibbert 4, A. Sayers (first as cond.) 5, W. J. Sayers 6. A birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor and on their 20th wedding anniversary.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 480 Bob, 480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): A. W. King 1, A. J. Ede 2, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 3, R. J. Elliott (first in three methods) 4, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 5, J. Kearn 6. For Matins on Rogation Sunday, and also as a farewell to the ringers of 3 and 5, who are moving to Reigate.

CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.—On May 19th, 1,440 Bob Doubles: June Richardson 1, Eileen Ricketts 2, G. Thrush 3, P. J. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles 5, G. Ruck (cond.) 6. First in method for 1 and 2. Rung on the patronal festival for the visit of the Lord Bishop of London.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On May 23rd, 1,272 Minor (552 Kent, 720 Bob): J. R. Kennett (first quarter) 1, B. J. Woodruffe 2, Mrs. A. Richardson 3, H. Kirk 4, A. Richardson 5, W. A. Smith (cond.) 6.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Prophet (first on eight) 1, Miss C. Dainty 2, J. A. Ainsworth 3, Mrs. K. Arthur 4, K. Arthur 5, T. Sewell 6, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 7, N. Hewitt 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HAMPTON, MIDDLEX.—On May 12th, 720 London Surprise Minor and 540 Single Oxford: D. Hawkins 1, Miss P. Feddern 2, W. Deason 3, R. Woodcock 4, P. A. Lawrence 5, S. Woodcock (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLEX.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Grice (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Sanders 2, G. W. Goulding 3, M. Hawkins 4, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 5, J. E. Ricketts 6.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Day (cond.) 1, F. Ellis 2, Miss J. Godfrey (first of Triples) 3, R. Newson 4, F. Jacklin 5, Mrs. L. Coburn 6, M. Frost (first of Grandsire) 7, L. Coburn 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Peter Bradshaw, M.A., as Rector.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 26th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Jane Langton 1, L. Stilwell (cond.) 2, Audrey M. Trott 3, P. Langton 4, E. F. Fosberry 5, E. R. Ropley 6, D. R. Mitchell 7, C. Denyer 8. First in the method by 1, 4, 5 and 7. A farewell to the conductor, who is leaving for Worthing.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On May 26th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: R. Biggs 1, A. Foxall 2, Mrs. A. E. Cox 3, D. Cornwall 4, J. D. Kape 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, A. E. Cox (cond.) 8. First in method for all except 1. Rung by the Sunday service band for Rogation Sunday.

KIRTON, Lincs.—On May 20th, 1,260 Bob Major: J. Green 1, B. Hunt 2, A. Young 3, F. Bishop 4, J. Kemp 5, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 6, D. Flatters 7, R. Bamber 8. Rung half-muffled for Dr. P. V. Hardwick, churchwarden, and one-time ringer at this church, buried this day.

LANCASTER.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Woods 1, R. Rainford 2, H. Rainford 3, R. Warden 4, S. Jeffery 5, F. Hornby 7, J. Pye (cover). Rung to celebrate the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of the Cathedral, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Rainford, captain and tower-keeper.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Hazell 1, A. Free (first of Minor 'inside') 2, W. Avery 3, S. Smith 4, E. Hagger 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6. For morning service.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Canon C. C. Cox 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, S. Kathleen M. Knight 4, Mrs. C. W. Powell 5, H. G. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Rogation Day, also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Pannell on the birth of their daughter Ann. Mrs. Pannell is the secretary of the West Dorset branch of the Salisbury Guild.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, Mary Powell 2, Monica Fray 3, L. Derrick 4, B. Willgess 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6. Rung for the christening of the treble ringer's grand-daughter.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On May 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Carol Fernley (first of Treble Bob) 1, Shirley Harris 2, Mrs. L. Bournemouth 3, Mrs. J. Fernley 4, J. Fernley 5, B. Jones 6, B. Harris (cond.) 7, L. Bournemouth 8. For Evensong, and on the first birthday of Martin Harris, son of the ringers of 2 and 7.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. Bingham 1, Miss W. Bowak 2, Miss J. Evans 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, H. King (cond.) 6. For morning prayer. Also on May 26th, 1,440 Minor (360 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob): Miss W. Bowak 1, Miss J. Evans 2, H. King 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung before morning prayer as a birthday compliment to H. King.

OLVESTON, GLOS.—On May 26th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: M. Sprackling 1, P. Gray (cond.) 2, T. Edwards 3, Mrs. J. Gray 4, F. Mack 5, A. Smith 6, J. Gilbert 7, A. Cleaver 8. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on May 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Ruth Sanders 1, D. J. Roaf 2, Ruth Hodgson (first touch of Surprise Major) 3, Daphne Castell 4, C. J. B. Taylor 5, P. R. Sanders 6, R. N. Pittman 7, R. A. Hodgson (first of Major as cond.) 8. Also on May 26th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. J. B. Taylor 1, Miss A. J. Bagnall 2, N. J. Maggs 3, R. A. Jackson 4, D. J. Roaf 5, R. N. Pittman (cond.) 6. Also on May 26th, at New College, 1,332 Bob Caters: N. J. Maggs (first on 10) 1, D. R. Stoddard 2, R. A. Hodgson 3, D. J. Roaf (first on 10 as cond.) 4, P. R. Sanders 5, D. H. Niblett 6, R. N. Pittman 7, J. E. Spice 8, W. H. Jackson 9, J. H. R. Freeborn 10. First of Bob Caters by all. For Evensong.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles (four callings and a 60): L. S. Sharpe 1, L. Pierce 2, K. G. Brown 2, T. N. J. Bailey 4, L. N. Melton (cond.) 5. For morning service, and to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On May 30th, 1,080 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss M. Mills 1, Miss S. Chaddock 2, Miss E. A. Wardill 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, J. N. D. Chaddock 5, F. Fisher 6, G. Lee 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First long touch of Double Norwich by all except the conductor. Rung by the local band for Ascension Day Evensong.

RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joah Cordwell 1, Carol Eustace 2, B. A. Tomlinson 3, T. Taylor 4, G. Hopkinson 5, G. D. Fearnough 6, A. Ward (first in method as cond.) 7, D. Taylor 8. First in method for 2 and 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Joan Cordwell.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On May 26th, 1,260 Minor: R. Beard 1, S. Zobel 2, F. Goringe 3, C. Coleman 4, F. Zobel 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6. First of Minor 2, 4 and 5. A farewell for ringers of 2 and 5, who are leaving to take up residence at Barnhurst, Kent.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. A. Martin 1, T. P. Harris 2, Miss S. J. Devereux 3, P. J. Lawton 4, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 5, H. A. Martin 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Rachel Frances Baldwin and Mr. Roger Norman Clissold, married this day.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 2nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Adamson 1, N. V. Harding 2, F. R. Scott 3, J. C. Birt 4, A. J. Frost 5, B. T. Lister 6, W. Birmingham 7, A. D. Rivers 8, R. G. Leale (first on 10 as cond.) 9, A. E. Hartley 10. Arranged for the visit of Messrs. Harding, Frost and Leale.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Boulton (first quarter) 1, N. Buckland 2, F. Dixon 3, J. Lavers 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, M. Hill 6. For Evensong.

STOWING, KENT.—On May 24th, 1,260 Bob Minor: L. T. Pope 1, J. R. Cooper 2, G. K. Finn 3, Miss M. Jones (first of Minor) 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, D. Staples 6.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): June Smith 1, M. Gartside 2, Grace Burchall (cond.) 3, B. Hough 4, J. Read 5, Katharine Burchall 6, Eleanor Rose 7, J. Wilson 8. First quarter 1, 7 and 8. A farewell to John Read, who is leaving for Malaya.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James' Church, on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Beale (first quarter) 1, R. Beale 2, F. Matravers 3, J. E. Brewer (first on eight bells) 4, W. Priddle 5, A. H. Reed 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, P. Pingelly 8. For Confirmation service.

TETTERHALL, STAFFS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Falkner (first on eight) 1, J. Roden 2, Miss C. Slater (first on eight) 3, H. Howell 4, A. G. Newman 5, E. Stith (cond.) 6, A. Richards 7, E. Southwick 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On May 30th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,344 Bob Major: B. V. Collison 1, Miss J. French 2, Mrs. W. Dobbie 3, A. F. Wellington 4, E. J. Brunger (first as cond.) 5, R. D. Divall 6, E. J. Ladd 7, W. H. Dobbie 8.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. A. Brown 1, Miss M. Golsan 2, Mrs. C. A. Eccles 3, W. Hunt 4, C. A. Eccles 5, A. K. Street 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, E. G. Burrows 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Eccles.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (360 Bob, 360 Grandsire and 540 Stedman): B. Jean Stevens 1, Pamela M. Stevens 2, A. H. Reed (cond.) 3, W. G. Gigg 4, C. J. Stevens 5, L. Morrell (first quarter) 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On May 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, Miss R. E. Gower 3, M. S. Lancefield 4, L. C. Smith 5, L. T. Pope (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,320 St. Martin's: Mrs. M. Pope 1, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 2, C. T. Hillis 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, W. Gill 6. For Evensong. Also on May 12th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: Miss P. Lowes 1, E. S. Ruck 2, Miss E. R. Gower 3, D. Staples 4, L. C. Smith 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Euston 1, Anne Garnett 2, A. Bishop 3, Susan Jacobs 4, J. Tomsett 5, A. Bagworth 6, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 7, E. Jacobs 8.

WORCESTER.—On May 28th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. T. Holt 1, J. J. Stanier (first of Caters 'inside') 2, R. G. Morris 3, J. C. Slater 4, D. R. Morris, C. Tansell 5, D. Sayers 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, G. E. Evenden 8, T. W. Lewis 9, F. C. Pugh 10. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, M.A., D.Litt.), president of the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: J. Leggett 1, E. Leggett 2, R. Ludford-Brooks (first 'inside') 3, F. Pike 4, D. Mills (cond.) 5, B. Gibbons 6. For Ascension Day.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 240 April Day, 120 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Bob Doubles): M. V. Chilcott 1, Mrs. W. Holm 2, Miss B. Holm 3, W. Holm 4, P. D. T. Cattermole (first on six, cond.) 5, R. Skerratt 6. First in four methods by all the band. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Florence Aldis (late of Lakenham, Norfolk), who died May 7th, 1947, and was grandmother of the conductor. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. R. Jackson 1, Mrs. W. Holm 2, B. Holm 3, P. Cattermole 4, Wm. Holm (cond.) 5, M. Chilcott 6. First quarter in method by all except 6. A farewell to Paul Cattermole.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

The Monmouth Branch meeting held at Shirenewton on May 18th proved most enjoyable and was attended by some 35 ringers and visitors, who kept the six bells ringing merrily.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Ivor J. Richards (Vicar of Llanarth), and the Rev. Basil Williams (Rector of Shirenewton) acted as organist.

Tea was afterwards served in the Church Hall, and Mr. J. Alsop expressed the thanks of the members to Mrs. Basil Williams and Mrs. Spence-Thomas.

The business meeting was held in the Church and the Rev. Basil Williams, who acted as chairman, gave the Branch a warm welcome. Two new members were elected from Abergavenny and St. Mellons. Mr. J. Sims reported on the restoration fund for Chepstow bells.

GORLESTON'S TOWER CAUSING TROUBLE

An announcement was made at the annual church and vestry meeting of St. Andrew's, Gorleston, that a chunk of masonry had fallen on the font. This, said the Vicar (Rev. E. L. Corbell), confirmed his suspicions that there was movement of the church away from the tower or vice-versa. Mr. Frederick Sharpe was coming to inspect the tower.

Continuing, the Vicar said no one regretted more than he that about 15 months ago he had to stop the bells being rung. The effect on the parish was dreadful, but they could not be used until something was done, for if anything went wrong, bellringers would be killed. If they could have the bells put right this side of the summer someone had agreed to pay the bill if it did not exceed £250.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**Eastern Branch at Winterton**

Winterton is thought by many to have the highest tower in Norfolk. It was at this coastal village that the Eastern Branch held their meeting on May 18th. Those who climbed to the top of the tower had a splendid view but found half a gale blowing. The wedding of the daughter of Sir Edmund Bacon, Bt., Lord Lieut. of Norfolk and an honorary member of the Branch, partly accounted for the small attendance as several members were ringing for the wedding.

In the unavoidable absence of the Rector (Rev. G. W. Harwood), the service was conducted by the incumbent from the nearby Broadland parish of Filby (Rev. H. Saunderson). After tea, the business meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate), the Association president (Rev. H. G. Lillingston) and general secretary (Mr. W. Love) also being present.

Subject to permission, the next full meeting is to be held at Norton Subcourse on September 28th, and a by-meeting at Carlton Colville on July 6th.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rectors of Winterton and Filby, Mr. G. Hawkes, a Branch member, for playing the organ, and Mr. R. E. Woodhouse, Master of the local company, for the tea arrangements.

The president repeated his plea made recently at the annual general meeting of the Association that all ringers should pray for each other on Saturdays, that being the day when there was ringing activity.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**Chertsey District**

The Chertsey District meeting at Send and Ockham on May 25th was blessed with the fine weather so much needed for a meeting at these very rural towers, both well away from bus routes. The number attending was most encouraging: over 60 ringers visited the two towers and 42 sat down to a large tea in the Red Cross hut.

The Guild service was conducted at Send by the Vicar (Rev. C. E. Sylvester), who welcomed the Guild to Send and gave an interesting address.

At the short business meeting two new junior members from Send were elected and one senior. The District Ringing Master reminded members of the need to find a new general secretary.

After the usual votes of thanks, ringing in Doubles and Minor methods continued until 9 p.m. at both towers. R. C.

Farnham District

A good number of ringers were attracted to the Farnham District meeting at Hawley on May 18th, where ringing was superintended by Mr. Rex Cork (Ringing Master). The Vicar (Rev. S. M. Collier) conducted the service and made all welcome. Tea was served by local ladies in the Church Room, and at the business meeting Mr. S. Joyce thanked all who had made the visit a success.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. Wakeman (first quarter) 1, H. Gayton 2, Iris Walker (first as cond.) 3, M. Podd (first of Minor) 4, R. Walker (first 'inside') 5, C. Payne 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. P. Wakeman.

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Miss Judith M. Midgley, the Municipal Hospital, Lacombe, Alberta, Canada, writes, telling of the great thrill it was to her to ring at Victoria Cathedral, B.C. While at the practice she heard about the proposed installation of a ring of eight bells at Christ Church, Calgary, about 110 miles south of Lacombe. At present, only six bells have been hung, but there is an enthusiastic band of learners, and she is looking forward to going down there for a practice. She understands that the bells are to be dedicated in July, and the ringers from Victoria are hoping to fly to Calgary for the occasion.

Another four to be added to Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst's list of Salop bells is Cardington.

Mr. A. D. Rivers wishes to thank Mr. F. R. Scott and friends for arranging his '21 years a ringer at Slough' quarter peal, and for Mr. Scott's kind hospitality afterwards.

To the memory of Mr. A. H. Eastor, for many years a ringer and churchwarden at St. Peter's Church, Barton-on-Humber, Lincs, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on June 4th.

The peal of St. Clement's Bob Triples at Hanbury, Worcestershire, on May 26th was also rung as a compliment to Edward Cairns, who had just celebrated his golden wedding. He has been captain of the local ringers for 50 years.

When halfway through the quarter peal at Worcester Cathedral for the funeral of the late Dean on May 28th, a message came that one of the ringers was urgently required elsewhere. Fortunately, another of the Cathedral ringers was listening outside and was able to take his rope, and enabled the quarter to be completed.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. C. E. Verdon, under the heading 'Hopes deferred,' tells in 'St. Peter's, Bexhill-on-Sea, Church News' the story of the failure to bring home the Easter peal on the bells. He writes an interesting column on the bells and ringing generally. The parish magazine is always a valuable source of propaganda.

An attempt to ring a quarter peal at Upper Gravenhurst, Beds, to congratulate Ven. B. T. Guy on being appointed Bishop of Bedford failed after some good ringing due to a broken rope, less than three extents from the end.

It had been the intention to ring six methods: 60 Stedman, 240 St. Simon's Bob, 240 St. Martin's, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Plain Bob, 240 Grandsire.

King's School, Canterbury, Bell-ringing Society inform us that owing to certain unforeseen circumstances they are not yet ringing on Sundays. The Society hope to be ringing on Sundays in the fairly near future.

The quarter peal rung for Evensong at Olveston on May 26th was the first time these bells have been rung on Sunday for many months. Unfortunately there are too few ringers there now to form a band. The band who rang this quarter all came from Bristol, at the special invitation of the Olveston captain, Mr. P. Addis.

So successful was the first Masonic ringers' meeting at Leicester on June 1st, arranged by Bro. Peter Staniforth, that the view was held that a similar gathering should take place annually. Brethren were present from widely separated areas—Kent, Berkshire, Bristol and Lancashire. The programme included ringing at Loughborough Parish Church and the Foundry Campanile, St. Margaret's and St. John-the-Divine, Leicester.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tribute to Late Secretary

THE 60th annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Harrow Weald on May 18th. Ringing at Edgware, Stanmore and Harrow Weald preceded the Association's service at All Saints', which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. Deasy). About 90 members and friends were present at the excellent tea, served in the Institute by the ladies of the local band.

At the meeting which followed tea, the chair was taken by the president (Rev. G. C. Taylor). The meeting stood in silence while the names of those members who had died since the last meeting were read. They were: F. R. Borrett (Pulham Market), R. Charge (Mitcham), R. Coles (High Wycombe), F. J. Dodson (Hersham), W. C. Dowding (Birmingham), I. Emery (Bromley), J. W. Jones (Newport), G. F. Margeson (Rayleigh), C. Nash (North Mimms), E. Pratchett (Hendon), F. Ringe (Brentwood), L. C. Wightman (Framlingham), W. W. Wolstencroft (Stoke Poges), S. Wade (Leigh-on-Sea) and E. C. S. Turner (Stanmore).

The loss to the Association and the Exercise by the death of the hon. general secretary (the late Ernest C. S. Turner) was referred to by Mr. W. H. Coles. Mr. Turner, he said had served the Association for many years, the last 12 as hon. general secretary. He thought that the best way to keep alive the memory of such a gifted gentleman was for everyone to apply his standards of service and integrity to their ringing activities.

The president gave a special welcome to Mr. Edwin Barnett, who has just completed 50 years as a member of the Association.

SIX NEW SURPRISE METHODS

The report for 1956, which was distributed to members before the meeting, was taken as read. The main features were as follows: Thirty-seven peals rung, including six Surprise Major methods rung for the first time, these being all conducted by R. F. B. Speed at Willesden. Nine other Surprise Major methods were rung for the Association for the first time, and one of these, Uxbridge, rung at Harrow Weald, was

the 100th different Surprise Major method rung to a peal by the Association.

Each District held the usual number of Saturday meetings, a total of 21 towers being visited. New members elected during the year were two honorary, 37 ringing and nine non-resident life.

Quarter peals totalled 155. The total of 125 recorded in the North and East District is the highest for over 20 years.

The treasurer (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) presented the accounts, which showed an excess of income over outgoings of over £6, and assets £11 higher than the previous year.

Arrangements for the 60th anniversary celebration service and dinner at Bishopsgate on June 8th were discussed, and the president announced with regret that he would be unable to attend as he would shortly be leaving for a visit to the United States.

Officers elected were: President, the Rev. G. C. Taylor; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. G. Hart and W. H. Coles; Master, Mr. T. Price; general secretary, Mr. T. J. Lock; assistant general secretary, Mr. W. N. Genna; treasurer, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; auditor, Mr. M. Hodgson; trustees, Messrs. T. J. Lock, F. W. Goodfellow, A. Cutler; Central Council representatives, Messrs. T. J. Lock, F. W. Goodfellow, J. R. Mayne, F. T. Blagrove.

The Rev. Roy Deasy was elected an honorary member, and seven ringing and one non-resident life member were also elected. A donation from the Bell Restoration Fund of 15 guineas was made to the Hendon Augmentation Fund.

The meeting discussed a proposed alteration to Rule 3, which had the effect of admitting honorary members without payment of subscription. The alteration was agreed to without opposition.

Before the meeting closed, votes of thanks were accorded to the incumbents for permission to ring at the various towers, to the Rev. R. Deasy for conducting the service and for the use of the Institute, to Mrs. Beadie, the organist, to Mrs. Hart and the ladies for preparing and serving tea, and to the president for his presence and able chairmanship.

Ringling was continued after the meeting at Harrow Weald and Pinner.

CHURCH BELLS OF THE FENS

Mr. Trevor Allen Bevis has written a comprehensive and handy book on 'Church Bells of the Fens' (price 4/6 from the author, 17, North Street, March, Cambs).

The strength of the appeal of this book is not merely the archaeological record of the bells, but references in many towers to first peals on the bells and also to ringers.

The area compassed by the survey (Isle of Ely and Lynn Marshland) contains some interesting towers. The illustrations are of SS. Peter and Paul's, Wisbech; St. Wendreda's, March; St. Leonard's, Leverington; St. John's, Terrington; St. Mary's, Sutton; St. Mary's, Whittlesey, and St. Mary's, West Walton.

Unfortunately a number of the towers in the area are unringable—Little Downham (4), Outwell (6, where a peal was rung in 1845 by the Outwell Youths to commemorate the treaty between England and China), Parson's Drove (5) and West Walton (5).

At Haddenham there was formerly a foundry under the church tower, and there is a traditional story of one occasion when short of metal at a critical stage in the operation, the bell founder rushed frantically from his foundry to the 'Rose and Crown,' and 'whipping up' the pewter pots and measures, as well as the culinary vessels, ran back and cast them into the furnace.

A list of bell-founders who have cast bells in the area, and the bells, makes a useful appendix.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Between 30 and 40 members and friends attended the Society's monthly meeting at Batley on May 25th. Methods rung ranged from Bob Minor to Surprise Major.

An enjoyable tea had been arranged at a nearby café, and was much appreciated by those present. The president took the chair for the business meeting, when a new meeting rota was approved and the local company, Vicar and wardens thanked for all the arrangements made for the meeting. Five new members were elected.

The next meeting will be held at East Ardsley on June 29th.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE RINGERS' WEDDING

The wedding took place amid glorious sunshine on June 1st at St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, Sheffield, of Mr. Dennis A. Chapman, of Doncaster, and Miss Elizabeth Bate. Both are well known in the area, the bride having been secretary of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild and the bridegroom treasurer of the Doncaster and District Society.

The bridesmaids were Misses Maureen Aitchison and Jennifer Oldfield. The best man, Mr. Ronald J. Sanderson, is also, like the bride and bridegroom, a member of the Yorkshire Association. The groomsmen were Messrs. D. Batchford, G. Walker and W. Aitchison. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. J. Batchford, and the ceremony conducted by the Rev. H. Ferriby.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the bells were rung by members of the local company, of which the bride was a keen member.

The reception was held in the Endowed School, and among the many messages of congratulation received was one from the bride's brother and his wife in Vancouver, B.C., one from the Doncaster and District Society and one from ringing friends in Canterbury, where the bridegroom has been working for the past two months and where the couple are to take up residence after the honeymoon.

Rotherham Ringers in Leicestershire and Lincolnshire

A feature of this year's outing on May 25th was that of the 24 ringers who went (including friends from Thrybergh, Handsworth and Sheffield), half were aged 16 or under, and nine were of the fair sex.

Tune-ringing and change-ringing on handbells helped to make the journey to Loughborough Bell Foundry pass quickly and pleasantly. Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. Colin Harrison provided a most interesting tour of the foundry, amidst the clicking of cameras of some of the youngsters. Even they, however, were less heavily laden than 'Jumbo' with his crate of handbells, for which no extra charge for carriage to Loughborough had been made.

After ringing at the Foundry, the party proceeded to the Parish Church, where Stedman Caters, Little Bob Royal, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, and lots of rounds for the beginners, were rung.

An excellent lunch followed at the Three Nuns, and the party regretfully said goodbye to their generous hosts and encoached for St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, where another fine ten, in the care of Mr. Sid Harrison, awaited them. Mr. Harrison soon disappeared from sight for the infrequent pleasure of hearing the bells of his own tower from outside, and we trust that our Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Major, etc., and even the abundant rounds for the youngsters, met with his approval. Not

even the least experienced had the slightest difficulty on these delightful bells.

On the renowned bells of St. Wulfram's, Grantham, ringing included Treble Ten, Yorkshire Surprise Major and Stedman Caters, in which we were joined by Mr. Woods.

Another excellent meal awaited us at a nearby café, after which we departed on schedule for our last tower, Bottesford, with another pleasant ring in a magnificent old church. Here we were met by Mr. Box. The party arrived safely home after a most happy day amidst kind friends, good weather and excellent bells, and due thanks are accorded to Messrs. F. Fisher and N. Chaddock, who made the arrangements, and to the incumbents and ringers who provided such wonderful hospitality. N. C.

A STAFFORDSHIRE WEDDING

The wedding of Mr. R. Arthur Peakman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peakman, of Kingswinford, and Miss Patricia Hemming, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hemming, of Brierley Hill, Staffs, took place at St. Mary's Church, Kingswinford, on June 1st. Mr. Peakman is a member of the St. Mary's band. The bride's father has for many years been a member of the Brierley Hill band at St. Michael's Church.

LADIES' GUILD FORM A NEW BRANCH

As the outcome of a meeting at St. Paul's, Bedford, on May 25th, a new Branch of the Ladies' Guild was formed for the counties of Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire.

Amongst those present to wish the new Branch success were Mrs. K. Lock (president of the Guild), Miss E. Steel (president of the Bedfordshire Association), Mrs. P. Poole, Mrs. J. Staniforth and Mrs. P. A. Corby (Midland District), and Mrs. E. Savory (Central District). A company of about 60 sat down to tea, and the business meeting which followed was well supported by ladies from both Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire.

The object and aims of the Ladies' Guild were explained by Mrs. Lock and Mrs. Staniforth. It was then unanimously agreed by those present to form the new Branch, and the following officers were elected: Miss Shelagh Collins, vice-president; Miss Anne Amor, District Secretary; and Miss Diana Lawless, Miss Miriam Pettitt and Mrs. K. Spavins to form the District committee. Twenty-seven new members were elected to the new Branch. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to those responsible for the arrangements, and to the ladies who prepared and served tea.

The fine ring of bells at St. Paul's was put to good use during the afternoon and evening, and prior to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by an all-ladies band.

The next meeting will be held at a Northants tower on September 28th.

WEDDING AT THURNBY

At a wedding at St. Luke's, Thurnby, Leics, on May 25th, the bride, bridegroom, one of the bridesmaids, the best man and both the ushers were ringers at the church. The bride was Miss L. Hickin, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hickin, of Thurnby, and the bridegroom Mr. P. Pawley, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Pawley, Chapel Ash, Bushby. The best man was Mr. J. Pawley, brother of the bridegroom; the bridesmaids Miss N. Wykes and Miss G. Leavesley. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (Rev. J. C. Meers), assisted by the Rev. P. Spink, curate.

At the reception in the Memorial Hall about 80 guests were present, including the remainder of the ringers. With so many ringers taking part in the ceremony, the assistance of two friends was obtained to ring as the bridal party left the church. A quarter peal was rung on the following day before Evensong as a compliment to the happy couple.

'OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the South Oxon Branch was held on the recently restored ring at Warborough. The Vicar of Warborough (Canon Barker) was elected the new chairman, with Mr. T. S. Bowls vice-chairman. Mr. H. Badger was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. F. Absalom Ringing Master. Twelve new members were elected, and a grant of £5 5s. made to the restoration of Benson bells. The Vicar was thanked for conducting the service, and the ladies for providing an excellent tea.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY ANNUAL CUP CONTEST

At Wentworth on the first of June, The ringers gathered to play their tune. Five towers competed for the Cup that day. But the Cathedral had to show them the way.

Bolsover rang first, so was their fate, Their score of faults was eighty-eight. For only sixty-six faults the Cathedral are Greatly indebted to W. L. R.

Now Handsworth's turn—that redoubtable crew Gave an exceptionally good show, too.

Their striking was good, they were going along fine,

'Till they had a bad trip so they scored seventy-nine.

Warsop, the Champs, were next on the list, They thought they'd the Cup held firm in their fist,

But were disillusioned—they didn't quite rate For the faults they collected were seventy-eight.

Last up into the tower there went The band from Rotherham—all intent On putting up a faultless show. But a hundred-and-fourteen—they rang too slow.

Our thanks to the judges we must pass, Spending all afternoon sitting on the grass. Messrs. Chant and Thorley, two splendid men, And we hope next year they will do it again.

And so the Cup went back to Town, From Warsop (last year they won it at Clowne). And after the meeting under the trees, The bells were rung until half-past eight.

I. H. and D. H.

HALF-DAY IN HEREFORDSHIRE

A perusal of the notice columns of 'The Ringing World' gave a Warwickshire ringer the idea of attending three Hereford Guild meetings on May 25th.

At Tenbury Wells the party were joined by that 'Crusader in exile,' David W. Beard. After several touches with friends of the Ludlow District a move was made to Kingsland, where the set of new ropes had all to be taken up at the garter holes before ringing.

Pembridge has an unusual type of detached campanile—a wooden tower with a canopied roof of two stages, rising from the centre of an octagonal stone barn. Several extents of Grandsire were rung on the five bells (tenor 16 cwt.). After standing in for several touches on the light six at Staunton-on-Arrow with members of the Kingston District, we made our way to Aymestrey, where the anti-clockwise six were promptly put at the disposal of the party for two touches—a kindly gesture that was much appreciated.

Bredbury was reached ten minutes ahead of schedule and here we were shown the grave of Mr. A. Tompkins, who worked so hard for the cause of ringing in the Bromyard District, and with whom the writer rang in 1939. The Rector (Rev. R. K. Canning) welcomed the party and after ringing had finished on the light six showed the party round the church. Thank you, Herefordshire, for the warm welcome you gave us. W. A. S.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Ashford District

The ideal weather, the peace and serenity of the countryside, and the warm welcome accorded by the local band, all combined to make the first meeting of the Ashford District at Little Chart an enjoyable and memorable gathering.

Readers may remember that the original church was blitzed during the war, and one of the derelict bells stolen. Mr. J. Batchelor, churchwarden and captain of the Little Chart ringers, in addition to pressing for the restoration of the bells was, more than anybody else, responsible for bringing the thief to justice. The present ring is a light, tuneful six, cast from the original metal, and their ease of handling was much admired by the visitors.

The priest-in-charge (Rev. D. P. Lury), Rector of Charing, welcomed the ringers to the new church, and conducted the service. He addressed to the visitors a most moving little sermon appropriate to Ascensiontide. Mr. Batchelor read the lesson, and Mr. J. R. Cooper combined the duties of organist and Ringing Master.

Some 40 visitors sat down to an ample tea, prepared and served by local lady ringers and friends. There was no formal business afterwards, but Mr. Batchelor spoke a few well-chosen words of welcome, and Mr. J. Willis responded for the visitors.

Courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung in the Parish Hall by Messrs. T. E. Sone, A. Waddington, T. Cullingworth and J. R. Cooper, and, by special request, next door for a local resident.

Ring in the tower which, as may be imagined, is beautifully clean and holds a surprisingly large number of people, continued until 9 p.m., and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

One came away with the thought that people like Joe Batchelor are the backbone of the Exercise. C. T. H.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD Elloe Deaneries' Joint Meeting

The Elloe Deaneries Branch held their quarterly meeting at Fleet on May 18th, when they were joined by members of the Ladies' Guild, which brought members from as far north as Winterton and Alford. Ringing commenced in the early afternoon. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. A. Beckett) and Mrs. Elston was the organist.

A very nice tea was served at the Bull Inn. This was followed by the business meeting, with Mr. W. A. Richardson in the chair, the attendance numbering 49. The Rector of Fleet was elected an honorary member, and a collection for the Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to £1 6s. 6d. Mr. J. Ames proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to all concerned in the arrangements for the meeting. Expressing the great pleasure of the company to see the older members present, Mr. Ames especially mentioned Mr. Halifax (in his 60th year as a ringer and who would be 83 years old on May 25th) and Miss Banks, of Gedney (first lady to ring a peal in Lincolnshire). Mr. J. Freeman also congratulated them both.

After the men had retired, the ladies held their meeting, with Mrs. J. Noon in the chair.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GRANDSIRE MINOR

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Burgess's inquiry in your issue of May 31st, the Newton-le-Willows ringers will find a number of extents of Grandsire Minor in the old editions of 'Grandsire' (by C. D. P. Davies) in the Snowdon series. Most of the extents have a call at each lead, but the one I quote here will perhaps be found the most useful. The

part given must be twice repeated for 360, and for 720 a single must be substituted for the second bob of any part and the whole repeated.

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— 6 5 2 4 3
— 6 4 5 3 2
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Interest in this method is in these days mainly academic, but Mr. Burgess and his friends need not be put off by your footnote from seeing what Grandsire Minor has to offer and to realise its limitations. It is an ungainly old friend, and one is hardly likely to be satisfied with it for long. On handbells, rung at a brisk pace, it has certain features of interest and demands careful attention. The Central Council will recognise peals in which extents of Grandsire Minor are used, but (wisely, in my opinion) will not attempt to define what must or must not be rung. Fashions in these matters speedily change, and the only ultimate test would seem to be the universal one of survival. The letter from Candidus in the issue of May 31st gives a reminder of some early views on Yorkshire Surprise, and students of ringing history will recollect the open hostility of Davies to Cambridge, an antagonism based chiefly on a supposed defect very similar to the defect of Grandsire Minor.

Thus, without wishing to offer advice any more gratuitous than your own footnote, I would recommend Mr. Burgess and his friends, when they have satisfied themselves on the question of Grandsire Minor, to explore the excellent opportunities for enterprise offered by the more regular Minor methods. There is a great number of fascinating ones as easy as Grandsire Minor and of more lasting worth.—Yours sincerely, EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull.

SEAGE APPARATUS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Bowden enquires in May 24th issue about Seage apparatus fitted in towers. There are four installations in Scotland, being at St. Mary's and at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh. St. Mary's, Glasgow, and at Paisley. I think I am correct in stating that the Glasgow apparatus is the only one now in regular use, but the one at St. Cuthbert's is more or less in working order.

The Edinburgh installations were much used between the wars; that at Glasgow has been in regular use for 30 years.

When ringing with this apparatus for the first time recently, the writer found the effect a little strange initially. After a short period one becomes accustomed to the tone of the gongs and quite a good standard of striking can be attained.

I think it would be correct to state that the apparatus was originally installed to overcome objections in the neighbourhood to the noise of the bells on practice nights. It must be remembered that rings of bells are a rarity in North Britain, and with two exceptions have all been installed since 1880 (approximately). The two exceptions are Edinburgh, St. Andrew's (c. 1780), and Dunkeld, both now unringable.—Yours faithfully,

J. MOSS.

Dundee, Angus.

THE PROOF

Dear Sir,—It was just after we had concluded one of the usual 'bellringing' turns that we ringers are called on to do at parish socials. I had done the 'talkie-talkie' and we'd finished up with a course of Grandsire Triples 'in hand' in the introduction of which I had said (to add a bit of interest) that all the changes in the course would be different and that I would give £250 to Church funds if anyone saw any change repeated.

Well, afterwards, a dear old lady—church councillor she is—came up to me and said: 'It's all very well for you, Mr. Viggers, to tell us that all the changes are different. You ringers know, but how can you prove the point to us?'

That started me thinking, and I devised the following method of proving things which might be of use to others if they are asked this kind of question. I obtained 24 small cards and on each of these I wrote one of the changes of a course of Bob Minimus. Then at the next social I counted these out singly on the stage, and then handed them round with the request that persons holding them should compare cards to make sure no two were alike. This completed, I asked that each person with a card should raise their hand when their particular change came up (while everyone else watched everyone else to see that all card holders raised their hands). Four of us then rang a 'visual' course of Minimus with cards bearing 1, 2, 3 and 4 round our respective necks and changing formation as we made each row.

I must add that this is easy for us as we were members of the original J. S. Goldsmith ringing machine, which used this particular technique in the days of yore. Anyway, it's simple with a bit of practice—you pass behind as you go up and in front as you go down to lead.

I issued the same £250 challenge in my introduction, but added (in case of a mix-up and to make sure I didn't lose the £250—I hadn't got it, anyway) that if I rang my bell muffin-bell fashion it was 'no go,' and we'd start again.

Well, things went off in a very excited fashion with all the audience in 24 groups all watching all the other groups (in case of repeats or omissions), and I think that they afterwards went home really convinced—maybe, who knows, for the first time for any audience ever—of the authenticity of our art.—Yours, etc.,

'DELIGHT'

Aldershot.

PEALS AT LENTON, SALOP

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Lenton, Shropshire, on May 4th, and published in 'The Ringing World' of May 24th, is incorrect. A peal of Doubles in four methods was rung at this church on July 1st, 1922. Incidentally, this was my first peal.—Yours faithfully,

Chester.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

NOTE.—Mr. Ernest Willcox also informs us of the error.—Ed.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter from Mr. Shirley Burton on page 351 of 'The Ringing World' for May 31st, it is now necessary to withdraw the peal rung at West Bromwich on May 4th last, in which the composition by Mr. Burton was used.

As the organiser of the peal, I offer my apologies to the two 'long distance' members of the band.—Yours faithfully,

E. E. SPEAKE.

Woodsetton, Dudley

4-BELL TOWERS IN WARWICKSHIRE

Dear Sir,—The Church Bells of Warwickshire, by Tilley and Walters, gives a complete inventory of every church bell in the county of Warwick in 1910. There are three copies of this beautiful book in the County Library. Twenty towers are shown as having four bells, of which two have now been augmented, namely, Bulkington having eight and Shilton six.

The remaining 18 '4-bell' towers are: Anstey (St. James), Ashow (St. Mary), Church Lawford (St. Peter), Churchover (Holy Trinity), Cubbington (St. Mary), Ettington (St. Thomas-a-Becket), Frankton (St. Nicholas), Long Itchington (Holy Trinity), Lighthorne (St. Laurence), Upper Shuckburgh (St. John Baptist), Weston-under-Wetherley (St. Michael), Newbold Pacey (St. George), Offchurch (St. Gregory), Radford Semele (St. Nicholas), Seckington (All Saints), Sheldon (St. Giles), Withybrook (All Saints), Wolston (St. Margaret).

It is believed that all but three are ringable, the three exceptions being Weston-under-Wetherley, Ashow, and Radford Semele.

Of the remaining 72 bells, possibly less than a score are under 100 years old, and nearly all the 4-bell towers possessed three bells before the Reformation, indicating that there was an incumbent prior to that period.

There is a wealth of interest in the study of these bells. Of the Cubbington bells, Tilley and Walters report that the first and second bell bear Watts' mark and are dated 1646, although Watts died in 1643.

Weston-under-Wetherley has the oldest bells. The first and fourth are by Watts, dated 1624 and 1592 respectively. The second and third are by Giles, dated 1583 and 1585. Giles' bells are both badly cracked and the bell loft is in a neglected state. Had the bells been drinking goblets or something similar, they would have been worth several thousand pounds!

Frankton tower has all four bells by Watts dated 1636, 1607, 1623, 1616. This appears to be the only old ring all by one founder, and would be worth listening to.

Offchurch (tenor 43 in.) and Cubbington (tenor 38½ in.) appear to be the heaviest rings.

There was a good ring of four bells at Urswick in North Lancs, where the state of the tower made it dangerous to do more than chime the bells. Also at Grasmere was another ring of four. I have no information of either tower since 1940.—Yours sincerely,

HENRY ALLEN.

Leamington Spa.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, GLASGOW

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. R. J. Bowden's query ('R.W.', page 333), we have, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, the Seage apparatus which has been in constant use since 1930, and has proved very satisfactory. We were thus able to carry on our regular weekly practice throughout the war period. Perhaps the fact that we have, in Mr. H. Sargent, a first-class steeplekeeper, accounts for it being kept in perfect order.

Our apparatus does not employ 'gongs' but ordinary handbells fastened to the walls of the ringing chamber. We think it was erected by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. when the bells were installed in 1901.

If Mr. Bowden wishes further information, would he write direct to: Mr. H. Sargent, 86, Ottago Street, Glasgow, W.2, who will be happy to oblige.—Yours faithfully,

Glasgow.

ERNEST A. STAFFORD.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandmère Doubles: D. Pitts 1. Joyce Morse 2. Mrs. W. A. Godwin 3. W. A. Godwin (cond.) 4. G. W. Burge 5. J. Dowdeswell 6. Rung to mark the engagement of Miss Joyce Morse to Mr. A. W. Tucker.

RINGING IN ENGLAND 80 YEARS AGO

Extracts from 'Church Bells,' 1879-80

(Continued from page 339.)

'ROPE-SIGHT: AN INTRODUCTION TO CHANGE-RINGING'

By JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON

Mr. Snowdon has written a book that is very much wanted . . . not an uncommon thing to find a band of men who want to learn the mysteries of change-ringing, and yet who do not know how to set about it. A clergyman sometimes finds himself in charge of a ring of bells, and he naturally wants to make the best of them . . . He finds a set of round-ringers who pull and catch the ropes with carthorse strength, and then say that ringing is harder than mowing and, of course, requires more beer. Mr. Snowdon is peculiarly fitted for the post of teacher of such a party. An accomplished ringer . . . few can expect to equal, none to excel . . . nevertheless not rung from childhood. He cannot say he rang a 5,000 before he was 15. . . . Mr. Snowdon thinks, and rightly, that if a man can ring Plain Bob well, he can easily go on to other systems without much further instruction, and that he will be in a position to understand at once what is said in any book about them . . . reading the ropes is like reading a book. When a child learns to read it spells out the letters and is confused by the words . . . So a novice, entering a tower, sees nothing but confusion: the ropes seem all to come together, especially if the bells are rung quickly. But a good reader reads words, not letters: and yet he sees at a glance, by the look of a word, whether it is misspelt. And so a ringer sees at once who is leading, who is behind, which is dodging with which, and he can stand behind a ringer and follow his bell right through the peal. . . . Mr. Snowdon adopts the plan of commencing with three bells. It would have been better if he had followed Mr. Troyte's plan, and begun with two . . . at first there cannot be too few bells, nor can they be rung too slowly. It teaches the beginners to keep their bells up, and they can see the ropes more clearly when they go slowly: and the addition of an extra rope is a very serious addition to the family, especially when it is about the sixth.

The author's remarks about teaching another how to deal with a bell for the first time are especially valuable. The writer of this article took the book into a belfry and did exactly according to the directions. He taught three persons successively to set a bell at hand and backstroke, so that he could sit down and watch them, without danger to themselves or the machinery. This was done in 2½ hours, and none of them had ever rung a bell before, or hardly touched one. . . .

EXAMINE YOUR CLAPPERS

Bell-clappers, like everything else in constant use, suffer from wear and tear—so much so that the bulb often strikes below the thickest part of the sound-bow, and then, sooner or later, the bell is cracked, for which there is no remedy but the melting-pot. The ringers are often to blame for not reporting at once any such cases. Last week, the fourth bell at Alfreton, Derbyshire, was so cracked while ringing, although the ringers knew that the clapper had long been striking too low. On some former occasion the clapper had been altered by some unintelligent workman, who did not shorten the shank sufficiently for the bulb to strike at the proper place. Therefore we advise all rectors, vicars, curates and churchwardens to examine the clappers of their bells, and to be careful whom they employ to repair anything they may find out of order.

DEDICATION OF AN AUGMENTED AND RESTORED RING OF TEN BELLS AT ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON

The dedication of these bells took place on Christmas Eve (1879). . . . During the singing of Hymn 203 (A. and M.) . . . the Bishop (Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Lichfield—former vicar), with the vicar and other clergy, and churchwardens, proceeded to the bell-chamber (where a platform had been prepared by removing the wheels); the Bishop then, laying his hand on one of the bells, said the Prayers of Dedication. By a signal, the same prayers were simultaneously offered up by a clergyman officiating in the church. . . .

The following special hymn, by Rev. Wharton B. Smith and . . . , were sung. . . . The bells were afterwards chimed by members of the Cumberland Society . . . two additional bells by Warner . . . fittings and cage of English oak . . . Ellacombe's chiming hammers. . . . We hope to report a first peal in our next issue.

But the next issue (January 10th, 1880) did not include a report of a peal. However, the following appeared as part of the report on the address given by the Bishop: 'It had been the Bishop's intention for a long period, if he had remained amongst them as their vicar, when the bells were again sounded in his parish, to suggest that a bell should be sounded by a few strokes at 10 o'clock every night, to call the time for "family prayers," which he hoped would have met with response.'

The hymn, specially arranged, referred to above, is shown as follows:—

Raised between the earth and heaven,
Now our Bells are set on high;
In the Name of Him Who giveth
Skill, and strength, and industry.

For His praise we meekly lay them
As a gift beneath His Throne;
All their sweet and noblest music
Shall resound for Him alone.

Faithful men afar shall listen,
'Mid their daily toil and rest,
While the melody shall bid them
Love the Church where all are blest.

Earth's rejoicings, bright and holy,
Shall be signed with joyful peal:
And the music from the steeple
Shall our faith and love reveal.

They who languish, sick and lonely,
Shall be minded, as they sigh
Of the Church's one communion.
God's true Home and Family.

When the spirits of the faithful
Pass away to light and peace,
Solemn tones shall then forewarn us
Soon our life and work must cease.

May these loud and well-tuned voices,
Pealing forth in grand accord,
Lift our hearts through joy and sorrow
To Thy Throne, most gracious Lord.

Glory be, from earth and heaven,
To the Blessed Trinity:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Glory evermore to Thee.

(May I say, why hunt for a dedication hymn when you have this one?—C. R.)

'NOTICE—DISS. NORFOLK

The forty-seventh anniversary of St. Mary's church bells will be held on Tuesday, January 6th (1880), when all friends will be cordially welcomed.—W. Ireland, Secretary.

(Indicates that these bells were opened January 6th, 1833.—C. R.)

THE CLANGING, CLASHING OR FIRING OF BELLS

'Sir,—It is the practice here upon festive occasions to clang the bells, etc., such as three times three, cross-fire, alternately, and twenty-one times for royalty. Is there any danger likely to arise from the practice or not? An early answer will be greatly obliged.

Chester.

FREEMAN BALL.'

In reply to the above we most unhesitatingly and emphatically denounce the practice as being most uproarious, most unmusical, and unscientific. It can do no good to the bell-gear, and if the bells are heavy, and any parts of the steeple are in a doubtful state of soundness, it might be most damaging to the upper part of the fabric: besides, it is a great nuisance to persons living near. Throughout Christendom the law does not allow even a single bell to be a nuisance to a neighbour, and if appealed to, will issue an injunction to silence it. If a nuisance to the neighbourhood and otherwise objectionable, why does the Dean allow it to be continued? It is a prostitution of the bells of a church to be used for purposes for which they were never intended—having been originally set for ecclesiastical uses, and for occasions in which the Church may rejoice with thankfulness.—Ed.].

'ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, 1880

The bells will be rung on the following days throughout the year:—

Thurs., Jan. 1 (New Year's Day), 7 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 26 (Dedication Festival), 9 to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Sun., Mar. 28 (Easter Day), 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Thurs., May 6 (Ascension Day), 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Sun., May 16 (Whit Sunday), 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Mon., May 24 (Queen's Birthday), 9 to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Sun., June 20 (Queen's Accession), 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 1 (All Saints' Day), 9 to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 9 (Lord Mayor's Day), 12 noon and 3 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve), 11 to 12 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 25 (Christmas Day), 9.30 a.m.

Fri., Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve), 11 to 12 p.m.

And on the following Tuesday evenings for practice:—

Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 2 and 30, April 27,
May 25, June 22, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 14,
Oct. 12, Dec. 7.'

FALL OF A CHURCH TOWER

'The parish church of Holy Trinity at Milton Damerel is situated in North Devon. Exactly at midnight last New Year's Eve (i.e., 31 Dec., 1879) an ominous sound was heard in the village, together with the momentary clashing of bells. It was soon found that the church tower had suddenly fallen, and that, in its fall, two of the three bells had clashed together: and thus just on the stroke of twelve, as the old year was dying out, it rang its own funeral knell. The tower fell without any previous warning and without injuring anyone.

About 20 years ago we visited the church. The tower was then in a most dilapidated state, and might have been expected to fall at any time. The church itself had been well cared for by the Rector.'

(To be continued)

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES H. PAGE AN APPRECIATION

'Charlie' Page, whose death occurred in March this year, came from a family of ringers. His father, Henry Page, was a founder member of the North Staffs Association, or the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association as it was then called, and its committee chairman for many years. His brothers, too, are ringers. His records give no indication of when he first learned to ring, but his first peal was at St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Stoke-on-Trent, on February 11th, 1908 (Grandsire Triples), when he was some 21 years old. It was at this church that he later became tower captain, an office he held for many years, and indeed until his death.

The last of his 306 peals was Plain Bob Minor at Kildgrove on April 14th, 1956. By then, however, his health had begun to fail, and although he took part in two further peal attempts, his active ringing career came to an end in October last.

Charlie's deep love of ringing and his unwavering enjoyment of it are reflected in his peal ringing. He rang peals regularly and steadily, and for all the reasons that peals are rung—not just for personal satisfaction, but for the team work which is the basis of all ringing, and which is exemplified in the peal, to help less expert ringers (at least half his peals contain 'firsts'), for the prestige of his Association, and as a duty in celebration of many notable occasions of Church and State. Charlie was a good churchman and always regarded ringing in the first instance as work in the service of God and His Church.

Charlie Page rang peals for nine Associations—245 for the North Staffs Association, 27 for the Chesham Diocesan Guild, 13 for the Sussex Association, 11 for the Lancashire Association, 5 for the Shropshire Association, 2 for the Ancient Society of College Youths (one a joint peal) and 1 each for the Midland Counties and Yorkshire Associations, and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

Of his 'First on the bells,' perhaps those of most note were the first peal of Maximus at Manchester Town Hall, the first peal on the ten at Newcastle (which he conducted) and the first on the eight at Audley. He was also a member of the 'bands which rang the first peals of Cinques and Maximus for the North Staffs Association. Overshadowing all these, however, was his peal on the fifth at Hoar Cross in 1924, the heaviest ring of six to be turned in to a peal of Minor to that date. The peal was conducted by Joseph E. Sykes. The only other non-North Staffs ringer who took part was Alfred E. Bacon, who worked with Joe Sykes, and who, from the many tales told of these two by Charlie Page, was a reluctant and conscripted ringer in all the peals Joe, his boss, decided to ring while on their travels.

Charlie Page was a railwayman and proud of it, and particularly, too, of his knowledge and experience with the North Staffs Railway Co., for which he always worked in spirit despite the take-over by the L.M.S. and later incorporation in British Railways. He took part in the first peal of Royal by an all-railwaymen band, at Crewe in 1930. He 'circled' the belfries of Longton and Stone, but the third at Stoke eluded him for all his 27 peals on the bells.

At the time of his death, Charlie Page was one of the oldest members of the North Staffs Association. He was, however, of a retiring nature, and the only offices he held were Ringing Master (1920 to 1923) and auditor from 1954 until his death. In recognition of his many years' service he was elected a life member at the annual general meeting in December, 1956.

PEAL ANALYSIS

TOWER BELLS

Maximus.—Kent T.B. 5, Oxford T.B. 1.
Cinques.—Stedman 3.
Royal.—Little Bob 1, Kent T.B. 15 (cond. 1), Oxford T.B. 2, Plain Bob 5 (1).
Caters.—Grandsire 7 (6), Stedman 9.
Major.—Burslem Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 10, Canterbury Pleasure 1 (1), Double Norwich 11 (1), Ipswich Surprise 1, Kent T.B. 44 (25), Oxford and Kent T.B. 1, Lincolnshire Surprise 3, Little Bob 1, New Cambridge 2, Norfolk Surprise 1, Oxford T.B. 16 (2), Painswick 2, Plain Bob 22 (4), Pudsey Surprise 1, Single Oxford 1, Rutland Surprise 1, Spliced Surprise 1, Staffordshire Surprise 2, Superlative Surprise 6, Yorkshire Surprise 3.
Triples.—Grandsire 48 (24), Stedman 23 (1).
Minor.—Cambridge 4, Ipswich 1, Oxford T.B. 1, Plain Bob 7, more than one method 19.
Doubles.—Grandsire 4 (4), Plain Bob 1, Stedman 2, more than one method 4.

HANDBELLS

Major.—Kent T.B. 2, Kent and Oxford T.B. 2, Plain Bob 8.
Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (1).

MR. ROBERT W. WHITTINGTON

Guildford Diocesan Guild has lost its oldest ringer by the death on June 1st of Mr. Robert W. Whittington, of Cranleigh, Surrey, aged 89. His long services to ringing were recognised by the Guild in 1954, when he was elected a vice-president.

Born at Ewhurst, Surrey, Mr. Whittington learnt to handle a bell at the age of eight, and on Ewhurst bells on March 18th, 1878, he rang his first 720 of Bob Minor. On his 80th birthday he rang the same bell to a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. In the intervening 70 years much ringing history was made. The late Mrs. Whittington, whom he taught to ring, rang with him in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Cranleigh on February 29th, 1912, which was the first tower-bell peal ever rung in which husband and wife took part.

From 1907 onward they cycled on a tandem all over the country, putting up a recorded total of 100,000 miles, ringing in 400 towers. On December 1st, 1917, at Cranleigh, they rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples to celebrate their silver wedding, and this was also a 'first'—husband and wife ringing together in a silver wedding peal. Their golden wedding was celebrated in 1942; Mrs. Whittington died in 1945.

About 1900, together with the whole of the Ewhurst band, Mr. Whittington joined the Winchester Diocesan Guild. Three years later he was elected to the Guild committee and continued to serve on that body until the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild in 1928. He served on the Guildford Guild committee from its foundation until his death, and represented the Guild on the Central Council in 1928 and 1929. At Cranleigh and Ewhurst he was in business as a cycle, electrical and general engineer. The business is now run by his son.

The funeral service was held at Cranleigh Parish Church on June 4th, the Rector (Rev. H. L. Johnston) officiating. Among ringers attending were Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, A. H. Pulling, H. Hutton (representing Guildford Diocesan Guild, who sent a wreath), E. Warner and Gilbert Charman (Cranleigh ringers).

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on May 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, W. J. Arnold 2, R. F. Ewer 3, W. Little 4, L. Cox 5, J. Ewer 6, G. Penny 7, M. Frost 8. In memoriam F. L. Whiteman, nearly 40 years a member of the Cathedral band, who was hurried this day.

MR. REG LATHBURY

His many friends will be sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Reg Lathbury, of Walton-on-Thames, which took place at St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, on May 30th. In recent months he underwent two operations, and it was gratifying to hear he was able to return home again, but his re-entry into hospital, coupled with the news of his passing, came as a shock to us all. He was 71.

Reg was a ringer in Surrey prior to his return to Cambridge in the early '20s, where he became a valuable asset in town and surrounding districts. On his return to Walton-on-Thames he soon set to work in many ways, not only for the Guildford Diocesan Guild but the Surrey Association as well, for Reg undertook many tasks in order to be of service to ringers and ringing. He was not a great peal ringer, yet he was a good striker on light or heavy bells and besides being a good instructor, organiser, District secretary, regular Sunday service ringer and practice night ringer, he attended many meetings whenever his duties as vergers at Walton Parish Church permitted him.

At the memorial service, held at Walton-on-Thames on June 5th, many of his ringing friends attended, and a mixed band rang half-muffled touches on the bells Reg loved so well. Surrey ringers in all parts will miss a ringer who enjoyed the company of ringers old and young; one who cultivated friendship, gave cheerful and willing service to others and who won the respect of all with whom he came in contact.

W. S.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The Society held its early summer meeting at Penn on May 25th, when the local ringers and their wives even surpassed their efforts of March, 1953. Penn ringers know how to put on a good meeting, and in this respect they receive every assistance from their Vicar (Rev. T. O. Boulton).

The highlight of this most encouraging and enjoyable meeting was undoubtedly the full-choral service in the fine Parish Church of St. Bartholomew, and an inspiring address by the Vicar. Following the service was a bountiful tea and this, coupled with unlimited ringing to suit all tastes, beautiful surroundings, good fellowship and fine weather, together with an attendance of 99, made the meeting one to rejoice the heart of any secretary.

The Society cannot fail to benefit from such an occasion and thanks are due from all who attended, to the Vicar of Penn, his ringers and the ladies, and the organist and members of the choir for their respective efforts. F. C. A. B.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS

ASHTEAD. SURREY

The Ashtead ringers, together with a few more experienced ringers from neighbouring towers, spent a very successful day in Buckinghamshire on May 25th. The first tower visited was Stoke Poges, with a very lovely church, bells and garden. Next was Farnham Royal, the home of the famous composer J. J. Parker, and then Hughenden, burial place of the great Disraeli. The lovely setting of this latter church and the beautiful bells left nothing to be desired. Ringing at West Wycombe, the church on the hill with the golden ball, a landmark for miles around, was hampered by the numerous visitors.

After lunch at High Wycombe, Great Marlow brought back, to the writer, memories of Herculean efforts on the well-known regatta course. The bells here were a real joy. Woodburn provided the heaviest eight of the day, and the bells here seemed to lend themselves to Major ringing. Last of all, Burnham, where Geo. Gilbert made everyone most welcome, so much so that there was ringing after tea as well as before.

Apart from numerous rounds, methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich, Ashtead, Cambridge and London. But at Burnham, Bristol rung especially for Geo. Gilbert just would not 'go.' Grateful thanks are tendered to the various incumbents and to the various ringers who met us.

Thank you, Bucks.

J. T. S.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

A round trip of 225 miles, eight out of 14 hours spent in travelling, only three towers and barely three hours' ringing time—such are the bare facts of the Leeds Parish Church ringers' outing on May 18th. Far from being the endurance test the statistics imply, the outing was acclaimed on all sides as an unqualified success.

The scenery included much of the best it is possible to find—moorland, fell country. Lakes Windermere and Conistone, the coastal route round Morecambe Bay—the bells also included some of which are as good as any, and not least important, the meals were of quality and quantity to satisfy the most exacting.

The first tower was Ambleside, the heaviest eight in the north, bells which it may truthfully be said are as good as any and better than most, especially when heard outside. Ringing here is restricted, and it was a privilege to be allowed an hour's ringing on these bells. A ppst-dated application had been made two years ago, when repairs to the fabric and consequent cessation of ringing resulted in our being disappointed in 1955.

During the afternoon an hour-and-a-half's ringing was allowed on the fine ten at Dalton-in-Furness, after which, greatly daring in view of the result of the Rugby cup-final at Wembley the week previous, the party ventured into Barrow. At this point it was noticeable that the Leeds colours bravely displayed earlier in the day disappeared!

After enquiring whether we had brought the Cup, the local ringers made us welcome, and perhaps knowing what an outsize tea we had just had to tackle they had kindly got the bells up ready so that the fullest use could be made of the brief time allowed for ringing before our long journey home.

Leeds was reached without mishap about 10.30 p.m.

R. H. D.

BOLTON BRANCH

Ringers and friends of the Bolton Branch, Lancashire Association, went to the north of the county for their annual outing on May 18th. Standard methods were rung at Bilsborrow, a lovely eight (tenor 14½ cwt.). After a delightful lunch at the Woodlands Hotel, Silverdale, the six at St. John's Church were tried, and proved a delightful ring.

The run to Cartmel Priory was through delightful country, and here Miss Snowdon showed non-ringers round the church. The six bells here were very noisy—four old bells with two added trebles—but they were delightful to handle. Tea was taken at Grange-over-Sands, a short distance from Flookburgh, the best six of the day, with a 17½ cwt. tenor which runs like a top. The party are much indebted to Miss Mildred M. Jones, who arranged the trip, and to the incumbents and local ringers.

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MISCELLANEOUS

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Members concerned please note: Willoughby 7.15, Daventry (By-pass) 7.20, Staverton 7.25, Byfield 7.40, Charwelton 7.45, Badby (Main Road) 7.50, Newnham 7.55, Weedon 8.5, Lower Heyford 8.20, Bugbrooke 8.25, Kilsbury Turn 8.30.—F. Hancock, Hon. Sec.

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MEETINGS

BEDS AND HERTS ASSOCIATIONS.—Summer festival at St. Albans on Saturday, June 15th. Cathedral service (with handbell voluntary) 4 p.m. Tea at Abbey Institute 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Hemel Hempstead (8) 9.30 to 10.25 a.m., Apsley (6) 10.15 to 11.15, King's Langley (8) 11 to 12, Langleybury (6) 11.30 to 12.30, Aldenham (8) 12.30 to 1.30, St. Peter's (10) 2 to 3.30 only, St. Stephen's (6) and St. Michael's (8) 2 to 3.30, also Cathedral (12) 2 to 3.55, are open after tea until 8 p.m. Kimpston (6) open 7 p.m., and other towers if required. 332

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Joint meeting with Derbyshire Association (Peak District Branch) at Chapel-en-le-Frith on Saturday, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis.

CHISLEDON, WILTS.—Rededication of Chisledon Parish Church bells (6) on Saturday, June 15th, at 3 p.m. Also blessing of new Vicarage. Ringing after tea. 356

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at St. Nicolas' Church, Nuneaton, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) 3 to 8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—D. A. Carpenter, Branch Sec. 410

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Whittlesey on Saturday, June 15th. St. Andrew's (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's (8) after tea. St. Andrew's also available.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 364

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Tortworth (6), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 380

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Otlands Park with Weybridge on Saturday, June 15th. Bells: Weybridge 2.30 to 3.30 only, Otlands from 3.30 onwards. Service. Otlands, 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 351

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Ealing, Saturday, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m.—F. A. Finch. 370

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Advanced method practice at Crawley (8) on Saturday, June 15th. Evening only, commencing at 6.—I. Butcher. 367

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Horsted Parva (6), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Bring own tea, please.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 384

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Hagley (Wolverley not available), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 306

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Practice meeting at Bridport on Wednesday, June 19th. Bells from 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—Barrett, Beaminster. 404

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Gainford on Saturday, June 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea essential by June 19th to E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough. 401

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting, Belper, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—café nearby. Trent bus No. 2. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 406

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 22nd, at Selston. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday to Mr. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Notts.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 407

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting at Haddenham (6) on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 6 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 377

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. George, Bristol, E., Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea before June 18th.—T. T. Walters, 17, Newlands Avenue, Coalpit Heath. 395

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Clearwell, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (4) 3 p.m. Newland (6) available in the evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 416

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dumbleton, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names by June 18th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. Tel. Miserden 232. 417

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting at Chiddingfold (8) on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells from 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Toby Jug 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 19th, to Mr. R. Cooper, Red Cottage, Mill Lane. No names, no tea.—M. E. Collins and A. M. Cox, joint Secs. 389

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Stand, Whitefield, on Saturday, June 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 392

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Singleton Parish Church on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Ringing afterwards.—John F. Turner. 418

LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY.—Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church.—M. T. Symonds. 414

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Congerstone, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Rooms 5 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. H. McCullam, Barton Lane, Congerstone, near Nuneaton.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 388

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Crowland, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. R. Strickland, Crowland, near Peterborough, Northants.—M. Bennett, Hon. Sec. 369

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Barrow-on-Humber (8), on Saturday, June 22nd. Names for tea by June 19th to Mr. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber. 359

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting at Churchill on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury. 338

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Cottesmore on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss J. Hoy, 11, Ashwell Road, Oakham. 375

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Alderton, Saturday, June 22nd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 409

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Broad Hinton (6), Saturday, June 22nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—Canon White, Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon. 403

THE GUILD OF RAILWAYMEN CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—Provisional arrangements for the annual meeting at Crewe on June 22nd, full day.

The tower and bells and parochial buildings will be available from arrival to lunch time, approximately 1 p.m. (Names for lunch by Monday, 17th inst., to W. Frank Stenson, North Col. 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe.) Meeting at 2 p.m. Service (Guild office), hallowing by the Vicar of Christ Church (Rev. Francis G. Gentry), and dedication of peal board and photograph at 3 p.m., after which Christ Church bells will again be available; also Nantwich and Sandbach, both eights, not more than half-an-hour away.

A running buffet will be available from 4 p.m. Tea will be available on arrival and throughout the day. 273

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Pewsey, Saturday, June 22nd. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 402

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Corfe Mullen on Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those notifying by June 19th Mr. I. Davis, Restormel, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole. 405

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Combined meeting, Saturday, June 22nd. St. Mary's, Twickenham (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; All Hallows, Twickenham (10), 3 to 4 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, South Street, Isleworth, 4.30 to 5.30. Service, Isleworth Parish Church, 6 p.m. Ringing: Isleworth (10) 6.45 to 8.45 p.m.; St. Lawrence, Erentford (6), 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel. HOU 3921.—Bond and Rogers, Hon. Secs. 363

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Colston Bassett (8) on Saturday, June 22nd, at 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—J. K. Wagstaff, Hon. Sec. 415

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rettendon (6), Saturday, June 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Please bring own food.—B. C. Sadler. 420

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting, Wenhamston (6), Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 20th to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 374

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath (6), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 381

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Practice meeting, Saturday, June 22nd, Battle. Special method, Oxford Bob Triples. Probably some names for tea will be received by H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 393

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual meeting and festival, New Radnor, Saturday, June 22nd. Towers available: Eardisland (8) 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m., New Radnor (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting until 6.30 p.m., Old Radnor 6.45 to 8 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea (2s. per head) and meeting. Names, please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 315

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Whitby (10), Saturday, June 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 20th to Mrs. R. Elwick, 19, St. Mary's Crescent, Whitby.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion at Radstock on Sunday, June 23rd, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Names for breakfast to Mr. F. Carter, 31, New Bath Road, Radstock. 394

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual shield contest, Saturday, June 29th, at Wentworth. For teas, notify not later than June 22nd Mr. George West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, Rotherham.—James W. Buxton, temp. Sec. 399

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Sturry, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, June 26th, enclosing cash, please, to Mr. H. R. French, Lamorbey, Sturry Hill, Sturry, Canterbury. Petham, Saturday, July 27th.—B. J. Luck. 396

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 29th. All Saints', Newport. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by June 25th, please, to Mr. D. James, 29, Walford Street, Newport. Mon. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. Evans. 391

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing in the evening. Nearest station, George Lane, South Woodford (Central line). Buses to Gates Corner. 412

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Welton (6), Saturday, June 29th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 408

SAFFRON WALDEN.—The 334th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service 4. Lunch (3s. 6d.) 1. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Ninety already coming. Twelve-bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch and tea for those notifying me by June 27th.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields, Saffron Walden. Phone: 2074. 397

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Marksbury, Bath.—Corporate Communion at Marksbury, Sunday, June 30th, at 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Names for breakfast, please.—W. A. Prescott, Elmleigh, South Road, Timsbury, Bath. Tel. Timsbury 287. 419

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Special meeting at Bozeat on Saturday, July 6th, for dedication of peal boards by the Rev. G. P. H. Rowson (Northampton). Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 2nd, to Miss C. Coleman, 55, High Street, Bozeat, Northants. 390

LADIES GUILD.—Annual general meeting.—Saturday July 6th, at Newcastle upon Tyne. Bells available—10 a.m. to 12 noon: All Saints', Gosforth (10); SS. James and Basil, Fenham (8); St. Stephen's, Scotswood Road (8); 2 to 3 p.m.: St. John's, Grainger Street (8); 2 to 3.30 p.m.: Newcastle Cathedral (12); evening: Cathedral (12); St. Mary's, Gateshead (8). Service 3.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 2nd, to Mrs. Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields. 376

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