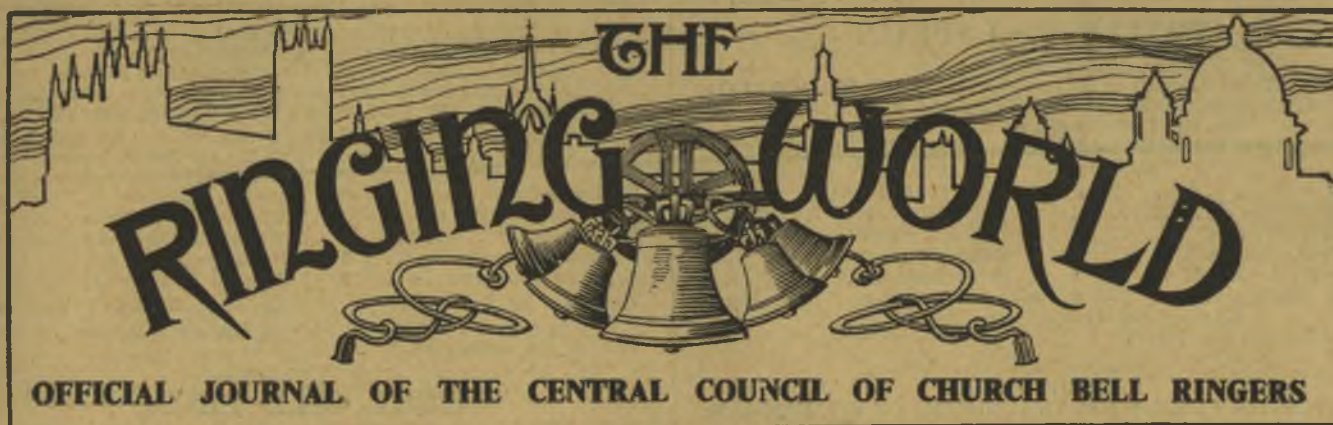




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THE SHIELD GOES SOUTH

THE visitor approaching Barnstaple from the west, seeing the Yelland Power Station, the Army camp, the creeping fungus growth of bungalows, and finally the least attractive department of Barnstaple itself to the west of the bridge, might well think that in this gentle piece of land between the Torridge and the Taw more natural beauty has been overlaid with more artificial ugliness than anywhere else in Devon. But to the north-east, the Lynton road winds immediately out into a country of steep, wooded combs and quietness, and it is on this road that one sees the signpost pointing to Shirwell Town.

Now Shirwell has given its name to the Deanery and the Hundred in which it stands, and one might expect to find the church beyond the gasworks and across the market square from the Civic Hall. But a town in Devon is often a village and frequently no more than a farm, and Shirwell consists only of St. Peter's Church, a score or so of houses, a parish hall and a shop—and a yew tree.

It stands, this tree, outside the church door, its limbs polished smooth by generations of children who have joyfully accepted its invitation to be climbed. Such a close basketwork of branches are they that it would be impossible to fall out, and visitors to the church with children in tow might well think that such a tree should be standard equipment in any churchyard; a pity they take a thousand years to grow.

Outside, the church is singular in having its tower at the east end of the south aisle—a good little tower, though, bearing four portentously-crocketed pinnacles. Inside, there is a nice arcade of Devon pillars in fine white stone, and opposite it a single pillar of the same design—but made of oak. There is a Norman font, some good mediæval roofs, and an effigy of a lovely mediæval lady in a recess in the chancel, lying under a massive stone lintel so low that one fears for her nose should she wake suddenly.

This is very much North Devon, and when the Devon Association's six-bell competition was rung here on June 10th the bands from East Portlemouth and West Alvington came from the furthest south of the county, all of 70

miles, to reach this northern stronghold. The bells are a tunable six, but they tested the adaptability of the ringers more than this competition has tested it for a little while, for they are on plain bearings and the third and fifth are not 'square,' which is our way of saying they're odd-struck. The man who can ring a perfect peal on perfect-going bells is not always able to correct an odd-struck one right from the start of the rise, and this may be one reason for a certain upsetting of form this year.

It is ten years since the shield left North Devon, and lately it has been virtually a private war between the northern towers, with the South Devon bands to fill up the programme. However, West Alvington have always been in the running, and the news that they'd won at Broadhempston with only 17½ faults made many North Devon ringers take them very seriously indeed. They had the luck to draw last place in order of ringing, which may have helped them to learn from other people's mistakes the way these bells should be handled. Down St. Mary and West Down went in together, about halfway through, which was exciting; West Down rang first, and were clearly doing well; Down St. Mary went well until the end of their changes, and then had a bad upset which unsettled them for their lower.

West Alvington couldn't ring a peal like the Broadhempston one on these bells, but they did their best, and their best was better than anyone else's—40½ faults was very creditable indeed. The North took the next four places, West Down with 46½, and Bow, Colebrook and Down St. Mary all in the 50's: if this had been North v. South on aggregate, the North would have won it easily, for West Alvington 'B' had a very unhappy peal.

But that is not by any means to belittle West Alvington's achievement. Their village is not a very big one, just beside Kingsbridge; and Kingsbridge and Dodbrooke both maintain excellent bands of ringers themselves, so Alvington can't draw on them. Yet here is a place which for over 12 years has been running two separate bands of ringers, manning the tower twice a Sunday, and repeatedly getting not one but *both* teams into the top five in the whole of South Devon. And when, after the Archdeacon of Barnstaple (who is Rector of Shirwell) had conducted the service in a packed church, his wife, Mrs. Sanderson, presented the shield to the West Alvington 'A' captain, I am sure that no ringer from North Devon grudged him, his men and the parish they represent, the just reward of a fine tradition.

J. G. M. S.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., June 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ANN BARR	Treble	*ALAN E. BAGWORTH	7
MURIEL REAY	2	RODERICK W. PIPE	8
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	DAVID J. PURNELL	9
JOHN A. ANDERSON	4	BARRIE HENDRY	10
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5	PETER BORDER	11
JOHN PINFOLD	6	JOHN McDONALD	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal on 12 bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., June 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5042 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY	Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE	7
JOHN McDONALD	2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	DAVID J. PURNELL	9
BARRIE HENDRY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	10
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON	11
JOHN PINFOLD	6	PETER BORDER	Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In nine methods, comprising 576 each of Cheltenham, Cambridge, Harleston, Lyddington, Pudsey, Primrose, Superlative, Woodstock and Yorkshire; with 107 changes of method. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	Treble	BARRIE HENDRY	7
RONALD F. DISERENS	2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	8
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	PHILIP MEHEW	9
PETER BORDER	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	10
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON	11
ALAN J. FROST	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE E. FEARN. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in nine methods.

TEN BELL PEALS

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

*JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY	Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
†S. BARRY SCHOLFIELD	2	BASIL JONES	7
JOHN WORTH	3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD	8
†RITA M. JOWETT	4	†VERNON BOTTOMLEY	9
†B. GILLIAN SCHOLFIELD	5	EDWARD JENKINS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal of Royal. † First in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 HEMINGTON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ROBERT B. SMITH	Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH	6
R. KINGSLEY MASON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	7
ALAN E. HARTLEY	3	JOHN E. COOK	8
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	A. JAMES POYNOR	9
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal in the method.

HEMINGTON SURPRISE ROYAL

—30—14—50—16—1270—18—14—30, 14—14, 90. L.H. 12. 1573.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In four methods, comprising 2,400 London No. 3, 1,400 Clifton, 600 Cambridge, 600 Yorkshire; with 100 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

S. BARRY SCHOLFIELD	Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND	6
B. GILLIAN SCHOLFIELD	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
HOWARD SCOTT	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	8
GORDON BENFIELD	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	9
VERNON BOTTOMLEY	5	RICHARD E. PRICE	Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal in four methods by all the band, and for the Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

IRIS THOMSON	Treble	ROBIN G. TURNER	5
MARION S. AINSWORTH	2	FREDERICK ROSS	6
JOHN A. BROWN	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
JOHN E. ANDERSON	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

First peal of Major on the bells since their restoration.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.

KEITH B. TOWNSEND	Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR	5
PATRICIA A. MORRIS	2	MURRAY A. COLEMAN	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal in the method. The conductor's 50th different Surprise

Major method rung to a peal.

Rung for the Feast of the Holy Trinity.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

VIVIAN BARNES	Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	WILLIAM J. NEWMAN	6
*RICHARD NEWMAN	3	RALPH HARRIS	7
JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	4	PATRICK HARRIS	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley.

HARLOW, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in E

ERIC EDMONDSON	Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
CLAUDIA E. CRITCHLEY	2	GEORGE E. THODAY	6
JACK S. DEAR	3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	7
*GEORGE A. SPENCER	4	†J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † 200th peal.

ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—1258—16—12—1258—16—78. L.H. 12. 1573.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., June 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY 5
R. KINGSLEY MASON 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	A. JAMES POYNOR 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*VERONICA M. MILES .. Treble	*ANN E. FELLOWS 5
ALMA M. GREAVES 2	ROGER J. GAY 6
*J. MARY FUNNELL 3	RODERICK W. PIPE 7
†LINDA M. HUGHES 4	PAUL W. WEBB Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 14).

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

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

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 BILLINGBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE R. DAWSON .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 4	RONALD C. NOON Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

In honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. W. E. Allen, and the birth of daughters to the Rev. and Mrs. R. Bennett, and Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Tyrrell, of Spalding.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, GLOWWICK.

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 64 lb. in A.

CAROL FERNLEY .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT 5
EILEEN M. FEARN 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
F. JOHN NELSON 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
JOHN ROBINSON 4	BASIL JONES Tenor

Composed by J. PARKER.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

IVOR GOULTER .. Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5
GEOFFREY R. DREW 2	ERIC SUTTON 6
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS 3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 7
RONALD A. WRIGHT 4	BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 100th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).	
ROSEMARY HARMSWORTH .. Treble	ROLAND F. ECCLES 5
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 2	JOHN BAGNALL 6
JAMES E. BURLS 3	ALAN CAPSTICK 7
THOMAS F. METCALFE 4	PETER HANDLEY Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CAPSTICK.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MICHAEL S. HOLBROOK .. Treble	ARTHUR SAYERS 5
*CHRISTINE HASSELL 2	REGINALD F. CROOK .. 6
*PAUL G. HOLMES 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD 7
†CANON F. A. SANDERS 4	†RAYMOND HASSELL Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

K. PETER JONES .. Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES 5
ROBERT J. WARRILOW 2	*†J. DAVID ATKINSON .. 6
*ANN E. FELLOWS 3	RODERICK W. PIPE 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal in the method. † First of Major, and of Surprise 'inside.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 19, 1961, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation.		Tenor 25 cwt.
PETER J. STANFORTH .. Treble	WILLIAM A. LACEY 5	
ALAN HARTLEY 2	ALFRED BALLARD 6	
JOHN A. ACRES 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT 7	
JACK P. KESTERTON 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Lt.-Col. Sir Robert Martin, for 36 years chairman of Leics County Council, a vice-lieutenant of Leics and a lay canon of Leicester Cathedral, who died on June 13th, aged 86.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., June 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5056 ZETLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

FRANK TAYLOR .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT 3	RONALD C. NOON 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

BASIL JONES .. Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 5
EILEEN M. FEARN 2	JOHN ROBINSON 6
CAROL FERNLEY 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
F. JOHN NELSON 4	NEIL BENNETT Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by A. PETER WHITEHEAD.

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 28 cwt. in D.
WENDY BIRD .. Treble	LESLIE A. PAGE 5	
*RAYMOND HAINES 2	*EDWARD C. READ 6	
YVONNE L. ELOIE 3	RONALD N. MARLOW 7	
LEWIS F. COBB 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor	

Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to mark the centenary of Salisbury Theological College and the visit of Archbishop Lord Fisher, of Lambeth, for the centenary festival.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

PETER CLARKSON .. Treble	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 5
*ROGER FRY 2	†ALLAN PATON 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS 3	†BOB DOWDESWELL 7
IVOR GOULTER 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First of Major.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Roger Fry.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wed., June 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*RAYMOND H. DAW .. Treble	PAUL W. WEBB 5
*†MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 2	*ROGER J. GAY 6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	JOHN McDONALD 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4	RODERICK W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise 'inside,' aged 13.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G.

ALAN R. PINK Treble	*JOHN G. PUSEY 5
*EDWARD R. VENN 2	*BRIAN R. WHITE 6
†DONALD H. NIBLETT 3	*FRANCIS A. WHITE 7
*BERTRAM J. COGGINS 4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON.
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR D. BARKER Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 5
WILFRID G. WILSON 2	DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH 6
DAVID P. HILLING 3	*JAMES RUMBLE 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
* First peal of Major.

Rung for the 80th anniversary celebrations of the founding of the Guild.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

NORAH M. RANGLES .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
KATHERINE BURCHNALL 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES 6
GRACE BURCHNALL 3	*JAMES W. RAITHBY 7
MARGARET A. PARKER 4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

A compliment to Rev. Canon R. T. Keal on completion of 21 years as Vicar of this parish.

WILLEDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 2,624 London, 1,184 Bristol, 768 Superlative and 704 Cambridge; with 110 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of London, Bristol and Superlative.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ALFRED J. HOUSE Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	PETER BERESFORD 6
*RONALD H. BULLEN 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,824 Bristol, 1,440 Cambridge, 1,056 Superlative and 768 London; with 104 changes of method.
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE (C.C.C. 10).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. John-the-Baptist as a compliment to the new Vicar of Erith, Rev. Peter Absolon.

ARLECDON, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

HAROLD N. TEMBEY Treble	WILLIAM G. WILSON 5
ALAN CAPSTICK 2	STANLEY RICHARDSON .. 6
GEOFFREY TEMBEY 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 7
GRAHAM MCKAY 4	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. Treble	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 5
CYRIL J. GOULD 2	*RONALD E. NORRIS 6
CYRIL S. JARRETT 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 4	DEREK NORRIS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* 40th peal (37 with the conductor).

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.
*DAVID HERSCHELL Treble *DAVID J. MUNDY 4
*SYLVIA MARSH 2 *WILLIAM PARROTT 5
*ADRIENNE GIBSON 3 BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Surprise.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Primrose Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford Bob and Thelwall Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob and Childwall Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.
PETER J. CHILTON Treble JOHN M. JELLEY 4
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 2 BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 5
R. BARRY BROWN 3 A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., June 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.
WINSTON S. GIRLING .. Treble ALICE E. J. LESTER 4
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 2 ROBERT E. LESTER 5
*ERIC HOTINE 3 RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.
* First peal.

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*ROGER FRY Treble *ALLAN PATON 4
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2 *LEN EDWARDS 5
PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 3 GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

NORTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In five methods, being two extents each of College Exercise T.B. and Oxford T.B., and one each of Cambridge Surprise, Norbury T.B. and Kent T.B. Tenor 7 cwt.

*ROGER FRY Treble	*BOB DOWDESWELL 4
*ALLAN PATON 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5
PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.
* First peal in five methods. First on the bells since rehanging.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(West Lindsey Branch.)

On Sat., June 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
*MELVILLE ROSE Treble JOHN M. BLAIKIE 4
GEORGE E. FEIRN 2 *JOHN F. UNDERWOOD .. 5
ROBIN A. HEPPENSTALL .. 3 G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. Tenor

Conducted by G. LESLIE A. LUNN.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' The conductor's 100th peal.
Rung at the request of Canon Ravins for the youth pilgrimage to St. Oswald's Well.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. Treble LEONARD J. MINNS 4
PETER M. ADCOCK 2 FRANK C. J. ARNOLD 5
LESLIE F. BAILEY 3 CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Leslie F. Bailey.

**BEENHAM-VALENCE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**
On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz., one extent each of London, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge and Oxford T.B., one of Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, and one of Plain Bob and Double Bob.

JOHN D. ROCK	Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON	4
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH ..	2	J. KEITH WARD	5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT ..	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

**CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**
On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Surfleet Surprise, Single Oxford, Beverley Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

FREDERICK ROSS	Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS	4
ALAN R. PATTERSON	2	ERIC N. HARRISON	5
JOHN E. ANDERSON	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and one 720 of Plain Bob.

*BARBARA FISHER	Treble	*PHILIP BEDFORD	4
HARRY TURNER	2	RAYMOND G. JONES ..	5
*RONALD J. BROWN	3	HERMON J. OLIVER ..	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal in four methods.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Double Oxford Bob, (2) St. Clement's College Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) and (5) Oxford T.B., (6) and (7) Kent T.B.

EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH ..	Treble	GILES B. THOMPSON ..	4
ALAN G. KIRK	2	*GORDON RUMNEY	5
E. MICHAEL QUINN	3	JOHN ROBINSON	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

* First peal in five methods.

STONEHOUSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford T.B. and five of Plain Bob.

SHIRLEY M. PARSONS ..	Treble	DON EXELL	4
*ALAN A. J. BUSWELL ..	2	D. JOHN HUNT	5
ALLAN PATON	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

FREDERICK WATSON	Treble	PHILIP C. PITCHFORD ..	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	FREDERICK DERRY	5
ROLAND H. COOK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ecob, Melton Mowbray, on their silver wedding anniversary.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Stamford and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

CECIL W. MATTHEWS ..	Treble	ALAN G. PAYNE	4
CECIL WADE	2	S./LDR. GEORGE W. MASSEY	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

Rung in honour of the visit this day to Stamford of Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to the quinqucentenary celebrations.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 20 six-scores Plain Bob and 20 six-scores and one 240 Grandsire.

KEITH SWINGWOOD ..	Treble	G. A. MOORE	4
*PAT ROBINSON	2	K. PETER JONES	5
ALLEN D. STEELE	3	WILLIAM WATKIN	Tenor

Conducted by G. A. MOORE.

* First peal of Doubles.

Rung for the wedding of Sylvia Mary Lawford Philips to John Edward Heath.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Wells, London, York, Durham, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.

ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ..	Treble	ERIC N. HARRISON	4
*STEPHEN THOMPSON ..	2	GEORGE S. DEAS	5
ROBIN G. TURNER	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

SALTASH, CORNWALL.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., June 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

WILLIAM G. LAVERS ..	Treble	D. ROY BOULD	4
REV. P. DOWLING	2	H. FREDERICK MYERS ..	5
ALLAN J. COLLINGS	3	THOMAS G. MYERS	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

First peal on the bells.

THORNHILL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

TOM CROSSLEY	Treble	DAVID LOCKWOOD	4
TREVOR TARBATT	2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND	5
PETER CARBUTT	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal on the bells.

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KIRBY WISKE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*ELSDON METCALFE Treble	*ARTHUR BASHFORTH 4
ALAN SHEPPARD 2	HOWARD SANDHAM 5
RONALD R. WARFORD 3	KENNETH B. SISSONS .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of April Day and St. Simon's, four of Grand-sire and 36 of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*MICHAEL ARMSTRONG .. Treble	JOHN PLADDYS 3
*†WENDY PHILLIPS 2	WILLIAM G. HEADLEY .. 4

ALAN R. PATTERSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PLADDYS.

* Most methods to a peal. † First 'inside.' First of Doubles by all except the conductor. First as conductor. First of Doubles on the bells, and first since rehanging in May, 1960.

HANDBELL PEALS

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT 3, SALTERS ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON 1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER 5—6
ERIC N. HARRISON 3—4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7—8
JOHN E. ANDERSON 9—10	

Composed by W. H. BARBER.

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

The conductor's 200th peal, 100th on handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

R. JAMES COOK 1—2	ROBERT B. SMITH 5—6
JOHN M. JELLEY 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted JOHN M. JELLEY.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS 1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY 5—6
*JOHN A. ACRES 3—4	ROBERT B. SMITH 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Rung strictly silent and non-conducted.

* 200th handbell peal.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND

THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Fri., June 16, 1961, in 1 Hour and 28 Minutes,

AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (eight callings). Tenor size 15 in G.

*MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 3—4
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†RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE

* 25th peal. † First of Canterbury.

Also

On Fri., June 23, 1961, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, six each of Clifford's Pleasure and April Day, and three each of Southrepps and Kennington. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 3—4
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*RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal in six methods. 25th peal for the Society.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEALS

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On June 27th, 2,520 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Tinson 1, Gillian Wiggins 2, Mrs. Wiggins 3, H. Thomas 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, F. Hughes 6. Longest length by all except conductor. Rung to mark the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

KIRBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On June 27th, 2,700 Plain Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, E. A. Harrison 2, M. J. Kirk 3, B. T. Cook 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Longest length by all the band. For the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On June 24th, at St. Nicolas' Church, 1,240 Plain Bob Doubles: Marion Simmonds (first quarter) 1, B. R. Care (cond.) 2, Anne M. Rowson 3, J. W. Berry 4, J. M. Elaine Dixon 5, A. G. Rowson (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and as a thanksgiving for the work of Dr. G. F. Fisher, as Archbishop of Canterbury. Also on June 27th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. M. Elaine Dixon 1, B. R. Care 2, M. Angela Carter 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, J. A. Constant 5, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 6. To mark the enthronement of Dr. A. M. Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On June 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Buck 1, E. Willis (first in method) 2, J. I. Dear 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, R. Castledine (cond.) 5, J. Dear 6, P. Flack 7, C. Harwood 8.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Old, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's pleasure, St. Columb, Grandsire): J. C. Lowe 1, M. D. Barsby 2, J. R. Perkins 3, B. S. Payne (cond.) 4, G. B. Lawe 5, M. Lovett (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss E. Pryke 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown (cond.) 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. Rung for the sacrament of Confirmation administered by the Bishop of Colchester.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Lucy Allen 2, R. Cooper 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Martha Ann Rose (97). Held in great esteem in the parish. Also on June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. F. Baker 1, R. Cooper 2, E. Bailey 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. A wedding compliment to Judith Bailey and Edward G. Beer.

BRAY, BERKS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy Harris 1, Mary R. Jaycock 2, Sylvia Woods 3, Diana Harris 4, N. Belsom 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, G. W. Limmer 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss K. M. Worsley.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, Miss G. M. Hussey 2, F. J. Sampson 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, R. G. Hooper 5, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 6, M. J. Hoskins 7. Rung for Ascension-tide. Also on June 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Hoskins (first of Major) 1, G. M. Hussey 2, F. J. Sampson 3, A. C. Baker 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, R. G. Hooper 6, P. T. Hurcombe 7, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 8.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Rooke 1, R. Grubb 2, L. Walters 3, Miss B. M. Boyle 4, G. W. Limmer 5, K. Walters 6, D. Jewel 7, C. Rooke 8. For Evensong, and in grateful memory for the life of Preb. E. V. Cox; also to the memory of Mrs. J. H. B. Andrews, wife of the chairman of the North Devon Branch.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. J. Worrall 1, H. Spencer 2, J. S. B. Powell 3, A. J. Peters 4, D. H. White (cond.) 5, M. V. White 6. Rung by members of the Axbridge Branch as a compliment to their Master on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hooper.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Tinson (first quarter) 1, Gillian Wiggins (first 'inside') 2, H. Thomas 3, Mrs. L. M. Wiggins 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, F. Hughes 6. For Evensong.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: K. Welch 1, J. E. Looker 2, H. J. Gaylard 3, F. Welch 4, J. Cornelius 5, G. Hartland (first of Major) 6, J. W. Drew 7, J. T. Locke (cond.) 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stevens.

EALING, MIDDXX.—On June 25th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Sprackling 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 3, S. Croft 4, M. Sprackling 5, F. D. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson 7, A. H. Fulwell 8. Rung for morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. R. Spencer 1, H. Lewin 2, A. Minkley 3, P. Nix (cond.) 4, J. W. Tyler 5, C. W. Hodgkinson 6. Rung on the eve of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Worsley.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Betty M. Mansfield 1, Mrs. A. Brangwyn 2, Rev. G. Hales 3, A. A. Booth 4, C. Rigby 5, G. Mansfield (cond.) 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Booth.

HARLINGTON, MIDDXX.—On June 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: L. Grice 1, Wendy Smith 2, Juliet Wooders 3, A. Corran 4, Jennifer Hitchcock 5, C. Stevenson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled before morning service in memory of Dennis C. Morgan, a well-loved ringer at this church, who was laid to rest the previous day.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDXX.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. E. Waters 1, B. C. Burrough 2, Mrs. C. E. Slade 3, J. Small 4, C. E. Slade 5, B. E. Matthews 6, F. P. Wright (cond.) 7, C. W. Simpson 8. Rung to mark the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Earl 1, Miss L. M. Beeny 2, A. Pannett 3, F. H. Beeny 4, G. Beeny (cond.) 5, Miss J. Funnell 6. Rung for the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

HURST, BERKS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Gibbs 1, J. Froome 2, R. K. Rivers 3, C. W. Mortimer 4, J. A. Harland 5, C. A. Eele 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, J. Prince 8. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the treble and second bells and the first peal. Grandsire Triples, rung the same day, June 17th, 1911. Mr. J. Prince, now of Wokingham, rang the tenor to that peal.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Newman 1, D. Newcombe 2, R. Kendrick (first quarter) 3, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray (first as cond.) 4, A. Pendlebury 5, H. Harrison 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also on May 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Newman 1, Margery Wratten 2, C. Wratten 3, Shirley Parsons 4, R. Fry 5, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 6, W. Farmer 7, G. R. Drew (cond.) 8. Also on May 31st, 1,280 Tollshunt D'Arcy Bob Major: Margery Wratten 1, Shirley Parsons 2, C. Wratten 3, R. Fry 4, I. Goulter 5, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 6, P. Hurcombe 7, G. R. Drew (cond.) 8. First in method for all. Also on June 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. J. Newman 1, Shirley Parsons 2, C. Wratten (cond.) 3, I. Goulter 4, A. Pendlebury 5, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 6, T. Borcham 7, G. R. Drew 8.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Smith 1, Anne Stenning 2, A. Stenning 3, E. Jarrett (cond.) 4, A. Terry 5, W. Luff 6.

LONDON.—On June 11th, at St. Clement Danes', 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. M. Lane 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, Miss D. M. Lawless 3, Miss M. Erik 4, Miss P. M. Jervis 5, D. A. R. May 6, D. E. Sibson 7, P. Cattermole 8, R. J. Trebilcock (first of Caters as cond.) 9, D. J. R. Martin 10. For Evensong.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Holland 1, Miss G. Smith 2, G. W. Holland (cond.) 3, C. Stopp 4, H. Stopp 5, Miss M. Coleman 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of the Rev. W. K. Clay, a former Rector.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On June 9th, at the Church of St. Lawrence, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Lurcock (first quarter) 1, A. Gilbert 2, D. G. Smith 3, D. A. Halton (first 'inside') 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5. For the royal wedding, the previous day.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Vlerie Colegrove 1, J. R. Haycock 2, Joan Cheney 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, P. M. Edgson 6. Rung for Evensong, for the Patronal Festival (St. Botolph) and Newbold Wakes Sunday.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On May 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss I. Thomson (first on 10) 1, Mrs. J. A. Ainsworth 2, J. E. Anderson 3, W. Robson 4, A. R. Patterson 5, G. S. Deas (cond.) 6, F. Ross 7, J. Hedley 8, J. A. Ainsworth 9, E. N. Harrison 10. Rung for Commonwealth Day.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. H. Jones (cond.) 1, N. D. Deam 2, Helen Williams 3, Elizabeth A. Miller (first 'inside') 4, A. Gammon 5. The conductor has called a quarter from each bell. For Ringers' Sunday.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On June 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Rosemary J. Marks 1, H. W. Milford 2, F. Wheeler 3, F. E. Day 4, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 5, W. G. Lavers 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, P. D. Warren (Birmingham, U.S.) 8, F. Reed (Hereford Cathedral) 9, W. H. Marks 10. For the enthronement of Dr. Ramsey, 100th Archbishop of Canterbury.

PORTSMOUTH.—On June 9th, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,268 Stedman Triples: A. York-Bramble 1, L. D. Duguid 3, D. J. White 4, T. R. Taylor 5, J. N. Haile 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. F. Burbidge 8. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. F. S. Temple, M.A., as Vicar of Portsea.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Drew (first quarter) 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, W. J. Alexander 3, M. A. New 4, D. Bounds (cond.) 5, F. Broughton 6.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Ann Chettle 1, Christine Wood 2, J. M. Clifton 3, S. Hodgkins 4, B. Whitworth 5, A. L. Priestley (cond.) 6, A. Gibbs 7, J. M. Clarke 8. For Evensong.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 27th, 1,440 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor: Yvonne Pathayjohns (first quarter) 1, A. D. Rivers 2, W. D. Ward 3, W. Birmingham 4, F. R. Scott 5, J. K. Ward (cond.) 6. For the enthronement of Dr. Michael Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On June 11th, at the Church of St. Stephen, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Christine M. Rimmer 1, Angela Brunskill 2, P. J. Fells (cond.) 3, P. Atkinson (first in 4 methods) 4, D. Fellows (first of Doubles and in 4 methods) 5, R. Last 6.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, T. Hawkins 2, P. Watts 3, W. Smith 4, R. Penny (first as cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. A wedding compliment to Barbara Somerfield, a chorister and Sunday school teacher, on her marriage to Terence Pearncombe.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.—On Whit Sunday, 900 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): D. Walters 1, L. Dowdswell 2, L. Joyces 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, G. Gardener (first as cond.) 5, R. G. Hooper 6, B. Castle 7, L. Scarrott 8. Longest length for 1, 5 and 8.

SWITHLAND, LEICS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. R. Clarke 1, M. W. Brown (first as cond.) 2, R. N. Clarke 3, R. E. Lloyd 4, M. J. Copson (first 'inside') 5, J. A. Clarke 6. First quarter 1 and 6, First quarter by the newly formed local band.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. J. Garrod 1, C. Geeves 2, Rev. A. Graham 3, H. Shire 4, W. T. Holmes (cond.) 5, Mrs. B. Banks 6. Rung to mark the enthronement of Dr. A. M. Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury.

TORQUAY, DEVON.—On June 22nd, at the Church of St. Saviour, Tor Mohun, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. E. Furdson 1, D. J. Roberts 2, A. C. Goss 3, A. J. Garbett 4, W. J. Harvey (cond.) 5, N. G. Forester 6. Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, Rev. G. H. Nicholson, after his institution and induction.

THURMASTON, LEICS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob): M. Copson 1, M. W. Brown 2, Judy A. M. Cox 3, B. Brant 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 5, A. Holling 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, L. A. Smith 2, F. C. Case 3, D. Burbridge 4, G. E. Green 5, C. E. Truman 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. For Evensong.

WILTON, SOMERSET.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. J. Maggs 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, R. Avery 3, H. E. Causley 4, J. Brewer 5, W. H. Tarr 6, A. H. Reed (cond.) 7, E. H. Langley 8. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Ramsey.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At the Church of St. John, on May 14th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. S. T. Farr 1, A. Bird 2, J. Brooks 3, G. Jenkins 4, A. J. Glass 5, A. Wenban 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, J. Painter 8. Also on June 11th, 1,260 Oxford and Grandsire Triples: P. Gilman 1, E. S. T. Farr 2, Monica Blagrove 3, A. J. Glass 4, G. Jenkins 5, A. Wenban 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8. First quarter for 1 and 8.

WINDSOR CASTLE, BERKS.—At St. George's Chapel, on June 8th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: R. Renn 1, Mary Buckingham 2, Monica Blagrove 3, A. Wenban 4, J. Brooks 5, K. Buckingham 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, J. Painter 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Worsley and H.R.H. the Duke of Kent.

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With the ringing of a peal of Zetland Surprise Major at Surfleet on June 19th, the seven 'inside' ringers completed their alphabet in Surprise Major methods, all having been conducted by Mr. R. C. Noon. It is thought that this is the first time that this has been completed by a complete band (with the exception of the treble ringer). The band feel indebted to Mr. C. J. Sedgley for his assistance with both methods and compositions.

Mr. Bryan Pattison left for Geneva this week, where he will be working for two months.

Mr. A. W. Coles, of North Mymms, was present at Pyrford on June 17th and not Mr. A. E. Coles.

The memorial to Mr. Frank Skidmore will be an oak credence table for use at the high altar in St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol, where Frank served for so many years.

Another fine achievement is the first peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in nine methods. This was rung at Cheltenham on June 24th, conducted by Mr. Wilfred Williams. The composition is by Mr. George E. Feirn.

The magnitude of ringers' teas is noteworthy. New feature introduced at a Cheshire tea. Not content with full plates, paper bags were provided to take away the left overs!

In appreciation for his help and loyal service at King's Norton, the peal of Cambridge Major there on June 13th was rung for Roger Gray. The band wish him success in his teaching appointment in Devon, which he takes up in September.

Mr. Michael F. Amos, who is to be commissioned as a Church Army Captain on July 25th, wishes to thank the ringers of St. Augustine's Church, Kilburn, for 'the wonderful way' he had been received into 'the family' there during his two years at Church Army Training College. After being commissioned he is to work in a parish in Lancaster. He asks all who 'man the bells' for their prayers.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Members of the Tyneside peal band were delighted that, at Blaydon-on-Tyne on June 21st, they were able to help Stephen Thompson, of Whickham, realise one of his ambitions, to ring a peal of Surprise Minor. Stephen, now well over 70 years old, has always encouraged youngsters to progress in the Exercise and is at present training yet another young band at his home tower.

The Rev. G. H. B. Andrews, Vicar of Chittlehampton and secretary of the Guild of Clerical Ringers, is the new president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

The peal at Chatham on June 24th was in honour of two weddings—Miss M. R. Bishop, daughter of the honorary verger and Mrs. Bishop, to the Rev. G. E. Jussup, and Miss Ann Dennis, daughter of Mr. T. Dennis, of Rainham, to Mr. Norman Humphries.

Five members of the Pipe family took part in a successful peal of London Surprise Major at Grundisburgh, Cecil and Sylvia had with them their sons, George and Roderick (who called the peal), and daughter-in-law, Diana.

Last Saturday a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods was rung at Stanmore, Middlesex, in honour of the engagement of Mr. John R. Mayne (Master of the Middlesex County Association) and Miss Rosemary Fleming.

Mr A. D. Barker, who for 25 years has been honorary treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was elected a vice-president at the 80th annual meeting and festival. Two bishops and two archdeacons attended the function and there were 171 at the luncheon held in the hall of Christ Church.

The response to the special request of the Central Council that the bells of the country should be rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. A. Michael Ramsey as 100th Archbishop of Canterbury has been most encouraging. Our part in this historic event was well publicised, and many towers secured prominent announcements in their local press.

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VETERANS' DAY IN LONDON

MIDSUMMER day, June 24th, temperatures over 80 and England collapse at Lords! How did the veterans get on? Very nicely and no complaints, a day of happy variety, mingled with hearty reunions, an inspiring service, a splendid tea, and a unique social.

Seven of the company were at St. Clement Danes' to ring for midday service. At St. John's, Waterloo, ringing started well with welcome assistance from young students; a broken rope, however, restricted ringing to seven bells. Double Norwich just came round at St. George's Church, Borough. Here again the seven for Stedman were good for Len Stilwell's 'sixes'.

The short service at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, was conducted by Mr. W. Grainger, a well known ringer from St. John's, Waterloo, who mentioned the good work the old ringers had done and his appreciation of their services.

After the usual photographic operation, a splendid tea was enjoyed and once again Mrs. E. E. Davis and her willing band of helpers knew how to cater for those whose ages ranged from 60 to 89! Expressions of our thanks were heartily given in the usual manner, mention being also made of Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Tomlinson and Mr. and Mrs. Tomsett, and Mrs. Davis suitably replied.

IN REMEMBRANCE

The list of those who had passed on was considerable and tributes were paid by secretary John Euston to Messrs. F. Digby, G. Gilbert, J. Parker, J. Sharman, J. Freeman, F. Brinklow, F. Sinkins, C. Bird, F. Shepherd, A. Peck, J. Kentish and Preb. Cox.

A welcome for return to health was accorded to Messrs. W. Shepherd, H. Rumens, J. Chapman, E. Fenn and W. Hewett.

Apologies for absence were received from many friends and the news of Dicky Deal's illness was received with regret; sincere hopes for his recovery were expressed.

THE COMPANY

Those who were present, and their age, were: A. D. Barker 70, F. A. Barker 76, E. Barnett 76, H. W. Clark 68, T. Collins 73, J. W. Chapman 79, T. R. Dennis 77, H. J. Eldred 79, G. R. Goodship 73, E. G. Fenn 80, J. S. Hawkins 82, H. J. Hazell 61, W. H. Hewett 75, C. A. Hughes 74, A. Hunter 75, W. Insley 65, J. Marks 67, F. C. Maynard 74, C. W. Outley 67, W. J. Rawlings 66, H. Rumens 73, R. Sanders 87, C. J. Sedgley 74, W. Shepherd 78, E. D. Smith 76, H. Stalham 89, L. Stilwell 71, G. E. Symonds 85, N. A. Tomlinson 75, A. Turner 73, W. C. Wainwright 63, F. W. Wicks 73.

At the foot of the list there are names of three ladies, all well known throughout the Exercise. Mrs. Gladys E. Barker 60, Miss Evelyn Steel 82, and Mrs. Ethel M. Mitchell 71. The writer was pleased to meet Miss Steel again, the previous meeting being at Cubitt Town in 1912, after concluding the first ladies peal! Mrs. Mitchell was well known in the Reading district as Miss Goodship, prior to her marriage. The average age was rapidly worked out by Mr. A. D. Barker as 72½ years.

Laughter time came when some of the company responded to the request for amusing experiences, all fit to pass any censor. It was a real happy meeting and we desire to convey to everyone, clergy, ladies, church officials, laymen, in fact, everybody who, in any way, helped us to say 'This was our lovely day.'

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PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 27



MR. WILLIAM B. KYNASTON,
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association

The Exercise has always had quite a number of good ringers who, having started off their ringing career with one Guild, and doing an amount of good work, have then moved away to another Association, and continued their activities there. Such a ringer is Mr. William Bertram Kynaston, of Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wiltshire. Born in Oswestry, Shropshire, on August 23rd, 1903, and attending a Roman Catholic school (though not embracing that faith), he entered the service of the old Cambrian Railways Co. there. On the amalgamation of the railways in 1922, he was transferred to the Locomotive Department of the G.W.R. at Shrewsbury, and later went to Swindon in 1928. He now holds the position of regional running and maintenance auditor on the Western Region of British Railways.

Bert, as he is known in his family circle, learnt to ring at St. Oswald's, Oswestry, in 1920, and rang his first peal in February, 1922—Grandsire Triples—at Shifnal. In February, 1924, he scored his first peal as conductor, with Grandsire Doubles at Oswestry. He took part in the first peals rung by resident members of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild, of seven Minor methods. Stedman Triples and Double Norwich, and also the first peal of Minor in the county of Shropshire, in which Cambridge was rung, conducted by William Short. His present peal total is 222, of which he has conducted 84, and these have included Grandsire and Stedman from Doubles to Cinques, and Kent and Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. On handbells he has rung peals from Doubles to Maximus, except Cinques. In his early days, Bert owed much to the encouragement of the late Mr. Bob Evans, of Oswestry, and over the years assimilated much sound advice from the late Charlie Gardiner, of Swindon. He rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at Wolverhampton in 1924, conducted by the late Herbert Knight, and his first peal of Maximus (Kent) at Shrewsbury, also in 1924, conducted by the late Charles R. Lilley, who always managed to live up any area in which he resided.

Amongst the peals in which he was very pleased to have taken part was a peal of Grandsire Triples, which he called at Oswestry, and in which his sister and two brothers took part. Also, more recently, a peal of Stedman Triples at Westbury, Wilts, in which Miss Enid Lloyd-Roberts, now of Adelaide, Australia, rang the 35 cwt. tenor in masterly fashion. He has been a Freemason since

1931, being a member of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 355, but has not held any office, and was delighted to have conducted the first Masonic peal in Wales—Stedman Caters at Cardiff, in 1954. Many of his peals have been rung in the more humble methods, helping others, and he has called 61 ringers' first peals, and 146 'first in the method' or 'first of Major.' However, he has also rung 27 twelve bell peals, in 14 towers, and including the first peal of Maximus in Wiltshire, rung at Trowbridge. His job takes him to all the Motive Power Depots of the Western Region of B.R., and he is very grateful to ringers all over the area for the welcome he usually receives. He has rung in over 1,000 towers, in all the counties of England and Wales, except Cambridge, Huntingdon, Anglesey and Radnor, and these have included 48 twelve bell towers, and 39 Cathedrals. They have mainly been visited 'just as they come,' and he makes no pretension to being a 'tower-grabber'!

From 1932 to 1959, Bert was secretary of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, with a regular monthly meeting, and only resigned because his job took him away from home such a lot. He was honoured by being elected Master of his Association from 1948-50, and has been a Central Council representative since 1936, attending every meeting. He is now a vice-president of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and also Master of the Railwaymen's Guild. He was a member of the band at Christ Church, Swindon, from 1928-1945, and since then has been a member of the Rodbourne Cheney band, where he also sings in the choir. He called his wife's one and only peal, but admits failure to turn her into a first class ringer! She just does her duty by assisting when required. He has very little time for any other hobbies, except railways and gardening—the latter compulsory in order to keep the place tidy!

In his quiet and genial manner, Bertram Kynaston has had a considerable influence in improving the standard of ringing in his part of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and his wise words of advice are usually heeded. Outside the Bristol area, few ringers of his generation in the last 30 years have helped their fellow members of this Association as he has done. For this he is much respected, but would probably, being very modest, not admit to it.

APACE.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT AT EXTENT OF BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—By kind permission of Mr. Paul L. Taylor, I give notice that it is the intention of a band to attempt to ring the extent of Plain Bob Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry on July 15th, commencing at 6.30 a.m. The composition is given below.

40,320 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By C. Kenneth Lewis.

23456	W	M	H
46325	S	*	—
36524	—	—	—
56423	3	—	—
63425	3	—	2
42365	S	—	—

Eleven times repeated, inserting 3 bobs at 5ths in every course.

Bob for 1st single wrong in 1st, 4th, 7th and 10 parts.

* S in 1st and 7th parts.

Gives part ends:

1. 43265	7. 43256
2. 24365	8. 24356
3. 32465	9. 32456
4. 42365	10. 42356
5. 34265	11. 34256
6. 23465	12. 23456

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Loughborough,

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

THE 82nd annual festival of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held in Exeter on June 17th, with an attendance of about 120. The recent death of the Guild's president, Preb. E. V. Cox, was very much in members' minds when they met for service in St. Mark's Church, and the Dean of Exeter, the Very Rev. Marcus Knight, referred to this in his sermon, which was based on a text from Psalm 145: 'One generation shall praise Thy works unto another, and declare Thy power.'

He said: 'The sound of bells praises God and declares His power and reminds people that the Church is alive. When we think of Preb. Cox and all that he did for Church and people, and all that he did for ringing, we have a connection with a past generation and this brings to mind the many generations who have rung before us.'

SOMETHING LARGE IN HISTORY

Bells, continued the Dean, were first used in the Church about the 6th century and in England about the 8th century, so they were carrying on a tradition which was 1,100 years old. He referred to the melodious jangle of Continental ringing and to the beautiful carillon which he had heard at the Riverside Church, New York; also to bells being a sign of joy, hope or sorrow, and to when they rang out again for the El Alamein victory in 1942 after the war-time silence. Hence, bells and ringers were part of something large in history.

There were three things they should cherish:

1 Ours is a sign of community life in which we all do something for each other, and a symbol of Christian life in which each one's skill becomes a part of the whole, and so ringing and fraternity are part of one another. Something of what we learn in the tower should be spread outside.

2 We are making a real contribution to beauty. Ringing can be regarded as part of the beauty of God, like a musical symphony.

3 Calling people to worship so that people are reminded of the glory of God and the reality of the permanence of God in a changing world. God was, and is, and is to come.

When we think of these things we are reminded that we are privileged to be part of a great community.

'PROFOUND LOSS'

The Dean took tea with the members and at the subsequent meeting, which was presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. C. G. Poulton, who is chairman of the Exeter Branch of the Guild, the first business was to pass the following resolution, which was proposed by the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, and seconded by Mr. George Betts:

'This annual meeting wishes to place on record its sense of profound loss by the death of Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild since 1933, and its appreciation of his unflinching interest in every member and Branch, and his great service to the cause of ringing throughout the country.'

The members stood in silence, and after the general secretary had read a letter received from Canon C. Carew Cox, Preb. Cox's cousin, expressing gratitude for the affection shown by the large gathering at his funeral, he announced that he had heard from the executors of his will that he had left his handbells to the Guild, to be sold for the benefit of the Guild Instruction Fund.

OVER 600 MEMBERS

The general secretary reported that membership, at 647, had apparently exceeded 600 for the first time in the Guild's history and

that the following had been confirmed as honorary life members: Mrs. A. Allin, Mr. C. G. Glass and M. G. H. Williams. It was agreed to hold the annual festival in Exeter again next year.

The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, Vicar of Chittlehampton, and chairman of the North Devon Branch, was elected president, and the Dean of Exeter, the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, Mr. C. G. Glass and Mr. W. G. Lavers were added to the list of vice-presidents, who, together with the other officers, were re-elected. Mr. Norman Mallett was elected to fill the vacancy on the Central Council, caused by the death of Mr. J. L. S. Glanville.

It was announced that Miss Lomas' legacy had been received and was being held for instruction and that a sub-committee had been formed for the same purpose.

POINTS FROM REPORTS

The report states that of the 111 new members elected, a large proportion were of school age, thus giving very good prospects for the future. Fifty proficiency certificates were awarded and more than 80 quarter peals were rung, affording an opportunity for about 20 ringers to ring their first quarter. Branch meetings had been well attended, the standard of ringing had been high and there had been some increase in Sunday service ringing.

Thirty peals were rung, allowing twenty members to ring their first peal, and four their first as conductor. Notable peals were: (1) a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Luppitt in which five rang their first peal, and C. Churchill his first as conductor, it being the first by a Luppitt band; (2) a peal at Belstone when five boys from Shebbear College rang their first peal, this being the first peal on the bells; (3) a peal at Buckfast Abbey in which three monks took part and three members rang their first peal. Two peals of Bob Royal were also rung in each of which all the band with the exception of two were resident members.

SOUTH SOMERSET GO WEST

Two carloads of South Somerset ringers had an enjoyable week-end, starting on Friday, May 12th, when they arrived at Plymouth at 10 p.m. to be greeted by their hosts, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Marks.

Awakened at 5.45 a.m. on Saturday they caught the first ferry from St. Budeaux and at St. Stephen's, Saltash, were joined by three more ringers from Plymouth and one from Herts. There was ringing at Liskeard and Lostwithiel before lunch at Charlestown, the china clay port.

St. Austell's bells went well to Stedman Triples and those of the stately tower at Probus to Kent T.B. Major. After a good tea at Truro, the bells of Kenwyn were rung to Triple methods. Bodmin was reached at 8 p.m. and it was here that two Cornish ringers joined in the ringing. Only two of the cars reached Saltash in time for the last ferry, the other having to go to Tor Point.

Sunday morning's ringing was on the fine bells of Emmanuel, Plymouth: in the afternoon the ground floor ring at Shaugh Point was found to go well. Back to Plymouth for tea and then an attempt to ring a quarter of Grandsire Caters at St. Andrew's, kindly arranged between Mr. W. Marks and Mr. T. Myers. Unfortunately this was lost after about 20 minutes.

We wish to extend our grateful thanks to Mr., Mrs. and Joyce Marks for arranging the outing and being our hosts and also to all incumbents and towers captains.

R. D.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS

The Northern Branch held a well attended meeting at Oldswinford on June 17th, approximately seventy members and visitors turning up. A fine day blessed the proceedings and the bells, recently rehung by Taylors, were enjoyed by all.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Ven. A. V. Hurley, Archdeacon of Dudley, who also presided over the business meeting, which followed an excellent tea. He extended a hearty welcome to the members and in expressing his great appreciation of the Association's work, referred to his own enthusiastic young band, almost all of whom belonged to the Stourbridge King Edward VI Grammar School Guild of Ringers. The school had held its Charter Day celebration service that morning at Oldswinford, and the Guild had manned the bells before and after that service. These young ringers, under their leader, Mr. A. Roden, had been entirely responsible for all the arrangements made for that meeting, including raking him out to take the chair. So long as we had young people of this calibre coming along there was little need to fear for modern youth.

The Ringing Master, Mr. Harold Shuck, replied, and in moving a very hearty vote of thanks said he knew he was speaking for everyone there when he expressed his great appreciation of everything these energetic young people had done in connection with that gathering—a fine example of what enthusiasm and team work could achieve. He was extremely pleased that the arrangements for the Branch quarterly peal were to be left in their hands.

Fourteen new members were elected, including five from the recently re-formed band at Rowley Regis.

The secretary informed the meeting that an invitation had been received from the Vicar of Bromsgrove to go there for the annual meeting of the Branch, and this was gratefully accepted, the date to be September 16th.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD'S TOUR

The rapid departure from Sheffield on June 10th of a 'self-drive' car, with the Husky roaring in rapid pursuit was the start of the Guild's annual ringing week-end, held this year in Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. The six bell towers at Warsop and Orston were first on the programme, followed by a visit to Bottesford. Ringing on the fine octave here in the standard methods included a not so standard touch of Bob Major, which came round at handstroke.

At Barrowby (6) the party received a warm welcome, and the ringing was noted with interest, as it is hoped to re-form a local band here shortly. After tea, a short stop at Welby enabled most members to ring at their first four bell tower, and at Silk Willoughby the tuneful six made a good finish to the day's ringing. Saturday evening was spent in traditional manner at the party's resting place in Sleaford.

On Sunday morning there was service ringing on the octaves at both Heckington and Sleaford. Spliced Plain and Little Bob went well at the former tower, and after mastering the long draught at Sleaford a good course of Stedman was rung.

After lunch, Leadenham (6) and Brant Broughton (6, 23½ cwt.) were visited, and Spliced multi-Minor went well at these towers. Ringing for Evensong was at Newark, where, with the help of the local band, Grandsire Caters was found to be most suitable for these bells.

Our grateful thanks are extended to all incumbents and local ringers who welcomed us at their towers.

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LETTERS

LINCOLNSHIRE MAXIMUS AT
BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—The peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus rung in Birmingham on June 22nd brings back interesting memories of the very first peal of Maximus in this method, which was rung by St. Martin's Guild twelve and a half years ago.

On December 11th, 1948, Mr. Albert Walker entertained to dinner a select circle of friends to celebrate his golden wedding; and during the meal copies of Lincolnshire Maximus were circulated with instructions to twelve men to prepare it for peal attempt at Walsall on the following Saturday. The enterprise was pursued, and on December 18th, 1948, the peal was rung on St. Matthew's bells at the first attempt, no one having previously struck a blow in the method. It was a creditable performance in every way.

I well recollect, after the peal, how two elated but thirsty ringers, seeking alleviation and celebration at a small hostelry in the precipitous street below the church (for not all ringers, be it known, are total abstainers), walked into the dimly-lit passage of the house, loudly discussing the merits of bitter as compared with mild. And I recall very vividly their astonishment when, from a suddenly opened door, a solemn and monitory voice was heard to say, 'This is the District Coroner's Office.' This *memento mori* introduced a sobering note and a realisation that something or somebody must be in the wrong place. The matter was satisfactorily adjusted by moving next door.

It is very pleasant to recall this occasion and to join John Pinfold and George Fearn (two of the 1948 band) in another peal in this interesting method.—Yours, etc.,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull.

INTRODUCING THE NEW MEMBER

Dear Sir,—It was splendid news to me when I read that the Devon Association is now affiliated to the Central Council, but the Rev. John Scott is very wide of the mark in some of his statements regarding the history of ringing in Devon, during last century.

Half pull ringers and call change ringers were not, in the main, antagonistic to one another, and I have memories of happy hours ringing in company with those who prefer the older style of ringing. It is news to me that Rev. Maitland Kelly told the round ringers of Devon that their way was backward, sinful and out of fashion. Mr. Kelly was a practical ringer and a great pioneer, who could teach ringers to ring rounds correctly, whether a member of the Devonshire Guild or not, and there is no concrete evidence of this, or that the pioneers sought to do away with round ringing and replace it with method ringing.

'Church Bells' and 'Bell News' cannot be relied upon as a correct guide where Victorian ringing in Devon is concerned, and having associated with ringers of both styles in the county of my birth for a great number of years I still say that most of the writing regarding the conduct of ringers is grossly exaggerated. The difference of ringing mode did not alter or mar friendship and very few squabbles ever brought forth hostility.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Aldlestone.

ANOTHER OCTAVE IN SUFFOLK

ALDEBURGH DEDICATION

THOUGH Aldeburgh-on-Sea is one of the country's ancient boroughs it was not until this June that the residents heard Major from the tower of their Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

Sixteenth century returns show four 'Great bells' and a sanctus, and in the fore part of the 19th century there were five; then in 1884-5 some recasting and rehanging was done by Warner, of London, and Days, of Eye, respectively and a sixth bell was added.

By the 1950's these six were, in general, of uninteresting tone and the wooden frame and its supports, though massive, were very old and decayed in many parts, so a general overhaul was decided upon.

The 1961 bell overhaul presented no financial problems. There is a periodical church fête at Aldeburgh, and each time the proceeds go to the most pressing need. Because of the requirements of overhaul of the heating system, new kneelers, etc., the bells had to wait until 1959, but then the fête provided over £600 for the work.

OVER SUBSCRIBED

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were engaged and the bells went away in 1960. At first it was decided to put in new support beams and a frame for eight bells, but containing the overhauled six for the time being. Then two anonymous donors provided £188 for a new treble. The Vicar then asked for subscriptions for a new second, costing £196, and this was over subscribed for in a fortnight.

Today the eight bells, all new except the old second (1622) bell which is now the fifth, hang in an Iroko (Nigerian hard wood) frame, about 4 feet lower in the tower. The tenor is now G sharp and weighs 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Messrs. Taylors' hanger, Johnnie Walker, finished his work the day before the dedication service, which took place on Sunday, June 18th, at Matins. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Martin E. Ellingsen, and it was fitting that the dedication ceremony

PEAL AT BERRY POMEROY

Dear Sir.—The Rev. Canon C. Carew Cox informs me that he and his cousin (Preb. E. V. Cox) rang in a peal of Bob Major at Berry Pomeroy on January 27th, 1938, conducted by Charles R. Lilley.

The claim for the peal rung there on June 10th is therefore invalid, and I would be most grateful of you could, through 'The Ringing World,' correct this error and to thank Canon Cox for so kindly pointing it out to me so promptly.—Yours truly,

Plymouth.

T. G. MYERS.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL
BELLS

The bells of Chichester Cathedral were rededicated at a short service in the belfry on June 24th. The Dean took the service, which was attended by Canons of the Diocese, visiting clergy and some fifty ringers from various parts of the country.

After the service the resident band rang a short touch of Siedman Triples and visiting ringers rang a touch of Plain Bob Major. An interval for tea was followed by Evensong in the Cathedral at 5.15, after which the bells were rung to various methods from rounds to Surprise Major, until 8.30 p.m.

The local band were very pleased that the bells were ready in time for them to ring the first quarter on the bells for the enthronement of the new Archbishop, on the following Tuesday.

(during which rounds were rung) should be performed by Canon R. C. R. Godfrey, of St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, as he had been Vicar of Aldeburgh for 13 years, leaving only two years ago. He also preached the sermon, taking his text from the new English Bible—Corinthians I, xiii. 1—'I may speak in tongues of men or of angels but, if I am without love, I am a sounding gong or a clanging cymbal.'

The large congregation at the church included the Mayor (Mr. Dudley Knowles) and members of the Borough Council, but not many ringers. However, John Blythe, secretary of the Suffolk Guild, was amongst those present. As Holy Communion followed the service, the tower was not open to ringers until the afternoon when a number arrived from various parts of Suffolk and from Norfolk.

It was immediately noticeable to those familiar with the sound of the old six bells that the new ones were in a higher key. Ringers remarked on how well they handle now and how well the job looked in the tower. Various methods were rung and there was a particularly nice touch of Bristol. Peter Bedford recorded this in the churchyard and played it back to the ringers as they came out of the tower.

One or two young ringers are coming along and, with eight bells (seven of them new and all new fittings except some of the old wheels which were found to be fit for further service), others should soon be attracted. One can always be certain of a good congregation at Aldeburgh church and it is hoped that the ringing chamber, now calling for two more ringers than previously, will match the nave. Congratulations and best wishes go out to Jack Pilgrim and his band.

THE BELLS

The weights and inscriptions of the new bells are as follows:

Treble: 3 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lbs. Inscription: John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1961. In memory of N.A.E. and A.L.E.

Second: 3 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1961.

Third: 3 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1960. Cast by John Warner and Sons, London. Rev. H. Thompson, Vicar. John Harvey, N. F. Hele, churchwardens, 1885.

Fourth: 4 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1960. Lester and Pack, of London, fecit 1764.

Fifth (old 2nd bell): 4 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. W. I. B. Anno Domini 1622.

Sixth: 6 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lb. Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1960. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London. Henry Thompson, Vicar. John Harvey, John Ing, Churchwardens, 1884.

Seventh: 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1960. Lester and Pack, of London, fecit 1764. Jno. Wynter and Saml. Aldrick, Churchwardens. These five bells were recast by the Barron Bell Trust, 1960. Emma Barron, founder. H. W. Eldred, K. C. Walrond, E. R. Pennell, trustees.

Tenor (note G sharp): 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1960. Canon R. C. R. Godfrey, M.A., Vicar, 1946-59. M. E. Ellingsen, Vicar. Captain K. R. Basham, Captain H. L. Bucknall, Churchwardens. W. B. Agate, Donor, 1960. Thomas Mears, of London, fecit 1810.

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KNUSTON HALL WEEK-END COURSE

THE Peterborough Diocese was the scene of a most successful week-end course held in June 16th, 17th and 18th, at Knuston Hall, Irchester, Northamptonshire. The course was arranged by the Sunday Service and Education Committee of the Central Council in conjunction with the Northants Education Committee.

A distinguished team of lecturers included: Messrs. Frederick Sharpe, president of the Central Council, C. K. Lewis, Wilfrid Moreton and Norman Chaddock. Every effort was made by the organisers to ensure that the course catered for every level of proficiency as far as possible, one of the greatest difficulties being that it was impossible to know the standard of the prospective students before the details of the course had to be settled and published. However, all the technical lecturers were able to adjust themselves to the capacity of the students quite well, and there is no doubt that everyone was satisfied.

The proceedings began on Friday evening with supper, the ample proportions and excellence of which was a feature of all the meals provided. After a welcome by the warden, Miss E. Smith, and from Canon Turner, the Peterborough Guild president, the first lecture, on the History of Bells, was given by Mr. Sharpe, who illustrated his subject with his own wonderful collection of slides, bells, founders' marks, and turning forks.

QUALITIES OF A CONDUCTOR

The programme for Saturday morning included a practical demonstration in Irchester tower of 'How to Teach Bell Control,' by Mr. Norman Chaddock. He was somewhat handicapped by not having a raw learner on whom to demonstrate; but despite this, even those of the students who have had experience of teaching were able to gain several useful tips which have proved themselves in practice. Back at the hall, coffee was followed by Mr. Kenneth Lewis's first talk on conducting. Mr. Lewis started by talking about the qualities required in a conductor, emphasising that it was not necessary to be particularly brilliant, but one must have the ability to take pains. Lead heads, lead ends, course heads, course ends and calling positions were explained in detail and the effect of calls expounded and illustrated.

The lecture before lunch was given by Mr. Chaddock and dealt with the teaching of elementary change ringing. The value of single handed handbell ringing was demonstrated very clearly, and the warden was taught how to hunt one bell in a very few minutes by the use of rhythmic counting.

Mr. Lewis, in his second lecture, continued the theme of conducting and went on to deal with the knowledge of course bells and coursing orders, explaining the transposition of the coursing orders through simple touches of Bob Minor and Major.

History of Bells. Part II, dealt with the development of bell-frames and gear, and again was profusely illustrated by Mr. Sharpe. Attention was given to the design of frames and the roping of the bells with its consequent effect on the construction of the tower.

Tea was followed by simultaneous practical sessions in the towers of Irchester on conducting and teaching elementary change ringing at Rushden. At Irchester, Mr. Lewis supervised the application of his previous lectures by giving each student the opportunity of conducting a simple touch and correcting deliberate (and non-deliberate) mistakes, whilst at Rushden Mr. Chaddock applied his systems and showed how the use of visual aid techniques can simplify the teaching of change ringing. Except for dinner at 7.15 p.m. this concluded the formal activities for Saturday, but handbell ringing, more slides, etc., kept most students up until a late hour.

Sunday started with early Communion, breakfast and a short service at the hall preceded a full morning of four lectures. For these, the students divided into two groups for each session. The first session included

'Conducting—More Advanced,' by Mr. Lewis, and 'Elementary Method Construction,' by Mr. Wilfrid Moreton. Mr. Lewis amplified his previous talks on the subject of coursing orders, etc., and demonstrated its applications to more complex methods, even up to Spliced Surprise Major. Mr. Moreton, in his discourse on method construction, showed how a knowledge of this was essential to progressive ringing and conducting.

A break for coffee preceded the next two lectures, which were again by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Moreton. Mr. Lewis gave a very full 75 minutes on 'More Advanced Composition' and explained the proof of Stedman Triples before going on to the proof of Treble Bob, both by the old method and by the half-lead method. Mr. Moreton dealt with 'Elementary Composition' and succeeded in helping the larger of the two groups to understand how touches are designed and pieced together.

In the final session, after lunch, the students were given the opportunity of questioning the panel of lecturers, and discussing the course with them. One suggestion for any future course which received strong support was that some instruction in the technique of handbell ringing would be appreciated.

Mr. Moreton expressed thanks to the warden, Miss Smith, for all her help in preparing the course and to all who had assisted in the running of it. The Master of the Peterborough Guild voiced the appreciation of the students to the lecturers and the Sunday Service and Education Committee of the Central Council, and expressed the hope that it might be possible to arrange another course in 1962. Altogether a most helpful and enjoyable week-end in comfortable and beautiful surroundings.

P. I. C.

OBITUARY

MR. C. S. ARCHER

Captain of the ringers at Chisleton, Wilts. for some 45 years. Mr. Seward C. Archer has died, aged 83. When the original five bells were rehung in 1914 by Llewellyn and James, of Bristol, he was placed in charge and the bells have been heard with great regularity twice each Sunday.

First Bob Minimus and then various Doubles methods were mastered and quarter peals were rung regularly under his guidance and conducting. With the addition of a sixth bell, peals have been more numerous, but Mr. Archer only rang in one peal, a few years ago, which he managed without difficulty. For some years he was secretary of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild when it was very much larger.

Born in the village, he was a man of intellect and talent and a most sincere Christian. He sang in the church choir, was a Sunday school teacher, parish clerk, churchwarden on many occasions and clerk to the Parish Council for nearly 40 years. He was in business as a boot repairer. The village will mourn his passing as much as his family.

W. A. F.

MR. T. H. HUDDLESTON, G.M.

For many years a ringer at Driffild, Yorks. Mr. Tom Hartley Huddleston collapsed and died in his garden on June 24th, aged 57.

In June, 1959, he was awarded the George Medal for the arrest of a gunman while serving as a police sergeant. The incident took place at Skerne, near Driffild in September, 1958. After a running battle the gunman was cornered in a stackyard. Mr. Huddleston calmly went up to him and said, 'Give me that gun, lad.' The man handed over the gun.

After the war Mr. Huddleston did much to get the bells ringing again at Driffild and his enthusiasm was such that he also trained a band of handbell tune ringers, which collected a considerable amount of money for church funds. He was not a great peal ringer, only having rung three peals.

Two months after his retirement in November, 1958, he was stricken with thrombosis and for eight weeks was in hospital. He is survived by a widow and daughter,

MR. TOM MARSHALL

The Wigan Branch and the Lancashire Association have lost one of their most popular members by the death of Mr. Tom Marshall, of Boars Den Farm, Wroughton, who collapsed during the first touch after tea while ringing at the Yorkshire Association meeting at Skipton on June 17th. A doctor was summoned, but Mr. Marshall was found to be dead. All further ringing was then cancelled.

His ringing life started at Douglas-in-Parbold, about the time of the first world war. A keen pupil, he made it his business to delve deeper into the mysteries of change ringing, and he soon mastered the more complicated Surprise methods. His main role, however, was teaching others and scores of ringers have benefited from his help and wisdom. He will be sadly missed. The sympathy of a wide circle of ringers goes out to his widow and daughter.

The funeral on June 22nd was attended by many ringers and some of these acted as bearers. The bells were rung half-muffled for the service and later a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung as a farewell to a dear friend and brother.

R. K.

MR. D. C. MORGAN

The tragic death in a road accident on June 19th of Mr. Dennis Cleasey Morgan, aged 18, came as a great shock to the Harlington, Middlesex, ringers and his many friends in the Middlesex County Association.

Dennis was taught to ring at Harlington, where he had in a short time rung and conducted a number of quarter peals, ranging from Doubles to Triples. He had been assured of a place at Nottingham University to read chemistry. In summing up his life we can only repeat the words of our Rector, that he had achieved a great deal in a comparatively short time. His pleasing and friendly personality will be missed by his ringing friends, particularly two of the band, Juliet Wooders and Colin Stephenson, who had also been his school friends.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Ronald Bartlett (Rector). The Middlesex County Association was represented by Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, E. R. Gotham and D. Fowles and the London County Association by Mr. H. W. Rogers (honorary secretary). Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled before the service and on Sunday morning a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung half-muffled to his memory.

L. G.

MR. PERCY C. SAYER

For more than 60 years tower captain at Great Totham, near Maldon, Essex. Mr. Percy C. Sayer died at his home on June 29th, aged 85 years. Until he was taken ill with chest trouble, a month ago, he rang regularly for Sunday services. He will be sadly missed by all the local band. 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

G. W. B.

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SOME OF THE OUTINGS

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

Pistyll Rhaiaer and Wrexham Steeple. Snowdon's mountain without its people, Overton Yew trees, St. Winifred Wells, Llangollen Bridge and Gresford Bells.

These are the so-called 'Seven Wonders of Wales' and it was among these that the Leeds Parish Church ringers and supporters went on June 3rd.

Faulty navigation resulted in the promised hour's ringing at Gresford being halved, although in defence of the navigator it must be admitted that cross roads signposted only to villages not even on the map and cross roads without a sign post at all did not help matters.

After lunch came the second of the 'wonders,' 'Wrexham Steeple,' a massive, and in the opinion of some an over-decorated tower, containing the only ring of ten in North Wales, which might equally as well qualify as a 'wonder.'

A pressing invitation from the tower master at Ruabon resulted in a short but none the less pleasant call being, literally, squeezed in at this six bell tower on the way to Llangollen, the home of the world famous International Eisteddfod.

Llangollen bells commemorate the jubilee of Queen Victoria and the church is reached by crossing the river by another of the 'wonders'—a thirteenth century bridge. Passing yet another 'wonder'—the yew trees of Overton churchyard, we made for our last tower, Christ Church, Crewe, where Frank Stenson, George Packer and friends welcomed us. Here was enjoyed the best ringing of the day and we left these bells with real regret.

The 'expected time of arrival at Leeds, 10.30 p.m.,' stated on the programme, proved a little too optimistic, but no last buses home were missed and so the 13th annual 'L.P.C.' outing ranks among the most successful.

R. H. D.

PORTISHEAD AND WRAXALL

Such is the popularity of Portishead and Wraxall annual outing that the largest coach obtainable was barely big enough to take all who wished to make the trip this year. As it was, a party of forty set off for a tour of the Cotswold country, with ringing arranged at four towers, in three different counties. On this June morning, it was cold up at Marshfield, first place of call, but conditions were ideal for a ring on the good handling and pleasant sounding eight bells.

On to Wootton Bassett, and a greeting by the 'grand old man of Wiltshire ringing,' Mr. L. A. Wilson. The ringing here was not of a standard that Mr. Wilson would be likely to approve of, but then about a third of the visiting band were his juniors by over 70 years!

Lunch at Lechlade, then across some lovely upland country to Chipping Norton, for a taste of ringing in Oxfordshire—which was found to be very palatable. The Warwickshire border was crossed before returning again to Gloucestershire and Chipping Campden. 'Queen of the Cotswolds,' who supplied a tea worthy of her royal status. O'er top of Cotswolds to the delightful village of Bibury, where the ducks and the fish engage in an exciting race for the visitors' titbits. At Malmesbury, the visitors were greeted by Mr. H. E. Blacker, an ex-Somerset ringer, now a naturalised moonraker, who gave full marks for the 'raise,' but, quite honestly, there would appear to be no excuse for bad ringing on these bells. It was a fitting end to the day's ringing that the party should receive such a warm send off from Malmesbury and to be assured of a good welcome there on any future visit. Altogether, a most enjoyable day out.

A. J. G.

BARKBY, LEICS.

Barkby ringers selected four Derbyshire towers for their outing on June 10th. At Darley Dale the visit was opportune as it followed immediately after a wedding, and on the ringing bells of Bakewell after tea they rang for a choral festival. The other towers were Baslow and Great Longstone. There was a stop for refreshments at Derby and home was reached at 11.45 p.m.

DUNHOLME AND SAXILBY IN NORTH NOTTS

When Joe Cheetham first rang at North Collingham they had only four bells and Victoria was Queen of England. Joe visited the church again on June 3rd, when the Dunholme and Saxilby bands had their annual outing. He was able to tell the Vicar (Rev. R. J. Stevens) that, though there had been many changes in the church since the days of the Gracious Lady, the vestry was still the same. The Vicar replied that they hoped to install some new curtains this year. There is much of interest in this lovely old church, quite apart from the six good bells in the Norman tower.

There is another grand old church, with some beautiful stained glass, at South Collingham. The fact that there are only five bells might prompt some parties to give it a miss, but the church is well worth a visit. Winthorpe's is comparatively modern, a brick church built about 1880. Its six bells handle well. Here we had a picnic lunch in the churchyard.

The day was now getting really warm, and we found the 12th century church at North Muskham refreshingly cool. It contains a remarkable 15th century oak screen and six good bells. The non-ringing members of the party sauntered across a paddock to bask in the sunshine on the banks of the Trent.

The dust on the floor of the spacious ringing chamber at Laxton did not appear to have been disturbed for some time before the advent of our shuffling feet. The six bells were the heaviest of the day, but they went well once we had eased the stiffness from the grease and even Double Oxford was well rung.

We found a good ring of eight at Tuxford. Many churches have at least one unusual feature—at Tuxford it is an altar in a side chapel, which faces east. At Gamston it is an entrance to the ringing chamber which is high up in the wall, so that you climb up stairs to the door and down stairs to the floor. Mr. Denman, the secretary of the North Notts District, met us here and joined us in a touch of Cambridge.

The day ended with dinner at the Markham Moor Inn. Thanks are due to the incumbents and those who met us at the towers, to those who provided transport and to Stan Smith, who, with assistance from Peter Burton, organised the outing.

H. W. C.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK

Thirty ringers and friends from St. Margaret's Church, King's Lynn, set out at 8 a.m. on Whit Monday on their first outing. In perfect weather, they travelled through the very lovely Suffolk countryside. Ringing, before lunch at Sudbury, was at the Memorial Tower, Elvedon (8), Lavenham (8) and Long Melford (8).

We were, very surprisingly, ahead of our schedule at Bures St. Mary's (8), and from there we went to see East Bergholt's unique 400 year old bells in their cage. Tea was at Ipswich, and ringing took place immediately after at St. Mary's Church (8), where we were joined in the day's best ringing by Mr. Charles Sedgley. From there we went to the beautifully rich toned eight at Stowmarket, which are very pleasing to the ear. Ixworth's heavy ring of six, and our only six bell tower of the day, brought our outing 'round.'

During the course of the day a good variety of methods, including Hull and Cambridge Surprise Minor, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Stedman, Grandsire and the inevitable Plain Bob Minor, Triples and Major were rung.

On the return journey at the 'Foldgate,' Stradsett, we were able to give our sincere thanks to Les. Houghton, our tower secretary, for all his hard work and excellent planning to make our first outing such an all round success. We also express our warm appreciation to all the many local ringers who welcomed us.

F. P. G.

ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER

The sun shone brightly on to the dusty Kent lane, and an old lady was just about to cross the road when ... zoom ... zoom ... two cars flashed past; she caught her breath, watched 'these mad young things' disappear into a cloud of smoke, and ... zoom ... the third car in our party nearly frightened her into eternity.

We rang at nine towers all told, on May 13th, and enjoyed the hospitable welcome we received, and the wide variety of bells. The ring at Edenbridge (8, 14 cwt.), with its central opening in the floor, was voted the best of the day, but more interesting were the eight at Chiddingstone (19 cwt.), the tiny ringing chamber and low ceiling at Seal Chart (6, 10 cwt.), and the long draught at Seal (6, 12½ cwt.).

Penshurst, Leigh, Shipbourne, Sundridge and Brasted (an anti-clockwise ring) were also enjoyed, and we must thank Brian and Frances Threlfell, who entertained us all to a splendid supper, making a perfect finish to a perfect day.

M. P. M.

HECKINGTON AND SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE

Ringers from Heckington, Sleaford, Billingborough, Great Hale, Helpingham, Ruskington and Silk Willoughby spent a most enjoyable day in Norfolk on May 13th.

Our first stop was at Tilney All Saints', where we admired the hammer-beam roof and rang rounds and Plain Bob on the six bells. We were most interested to see the flint-covered circular tower at Great Ryburgh: Grandsire Doubles seemed to go very well on this light six.

At the eight-bell towers of Fakenham and Well-next-the-Sea we were welcomed by local ringers. The ringing included a course of Stedman Triples and touches of Kent T.B. Major and Grandsire Triples. Tea was taken at Hunstanton before going on to Dersingham, a village belonging partly to the Royal Estate of Sandringham.

At the end of the day, everyone agreed that the outing had been a great success. We thank, in particular, the Ringing Masters of Heckington and Sleaford, who arranged everything for us.

D. A. K.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX

The recently re-formed Guild of St. Mary the Virgin, Willingdon, held their first outing since before the war on June 17th. As most of the ringers are young ringing was restricted to three six bell towers and one of eight bells.

It was an experience to ring on the six at West Tarring, where the sway made ringing difficult. Triples were rung at Heene (Worthing), with the help of the local captain. The new ring of six at Findon, in the heart of the Downs, has an excellent 'go' and the young ringers gave a good account of themselves. Washington, the last call, is without a band of ringers and on the excellent ring of six visiting bands are always welcome. Home was reached at 10.30 p.m. after a most enjoyable day.

A. P.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS

Towers in the Vale of the White Horse were visited by Highclere ringers for their outing on June 10th. Colleshill, listed in the Oxford Guild report as unringable, was found to have a perfect 'go,' although the tenor was cracked and could not be rung.

The heavy five at Uffington proved to be a big attraction, but a disappointment followed at Longcot, where the bells are unringable, due to frame trouble. At Bishopstone a broken seventh rope reduced ringing to seven bells, and at Wanborough it was only the tact of the organiser that enabled the visitors to have a quick ring on a six of real beauty. There was a grand finish in the local at Aldbourne.

G. D.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On June 4th, at St Peter's, 1,296 Little Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, A. E. Leggett (first in method) 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. P. Duffield 8. For Evensong.

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BRUTEN.—On Tuesday, June 27th, 1961, to Denzil and Audrey (nee Stephens), of Garden City, Ebbw Vale, a daughter (Judith Mary).

LAYTON.—On Monday, June 26th, 1961, to Margaret (nee Floyer) and Denis Layton, a daughter (Frances Angela). 8515

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PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

ASH, SURREY.—Surprise Minor practice. July 10th. Methods: Canterbury, Cuncastre, Durham, Flamstead, Sedlescombe. Surprise Major practice. Holy Trinity, Guildford, July 20th. Methods: Bristol, Gainsborough, London, Superlative. 8530

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—Will all those thinking of attending this year's tour at Tring from August 18th to 26th reply AT ONCE to this week's circular. Those who have not received it should write AT ONCE to D. J. Roaf, Trinity College, Cambridge. 8518

ATTENTION!—Kimpton Guild of Change Ringers, Bellringers' ball, Saturday, July 8th, 8 to 11.45 p.m., Kimpton Memorial Hall. Ticket only: 6s. single, 10s. double, including refreshments. Licensed bar. Apply Miss Baxter, 48, High Street, Kimpton, near Hitchin, Hertfordshire, enclosing stamped addressed envelope. Please come. 8419

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Marston Bigot, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 8469

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Burgess Hill, Saturday, July 8th. Tea in Parish Hall; names essential.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pen-drill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 8472

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting, Litlington, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 6 to 8.30 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 8496

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 8th, Wilburton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 8470

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Foxearth (8), on Saturday, July 8th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 8430

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Seale, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Gardner, Ivy House, The Sands, Seale. 8494

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Newton St. Cyres on Saturday, July 8th, 6.30 to 8.30 o'clock.—G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 8521

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Headcorn, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 8491

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Walsden, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Sub-committee to follow. Cups of tea.—Hudson, Sec. 8511

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Branston (6), July 8th. Service 4.45 p.m. Methods: Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous, to S. A. Chambers, 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 8452

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with the LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Saturday, July 8th, at All Hallows', Tottenham. Ringing 3 to 5 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Priory. Ringing 6.30 to 7 p.m. Evensong 7 p.m., followed by ringing until 9 p.m. All Saints', Edmonton, bells also available 2.30 to 4 p.m. 8475

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting, Deddington, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington, Oxford. 8462

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 8th. Ringing at Swallowfield (5) and Mortimer St. Mary's (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; Mortimer St. John's (6), 3 to 4.30. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. John's. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Cowdry, Sherborne, Victoria Road, Mortimer, Reading.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing by the river. Quarterly meeting, Sat., July 8th, St. Mary-the-Virgin, Mortlake, 2.30 to 4.30 (37 bus from Putney). Tea, St. Mary's Church Hall, Putney, followed by meeting. Bells afterwards.—F. J. Matthews.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 8th, Steadham (6), 3 until 5 p.m. Midhurst (6), 6.15 to 8.15 p.m. No service has been arranged. 8520

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, King's Somborne, on July 8th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Crown Inn at 5 p.m.—P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 8497

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Enmore (6), Saturday, July 15th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—K. Prime, Branch Sec. 8508

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Meare, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Notify for tea before Tuesday, July 11th.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 8502

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Summer festival meeting at Maulden, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by July 13th, to Mr. M. Lockey, Edge Hill, Church Road, Maulden. This will probably be the last meeting at Maulden for approximately two years. 8476

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Second quarterly meeting, Chelford (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 12th to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 8421

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Farndon, Saturday, July 15th. Eve of rushbearing festival—decorated churchyard. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea before Thursday, July 13th, please, to Mr. A. E. Richards, Rock Cottage, Holt, Wrexham, Denbighshire.—R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec. 8526

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bromborough (8), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8527

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea on the Vicarage lawn if fine after service, followed by business meeting, to which all towers are asked to send at least one representative. Important matter to discuss.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec. 8504

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Spaldwick, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (Please bring your own food, cups of tea will be provided at the Vicarage).—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8528

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John's, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8519

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting, The Leigh (6), Saturday, July 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Numbers for tea by July 13th to W. H. Poulton, Highfield, The Leigh, near Gloucester.—Nadine Price, Branch Sec. 8501

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Hardwick, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea by July 12th to S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 8507

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—North Myms, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. No tea arrangements—café nearby. Special method: Double Oxford Bob Major.—M. A. Coburn. 8523

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Birchington (Quex Park), Saturday, July 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. No service. Tea 5 p.m., at 2s. 3d. per head. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. J. A. Russell, 19, Rutlands Gardens, Birchington, together with cash please, by July 12th.—T. C. P. 8416

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Frindsbury, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to J. Harman, 56, Cooling Road, Frindsbury, Rochester. 8489

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 15th. Stretford St. Matthew's, 3 to 5 p.m.; Flixton St. Michael's, 6 to 9 p.m. Cups of tea at Stretford 5 p.m. Buses: 3, 5 or 12, Stretford to Flixton.—W. H. Riddle, Branch Sec. 8525

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Hawkshead, Saturday, July 15th, 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Shuttleworth, Hawkshead Hill, Ambleside.—N. M. Newby. 8524

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Countesthorpe, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Room 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 12th, to G. Dudley, 7, Westfield Avenue, Countesthorpe. Peatling Magna bells available 3 to 4 p.m. District outing details available.—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec. 8512

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Birstall, Saturday, July 15th. Ringing at Wanlip (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m., Birstall (8) 6 to 8.30. Tea and meeting in Birstall Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by 12th, please, to Mrs. Smalley, 20, Paget Avenue, Birstall. 8509

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Owston Ferry, on Saturday, July 15th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 8480

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Hough-on-the-Hill, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th to Mrs. Newcome, Brownlow Arms, Hough-on-the-Hill, Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8477

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Evening meeting at Gedney Hill, Saturday, July 15th, at 6 p.m. 8499

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Grosmont and Skenfrith, Saturday, July 15th. Grosmont bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Cups of tea available in Grosmont Vestry—Bring own food. Business in vestry. Skenfrith (6) after business. Numbers attending by July 12th, please.—Mrs. J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Hardwick, Chepstow. 8483

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting, Wateringbury, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea. All ringers welcome.—Pamela J. Usborne, Sec. 8490

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Practice, Saturday, July 15th. Ringing, Sunbury, 3.30 p.m., followed by belfry service and tea. Ringing at Hampton, 7.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday to D. Brock, 7, Loudwater Road, Sunbury-on-Thames. No names no tea.—F. T. B. 8506

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Pakefield, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 12th, please, to Mr. P. Kindred, Bathford, 91, Pakefield Street, Pakefield, Lowestoft.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 8453

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warfield on Saturday, July 15th, at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Kent T.B. Major.—B. C. Castle. 8516

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, July 15th. Names for tea, please, to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 8517

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 15th. Winterslow. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (3s.) 5 p.m. in Village Hall, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 11th, please, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 8473

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Askerswell, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerards Green, Beaminster. 8513

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Ixworth (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea must reach me by Tuesday, July 11th.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec., Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 8481

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Section.—Practice meeting, Nutfield (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 13th to Miss Kempel, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 8488

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Hambledon, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. at the New Inn. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. H. Turner, Whitdale Farm, Hambledon. 8505

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, July 15th. Howden Minster (8). Bells available 2.30 till 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names, please, by July 13th to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole. Subscriptions now due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8459

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Wrington, Thursday, July 20th, 7.30 p.m. All members and friends welcome.

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Widecombe, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to D. J. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay, Hsington bells 7.15 p.m. Visitors welcomed. 8514

SUSSEX RINGERS' WEEK-END IN THE WEST

ON Friday, June 9th, a party of us Sussex yokels put on our best smocks and shaking the straw from our hats, started a raid into the heart of the heavy-bell country. Gaffer Frank Hicks rang the first changes of the trip on the gears of the hired minibus—a faulty gear linkage caused much bother—and with bearded John (Atlas) Howard as map and Dove-reader turned the radiator towards Westbury, Wiltshire, our first call.

Here the band, accustomed in the main to the lighter bells of Sussex, soon settled to the steadier beat demanded by the 35 cwt. tenor and some excellent Triples and Cambridge Major were rung. George Francis led us down in peal and after the inevitable fish 'n' chips at Shepton Mallet we headed into Wells. Gwilym Salmon, secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, who had done much of the spade work in arranging the ringing part of the tour, was waiting for us, late as we were, and we were glad to make his acquaintance before seeking our beds.

Much later that night young Peter Howard roared in from Mitcham on his motor-bike, having cut short a maths exam, and travelled (apparently) at an average speed of 85 m.p.h. to catch us.

The following morning we began our ringing at Chewton Mendip (24½ cwt.), where possibly the best touch of the week-end, Double Norwich, was enjoyed. Then off we went, Alan Baldock already busy writing in his records book, to Evercreech of radio and television fame. We found this ten (21 cwt.) much to our liking, and Bob Royal and Stedman Caters were brought round. We were just in time to see the bride leave home for the wedding, which followed our ringing, before proceeding to nearby Ditchat where the octave, with its 24 cwt. tenor, was soon resounding through the delightful village.

QUEEN CAMEL AND SHERBORNE

Back to Evercreech for lunch, then on to Queen Camel's heaviest six. Alan and John relieved the heavy brigade for a spell on the 36½ cwt. 'big 'un,' and we managed a reasonable lower after a course of London.

Across the border to Dorset, where we found June and Denis Mitchell again waiting for us. (How did they manage to leave every tower after us, in their own car, and yet be waiting at the next stop, grinning, when we arrived?) Sherborne Abbey, another 'heaviest,' gave us some of our best touches, but with a 46½ cwt. tenor, Frank George and Leslie Waller, our tame back-enders, were kept busy.

To Somerset again for tea before meeting Mr. Thomas J. Setter at Yeovil. We had the pleasure of ringing with him in Stedman Caters when the bells and their 40½ cwt. tenor were heard to their best advantage, although the Sussex men were tiring after their day 'among the metal.' The fish shop at Shepton Mallet let us down rather badly, but a local cafe owner took pity on our pinched faces and gave us tea and sandwiches before we sought once more our bed and breakfast at Wells.

Awakened on Sunday morning by circus wagons rumbling down the main street we were all on time for service ringing at the Cathedral. Although the 2nd was out of action, we were able to ring the back eight, and

Leslie excelled on the 56½ cwt. tenor to Bob Major. Eddie Rapley also climbed on to a box at this tower (for the first time in his life!), but having tested the strength of the rope, he climbed down again to the cheers of his companions. This peal completed our trio of 'heaviest.'

We then joined the local band at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, on their eight (27½ cwt.) and Harold Reynolds alarmed everyone by expertly slipping the wheel on the treble before three leads of Kent.

Saying goodbye to our friends at Wells, we started the long journey home. Handbells were much in evidence, and with one 720 of Bob Minor the band remembered the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wood, of Billingshurst, Sussex. Each tower in sight of the road was traced on the map and in Dove, and many future outings were planned, many bells installed in empty towers, and the names of Bilbie, Rudhall and more modern founders were heard.

PUZZLED AT STONEHENGE

A quick look at Stonehenge (Evelyn Hicks, a staunch choir member, wondered on which side of the sacrificial altar sat Decani Druids and which side Cantoris) and we were at Winchester for Evensong ringing at 3 p.m. We inspected the 35½ cwt. tenor and its eleven companions, shed a metaphorical tear over the fate of St. Maurice's opposite, already surrounded by girders and spidermen, and sped on our way.

Arriving at Billingshurst (Sussex), we had a quick cuppa at Leslie's place and met the local ringers to join with them in service ringing. A really good course of Cambridge Major was scored on this pleasant eight (12½ cwt.), a fitting end to a trip which was, to ringers from a county somewhat starved of heavy bells, a welcome departure.

Thank you, Somerset and the West Country! Thank you, Gwilym Salmon, for all your hard work; thank you, local secretaries and captains, for your smiling welcomes and courtesies. But, above all, our gratitude goes to the indefatigable Frank Hicks who had the idea, arranged the trip, drove the car, struggled with the gearbox, organised the ringing and kept us all in order (more or less), and to Evelyn Hicks, who kept Frank in order (more or less). H. R.

MR. RICHARD WARD

Many visitors who have rung at All Saints', Ryde, Isle of Wight, will learn with regret of the passing of Mr. Richard Ward, probably the oldest member of the old Winchester Guild, of which he was a life member, and for many years leader of the Ryde band. In his 89th year, he only gave up ringing some three years ago, being unable to climb the stairs to Ryde's ringing room.

He was laid to rest on June 30th, having died the previous Tuesday.

LATE NOTICE

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Rededication by the Bishop of Stafford after rehanging of the six bells at Leigh, near Uttoxeter, Staffs, on Sunday, July 16th, at morning service, 11 a.m. All welcome.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 8531

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