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BELLS OF TWO SCOTTISH COUNTIES

LAST week, in our report of the lecture to the S.P.A.B. by M. A. A. Hughes, reference was made to the Dumbarton bell, probably the oldest in the British Isles. Allusion to this bell, known as the Skellat bell, is made by Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston in 'The Church Bells of Renfrewshire and Dumbartonshire,' which is reprinted in Vol. 82 of the 'Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.' This bell, states Mr. Clouston, in all probability, belonged to some early Celtic saint. The very early bells of this type were made of riveted iron plates, which, when bent, were dipped in molten bronze to give a corrosion-resisting surface and also to improve the tone. In the Glasgow Exhibition of 1911 there were eight such bells exhibited, including the Skellat bell of Dumbarton, all dating from A.D. 600 to A.D. 1000. The history of the Skellat bell is far from clear. It has been in the possession of Dumbarton Burgh since the early part of the 17th century, and was latterly used as the dead bell.

In a preface, Mr. Clouston writes that during a two years' residence in Renfrewshire he discovered that, unlike England, where most of the exploratory work had been done, Scotland presented a large field for investigation. When Christianity first came to these shores the only bells used were those that could be carried by hand by the missionaries, such as the Skellat bell. After a number of years stone churches or chapels were built, having either an open bellcote or a tower. The bells were then a fixture in the church and were not of any great size, each church usually having a single bell. In Scotland right up to the Reformation only the richest churches had more than one bell, and in these cases bells were seldom tuned one with the other.

Instead of following the English method of ringing, Scotland was influenced by the Continental system. In the latter large numbers of bells, 23 or more, are hung stationary or 'dead,' and are hit by hammers manipulated by wires from a keyboard. The English system of change ringing came to Scotland in modern times. There are rings of bells at St. Cuthbert's and St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh; St. James's, Leith; and in Alloa, Dundee, Glasgow, Paisley, Inveraray and Inverness. An early ring of bells, as in the steeple of St. Andrew's, Edinburgh, was cast by the Whitechapel Foundry, London, in 1788.

In Renfrewshire there is one mediæval bell, four seventeenth century and five eighteenth century bells. Of special interest are the two Paisley silver bells. These are made of pure silver, and are in the form of a cone with the base closed by a perforated hemisphere. Inside each is a ball, which, when disturbed, causes the bell to tinkle. They were made as the prize for the Paisley Races which were instituted in 1620. The larger bell bears the old Burgh Arms with the initials O. P. and the other is dated 1620, with a coat of arms and initials H. C., which probably stand for Hew Crawford of Cloberhill, who won them first. These bells are kept in the Municipal Buildings of Paisley, one being one inch in diameter and the other 2½ inches diameter.

The only ring of bells in Renfrewshire with which our readers are familiar is that of St. James's, Paisley. The complete church, with a lofty tower with spire rising to a height of 180 feet, was the gift of Sir Peter Coats, and the ring of eight from the Loughborough Foundry dates from 1882. In 1909 the four lighter bells were recast and the remaining bells were retuned on the Simpson principle. While change ringing had been practised here for some time up to 1947, only four peals had been rung on the bells. The first was Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 28 minutes on March 11th, 1922, the band being mostly Englishmen. The tenor weighs 22 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb., and is 50¾ inches in diameter.

At the Roman Catholic Church of St Patrick there is a carillon of 23 bells with a tenor of 16 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb., and an Angelus bell of 19¾ cwt., which on the waist has the Papal Arms and the Bishop's Arms. It is rung as an Angelus bell at 7 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m., being operated by a chiming hammer controlled by the clock. This carillon was cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. The same foundry supplied the chime of 10 at Paisley Town Hall. The design of the tower necessitates that two bells be hung in each of the four wall openings on each side of the tower, with the tenor and treble inside. The positioning of the bells, half out in the open, gives rise to an unequal distribution of the sound of each bell. Bells on the opposite side of the tower from the listener are hardly heard at all.

A word or two might be given to the chime of nine bells at St. George's Church, Greenock, the scene of a disastrous fire in 1948, when the church was completely burnt out. The tower still stands, but all the floors and chiming machinery have been destroyed. The bells still

hang from their steel girders, but the two tenors are cracked and other bells may also be affected. The first chiming apparatus was installed in 1889 for the original chime of six, and the machine was set to play a plain course of Grandsire Doubles with the tenor covering. The additional bells were added in 1912 and the others recast in 1913, the whole of the work being carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Considerable research went into the production of this volume, and from the antiquarian's viewpoint Mr. Clouston has made a valuable contribution. The author has about 12 copies, price 3s. post free, for those keenly interested in the antiquarian side of bells. The 'Proceedings of the Society of Antiquarians of Scotland' should be quite easily obtainable in large public libraries. Similar surveys have been finished in MS. of Ayrshire, Stirlingshire and Flintshire, and the first named should be published in the near future.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES,
Tenor 25 cwt.

*JILL POOLE	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	7
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ...	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	8
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER...	9
LAURENCE GREENHOW ...	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	10
HAROLD J. POOLE ...	5	JOHN R. SMITH	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 200th peal. First peal of Maximus to be rung in this method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., July 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF PONTEFRACT SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	*Treble*	TERRY HAMPTON	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	2	JOHN PINFOLD	8
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
FRANK E. HAYNES ...	5	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	11
FRANK W. PERRENS ...	6	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
The first peal of Maximus in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT ...	*Treble*	FREDK. C. WHITE ...	6
*WALTER F. JUDGE ...	2	HENRY C. WHITE	7
†FRANK WHITE	3	FRANCIS A. WHITE ...	8
EDWIN G. MOORE ...	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
†FRANK P. WRIGHT ...	5	FRED WHITE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by E. LINDOFF. Conducted by MARGARET L. TUTT.
* 500th peal. † First peal in the method.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr.

EDWARD JENKINS ...	*Treble*	*WILLIAM BARTON	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	2	*ERIC J. GILBERT	7
*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...	3	JOHN WORTH	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	9
WALTER ALLMAN	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
* First peal of Rochester Royal. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Rochester Royal on the bells. Rung as a farewell to Allan A. Potts, the brilliant young Macclesfield ringer, who has set sail for Malaya.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	*Treble*	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ...	6
JOHN E. S. MORETON ...	2	JAMES F. CLARKE ...	7
LEONARD TREVOR	3	JAMES DRAYCOTT	8
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ...	4	*HUBERT E. ASHLEY ...	9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	5	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER (No. 8). Conducted by L. TREVOR.
* First peal of Royal on tower bells. First peal of Royal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
TERENCE A. THORNBER...	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	7
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	3	J. FREDK. MILNER ...	8
JOHN R. SMITH	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	9
ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal of Rutland Surprise Royal by all the band and for the Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sun., June 11, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A.

*ROBERT H. ROCK ...	*Treble*	CYRIL GRIFFITHS	5
*DOUGLAS G. SMITH ...	2	*ALBERT H. GRIFFITHS ...	6
*JOHN A. RODEN	3	EDWARD G. BOWYER ...	7
ARTHUR RODEN	4	JEREMIAH BLOORE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD G. BOWYER.
* First peal.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT LEWIN ...	*Treble*	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ...	5
SAMUEL PINDER	2	JOHN BRAMLEY	6
RALPH W. CARLISLE ...	3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ...	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
First peal of Major on the bells.

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EATON SOCAN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

C. EDWARD JEFFERIES	*Treble*	ARTHUR L. MARDLIN	5
C. HENRY HARDING	2	FRANK WARRINGTON	6
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	3	BRYAN G. WARWICK	7
*GWEN I. RUSBY	4	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. J. Poole.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

FRED BROWNLOW	*Treble*	ALAN CARPENTER	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	JOHN ASHCROFT	6
MURIEL REAY	3	ALBERT GREENHALGH	7
ROGER LEIGH	4	JAMES L. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Thurs., June 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

G. GORDON GRAHAM	*Treble*	CYRIL WRIGHT	5
SAM SCATTERGOOD	2	GORDON C. BRIGGS	6
*WILFRED A. ROBINSON	3	JOSEPH SAXTON	7
FREDERICK A. ADAMS	4	ARTHUR B. COOPER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by G. C. BRIGGS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung on St. Peter's Day for the 850th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
*HAROLD J. POOLE	2	*ALFRED BALLARD	6
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	3	J. FREDK. MILNER	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 200th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. A compliment to Josiah Morris on his 83rd birthday.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

STANLEY H. WALLIS	*Treble*	*OWEN P. SMITH	5
THOMAS SENIOR	2	CYRIL J. SMITH	6
*ALAN S. SMITH	3	*HAROLD W. SMITH	7
†RONALD G. SMITH	4	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Stanley B. Farbridge, who is leaving the parish.

CHARD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 23 cwt.

ROGER KEELEY	*Treble*	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	5
*J. LEONARD GLYDE	2	†HARRY J. GAYLARD	6
CUTHBERT W. POWELL	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	7
HENRY G. KEELEY	4	JOSEPH T. BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' † First peal of Stedman Triples. An 83rd birthday compliment to Josiah Morris, of Leicester.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

*DAPHNE LLOYD	*Treble*	*FREDERICK H. BIRKS	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	*BRIAN HARRIS	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	*R. GORDON CORBY	7
*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by R. G. CORBY.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS D. LUKE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. ELLIS	5
WILFRID G. WILSON	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	7
WILLIAM T. COOK	4	FREDERICK A. FINCH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. G. WILSON.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt.

WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	6
SAMUEL PINDER	3	JOHN BRAMLEY	7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	4	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.
Rung for the Patronal Festival. A birthday compliment to Josiah Morris. Rung on his 83rd birthday.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK BAILEY	*Treble*	ALFRED MOULD	5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	6
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	3	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	7
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE	4	JOHN BRAMLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
Rung to mark the wedding of Victor, son of Rev. F. V. Wallis, curate-in-charge of Overseal.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Grove's Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

WALTER H. DOBBIE	*Treble*	JOHN MEDHURST	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	6
SIDNEY A. WHITE	3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	ALEC E. RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.
Rung to commemorate the visit to Tonbridge on the same day of H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heyward's Variation. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	FRANK SADLER	6
ROBERT G. FREEMAN	3	PATRICK HARRIS	7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	4	RALPH HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, OLDSWINFORD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Grove's Transposition of Parker's. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*VILMA BOXLEY ...	*Treble*	ALFRED C. BOXLEY ...	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	2	GEOFFREY WESTWOOD ...	6
RALPH MOORS	3	THOMAS HEMMING	7
JOSEPH SOUTHALL ...	4	ROBERT LEES	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.
* First peal. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Skelding, of Oldswinford, for their golden wedding.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation of Brook's. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

CHARLES COLES ...	*Treble*	*REGINALD WOODLATT ...	5
WILLIAM C. PORTER ...	2	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD	6
EDWIN G. MOORE ...	3	BERNARD S. NICHOLS ...	7
WILLIAM JUDGE	4	WM. H. B. WILKINS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICHOLS.
* 200th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ...	*Treble*	ARTHUR HALLAM	4
FRANK BAILESS	2	PETER HALLAM	5
GEORGE PICKERING ...	3	JOSEPH TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.
A compliment to the ringer of the third on the birth of a daughter.

PAUL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HENRY TAYSOM ...	*Treble*	STEWART J. ROBINSON ...	4
A. HUBERT EPLETT ...	2	GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM ...	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS ...	3	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung on St. John-the-Baptist's Day.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*RONALD WILLAN ...	*Treble*	STANLEY DANCE	4
FRANK MITCHELL	2	EDWIN ATKINSON	5
DOUGLAS M. HALL ...	3	DANIEL SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.
* First peal. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 6000 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Plain Bob, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and 240 of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. MAY	4
GERALD FROST	2	FRANK C. MAY	5
WILLIAM PERRY	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Philip Ashby Sadler and Kathleen Grace Funnell, married on Saturday, June 17th, at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, Essex, where they are both regular ringers.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being twenty 120's of Plain Bob, four callings, ten 120's of Grandsire, ten callings, and six 240's of Grandsire, six callings.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

DENIS A. FRITH ...	*Treble*	*FRANK R. MITCHELL ...	4
*HENRY P. COLLIN ...	2	JAMES H. MUSSON ...	5
WALTER WESTON	3	*ALBERT FRITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in two methods. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Miss A. Hare, a lifelong churchworker and benefactor of the bellringers.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising one extent of St. Clement's Bob, one extent of Double Oxford Bob three extents of Single Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*VIVIAN T. O. BOASE ...	*Treble*	ERIC J. GILBERT	4
JULIA M. PRESTON ...	2	ALEX J. WEBSTER	5
FRANK VARTY	3	HUGH F. ROBERTS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC J. GILBERT.
* First peal.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

BRYAN G. WARWICK ...	*Treble*	*GWEN I. RUSBY ...	4
ARTHUR L. MARDLIN ...	2	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	5
JOHN SPICER	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Minor.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being eleven 120's of Stedman, ten 120's of Grandsire, nine 120's of April Day and twelve 120's of Plain Bob Doubles, calling all the different 120's. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN E. BROUGH ...	*Treble*	EDWARD J. BOFFEY ...	4
HAROLD G. SMITH ...	2	*FREDK. S. SUTTON ...	5
HERBERT SUTTON	3	M. ROY BOYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* 25th peal. First peal in four Doubles methods by all the band.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*KATHLEEN BARING-REES	*Treble*	ALFRED E. G. OWEN ...	4
EDWARD HILL	2	CHARLES E. EDWARDS ...	5
RICHARD F. DAVIES ...	3	EDWARD W. COLLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. EDWARDS.
* First peal. Rung for the 934th anniversary of the church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being six extents of Stedman, 16 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire.
Tenor 2¼ cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	COLIN A. KIRK	4
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	2	DENIS BURNETT	5
MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD ...	3	*MONICA J. WHITEHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal (aged seven).

STANDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

*JOHN M. KEMP	...*Treble*	*SIDNEY SMITH	 4
*ANTHONY R. AGER	... 2	JOHN WELCH	 5
NATHAN PATMORE	... 3	SIDNEY F. CARTER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.
* First peal in three methods.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising 20 six scores of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*RUPERT H. MINNEY	...*Treble*	SIDNEY J. ELLIOTT	... 3
RONALD RUSSELL	 2	PERCY AMOS	 4
SYDNEY G. OSBORNE	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.
* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the Patronal Festival. The conductor's 25th peal.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE WYCHE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of London, York, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	...*Treble*	GEORGE E. LARGE	 4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	... 2	CYRIL TANSELL	 5
ALLEN MORGAN	 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN E. BROUGH	...*Treble*	EDWARD J. BOFFEY	4
*JOSEPH BOYER	 2	FREDK. S. SUTTON	... 5
HAROLD G. SMITH	... 3	HERBERT SUTTON	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal in Minor. Ringer of tenor has now completed circle at Acton.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT 11, EXTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
In three methods, comprising 2,496 Plain Bob, 1,248 Little Bob and 1,344 Double Bob, with 300 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

*JAMES E. DANIELS	... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	*MICHAEL J. E. BEST	... 7-8

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Spliced Major in three methods.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 3, 1950, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
IN DERRY CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, four callings. Tenor size 14 in D.

JOHN J. FIELDING	 1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES	... 3-4
*JOHN CAMPBELL	 5-6		

Conducted by JOHN CAMPBELL.
* First peal as conductor.

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ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1, H. Reynolds 2, Miss B. M. Ball (first quarter) 3, J. Pearce (first 'inside') 4, G. E. Verrill 5, F. G. Barron 6, H. A. Nobes 7, E. A. Jurd 8.

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cavill 1, Miss Sylvia Dean (first quarter) 2, F. Skinner (cond.), 3, I. Hillburn 4, E. Skinner 5, F. Cave 6.

BARKBY, LEICESTER.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Plain Bob, April Day, and Canterbury, and 540 Grandsire): Miss M. Taylor 1, R. Flowers 2, G. A. James (cond.) 3, T. Earby 4, C. Walton 5. First quarter for 1, 2 and 5. A compliment to Mr. E. Payne, of Syston. Believed to be the first quarter peal ever rung by an all-Barkby team on the bells.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTER.—On June 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Cheney 1, G. Pickering 2, J. A. Flint 3, P. Hallam 4, J. Taylor 5, C. E. Carr (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Rev. C. A. Turner, Rector, and Miss F. M. Hunt, voluntary organist for 62 years.

BRAMLEY, SURREY.—On July 1st 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Ager (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Tressier (first 'inside') 2 F. J. Russell 3, Rev. E. S. C. Lowman (first 'inside') 4, T. J. Fowler (cond.) 5, W. Clark 6. All except the conductor are members of St. Michael's, Bray, Berks.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral on June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Lightning 1, Miss A. Bousfield (first of Triples) 2, J. Gibbs 3, A. Forsyth 4, J. Ling 5, W. Sidwell 6, J. Butterfield (cond.) 7, J. Grieve (first quarter) 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Porter.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On June 25th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lawrence 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, E. Pimlott 4, A. Street (cond.) 5, J. P. Jackson 6. A birthday compliment to J. Lawrence.

CRADLEY, STAFFS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Shuck (cond.) 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, A. Grove 3, A. G. Hall 4, A. Wyre 5, H. White 6, H. Wyre 7, F. Hodgetts (first quarter) 8. For the Patronal Festival.

DERBY.—On June 25th at St. Peter's Church, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob): H. Fletcher 1, W. Bond 2, J. Bailey (cond.) 3, W. Steen 4, B. Barker 5, W. Lancaster 6.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On June 21st at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. Romain 1, A. Roberts 2, W. Swift 3, J. Romain 4, G. Winter 5, J. Culley 6, S. Grant (cond.) 7, H. Sturgess 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, 13 years chairman of the Devizes Branch.

DUNDEE, ANGUS.—At St. Paul's Cathedral on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Taylor 1, E. A. Marsh 2, E. MacLean 3, K. Branson (cond.) 4, R. S. Wilson 5, C. Ward 6, C. R. Raine 7, W. H. Pickett 8. For the 800th anniversary of the foundation of the diocese of Brechin.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET. — On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: David Hill (aged 11) 1, Richard Crags (aged 10) 2, Anthony Sanger (aged 11) 3, Robin March (aged 12) 4, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 5, Julian Nicholls (aged 14) 6. First quarter peal by all except conductor.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral on July 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Caters: H. F. Sargent 1, W. H. Pickett (cond.) 2, Miss K. M. H. Branson 3, J. Hutchinson 4, R. St.C. Wilson 5, R. M. Preston 6, E. Boumphrey 7, T. C. Winderam 8, C. R. Raine 9, Q. R. Haynes 10.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On June 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. R. Ager 1, J. M. Kemp 2, Dorothy H. Jackson 3, D. J. Hiscock 4, R. A. Cochrane 5, E. Edmondson 6, S. Huckle 7, D. C. Price (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGH, WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Baldwin (16) 1, Joyce Edington 2, F. Hayes 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, Doreen Coker (cond.) 5, A. L. James 6, E. Markham 7, C. G. Wilkinson (17) 8; 7.6.8 covering. First quarter by 1 and 8. Rung on the minor eight.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On June 25th, 1,260 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Sheila E. Harris 1, Eileen D. Farrell 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, D. J. Charnley 4, S. Croft 5, E. Hynard 6, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 7, H. W. Rogers 8. First in method 1, 2 and 6.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. B. Brooks 1, P. E. Dodd 2, A. Histead (first of Doubles) 3, M. J. Dodd 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, C. W. Seymour (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the bells with local ringers taking part.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On June 20th, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: W. E. Redrup (cond.) 1, G. R. Goodship 2, F. Onions 3, J. Townsend 4, S. Orchard 5, H. C. Baldwin 6. First quarter of Doubles for all except 4. To commemorate Rev. W. H. Davis's 50 years in Holy Orders.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields on June 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss I. B. Cording 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, W. Prockson 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal 6, T. J. Lock (cond.) 7., E. C. S. Turner 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Rung for the golden jubilee of the Borough of Holborn.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On June 18th, 1,296 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Morris 1, Rev. C. C. Cox 2, R. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, H. G. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. A compliment to Roger Keeley and his twin sister, Rachel, on their 15th birthday.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): W. T. Adams 1, P. Stevens 2, R. Spring 3, L. G. Townsend 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5. For the marriage of Miss Jane Findlay, of Naseby Hall, to the Earl of Westmorland.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Bob Doubles and 660 Grandsire Doubles): F. Wright 1, A, Livings 2, C. Sams (cond.) 3, B. Burton 4, G. Blake 5. In memoriam Rev. J. R. Sutherland (Vicar).

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On June 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. McCutcheon 1, H. Newnham 2, Miss E. K. Knight 3, F. N. Lane 4, A. D. Tremeer 5, G. Allen 6, E. N. Lane 7, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 8. First quarter for all excepting 7 and 8. On the occasion of the Patronal Festival.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. K. Attrell 1, J. Meade 2, L. Bailey 3, A. Drake 4, F. K. Taylor (cond.) 5, S. Moody 6, Wm. Upton 7, Wm. Scott 8. In honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Toogood.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.—On June 20th, 1,440 Minor (360 St. Clement's and 1,080 Plain Bob): J. Couzens (first of Minor) 1, M. Tyrell 2, F. Beales 3, R. Alcock 4, P. Beales (first 'inside') 5, T. Owen (cond.) 6. First in more than one method by all.

NORTHENDEN, LANCS.—On June 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Barlow 1, F. Gates 2, F. Brickill, jun., 4, J. Mellor 4, A. Barratt 5, R. Benson (cond.) 6. A welcome to the Rev. B. Sockett, B.D.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, WILTS.— On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Minchington 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell 2, T. W. Osborne 3, A. Gillman 4, F. W. Drew (cond.) 5, T. Sweet 6. In memoriam Sir George Davis, former M.P. for the Yeovil constituency.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Sibbick 1, E. F. Warner 2, G. Oliver 3, R. J. Andrews 4, R. Collins (cond.) 5.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Delderfield 1, J. Cleaver 2, T. Clark 3, Freda Attwood 4, J. Rootes 5, W. Attwood 6. Conducted by F. W. Brinklow from the belfry. First quarter 1 and 4. Birthday compliment to Mary Delderfield.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Stilwell (cond.) 1, E. Knapp 2, E. R. Rapley 3, S. A. Paice 4, L. D. W. Atfield 5, A. V. Corden 6, A. E. Laker 7, C. Denyer 8.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Aubrey Harrison 1, A. Lambkin 2, Mrs. J. Finn 3, H. Morwood (first of Triples) 4, G. Thompson 5, F. Lacey 6, F. Lord (cond.) 7, S. Finn 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

SHEPSHED, LEICS.—On June 25th, 1,246 Plain Bob Major.— R. Beresford 1, G. Butler 2, A. Fidler (first 'inside') 3, L. Edwards 4, D. Walton 5, E. Walley 6, A. Wilson 7, G. R. Edwards (cond.) 8.

SIDDINGTON, CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. M. Hope 1, Miss D. H. Boulton 2, J. Hope (cond.) 3, E. Jefferies 4, V. Williams 5, W. H. Hayward 6. A compliment to the conductor on his 74th birthday, and also for the birthdays of his daughter and granddaughter.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On June 25th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Knox (first of Surprise) 1, A. Peake (first of Surprise as conductor) 2, Miss M. Rigby 3, A. D. Steele 4, F. E. Wilshaw 5, C. H. Page 6, N. R. Holland 7, F. W. Grocott 8. For the ordination of the Rev. G. W. Henshaw.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Hoare 1, G. A. Hughes 2, T. J. Clarke 3, C. Wenban 4, R. E. W. Wenban 5, J. E. Rootes 6, W. Wenban (cond.) 7, F. Lambert 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on June 25th, 1,275 Stedman Caters: J. Hawkins 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts 3, W. W. Daniell 4, H. Bishop (cond.) 5, R. Townsend 6, C. J. Gardner 7, E. J. Berry 8, T. Townsend 9, W. Bullock 10.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob: C. Dobb (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Haynes 2, D. H. Rooke 3, T. W. Flint 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.—On July 2nd, 1,320 College: Miss D. Marshall 1, Miss M. Webster 2, D. H. Rooke 3, D. Chadwick 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all Also 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob: Miss J. Smith (first quarter) 1, R. T. Flint 2, D. H. Rooke 3, D. Chadwick 4, H. T. Rooke 5, F. Flint (cond.) 6. First quarter in method by all.

WEST HADDON, NORTHANTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. G. Townsend 1, P. Stephens (first quarter) 2, W. T. Adams (first 'inside') 3, R. Spring (first quarter) 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On June 18th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Cannell 1, W. Hollamby 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, R. Bird 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6. First quarter of Treble Bob by 1, 3 and 4.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 25th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. Newton 1, E. S. Ruck 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, T. R. Mogg 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss I. Dearling 1, J. Tomsett 2, A. Miller 3, J. Chapman 4, T. Miller 5, R. Charge 6, E. Blake (cond.) 7, R. Sanders 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Edward ('Teddy') Cassell, member of the local band, aged 76.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: F. Garland 1, A. McTiffen 2, S. C. Thain 3, E. Risbey 4, R. J. Thain (cond.) 5, A. Howell 6.

Aldershot Ringer's Marriage

Mr. John Michael Denyer, youngest son of Mr. W. Denyer and the late Mrs. Denyer, of 120, Ash Road, Aldershot, a well-known ringer, was married recently at Tongham (Surrey) Parish Church to Miss Kathleen Mary Cantillon, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Cantillon, of 3, Neston Villas, Tongham. The Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Bell) officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white net over white taffeta, and her short net veil was held in place by sprays of lilies of the valley.

There were five bridesmaids—the Misses Ann Cantillon (sister of the bride), Nancie Bragg (niece of the bridegroom), Carolyn Edwards (cousin of the bride), Josephine Whitford (niece of the bridegroom) and Helen Biles (cousin of the bride). Mr. Thomas Denyer was best man to his brother.

Relatives of the bridegroom rang handbells as the bridal couple left the church. A reception was held at the Village Hall, Tongham, and as Mr. and Mrs. Denyer left for their honeymoon at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, handbells were 'fired' by ringing friends.

BELL PARADE AT BURNHAM

Over £130 was raised for the Burnham (Bucks) Bell Fund by the parade of decorated vehicles and tableau cars on June 25th. Nearly 50 decorated vehicles were in the procession, which was headed by the Maidenhead Town Band playing rousing music. Conspicuous was the Burnham bellringers' tableau, in the middle of which was the 'man behind the parish church bells' — Mr. George Gilbert, Ringing Master.

The parade, which was organised by Mr. Ron Allder, chairman of the Parish Council, halted at Lent Green for a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. James Wildman), and an address by Dr. Summers.

All Saints', High Wycombe

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The above ancient church, known to ringers generally for its ring of 12, the only one of that number in Buckinghamshire, and the largest church in the Diocese of Oxford, has just emerged from a long, anxious and dangerous period.

In 1934, after an exhaustive survey, the architect reported that the whole of the vast roof, with the exception of the chancel, was in an advanced stage of decay owing to death-watch beetle. Action was at once taken. By 1939, when war broke out, a new roof to the north aisle was completed at a cost of £6,000.

In 1947, after a lapse of eight years, an appeal was made for £20,000. A generous response made it possible to carry on the good work. By Whitsun of this year the south aisle and the great nave had been completely re-roofed, and so for the first time for a period of 16 years all trace of building operations had disappeared.

The cost of this vast undertaking, £23,000, had been met, but the fund remains open, as much subsidiary work has to be done, which includes an amount of £360 for cleaning the organ. On June 29th a service of dedication and thanksgiving was held, when a vast congregation was present. Prior to the service a quarter peal of Stedman Caters was rung by F. Hayes, A. E. Cox, Doreen Coker, E. Markham, A. Newton, W. H. Plumridge, W. Avery, C. A. Smith, G. R. Goodship, A. L. James.

During his address the Bishop of Oxford (Dr. K. E. Kirk) commended the way such a vast sum had been raised, and although more was required, he felt it was well within their power. On the musical side, the organist had arranged for trumpets and drums to collaborate with the organ, which was most effective.

Kent County Association

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The meeting at Eastry on July 1st was memorable, inasmuch as it was believed to be the first meeting of ringers in the village and for many a new tower.

A large tower contains a ring of five with tenor weighing one ton. The church itself is fascinating, possessing many excellent floor brasses and a brass altar frontal.

The afternoon's ringing was followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Cartman). At the organ was Cpl. J. M. Tyler, of Whittlesey, Cambs, who has played for one or two district services. This, however, was his last service previous to the conclusion of his military service.

The business meeting followed a splendid tea at the local hostelry. For the first time since he was elected chairman, Mr. J. A. Russell was absent owing to an accident sustained on his garden, he having fallen and pushed a stake into his stomach. After sympathy had been expressed, the Vicar remarked that he thought it was the wrong kind of 'steak' to put in that place.

Ten new members were elected, and Ringwould outvoted Boughton as the place of the next meeting. Further ringing was held in the tower.

Northbourne had also been placed at the disposal of the members, but on arrival there no keys could be found. Some went further on to Great Mongeham, where the six bells there were made available. Those who stayed at Northbourne were rewarded for their patience, the missing keys turning up in time for them to get their ring in.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In the issue of June 23rd a peal of Grandsire Doubles was recorded as having been rung at Thames Ditton on June 10th for the Middlesex Association. We regret that we were hoaxed and offer an apology to the ringers concerned. The Editor takes a serious view of the conduct of those who deliberately disseminate false information. In future will all conductors submitting peals give their full name and address? We have made this request before, but it is still in a large measure ignored.

Mr. Walter F. Judge, we feel sure, will receive many congratulations on his 500th peal.

Mr. G. Gordon Graham has 'completed the circle' of Eckington tower, Derbyshire.

Leicester Cathedral ringers have now added Rutland Surprise to the list of methods in which they have rung peals on 8, 10 and 12 bells in a week.

Frensham (Surrey) ringers have placed an order for their bells to be repaired with Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The Bell Fund now stands at £340, another £150 being required.

With the calling of a peal at Holywell, Hunts, Mr. Bryan G. Warwick has now conducted peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

A party of handbell ringers from Aldbourne, Wilts, rang traditional call changes and tunes at a garden fete at Thatcham, Berks. They were well received by a very appreciative audience.

Congratulations to Harry Poyner on ringing 1-2 to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. He is one of the three Leicester Cathedral choirboys receiving tuition with the Cathedral band. Mr. Joseph S. Carter, of Leicester, who on attending the Claybrooke church garden fete to ring handbells, beat all the locals in the long alley skittles and won the pig.

Miss Monica J. Whitehead has at the age of seven rung her first peal on tower bells, ringing a tenor of 2¼ cwt. on the Bell Foundry Campanile. It is doubtful if anyone of such tender years has scored a peal. This was due to the help given her at All Saints', Leicester, Thurcaston, Countesthorpe and South Wigston, where she was allowed ringing practice.

Mr. John Thomas, of Hinton-on-the-Green, has now rung a peal on every date of the year.

Will the writer who enclosed 9s. 2d. with the report of an outing please forward his name and full postal address? A letter from the Editor to him has been returned to sender.

For the week of the historical pageant at Farnham Castle, the bells of the Parish Church were rung for 10 minutes during each performance to coincide with one of the episodes.

Great Harwood (Bucks) bells are to be dedicated on July 16th at 3 o'clock by the Bishop of Buckingham. The bells have been rehung in a new steel frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Yatton, Somerset, bells were rung for the last time on June 18th prior to dismantling for restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Participating in 1,260 Grandsire Triples were G. Miller 1, L. W. Pullin 2, G. Westlake 3, R. Brice 4, E. A. Price 5, H. Marshall 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. Baker 8.

'Old Bob Roberts,' as he is popularly known, one time Master of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, took part in his 80th birthday peal at Chilvers Coton, and rang his bell in excellent style. It is 30 years exactly since he rang his last peal of Royal, when he rang Plain Bob for his 50th birthday. The Coton peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. H. Beamish, the present Master of the Guild. Congratulations to both!

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Meeting at Portsmouth ..... Presentation of Mr. George Williams' Handbells ..... Improved Finances with Increased Subscriptions ..... Record Year for Peals ..... Memorial to Late Master

THE annual general meeting was held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 1st, and was attended by nearly 80 ringers from all districts of the Guild and many visitors from Sussex, Surrey and Dorset. The gathering was welcomed by the Vicar of Portsea (Canon W. J. Smith), who expressed his great pleasure at being invited to join them and assured them that he was grateful to his own ringers and the Guild in general for the work they did on behalf of the Church. The meeting, over which the Master (Mr. G. Pullinger) presided, received the welcome with acclamation. Supporting the Master were the hon. general secretary, hon. treasurer and Mr. V. P. A. G. Scardifield (nephew of the late Master, Mr. George Williams).

Mr. Pullinger, on behalf of the meeting, expressed their delight in welcoming Mr. Scardifield, who in his early life had such intimate connections with the late Master. In reply, he thanked the meeting for their kind welcome and recalled many incidents in the life of Mr. Williams, when such personalities as John Carter, Henry Dains and John Goldsmith were regular visitors to his home. He had brought with him a set of 16 handbells, twelve of which were presented to Mrs. Williams by Harvey Reeves, editor of 'The Bell News,' the other four being purchased by Mr. Williams in order to make a light eight. It gave him the greatest pleasure to present them to the Guild, they had been a great treasure to him and, not being a ringer himself, he thought they should find a resting place with the Guild, although he handed them over with a feeling of regret.

The Master, after accepting them on behalf of the Guild, thanked Mr. Scardifield for this magnificent gift and expressed the wish that they would find a suitable centre to place them, together with the books of the late Master, which had already been received by the Guild. He hoped that after a custodian had been appointed bands would take the opportunity to seek the loan of these bells so that they could be fully used.

In opening the business of the meeting, the Master reviewed the events of the past year, which had given much cause for satisfaction.

POINTS FROM THE REPORTS.

The joint report of the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer stated that it gave them great pleasure to report that in nearly every district the respective secretaries had reported a great increase in ringing activities and a greater interest taken by members in the affairs of their districts. 'We cannot stress too deeply the part that members can play in order to keep the districts in a flourishing condition, which ultimately determines the strength of the whole Guild and thereby eases the great work put in by the district secretaries.'

Bell restorations were reported in many areas of the Guild. Hawkley bells had been augmented to eight, and restoration work was reported from Froxfield (6), Tangley (5), Arreton, I. of W. (5), and Twyford (8).

The financial position had much improved compared with the previous year, due to the increased subscription of ringing members. Compared with a deficit on the year 1948 of £29 17s. 2d., there was a credit balance of £6 18s. 9d. for 1949. Receipts at £158 also showed an increase of £38 compared with the previous year. Membership was slightly less with 70 honorary members compared with 73; 652 full members as against 717. Some decrease, due to the increased subscription, was anticipated, but generally speaking members had given their unstinted support, which was greatly appreciated.

The death was deeply deplored of such prominent and faithful members as Wilfred Andrews, Eli Waters, Charles Forfitt, William Melville and others who had passed away since the last report. 'Our deepest sympathies and grateful thanks for all the work they did for the Guild is extended to all their relatives.'

The treasurer observed that financially the Guild was turning the corner, due in no small measure to the members responding by paying the increased subscription agreed upon.

PEAL REPORT.

In the absence of the peal recorder (Mr. A. V. Davis), the secretary presented the report, expressing regret that owing to the much heavier cost involved by printing the peals in full in the annual report, they had to be included in tabulated form. It was emphasised that this was purely a temporary expedient and that it was hoped to present a more comprehensive annual report as soon as finances permitted.

The peal recorder's report stated that in total number of peals recorded 1949 was undoubtedly a record year for the Guild; 148 peals were rung, comprising 53 tower-bell peals and 95 on handbells.

In tower-bell performances there was a little more variety; there were three of Surprise Royal and 15 of Surprise Major, including one of Spliced, the others being in seven different methods—Yorkshire, Painswick and Lincolnshire appearing in addition to the usual four. The six-bell ringers came more into the picture, recording 12 peals in a variety of methods as against four only in the previous year.

Mr. C. H. Kippin headed the list of 17 conductors with a total of 13. In the handbell section, which has Bournemouth as its headquarters, a total of 95 peals was recorded, rung by 33 ringers, 17 of whom were visitors to the district. Both Mr. Matkin and Mrs. Marshallsay rang a total of over 100 peals during the year, Mrs. Marshallsay being the first lady ever to accomplish a century within 12 months.

During 1949 there were 20 first peals, three first peals 'in hand,' 126 first peals in the method and two first peals as conductor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Master, Mr. G. Pullinger; hon. general secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Linter; auditor, Mr. A. York Bramble; recorder of peals, Mr. A. V. Davis; representatives on Central Council, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Messrs. C. H. Kippin, G. Pullinger and F. W. Rogers.

A comprehensive report on the Central Council proceedings at Eastbourne was given by Mr. C. H. Kippin, with comments on most of the controversial issues. In recognition of his past services for many years the retiring auditor (Mr. G. Smith) was elected an honorary life member, as was also Mr. V. P. A. G. Scardifield, the latter expressing his appreciation of their goodwill.

The sub-committee appointed by the last annual meeting to examine the question of reforming the districts of the Guild had met, and in their report found that 'they were unanimously of the opinion that no useful purpose would be served by interfering with the present constitution of the districts. If, however, minor adjustments in the transfer of towers are deemed desirable, these can be met by the application of Rule 10.' The meeting accepted the findings of the sub-committee with thanks.

Notice of alteration to rule was given after it was discussed that the allowance given to representatives attending meetings of the Central Council was inadequate and should be increased to that at present allowed.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. G. WILLIAMS.

In accordance with the wishes of the last annual meeting, the Executive Committee had reviewed several suggested schemes, and it recommended that the proposed memorial to the late Master should take the form of a table book-case, which would house the ringing books left by him to the Guild and provide for future additions. The Master observed that now that they had a munificent gift in the form of handbells, when the details of the memorial were worked out it might be possible to include them as well. The proposal was received by the meeting with great pleasure and it was decided to circularise all the towers in the Guild and to make a national appeal through the medium of 'The Ringing World' to enable a wider circle of friends of the late Master who wish to be associated with the memorial to contribute.

In view of the decision to proceed with this memorial, the meeting agreed to shelve the question of the proposed Guild war memorial for a further twelve months. It was decided to hold next year's annual meeting at Winchester or, failing permission from the Dean, to visit Basingstoke.

Enquiries were made concerning a reprint of the Guild certificate, and it was decided to explore the possibility of a re-issue if costs were not prohibitive.

Mr. Bailey (Godshill, I.O.W.) raised the point of a school for the training of instructors to be held possibly over the Easter week-ends. Mr. York Bramble said it had district advantages, and was a good idea, but it would probably mean ringers paying their own expenses. The executive would agree, however, to examine this proposal.

It was agreed to vote two guineas towards the cost of rehanging the bells at Froxfield.

Mr. York Bramble kindly consented to become librarian of the Guild, which office entitled him to be an ex-officio member of the committee.

After the meeting choral Guild service was held in St. Mary's Church, followed by tea. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the back ten of the 16 handbells, followed by ringing at the Cathedral and St. Mary's, which was in a variety of methods up to Spliced Surprise. Alverstoke bells were available earlier in the day.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

EASTERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Hedon on July 1st, and was attended by about 30 ringers. The fine ring of eight were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Dann, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung in church on handbells.

Mr. A. H. Fox, the vice-president, presided over the business meeting, and asked the meeting to stand a few moments in memory of Mr. Fred Cryer, of Selby, who had been a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1888.

All the retiring officers were re-elected. Two new members were elected, and the secretary was asked to write Mr. Walters, of Pontefract, wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness.

The place of the next meeting was left in the hands of the secretary. A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised 17s. 6d.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MINOR WITH A COVER BELL

UNORTHODOX PEALS AND THEIR PUBLICATION.

Dear Sir,—Your editorial remarks concerning peals of Minor with a cover will not eliminate the confusion regarding the subject which exists in the minds of very many ringers, including, I suspect, several members of the Council itself.

Prior to the Central Council meeting in 1947 peals of Minor with a cover and Triples without a cover were recognised; indeed, provision for their recognition appears to have been rather clumsily made in the old, former Decisions. At that meeting, however, without even discussing the matter, the Council rejected a peal of Minor rung with a cover at Sefton, Liverpool, the previous year.

As Mr. Kippin then pointed out, there is little doubt that the peal would have been accepted had it not been grouped with a nine-bell peal, also rung the previous year. In any case, the decision was hardly fair because the Sefton band could not possibly know in advance that the Council was to change its mind 'overnight' about the matter.

At Chester next Whit Tuesday there will be an attempt to codify the Council's Decisions, and, as will be seen, this particular issue is not one of whether seven-bell peals shall be introduced, but whether they shall now be rejected for all time. It has also been suggested that particulars of unorthodox peals should not be published in 'The Ringing World,' a suggestion which I regret has already been put into effect without the ratification of the Council.

Those of us who support the continued recognition of seven-bell peals do so principally because, from our experience, we believe they are invariably born of some local necessity and also, however unusual such ringing may sound to many ringers, it is *not* unmusical. It is, we contend, idle and nonsensical to bleat about 'the freak peal collector who desires undue publicity, etc.,' and also for Mr. C. W. Roberts and others to aver that seven-bell peals are less artistic or musical than five-bell peals, or, for that matter, many other types of peals and methods.

As I explained at Eastbourne (although I am somewhat wrongly reported in your issue of June 16th), tests I have made, over a period of years, with various members of the community, ranging from an eight-year-old schoolgirl to a borough chief constable, have evoked the fact that the public, generally, does not like five-bell ringing and, whilst it does not dislike Minor on six, it definitely prefers Minor with a cover.

I think everyone agrees that the Decisions of the Council, when properly codified, must be loyally adhered to, but the burning question is precisely how stringent it is necessary for these Decisions to be. Is there any good reason why our hobby, linked with the Church as it is, should be allowed to develop into a cold, rigorous 'business' like dog racing or Association football.

For instance, can there be any possible justification for retaining the old Decision which debars an aged, infirm conductor from the pleasure of calling a peal just because he is unable to ring in it? It is not regarded as a 'stunt' when the conductor of a choir, orchestra or band is a non-participant.

Three months ago I communicated the foregoing observations to the sub-committee appointed to review the Decisions, and I feel it would be a distinct advantage to the Exercise if, at a reasonably early date, members of this committee publish their considered opinions and comments upon the points raised.

It may well be that the complete answer to the whole problem is that peals of Minor with a cover, Triples without a cover and with a non-ringing conductor should be published, classified and recorded as '*Unorthodox Peals*,' and that other peals with more than one cover, etc., should merely be published in 'The Ringing World' as '*Unorthodox Performances*.'

What must not be lost sight of, however, and what I trust will be uppermost in every mind at the Chester meeting next Whit Tuesday is the fact that the Decisions are framed, not primarily for members of brilliant peal ringing bands, the Council or any committee, but also for the benefit of the most humble, remote and infrequent peal ringers throughout the length and breadth of the Exercise.—Yours sincerely, T. R. BUTLER.

Liverpool.

CENTRAL COUNCIL DECISIONS

Dear Sir,—Now that the Exercise has had an opportunity of studying the suggestions put forward by the sub-committee, and is in a better position to express its views than hitherto, we should be very glad to receive viewpoints, which if sent to me will receive sympathetic consideration by my sub-committee.

We do not wish to thrash out any knotty points in the columns of 'The Ringing World'—the Council would seem to be the more appropriate place to do that—but I must reply to the point raised by your Barnstaple correspondent regarding ambiguity in wording. I should point out to him that the wording of the paragraph on 'calls' is really as it appeared in Section 1 of the Council's Collection of Peals, and was obviously intended to cut out any *special* arrangement on going off into changes—7ths place in Grandsire Caters, to throw the bells into the tittums right away.

If your correspondent will kindly send along his suggestions on the wording he would like, we will give them due attention.

Meantime, to allay any fears on his part and the possible effect of his words on our Yorkshire friends, let me say at once that we have no evil designs on Kent Treble Bob or any other method.

We should be grateful if those interested would let us have their viewpoints quickly so that they may be collated and we may be in a position to submit a report at the next Council meeting which can be generally agreed upon without too much time of the Council being taken up.—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

122, Lee Road, Blackheath, London, S.E.3.

AMBIGUITY IN WORDING

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. Peter Semmins has read the proposed rule wrong in regard to Kent Treble Bob, which is one of the most popular methods on even bells. As far as I see it no peal or method above seven bells requires any other than the ordinary start from rounds. He must be aware that in Triples, such as Holt's, there are two calls, viz., Holt's Bob Single and Holt's Plain Lead Single, which are permissible to this class of peal.

Our younger generation of ringers do not know that in years gone by peals of Caters and Cinques, especially Grandsire, had two or more bells lying still at the start.—Yours faithfully, WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Gillingham.

BELL-RINGER

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the question a week or two ago in 'The Ringing World' as to which was correct, Bell Ringer or Bellringer, and thought I had a parallel in our name Odd Fellow, but it is not quite the same.

Bell is a noun, as also is Ringer and Bell ringer; but Odd is an adjective and Fellow a noun; but I think we had better leave the question to our schoolmasters (n). Here it is again; we always say Grand Master.

W. F. STENSON.

Crewe, Cheshire.

A Fictitious Peal

Sir,—In reference to report of peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Thames Ditton on June 10th and published June 23rd, I have made many enquiries and find *no* peal was rung, and, further still, two of the supposed ringers were ringing in another county entirely.

This, I humbly submit, sir, is very bad taste on the part of the person or persons concerned, for not only has the time and patience of various guild officers been taken up, but also, worse still, the valuable space in 'The Ringing World.'

One can only come to the conclusion that if reports of this nature are published, the time of members on Central Council will be used to determine whether umpires are necessary for tower-bell peals.

Perhaps the person who took the trouble to send in such a fictitious report would also take the time and trouble to send an apology for causing same to be published, and for using the editorial staff of 'The Ringing World' for such a purpose.—Yours truly,

F. E. HAWTHORNE.

Thames Ditton.

HUNDRED PEALS IN A TOWER

Dear Sir,—This subject has cropped up several times during the past 25-30 years in 'The Ringing World' and there must be scores of ringers who have accomplished it.

I wonder, however, how many have rung over 200 on one ring of bells. My father at the time of his death in 1932 had rung 224 at Crayford. Since then Mr. H. E. Audsley and myself are both over the 200 mark. My own total to date is 235, which is probably a record for one person in one tower.

Five other ringers have also rung well over 100 peals here, and several prominent ringers, including F. J. Cullum, G. V. Murphy and James Bennett, are well in the 80's.

Probably the first person to ring 100 peals in a tower was the late George Conyard, of Crayford, who, when he died in 1908, had rung over 100 at St. John's, Erith.—Yours faithfully,

Crayford. E. BARNETT.

Dear Sir,—Re the 100 peals in one tower, I should think that the late Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, would hold the record with something like 270 peals at his home tower with the crooked spire.—Yours truly.

Leicester. E. R. WHITEHEAD.

ODD FELLOWS' CONFERRENCE

Dear Sir,—I should be remiss and indeed ungrateful if I did not, through 'The Ringing World,' who gave prominence to the facilities offered by the Norwich Guild for a bit of ringing on the occasion of our 'Manchester Unity' Odd Fellows' Conference at Great Yarmouth last month, returns thanks, especially to Mr. Nolan Golden and Mr. Harwood, for the arrangements they so kindly made.

Ringing was enjoyed at Gorleston Sunday evening and Tuesday evening; also at St. Giles' and St. Peter Mancroft on Tuesday evening; whilst I was fortunate to get in a ring at Stratton Strawless also Tuesday evening. Talk about 'Tower Grabbing'! The last-named church was being re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Norwich.

As the Central Council will be meeting in our cathedral city, Chester, next year, we are hoping to return the kindness. On behalf of all Odd Fellows, we thank all concerned.—Yours sincerely, W. F. STENSON.

Crewe, Cheshire.

HUBBARD'S 'CAMPANALOGIA'

Dear Sir,—I should like to thank the several correspondents for their very interesting notes on the various editions of the Henry Hubbard's book, which to me were very interesting reading.—Yours truly, ALBERT J. HUGHES.

Bangor.

St. Peter's, St. Albans

Dear Sir,—In reference to the criticism of the amount of ringing at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, I wish to state that it amounts to little more than regular Sunday service ringing (half an hour before morning and evening services). Practice takes place on Mondays, 8 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. During the past twelve months the bells have been rung for two weddings, available for an hour to two bands on outings, open during the afternoon only for the district meeting. No peal attempts have been allowed as the frame is to be anchored to the tower. During the past year 12 quarter peals have been rung, mainly on Sunday evenings for festivals.

The louvres are fitted with properly constructed sliding doors, and only two of these are opened on Sundays. Only three peals per year at the most have been rung during the last fifty years. Special attention is given to the orderly raising and lowering of the bells. Complaints about ringing rarely reach us, but the Vicar would not hesitate to ask us not to ring if he heard of any instances when it would cause annoyance.

With reference to large ringing chambers, ours measures 23ft. square, height to ceiling 18ft., and although for a parish church it can probably be exceeded, it is difficult to find one more approaching the ideal belfry, as there is ample room inside and outside of the rope circle.—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST, Ringing Master.

St. Albans.

WILLIAM COWPER, POET

Sir,—Your front page article, entitled 'The Outing,' erroneously describes Olney as the birthplace of Cowper the poet. May I, with the greatest respect, point out that the poet William Cowper was born in the old rectory house at Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, on Nov. 15th, 1731 (old style). The entry of his baptism, in his father's handwriting, appears in the parish register of Berkhamsted St. Peter as follows:—

1731 Decer. Ye 13, William, ye son of John Cowper, D.D., rector of this parish, and Anne his wife, was baptised.'

Yours faithfully,

S. R. MEAGER.

Berkhamsted.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS AFTER

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out to me that a peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on April 18th, 1929, is false, and I wish to withdraw the peal, as I know the conductor would have done had he been alive. It is a 5,005 by J. E. Groves. It is in the Gloucester and Bristol report of that year and given with the composition as No. 1,565.

The peal starts with a slow six, and with calls at 1.2.6S.8.9.15 brings up 214356879. It is following this course end that the falseness occurs, where the 5th six of the 2nd course repeats with the 6th six of the 38th course following the course end 413265978. The handstroke of one repeats with the backstroke of the other.—Yours truly, A. E. REEVES.

Bristol.

CAMPANOLOGY

Come lasses and lads
Away to the Tower,
Music you will make
Pour forth for an hour,
Across the green fields
Nearby to the Church,
Oh ringers of worth
Leave none in the lurch,
On this Friday eve
Good tidings you spread,
You work with real zest
Perched high overhead.

R. E. J.

Leicester.

ASH HAS FINEST SIX IN GUILDFORD DIOCESE

DEDICATION SERVICE.

The six bells of St. Peter's, Ash, Surrey, recast and with a new frame at a total cost of £970, were rededicated by the Bishop of Guildford on June 28th, the eve of St. Peter's Day.

The ceremony of dedication followed festal evensong. After the Bishop had pronounced the Blessing, he was escorted by the churchwardens, Mr. C. D. Manfield and Gen. Sir Robert Haining, to a space under the tower, where in accordance with time-honoured requirement, the Rector as 'a responsible person' handed a bell rope to the Bishop.

Holding this in his hand, the Bishop said the words of dedication. He then returned the bell rope to the captain of the ringers (Mr. E. Sherwood), and the ceremonial was completed by ringing 12 rounds on the new bells.

The Bishop said the final prayers, which included one for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

SURROUNDED BY HEATHEN.

The Bishop based his address on Christ's question to St. Peter, 'Lovest thou Me more than these?' The six bells, said the Bishop, would sound these six words in their ears that night. Let them search their consciences as they sounded each bell with its own word, speaking our Lord's message, 'Here at your dedication festival let us each one offer ourselves again to Him, and because our love is so weak ask Him to increase it. And He will increase it if we put it out to use.'

'We must recognise a simple fact that we are surrounded by heathen men, women and children who don't know the elements of the Christian faith and know nothing of the saving power or the love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master. They are not going to hear the good news of the Gospel save through you, and if we are dumb the glorious news of salvation will never reach their hearts.'

A large number of ringers attended the service. The tone and 'go' of the bells, the contract having been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., was favourably commented upon. The founders were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mr. R. H. Dove. Ringers were present from Aldershot, Croydon, Wellington (Somerset), Bagshot, Grayshott, Seale, Farnham, Farnborough, Frensham, Bentley, Horsell, Guildford and Hawley.

NEW RING GAVE PLEASURE.

On the following Saturday the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held an open meeting at Ash. Nearly 70 ringers attended and a wide range of Doubles and Minor methods were rung. The smooth running of the bearings, the beautiful tone and the easy handling of the bells were a great pleasure, and to any who remembered the original six it was difficult to realise they were in the same belfry.

The Rector (the Rev. H. M. Insley), in the course of a short address at the service, spoke of the similarity of the new bells at Ash to the vision of Jacob when he was fleeing from the anger of his brother Esau. When Jacob awoke from his vision he said, 'Surely God is in this place'; he (the Rector) and the ringers of St. Peter's had also felt that God had been with them in the great task they had achieved—the raising of the large sum of money for restoring their bells.

For 2½ years they had worked as a team and had got to know each other better. Each had done his share, and when things seemed to be difficult, or they had been wondering what further could be done to raise the money, it seemed that God answered their prayers and the money and help came in again. It was always the same. If each one prayed hard and worked hard, God always answered their prayers, and now that their bells were ringing again, he hoped the people of Ash would respond to their message and find that truly God is in this place.

Tea was served by local lady ringers in the Church Room, and Mr. P. Eldridge extended a welcome to Major H. J. Cann, of Kilve (Somerset), to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Manfield, to ringers from Sandhurst, and to Mr. J. Corbett (Bagshot), whose health was not always good.

A FIRST-CLASS JOB.

Major Cann spoke of the excellent job the bellfounders had made of the new bells, and complimented the Rector, Church Council and ringers on the hard work they had put in and their decision to have only a first-class job carried out. Too many church officials were satisfied with a 'patch-up' job, which was always a waste of money, he said.

The District Ringing Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer) endorsed what Major Cann had said, remarking that it was a real pleasure to ring the bells now.

The Rector, in reply, spoke of the difficulties that had been encountered and overcome, and Mr. C. D. Manfield also spoke. It was hoped that one or two recruits would be found to help keep the bells ringing, for with holidays and business duties ringers were not always able to be present at both morning and evening services on Sundays.

At the business meeting apologies for absence were read from the district secretary and Mrs. Joyce, who were on vacation, and from the Guild Master, Mr. A. Harman. Two ringing members were elected: Mr. Brian Batt, of Aldershot, and Miss Sylvia Sherwood, of Ash.

Votes of thanks were extended to the Rector, organist, tea hostesses and local ringers, and a special vote of thanks accorded the local ringer who generously defrayed the cost of the tea.

A retiring collection for Frensham Bells Restoration Fund realised 50s. It was authoritatively stated that St. Peter's Church, Ash, now possesses the finest ring of six of their weight in the Guildford Diocese, and the local ringers are looking forward to ringing a peal in the near future.

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GRAVESEND, KENT.—On June 25th at St. George's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Chesson 1, R. W. Constant 2, E. Beer (cond.) 3, R. E. Constant 4, J. Constant 5, W. L. Rayner 6, R. A. Constant 7, R. C. Constant 8. A farewell compliment to J. Constant.

HALLING, KENT.—On June 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): V. A. Jarrett (cond.) 1, H. Springate 2, Miss G. K. Jarrett 3, J. Hale 4, R. Skinner (first in two methods) 5, C. S. Jarrett 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. R. Tarrant to Miss J. Baker and in honour of the Patronal Festival.

THE BELLS OF RUTLAND

BY PERCY AMOS.

RUTLAND, like the Surprise method bearing its name, is little heard of. There is no shortage of bells, but a definite lack of interest among its ringers, which probably accounts more than anything else for the infrequent mention of the county in the annals of ringing.

It may surprise many ringers to know that out of 49 churches in this small county 23 have five or more bells though, like other counties, not all are in ringing order.

The question is often asked, What can be done to awake Rutland ringing out of its indifference to meetings and other activity within its own ranks? There is no indifference to outsiders visiting the majority of its towers: in fact, a cordial welcome usually awaits all who apply for permission to ring. There has been a tendency among visitors to think chiefly of the two steeples with eight bells—Oakham and Uppingham, and neglect the six and five-bell towers.

It is very nice to ring eight, ten and twelve bells (I have rung peals on all except twelve myself), but I am mindful of the words of the late Rev. R. Howes, of Cold Higham (and later of Beenham), who in 1931 commented on this sort of thing 'as reminding him of the fable of the stork dining with the wolf, where neither animal could get on with each other's crockery. Ringers from eight-bell towers are dissatisfied if a meeting is at a five-bell tower, and ringers from the latter feel rather out of it if they visit a tower where they are expected to ring Stedman Triples or stand down. Until ringers are prepared to ring on any number of bells, and with any ringers, there will never be real progress.' These are words wisely uttered, and they might be taken to heart by those thinking of taking outings in England's smallest county.

NO LACK OF SCENERY.

There is no lack of scenery, for Rutland is practically all rural. Even its county town of Oakham only has a population between 3,500 and 4,000, and Uppingham is even less. If we approach the county from the south, Rockingham Castle, associated with King John, just on the edge of Northants, is worth pausing to see. It is open to the public at odd times on application. Down the notorious steep hill a glorious view of Caldecote and Great Easton, just inside Leicestershire, with Bringhurst and Neville Holt, faces one. A very musical ring of five hangs at Great Easton, but Caldecote bells are shockingly out of order, though a musical light five, all by Tobias Norris, of Stamford, 1696. A view of Seaton, Gretton, and the famous viaduct, a mile of arches, only two of which are in Seaton parish, can be had by looking to the right. Harringworth, alongside the viaduct, claims the other arches, though they are named Seaton viaduct.

A rather historic church is Harringworth, with six bells, on which the writer has rung three peals. Trains run along the viaduct parallel with the top of the spire. Gretton has a light five. Both these churches are just inside Northants. The five bells at Seaton are disgracefully neglected although rehung in a steel frame in 1914. When I rang a peal there in 1932, there was over two feet of rubbish from birds under the bells. Lyddington, a little further north, has an old monastery, and the five light bells here sadly need rehanging. Uppingham's eight bells, by Edward Arnold, are in good ringing order, as are Preston's (five) and Wing's (five). To the right of Upingham, Glaston (pronounced 'Glaiston') has six light bells, augmented from three in 1931 and from five in 1937, in a very strange looking steeple, exceptionally squat.' To the left of Uppingham is a musical six at Belton. Four bells at Brooke nearby have not had the attention of a bellhanger since 1811.

PRIDE OF RUTLAND.

The eight at Oakham are the pride of Rutland (in fact, some consider them the best in the diocese, comprising Northants and Rutland). The tenor, although only 49in. in diameter across the lip, is 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. A stately tower with six bells will be found at Whissendine, but just before we reach there a fine six (tenor 14 cwt., restored by Messrs. Taylors in 1900) will be heard from the steeple at Langham. I once rang a half-muffled peal here, which sounded very impressive. A similar six (five prior to 1934) will be found at Cottesmore—a steeple which will always stand out in memory, for here in 1934 we rang a peal of Doubles. It began to thunder and lightning and rain heavily as we pulled the bells up. Without ceasing, it continued for three hours and two minutes until the moment we rang the bells down. I never remember a coincidence like it!

To the right of this picturesque village, famous for its hunt, is Greetham, whose tall, slender steeple has just has a new treble added to make six. Prior to 1923 it possessed four. To the north of this is Market Overton, where to ring the five bells you stand on steps in three stages. The man on the third has to look up to those on the treble and tenor, with second and fourth in between. They were rehung in 1936.

The unique steeple (tower with octagon and spire above) at Exton is in a beautiful park. It has six good bells. Empingham, close by, also has a good six—very high pitched for their weight—tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. Upper Hambleton bells were until last year thought to be unringable, but a very interesting outing brought us to this tower, where we rang the five bells, and the writer is game enough for a peal on them. North Luffenham's five are about to be rehung after nearly 50 years of waiting, and it is time the Ryhall five were treated likewise.

Ketton has six (no ropes). I query the story of removal through state of the spire. Some, we know only too well, are always looking for 'red herrings' rather than get down to the job.

STAMFORD'S BELLS.

The border-line town of Stamford (noted for its churches and 50 pubs) has two useful rings of six at All Saints' and St. Martin's. St. Michael's has also six, which are unringable. They are the oldest part of the church (all dated 1762). The church, built in 1836, is more like a Nonconformist chapel inside—very much like Holy Trinity, Bedford, St. Andrew's, Northampton, and St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge. Two churches—St. John's and St. George's—each have four bells. Eight hang in the stately steeple at St. Mary's, totally unringable owing to a decayed frame and other fittings. Locally, this tenor is reputed to be 27 cwt., but I very much doubt if it is one pound above 19 cwt. Barrowden possesses a musical five, rehung in 1916.

There are a number of historic bells in several towers with under five bells, among them being Ayston (4), Edith Weston (3), Lyndon (4), Braunston (4), Morcott (4), Ridlington (4) and Teigh, pronounced 'Tea' (3). There is also an interesting bell by Richard Benetlye, 1597, among the five at Seaton.

Five other bells, all by Henry Penn, of Peterborough, 1718, hang at Great Casterton in a dangerous state. Tixover has one reputed to be by John Saunders, of Reading, cast some time between 1539 and 1559. G.

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Hedderley, of Nottingham, 1793, is a little known founder responsible for one at Thistleton.

Ashwell, with six bells, is best described as on the verge of needing the bellhanger. The tenor (9 cwt.) goes more like a bell of 30 cwt., and they are not the best of tone either. Some years ago the remains of a temporary furnace and a quantity of bell metal were unearthed at Empingham near the churchyard. Just over the North Rutland border in Leicestershire is another six, at Wymondham, which is of easy access from Whissendine, and other towers in the north.

Songs and Ballads of the West

A Collection made from the Mouths of the People, by the Rev. S. Baring Gould and Rev. H. Fleetwood Sheppard.

No. 82 THE BELL RINGING

1.

One day in October,
Neither drunken nor sober,
O'er Broadbury Down I was wending my way.
When I heard of some ringing,
Some dancing and singing,
I ought to remember that Jubilee Day.

REFRAIN.

'Twas in Ashwater Town,
The bells they did soun'
They rang for a belt and a hat laced with gold.
But the men of north Lew
Rang so steady and true,
That never were better in Devon, I hold.

2.

'Twas Misunderstood,
For the men of Broadwood,
Gave a Blow on the tenor should never have Been.
But the men of North Lew,
Rang so faultlessly true,
A difficult matter to beat them I ween.
'Twas in Ashwater Town, etc.

3.

They of Broadwood being naughty
Then said to our party,
We'll ring you a challenge again in a round,
We'll give you the chance,
At St. Stephen's or Launceston,
The prize to the winner's a note of five pound.
'Twas in Callington Town,
The bells next did soun',
They rang, etc.

4.

When the match it came on,
At good Callington,
The bells they rang out o'er the valleys below.
Then old and young people,
The hale and the feeble,
They came out to hear the sweet bell music flow.
'Twas at Callington Town,
The bells then did sound',
They rang, etc.

5.

Those of Broadwood once more,
Were obliged to give o'er,
They were beaten completely and done in a round.
For the men of North Lew
Pull so steady and true,
That no better then they in the West can be found.
'Twas at Ashwater Town,
Then at Callington Town,
They rang, etc.

[The above is taken from a book 100 years old.—Editor.]

RINGERS' OUTINGS

OVERSEAL.

An enjoyable time was spent among the Derbyshire hills by the Overseal St. Matthew's ringers on the occasion of their annual outing. Friends from Netherseal, Ashby and Ticknall augmented the party

Hope was reached at 9.30 a.m., and here the Rev. J. G. Pope (Vicar), formerly Vicar of Ticknell, welcomed the party. The performance of the ringers greatly thrilled the London visitors who assembled in the church, and at the conclusion they displayed great interest in this old English art.

Upon arrival in Castleton the party divided—some exploring the famous Winnats Pass, while the remainder descended the Speedwell Mine. This disused lead mine, with its subterranean canal 750 yards in length, is traversed by small boats to the Speedwell Cavern, which is 540ft. below the surface of the mountain.

After lunch at Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese Hotel, the journey was resumed via Snake Pass to Glossop, where the Rev. J. O. M. Dawson-Bowling (formerly curate at Overseal) had arranged for the bells of All Saints', Old Glossop, to be at the disposal of the visitors. Here touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Oxford Bob Triples and Bob Major were rung on this lovely toned eight.

Following tea arranged by the Rev. Dawson-Bowling, thanks were expressed to him and his helpers for the splendid meal and warm welcome by Mr. J. W. Cotton. The new eight at Fairfield, Buxton, was the last tower visited. Overseal was reached at 10.15 p.m.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL.

Non-ringing ladies were in the minds of Canterbury Cathedral ringers on the occasion of their annual outing on June 24th, and it was decided to spend some time at the seaside.

There was a brief stop at Tenterden and an hour's ringing at Rolvenden before Hastings was reached. After a ring at All Saints' the party went down to the sea front, and a quick swim in the baths was enjoyed by younger members of the party.

Lunch over, another hour or so was spent on the beach, where the handbells came out and a small crowd collected. About threepence in coppers came the ringers' way, just enough to have one go on the 'threepence on the wheel' swindle. Into the coach and through that 'other continent,' the Romney Marsh, to Dymchurch for tea.

At Cheriton we were met by Mr. Slingsby. The last stop of the day was Elham, where the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. I. Williams) gave the ladies a short talk on the history of the church. Something for the inner man followed at the local, and as we were leaving the Ash ringers arrived. A run through 'the Happy Valley' brought the party back to Canterbury.

R. J. L.

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.

On July 1st, the above company, with wives and friends, had a very enjoyable outing in perfect weather, ringing in three counties.

Leaving Croydon at 7.30 a.m., the first call was at Twyford, Berks, where after a refreshing cup of coffee this handy ring of eight was soon going to methods to suit all tastes. Then a good run via Newbury through Savernake Forest to Marlborough, Wilts, where the good ring of six at St. Mary's were rung. Lunch at the Castle and Ball and the ring of eight at St. Peter's were tried, and it was the opinion of all that the attention of the bellfounders here would be beneficial.

Then across the downs to Andover, Hants, where ringing and a good tea was enjoyed. The last ring of the day was at Hawley. Here we were met by the Vicar, the Rev. Kenneth C. Davis, and some of the local ringers. Croydon was reached about 10.30 p.m. D. C.

BOLSOVER.

On June 24th, the Bolsover ringers, together with wives and friends, and ringers from Creswell, Heath, Sheffield, Staveley and Warsop, visited Chester for their annual outing.

A break of one hour was made at Christ Church, Macclesfield, when some members of the party had their first experience of ringing on ten bells. A broken stay tended to mar the proceedings, but touches of Kent and Little Bob Royal, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major were brought round. The party were grateful to Miss Henshaw and Mr. John Worth for the arrangements made and expressed regret for the breaking of the stay.

Lunch was taken at the Swan Hotel, Chester, and by a happy coincidence the dining room was full of ringers, as a party from Hinckley (Leicester), led by Mr. A. Ballard, had also chosen Chester for their outing.

During the afternoon ringing was arranged at St. Mary's - Without - the - Walls and St. Mary's-Within-the-Walls, and for much of the time the towers were occupied alternately by the Bolsover and Hinckley bands. The latter ring were more comparable to the 'home' bells and some good ringing was enjoyed by those who ventured up the rather peculiar entrance to the ringing chamber. Walter Allwood did not feel capable of scaling the ladders and was very disappointed at not being able to have a pull at this tower.

Tea was also taken in Chester, and the non-ringing members of the party were glad to take advantage of the 'double-decker' shops because of heavy rain which fell during the afternoon.

On the return journey a call was made at Northwich (Witton), and this ring made everyone feel at home. The bells at this church and Bolsover are almost identical, and touches of St. Clement's, Cambridge, Superlative, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major were enjoyed by all. Mr. A. Johnson, who said he had been ringing at Northwich for 60 years, was impressed by the striking of some of the young members of the band.

The coach finally reached Bolsover shortly before 11 p.m. and all seemed well satisfied with an enjoyable day's ringing. Most of the party form the regular practice band which meets every Tuesday at Bolsover, and the writer was impressed by the friendly and co-operative atmosphere which prevailed throughout the arrangement of the outing. A. B. C.

GORING-BY-SEA.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Goring-by-Sea, held their annual outing on July 1st, accompanied by the ringers of St. Botolph's, Heene, and St. Andrew's, West Tarring. The party left Goring-by-Sea by coach at 8 o'clock and proceeded by way of Brighton, Lewes and Hastings.

The first ring of bells to be visited was at Brede, where Grandsire and Bob Minor was rung. An excellent lunch was in readiness at Tenterden. After justice was done to this important item on the day's programme, the bells of the Parish Church were raised and touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round.

Tunbridge Wells (St. Peter's) was next in the list of towers, and after an excellent tea at the Florida Restaurant, the party went to the tower for more ringing. Hartfield was the final tower for the day.

The return journey home was by way of Chailey, Ditchling and Portslade, and Goring was reached at about 11.15. The thanks of the ringers was expressed to Mr. S. F. Haffenden (who organised the outing) and also to the captains and incumbents of the visited towers.

S. F. H.

A Ringer's Holiday in Herefordshire

On June 10th, a party of eight Hertfordshire ringers, seven with bicycles and one with a motor-cycle, gathered in Hereford to spend a week visiting towers in the surrounding district. The party made their headquarters at the Raven Hotel, where bed and breakfast accommodation had been arranged.

Ringing, which ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Yorkshire Surprise Major and Grandsire Caters, commenced the following morning on the fine eight at All Saints, and, after an afternoon spent on the River Wye, on the heavy-going ten at the Cathedral in the evening.

On Monday the party cycled to ring at Lugwardine (8) in the morning, and on to Fownhope (6) and Holme-Lacy (8) in the afternoon. Tuesday saw the band at Stoke-Edith and the detached campanile at Bosbury—two six-bell towers to the East of Hereford. The peal attempt of Bob Major at Colwall in the afternoon unfortunately came to grief when the second rope broke. After necessary repairs a quarter peal was rung instead.

The following day the party travelled south to Much Dewchurch (6), where the Vicar assisted in ringing, and then on to the light octave at Bridstow. After ringing on the excellent eight at Ross, which was very much enjoyed by all, the evening was spent exploring and admiring the beautiful scenery at nearby Symonds Yat.

Thursday's proceedings were opened with ringing at Withington (6), and afterwards on the backwards six at Sutton St. Nicholas, where the Vicar very kindly entertained the party to lemonade and biscuits on the Vicarage lawn. Burghill (8) was visited in the afternoon.

On Friday morning, having called at Holmer (6) en route, the party arrived at Wellington, where, despite many rumours to the contrary, they found the six bells easy going, though very noisy. A visit to the fine ten at Leominster during the afternoon brought the week's ringing activities to a close.

The thanks of the band are due to Mr. W. F. Moreton for arranging such an excellent week's ringing, to the local incumbents and Mr. Leslie Evans for their assistance, and to Mr. Geoffrey W. Seaman for conducting the tour so successfully.

ST. MARGARET'S, IPSWICH

Seven towers were visited during the annual outing of St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on June 24th, a start being made at 7 a.m.

The first call was in Cambridgeshire at Long Stanton (8), where Stedman Triples were rung, and then on to Over (8) for Cambridge and Double Norwich. Lunch at St. Ives was followed by a visit to the Parish Church, where Kent Treble Bob and other methods were rung.

The bells of St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), were rung to Stedman, Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Yorkshire Surprise. Next came the magnificent eight, with tenor weighing 30 cwt., at St. Neots, where the programme included Stedman and Grandsire.

After tea at St. Neots came Bourne, another good ring of eight, and finally Ickleton (8), where the easy going ring was enjoyed to Cambridge and Stedman. Ipswich was reached in the early hours of Sunday.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON. — On Sunday, July 2nd, at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, A. W. Coles (cond.) 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. Charge 4, W. Prockson 5, R. E. Begrie 6, J. Euston 7, J. B. Bennett 8. Birthday compliment to ringer of the 2nd.

For Five-bell Ringers

Dear Sir,—Enthusiastic five-bell bands may like to try the two following 120's.

From a Grandsire start call as the treble is coming in to thirds place on its way down to lead:—

Canterbury (Bob)	Shipway's Place (Bob)
Grandsire (Bob)	Grandsire (Bob)
Canterbury (Bob)	Shipway's Place (Bob)
Grandsire	Grandsire

Chase
Grandsire (Bob)
Chase
Grandsire

Canterbury	Canterbury
Plain Bob	Dream (Extreme)
London (Extreme)	Canterbury
Grandsire (Single)	Grandsire (Single)

London (Extreme)
Plain Bob
Canterbury
Grandsire (Single)

Yours truly,
J. DAVEY.

Northampton.

Figures for the first 120 are:—

	12345		14352		15324
	21354		41325		51342
	23145		43152		53124
	32415		34512		35214
	34251		35421		32541
	43521		53241		23451
	45312		52314		24315
Canterbury Bob	54132	Shipway's Place Bob	25134	Chase	42135
	51423		21534		41253
	15423		12543		14235
	14523		15243		12435
	41523		51234		21453
	45132		52134		24135
	54312		25314		42315
	53421		23541		43251
	35241		32451		34521
	32514		34215		35412
Grandsire Bob	23154	Grandsire Bob	43125	Grandsire Bob	53142
	21345		41352		51324
	12354		14325		15342
	13245		13452		13524
	31254		31425		31542
	32145		34152		35124
	23415		43512		53214
	24351		45321		52341
	42531		54231		25431
	45213		52413		24513
Canterbury Bob	54123	Shipway's Place Bob	25143	Chase	42153
	51432		21543		41235
	15432		12534		14253
	14532		15234		12453
	41532		51243		21435
	45123		52143		24153
	54213		25413		42513
	52431		24531		45231
	25341		42351		54321
	23514		43215		53412
Grandsire Plain	32154	Grandsire Plain	34125	Grandsire Plain	35142
	31245		31452		31524
	13425		13542		13254
	14352		15324		12345

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—At All Saints' on June 25th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Mrs. O. L. Rogers 1, R. Joyce Pett 2, Eileen D. Farrell 3, Sheila E. Harris 4, E. Hynard 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, S. Croft 7, F. D. Bishop 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First quarter in method for ringers of 3, 5 and 9.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On June 25th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: John Cannell 1, Hildegarde Bird 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, Wilfred Hollamby 4, Arthur S. Richards 5, Ralph Bird (cond.) 6. First quarter in method for 1, 2 and 3.

OBITUARY

MR. J. F. MALLABY.

The death of Mr. John Francis Mallaby, which occurred on July 4th at Kirk Sandal, Doncaster, at the advanced age of 87 years, removes a well-known ringer of a past generation.

Mr. Mallaby was born at Masham, North Yorkshire, where his father was engaged in the business of bellfounder and bellhanger, and he learned to ring at Masham Church as a boy. As a young man he learned the business with his father and brother.

In 1887 he came to Barnby-on-Dun, Yorks, to instal a new ring of six bells, cast by Warners, and here he married and settled down in business as a bellhanger on his own account.

He taught a band to ring at Barnby-on-Dun, and the perfect striking of the old Yorkshire style of close lead six-bell ringing was a byword of the district. Many are the restorations of bells which he carried out in all parts of the country, and no doubt some of the older ringers will remember his work. A first-class striker and conductor, it was a real pleasure to be privileged to ring with him.

As far as is known he did not keep any record of his peals, but the writer has heard him speak of ringing peals with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, J. W. Washbrook, William Pye and others of a past generation.

Mrs. Mallaby, his wife, died on July 4th of last year, exactly a year previously, shortly after they had celebrated their diamond wedding.

The funeral took place at Barnby-on-Dun Parish Church on Friday, July 7th, and the Yorkshire Association was represented by Mr. J. Thorley, of Thorne. In the evening, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Cambridge and Oxford), with the bells half-muffled, was rung by: J. Lindsay 1, P. Lamb 2, J. Thorley 3, R. F. Lunn 4, F. Lamb 5, E. J. Padgett (cond.) 6. J. T.

MR. W. PICKWORTH.

Apropos the obituary notice of Mr. W. Pickworth, I have been asked to let you know that his last pull was at Isleworth only two or three weeks before his death, and this was the last time I saw him. He was one of my oldest ringing friends and I greatly regret that I was not aware in time to attend the funeral.

H. J. E.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The joint meeting with the Derbyshire and East Notts Association at Norton on July 1st was most successful—the pleasant surroundings, beautiful weather, fine-toned bells and sumptuous tea all making their respective contributions.

The tastes and abilities of all were catered for by the Ringing Master (Mr. N. Chaddock), ringing ranging from rounds to Cambridge and Superlative.

Four very young ladies and four not so attractive young men rang the last touch before tea. About thirty ringers and friends sat down to tea, after which a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was greatly appreciated.

At the Sheffield and District business meeting a vote of thanks to the Rector (who presided) and the local company was proposed by the president (Mr. H. O. Chaddock).

Mr. J. E. Turley (the secretary) read the last meeting's minutes in his inimitable style, and reminded members that the next meeting would be at Rotherham Parish Church (10) on August Bank Holiday Monday. Three new members were elected.

Mr. W. J. Eldred, secretary of the West Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, is, we regret to state, in hospital at King's Lynn. We are pleased to hear that he is making progress.

St. Thomas of Canterbury, Brentwood

The Thomas' Society held their annual outing on Monday, July 3rd, when fellow ringers, wives and friends, 52 in all, journeyed into Suffolk.

Arriving at Hadleigh at 9 a.m., the ringers in the first coach soon had the bells going to Stedman Triples. With the arrival of the second coach the band was in full strength. The Dean of Hadleigh welcomed the ringers and conducted those, who could spare the time to leave the bell ropes, round a very historical and interesting church, and the Guildhall. All were reluctant to leave when the time arrived.

A tour through country lanes brought the party to Henley, where the peal boards showed signs of great activity in years past. This delightful little peal seemed to know the method and London Surprise went off without a hitch. All the members young and old tried their skill and many expressed the desire to try a peal.

Thence on to Stowmarket, where after several good touches the Master said, 'Lunch.' This proved to be a real Suffolk meal, everything of the best. After the inner man had been satisfied, the Master was congratulated on his grand arrangements, one and all agreeing that it was the finest outing lunch for many years.

Debenham being the next stop, the bells, a grand ring, were soon up and into changes. The heavy lunch spoilt the Bristol or it may have been lack of practice. The peal boards recorded many fine achievements, and a mention of long peals in the past brought thoughts of a coming long peal. These bells are a real joy to ring.

At the next tower we were met by the general secretary of the Suffolk Guild, Mr. Cecil Pipe, to welcome the visitors to Grundisburgh. This lovely little ring of ten were soon away to Stedman, and after settling down to a good beat we were surprised and delighted at the music. The founders are to be congratulated on the splendid splice and the 'go' of the bells.

Then off to Ipswich, tea being the first call, and after a splendid repast on to St. Mary-le-Tower. We were met by Mr. G. Symonds, and with his aid and a lady member of the St. Mary's Society, a good touch of Stedman Cinques was brought round. After all had tried the bells the ringing concluded with a fine course of London on the back eight.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents and to all the local ringers for their help, and last but not least, to the man who organised a grand day's outing.

R. C. H.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

SOUTH-WEST DIVISION.

A very enjoyable and pleasant meeting was held at Fobbing on July 1st, when 31 members and friends attended, it being about ten years since the Association last met there.

The service was taken by the Vicar, who, in a very interesting address, referred to ringers as signposts. He said what great pleasure it gave him to realise that now they were not only signposts, but 'fellow-travellers' as well—he hoped it always would be so.

Rather off the map, attendance was smaller than usual, but ringing was thoroughly enjoyed on this 'merry' eight, a well-struck course of London being the highlight.

The Division is indebted to Mr. Ockendon, Miss Chinnery and their helpers for the excellent arrangements.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY, YORKS.—On June 25th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Spliced London Scholars' Pleasure, Burton, Sandal, 720 Spliced Neasdon, Oxford, Kingstone): K. Wood 1, A. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, Herman Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. Wedding compliment to Mr. Simon Fraser and Miss Jean Gulland.

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — Cancellation. The meeting which was to have been held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, July 15th, will not take place.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7331

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Great Baddow (8), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 7256

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Shere, July 15th. Bells 3 till 8. Service 4. Tea at Prince of Wales 5. — H. G. Arthur, Cumbria, Crest Hill, Peaslake. 7259

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Hawkhurst, July 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Gorringe, Hon. Sec. 7291

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Sunbury-on-Thames, Saturday, July 15th, 2.30. Short business meeting 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Feltham bells during evening.—F. Finch. 7287

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Swavesey (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 2.30. No service. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 7299

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham, July 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 7284

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Thorley, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. 7297

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Micheldever (6), Saturday, July 15th. Usual arrangements.—L. A. Tremeer, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7326

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Westerham, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3. Tea 5 and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by July 19th to Mr. J. Weller, More Cottage, Trotts Lane, Westerham.—K. Matthews. 7303

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Meeting at Stebbing (6), Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to R. F. Boylett, Stebbing Vicarage, Chelmsford. 7300

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—Rededication service, 3 o'clock, on Saturday, July 22nd, by the Archdeacon of Northampton. Tea afterwards.—Apply by Tuesday previous to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 7277

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Toddington (6), July 22nd. Names for tea by 17th.—Charles Rouse, 52, St. George's Drive, Cheltenham. 7280

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Claverley, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Tickets for tea from Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton, not later than July 19th. Very definite—no ticket, no tea. — H. G. Thomas, Hon. Sec. 7281

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern and North-Western Districts.—A combined ringing meeting of the above districts will be held at Godstone (8) on July 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., ringing following. Names for tea by Thursday, July 20th, to Miss R. M. Foreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 7279

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at North and South Collingham, Saturday, July 22nd, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by July 16th Mrs. L L. East, Low Street, North Collingham, Newark. 7289

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—A joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild (Lincoln District) will be held at Burton-Stather on July 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 18th, to P. Barnes, Britannic, Tee Lane, Burton-Stather, Scunthorpe. 7288

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 22nd, Hatfield (10), 3.30 p.m.—T. J. Southam. 7307

LADIES' GUILD.—Wiltshire Branch.—Meeting at Melksham, July 22nd. 7311

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Smithills, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 7319

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Desford, July 22nd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. Names by Wednesday, July 19th, to Mr. W. Bennett, 4, Manor Road. 7328

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Halton-Holgate, July 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Bell Inn 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, July 24th, to W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 7323

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—Meeting, Cucklington, July 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—H. C. Lintern, Difcheat. 7330

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery.—Meeting, Churchill (6), Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 2.30. Divine Service 3.45, followed by tea and meeting at Vicarage. 7316

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION and CHESTER GUILD (Chester Branch).—Combined meeting, Buckley, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, not later than July 19th.—W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 7333

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Woburn, July 22nd. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. — Valerie Willard, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 7314

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Goostrey (6), July 22nd. Tea provided. Names must be received by 18th. — Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 7318

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Dean Prior, Buckfastleigh, Saturday, July 22nd. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 7317

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Clearwell, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (4) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea not later than July 19th, please. Other tower bells available in evening.—J. C. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 7313

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Saturday, July 22nd, Lane End, 3 p.m. Names for tea July 17th. — Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 7322

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Quarterly, Deene (5), July 22nd. Names for tea essential by 16th.—G. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 7325

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch. — Next meeting, Preshute, July 22nd.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 7329

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Stowmarket, July 22nd, 2.30. Tea 5. Names to O. C. Barnard, 33, Recreation Road, Stowmarket. 7309

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Meeting at Benhall, July 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea at The Bell; Saxmundham, 5 p.m. Saxmundham bells after tea. Names for tea by 19th.—P. S. Bedford, Crossways, Aldeburgh. 7327

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 22nd, Ticehurst (8). Names for tea by 19th to undersigned.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 7312

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Meeting at Claverley, Saturday, July 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. by ticket, obtainable from Mr. Fred Bennett, Wombourne.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 7310

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Hayes, Saturday, July 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea (2s.) by Monday, July 24th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 7320

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Earl Shilton, July 29th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names *must* be sent to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, near Leicester, by Wednesday, 26th.—W. A. Wood, General Sec. 7321

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at Barnet on Saturday, July 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church House for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Business to follow. Bells of Monken Hadley also available in evening.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 7315

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Meeting at Moorlinch, July 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 7332

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