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MARKET DRAYTON

WE are indebted to Mr. W. A. Farmer, the hon. treasurer of the Shropshire Association, for an informative article that appeared in 'The Shropshire Magazine' concerning the bells and ringers of Market Drayton. The church at Market Drayton is this year celebrating its millennium—1,000 years of Christian worship in the same place, although not in the same building. The present church was built in 1150 and the tower in 1325. In honour of the event its ringers are practising London Surprise Major.

St. Mary's, Market Drayton, is recorded as holding five bells in 1553, the heaviest 20 cwt., and also two Sanctus bells. These were recast in 1634 by Thos. Clyberry, of Wellington, Salop, and remained until 1700, when they were sent to Gloucester and cast into six by the famous bellfounder, Abraham Rudhall.

There appears to be no record of what ringing was possible in those distant days, and it seems unlikely that modern change ringing was known. Nevertheless, the bells were valued, because of the numerous records of payments to the ringers, such as the sum of 11s. 4d. per annum for ringing one bell every evening from Lady Day until Michaelmas for 15 minutes. This was paid from market receipts.

Probably owing to some defect, the tenor bell was recast in 1846, and then in 1887, Queen Victoria's Jubilee, two more bells were added. Change ringing started in earnest, Grandsire Triples being practised by the local ringers. The enthusiasm of these ringers is shown by the fact that they paid for one bell of a new ring by Taylors, of Loughborough, which was installed in a frame in 1931.

Since the eight bells were opened in 1887 there are copious records to show that St. Mary's ringers soon became proficient in change ringing, as a beautifully illuminated peal book was started at once. It was presented by Mr. Ernest Weatherby and Mr. Thomas Peake, and contains many water colours of merit by the latter, depicting Shropshire churches. The first peal on the bells was Grandsire Triples, rung in 3 hrs. and 13 mins. in 1893 by Stoke-on-Trent and Wolstanton ringers. The company was: Samuel Holden 1, William Pitchford 2, Thomas

Miller (conductor) 3, Frederick Grocott 4, Joseph Goodhead 5, Charles Ollier 6, William Miller 7, Arthur Bowles tenor. By 1895 Mr. Ernest Weatherby, captain of the Market Drayton band, to whose enthusiasm the band owed much of its progress, was able to ring his first peal, also Grandsire Triples. Participating in that peal was Mr. John Gibson, who is still living at Whitchurch, and who walked from Whitchurch to ring in the peal.

Both Mr. Ernest Weatherby and his younger brother, William, were noted athletes in their youth. William was also a ringer and rang in a peal of Bob Major in his own tower, with his brother, in 1906. In 1907 there were six local ringers in a peal, the tenor being rung then, as for Sunday services for many years, by Mr. George Hall. He was described as standing six feet two in his socks and powerfully built, but gentle as a lamb and full of fun. He was one of the last to follow the once common trade of cooper, and was one of the best shots in the local Volunteers.

The Weatherbys were watchmakers, and lived in the shadow of the tower. Ernest became a most proficient ringer, and before going to Canada in 1910 he rang 13 full length peals at Market Drayton. He later travelled to Guildford, where he became identified with the ringing at Holy Trinity Church and undertook research into the history of its bells and clock which is faithfully preserved. In 1936 he made the journey from Los Angeles for the opening of Christ Church Cathedral bells in Victoria, British Columbia, and did so again in 1945 to ring in a peal as a tribute to Mr. Winston in 1945. He was then 74 years of age. Until his death, in 1943, William Weatherby was a worthy captain and rang peals in methods of varying complexity, and in many towers, including the 12-bell tower of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

During the 1930s the Market Drayton band turned to Major ringing, and Mr. W. Deane, of Stoke-on-Trent, and the late Mr. T. Hurd attended weekly practices for several years. Kent and Oxford Treble were followed by Double Norwich, then Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, Mr. W. Weatherby taking part in the first of Cambridge in 1938, together with Mr. A. Hickman and Mr. T. Price. Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, now living at Prees, conducted, and took part in many of the peals. Mention should also be made of the services of Mr. A. Pritchard, of Hadley, who was also concerned in practising these complicated methods, and his name is to be found as a conductor of many of them. It is interesting to re

cord that in the peal of Superlative and Surprise Major rung on April 10th this year six Market Drayton ringers participated. Mr. F. Price is captain of the present band, which includes three ladies—the Misses P. Hickman, Miss M. Betts and Miss P. Tyler. Other members are Messrs. W. Tyler, A. Hickman, S. Hughes, B. Madeley, T. Price, W. Lycett and R. Hazeldine, with Mr. R. Tyler, now on service with the Royal Navy.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

*GILLIAN A. SMITH ... Treble	*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 7
*MARGARET A. SWANN ... 2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 9
BETTY BROWN ... 4	KENNETH W. MAVEY ... 10
LEWIS SNELL ... 5	H. LESLIE PASK ... 11
ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 6	CHARLES E. BROWN ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. A. FREEMAN.

* First peal on twelve bells. Rung for the marriage of Miss Anne F. Harland, daughter of the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, to the Rev. Geoffrey Tomlinson, which took place at the Cathedral on July 11th. Also for the marriage of John Freeman to Miss Mary Addison, which took place at Louth on July 16th.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

No. 3 Version.

*JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER Treble	*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 6
*WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	*ERIC GILBERT ... 7
WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	*PETER LAFLIN ... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5	*JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of London Surprise Royal.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES ... Treble	RALPH COLES ... 6
*JEAN M. BROOMFIELD ... 2	*WILLIAM F. BUTLER ... 7
DOREEN COKER ... 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 8
SYLVIA COKER ... 4	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 9
ANTHONY E. COX ... 5	FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. To celebrate the 56th anniversary of Mr. Ralph Coles' appointment as parish clerk of All Saints' and a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. R. Goodship, wife of the ringer of the 9th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Consisting of 960 London, 640 Wembley, 480 each of Cambridge and Bristol, and 320 each of Watford, Rutland, Ealing, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Radlett and Ashted, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
*ALICK CUTLER ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* 10th peal for this Association.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... Treble	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 5
WILLIAM WENBAN ... 2	RALPH E. W. WENBAN ... 6
ALICK CUTLER ... 3	*JOHN E. ROOTES ... 7
THOMAS J. CLARK ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JILL POOLE ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
TERENCE A. THORNER ... 2	*MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 6
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... 3	JOHN R. SMITH ... 7
*WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 4	PETER J. STANFORTH ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

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

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

WILLIAM STOWELL ... Treble	C. JIM FORD ... 5
LEONARD F. ELLIS ... 2	FREDERICK C. DAY ... 6
*JOSEPHINE LEAR ... 3	ROGER O. FRY ... 7
JOHN W. OWEN ... 4	THOMAS S. HARRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the 76th birthday of the ringer of the 6th, who has also completed 50 years' ringing at St. John's, Keynsham.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*CECIL H. F. KNIGHT ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 2	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7
JILL POOLE ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Major.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

JEAN C. BROWN ... Treble	ALAN J. BROWN ... 5
SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 2	DAVID VINCENT ... 6
STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 3	PHILIP H. TOCOK ... 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 4	FRED DUNKERLEY ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

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

WALSLEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 21, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... Treble	*GEORGE W. MOODY ... 5
*MARGARET A. SWANN ... 2	*GEORGE DOBBS ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 4	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN FREEMAN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. John Freeman and Miss A. Mary Addison.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRADFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... Treble	GIBSON JACKSON ... 5
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	J. FREDK. MILNER ... 6
J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 3	*ARTHUR FIRTH ... 7
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. E. CAWSEY.

* 150th peal. The first peal ever rung in this method.

BAMPTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 5
*JACQUELINE S. EVANS ... 2	EDGAR J. SMITH ... 6
WILLIAM JUDGE ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
EDWIN G. MOORE ... 4	JOHN E. SPICE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method.

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	SIDNEY H. JONES ... 5
JOHN BRAMLEY ... 2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 6
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 7
WALTER G. SOAR ... 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... Treble	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 5
*CLAUDE WOODARD ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
*ERNEST BLOMFIELD ... 3	†LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
*SIDNEY ARBON ... 4	ALBERT E. WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Yorkshire. † 350th peal.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Day's Six-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GORDON RUSHTON ... Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY ... 5
JOSEPH BOYER ... 2	WILLIAM SMALLEY ... 6
*NORMAN TOMPKINS ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
THOMAS BRATBY ... 4	HENRY PRESCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Watson, of Walkden, who celebrated his 94th birthday on July 23rd.

HODNET, SALOP.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

ALAN ELESMORE ... Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
FREDERICK LEECH ... 2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ... 6
WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
J. NORMAN HADLEY ... 4	MAURICE G. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

In memoriam Alfred Edwin Fullick, of Shrewsbury, a member of the Association for many years, who died the previous Sunday, aged 80.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Variation, No. 3. Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

ALBERT H. WARD ... Treble	FREDK. G. HOOPER ... 5
FREDK. A. SALTER ... 2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 6
SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 3	WALTER NICHOLS ... 7
*CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* 500th peal and 100th peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Shipway's. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... Treble	WALTER JARVIS ... 5
EILEEN MOUNFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM SMITH ... 6
JOSE TURNER ... 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... 7
DAVID PETERS ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STANMORE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
WILLIAM WENBAN ... 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 6
MAURICE HODGSON ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
FREDK W. BRINKLOW ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the centenary of this church.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Tues., July 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SOUTHGATE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILFRED ROBINSON ... Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 5
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 2	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 6
ARNOLD HILL ... 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 7
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 4	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

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



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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.
PETER BAKER Treble GEORGE KILMINSTER ... 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2 LESLIE BARRY ... 6
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 3 THOMAS BOREHAM ... 7
EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 4 HARRY NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.
WALTER F. JUDGE Treble WILLIAM JUDGE ... 5
ALAN R. PINK ... 2 EDGAR J. SMITH ... 6
BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 3 FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 7
EDWIN G. MOORE ... 4 RICHARD WHITE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's (Johnson's Variation). Tenor 10½ cwt.
CECIL R. LONGHURST ...Treble LEONARD STILWELL ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2 BASIL W. WHITE ... 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3 FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4 RAYMOND OVERY Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. Washbrook's No. 1. Tenor 25½ cwt.
JOHN H. HUNT Treble *PETER N. BOND ... 5
LESLIE D. DUGUID ... 2 ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
E. JOAN SALMONS ... 3 FREDERICK W. BURNETT 7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 4 FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. 50th consecutive peal on the bells for Mr. F. W. Burnett, 25 of them being as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells. Mr. J. H. Hunt has now 'completed the circle.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

PENCOMBE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.
THOMAS COOPER Treble JOHN CLEMENTS ... 4
MONICA DAVIS ... 2 MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5
LESLIE EVANS ... 3 WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt.
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ...Treble WILFRID F. MORETON ... 4
F. ERIC ROBERTS ... 2 AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 5
FREDK. R. HARRIS ... 3 LESLIE EVANS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of St. Clement's and six 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*JACK COUZENS Treble JACK S. WILLIAMSON ... 4
MICHAEL TYRRELL ... 2 VINCENT R. OVENS ... 5
†ROY OWEN ... 3 TONY OWEN Tenor

Conducted by VINCENT R. OVENS.

* First peal. † First peal away from a covering bell.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*SYLVIA M. WHITE ...Treble LEONARD STILWELL ... 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2 CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 5
†ERNEST TREAGUS ... 3 †BASIL W. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by BASIL W. WHITE.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal in seven methods.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
LEWIS NEWMAN Treble FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 4
*EDNA M. SILLS ... 2 PETER C. WRIGHT ... 5
LUTHER J. HONESS ... 3 WILLIAM R. MANSER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MANSER.

* 50th peal and first in seven Minor methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. L. J. Honess.

WILBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN LOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.
*MRS. C. W. PARTRIDGE Treble WILLIAM G. CALLIS ... 4
MAUREEN MABBUTT ... 2 GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 5
CHARLES W. PARTRIDGE 3 PATRICK-I. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since augmentation. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Partridge.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.
STANLEY BRISTOW ...Treble S. SMITH ... 4
*GORDON WALFORD ... 2 EDGAR QUICKE ... 5
CLAUDE TARR ... 3 †HARRY PURCHASE ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PURCHASE.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. † Fiftieth peal.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.
*ALFRED WILKINSON ...Treble MISS D. C. OSBORN ... 4
DAVID GODFREY ... 2 REGINALD W. WORRELL 5
ERIC HORNBY ... 3 HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Minor. 25th peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the son of the 5th ringer.

EASTWELL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL <i>Treble</i>	*WILLIAM P. GARNER ... 4
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN ... 2	WILFRED W. RING ... 5
PERCY PAGE ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

*First peal in two methods. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frederick John Huckstepp, father of Frederick G. and Peter D. Huckstepp, of Ashford, who died June 25th, 1950.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Ipswich, Wells, London, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 2	CYRIL TANSELL ... 5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods by all except the 5th ringer and his first 'inside.'

IGHTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 2 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM R. MANSEY ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 4
TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	†PETER C. WRIGHT ... 5
*LUTHER J. HONESS ... 3	†EDNA M. SILLS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by EDNA M. SILLS.

* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. First peal of Minor as conductor.

ST. SAMPSON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAMPSON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

STEWART J. ROBINSON ... <i>Treble</i>	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 3
A. HUBERT EPLETT ... 2	*ALEX. J. WEBSTER ... 4

REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Grandsire. The first peal ever rung in a five-bell tower in Cornwall.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

ANTHONY R. PEAKE ... <i>Treble</i>	*THOMAS F. STONE ... 4
PETER ANGER ... 2	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER ... 5
BRIAN BLADON ... 3	JOSEPH DURHAM ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the Patronal Festival.

MADRON, PENZANCE.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MADDERN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

G. TAYSON ... <i>Treble</i>	†MRS. A. WHITE ... 4
*H. TAYSON ... 2	†HARRY TULLY ... 5
ARNOLD WHITE ... 3	TOM WOOLDRIDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. TAYSON.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal on the bells by a resident band.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents: (1) Plain Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Killarney, Horsmonden, College, Wavertree, Windermere, Frodsham, Lytham and London Bob; (2) Sandal, Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford, Pontefract, Wath, Donottar, Carisbrooke Treble Bob; (3) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Humber, Taxal, Marple, Braintree, Morning Star, Clarence and Elston Treble Bob; (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Durham and York Surprise; (5) Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford and Hereward; (6) London and Wells Surprise; (7) Chester and Munden Surprise.

Tenor 10 cwt.

STANLEY R. GARDNER ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 4
SAMUEL A. MARTIN ... 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY ... 5
C. WILLIAM HALL ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in 59 Minor methods by all the band and for the Guild.

WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

STANLEY G. ELSEY ... <i>Treble</i>	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 5
JOHN E. FOX ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's.

Tenor size 17 in A.

*JOHN BRAMLEY ... 1-2	ALAN CATTELL ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 7-8

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

HARRY POYNER ... 1-2	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 7-8
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4	*TERENCE A. THORNBUR 9-10
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6	DEREK G. GOODMAN ... 11-12

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by P. J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques away from the tenors. First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

No. 40.

Tenor size 17 in A.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 5-6
JAMES E. DANIELS ... 3-4	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 7-8
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER... 9-10	

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ACTON, LONDON.—On July 16th, 1,280 Little Bob Major: Miss D. Luke (first in method) 1, Miss F. Edgar 2, L. H. Bowler 3, W. J. Ellis 4, F. A. Finch 5, G. Dodds 6, A. Cutler 7, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 8.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On July 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Bonnett 1, B. Scott 2, H. E. Werrett 3, I. Werrett 4, R. V. Webb 5, W. D. Pooley 6, E. G. Buck 7, J. S. Dear (first of Treble Bob Major as cond.) 8. First quarter of Treble Bob Major for 1, 2 and 4.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Dodds 1, Sheila Woodhouse 2, Eileen Croyley 3, F. W. Bush 4, L. Brown 5, R. F. Hart 6, S. J. Hart (cond.) 7, R. Kemp (first quarter) 8.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On July 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): R. J. Sanderson 1, Mrs. E. Wylie 2, D. Wheat 3, Mrs. A. Smythe 4, Miss D. Smythe (cond.) 5.

BROOKFIELD, LONDON.—On July 23rd, at the Church of St. Anne, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Carter 1, T. Bevan 2, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 3, J. T. O'Dell 4, J. M. Payton 5, J. Dennis 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan and a birthday compliment to Mr. J. S. Hawkins.

BURFORD, OXON.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Westmacott 1, M. C. F. Collett (cond.) 2, H. Parker 3, J. G. Collett 4, B. S. Nichols 5, J. W. Dixon 6, T. W. Timms 7, W. J. Dixon 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—On July 16th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: D. Smith 1, J. Durrant 2, D. Divall 3, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 4, A. Richardson 5, E. Eade 6, M. Stevens 8. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 5 and 6.

CHIEVELEY, BERKS.—On July 12th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: P. E. Dodd 1, T. Curtis 2, Miss B. Tuffley (first quarter 'inside') 3, G. J. Townsend 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, S. F. Tuffley 6.

CLEWER, BUCKS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Clements 1, Miss F. Murkitt 2, Miss R. Tabraham (cond.) 3, W. F. Butler 4, F. Blagrove 5, R. Posnett 6. First in method by 1 and 5. A birthday compliment to Miss R. Tabraham.

CORSTON, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. L. Hannam (first quarter, aged 12 years) 1, Miss B. Young 2, S. King 3, E. Fry 4, H. Parfrey (cond.) 5, Miss E. M. Hannam 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. L. R. G. Taylor, wife of a local ringer.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Perry 1, R. Beale 2, D. Best 3, F. Welch 4, H. Gaylard 5, R. Welch 6, J. Drew 7, J. T. Locke (cond.) 8. Rung for the first anniversary of the death of Mr. Bert Drayton, of Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist on July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Long 1, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 2, S. Ball 3, J. Warner, jun. 4, F. J. Hurrell 5, P. G. Parrott 6, J. E. Warner, sen. 7, J. Dafters 8. For the 95th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Segar 1, O. Street 2, C. Cook 3, J. Bartram 4, H. Denman 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8. First quarter in the method by all the band. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Mr. A. Towler, a member of the above band.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On July 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Barker 1, Miss E. Bracey 2, G. Moore 3, D. Hall 4, R. Hickling 5, G. Elvin 6, R. Loft 7, C. Moore (cond.) 8. A farewell to R. Hickling on joining H.M. Forces.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On July 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, H. Long 2, H. Worboys 3, S. Penfold 4, C. Brown 5, C. E. Wright 6, T. East 7, S. J. Carter (Bengeo) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

KINGHAM, OXON.—On July 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. J. Westmacott (first of Major) 1, J. Keyte 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, F. W. Soden 4, I. D. Harris 5, C. T. Richards 6, W. J. Dixon 7, T. W. Timms (first of Major as cond.) 8.

KINGSBURY, MIDDLESEX.—On July 16th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: W. E. Eveleigh 1, D. R. Stoddard 2, Miss M. E. Roe 3, Miss R. Buchthal 4, Miss R. M. K. How 5, E. E. Pratchett 6, D. R. Corning 7, K. M. Grayson (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 1, 2 and 7.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.—On July 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob): D. Baldock (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Bassett 2, J. Bassett 3, A. Relfe (cond.) 4, C. A. Bassett 5, H. J. Hammand 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. C. Noakes, for 25 years people's warden.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Cook 1, T. Templeton 2, F. J. Stimson 3, F. L. Hubbard 4, F. Sheppard 5, H. Clayton 6, H. Aley (first in method as cond.) 7, J. Gilson 8. First quarter in the method for 1 and 2. A birthday compliment to Mr. Walter James, Melton's oldest bellringer, for his 92nd birthday.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael on July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walford 1, S. Bristow 2, D. North 3, W. Slocombe 4, C. Greedy 5, G. Sparkes 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Hawkins 8.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On July 16th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, C. E. Wright 2, A. R. Chapman 3, S. Penfold 4, C. Brown 5, W. J. Carter 6.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Jeanes (13) 1, Dorothy A. Walden (13) 2, Betty Allen 3, Ivan Read (14) 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, R. J. Walden 6. First quarter for 1 and 3. First 'inside' for 2 and 4. First on the bells by a local band. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Walden, both members of the local band.

POPLAR, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church on July 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss P. Kitchen 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, J. Bonnett 5, C. A. Hughes 6, H. G. Andrews 7, J. Bullock 8.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Robson 1, D. Beach 2, Miss M. Burnett 3, W. Lancaster 4, H. Spencer 5, E. V. Burnett 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, G. Beach 8. Rung for the centenary of the restoration of the church.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. A. Harrison 1, Mrs. J. Finn 2, H. Morwood 3, F. Lord 4, G. Thompson 5, F. Lacey 6, G. W. Ashdown (cond.) 7, S. Finn 8.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Farthing 1, L. Hall 2, Mrs. H. Smith 3, S. Day 4, W. Hunt 5, H. Smith (cond.) 6. First quarter of Plain Bob Minor for all except conductor. Rung to celebrate the weddings of Mr. T. Pomeroy and Miss B. Kilby and Mr. R. L. Gandy and Miss J. Ayres, and the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hunt.

WATFORD, NORTHANTS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. M. Winter (first quarter) 1, C. Green 2, E. G. Orland (cond.) 3, L. G. Townsend 4, R. Spring 5, F. Bush 6. Rung to celebrate the patronal festival.

WIVENHOE, ESSEX.—On July 22nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Sadler 1, E. J. Butler 2, R. Duesbury 3, G. N. Orman 4, F. Oliver 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 3, 4 and 5. For the wedding of Eric Sparling, son of the local tower captain.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Beesley 1, P. E. Dodd 2, T. W. Oram (first on working bell) 3, H. Maisey 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, D. A. Johnson (first on covering bell) 6. In memory of Miss E. Thomas, church worker for many years.

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23456	W	M	H	
45236	—	—	—	W N Ri G LB PB
24536	—	—	—	Sp As
52436	—	—	—	Sp As
43526	—	—	—	W N Ri G LB PB
54326	—	—	—	CL BL KL LB
35426	—	—	—	W RB DB G LB PB
42356	—	—	—	W RB DB G LB PB
63254	—	—	—	W RB DB G LB PB
26354	—	—	—	M Cd
32654	—	—	—	CL BL KL LX
46253	—	—	—	W N Ri G LB PB
25463	—	—	—	W RB DB G LB PB
42563	—	—	—	M Cd
35264	—	—	—	W N Ri G LB PB
23564	—	—	—	CL BL KL LB
Twice repeated with				S for — at end gives:
32456	M	W	H	
43256	—	—	—	Pa Pe Ki Pu St
65234	—	—	—	Pa H Ki Pu DO
26534	—	—	—	St H Cr Pu DO
52634	—	—	—	DN Ki Pu DO
63524	—	—	—	Pa Ro Ki Co DO
56324	—	—	—	V Ki Pu St
35624	—	—	—	Pa Av Cr Pu DO
62354	—	—	—	St Ro Ki Co St
32654	—	—	—	DN Ki Pu DO
25364	—	—	—	St Le Ki Ch DO
32564	—	—	—	St Le Ki Ch DO
Twice repeated with S for — at end gives:				23456

Rung on handbells at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, on July 7th, 1950.

Cd, Chesterfield; M, Maidstone; As, Ashbourne; Sp, Spalding; Ri, Richmond; N, New London; DB, Double Bob; RB, Reverse Bob; PB, Plain Bob; G, Gainsborough Little Bob; W, Wellington Little Court; LB, Little Bob; CL, Crayford Little Court; BL, Bastow Little Court; KL, Kent Little Court; LX, Little Oxford Bob; V, Victoria Little Court; Co, Colville; Ro, Romsey; Ch, Cheltenham; Le, Leamington; Av, Avalon; Pu, Pulford; Pa, Painswick; Ki, Kidlington; DO, Double Oxford; Pe, Pershore; H, Hereward; DN, Double Norwich; St, St. Clement's; Cr, Crayford College.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION MEETING AT SUDBURY.

Not for many years had the Middlesex visited Sudbury-on-Thames, one of the loveliest spots in the county, with its equally lovely ring of eight. On July 15th many of the 35 members present enjoyed their first touch at this tower, where it is very encouraging to note that a local band, under the leadership of Mr. G. Robson, inspired by Mr. Tony Price and the Feltham band, are now ringing regularly for service.

Ring, mostly in the standard methods, under the supervision of the District Master, Mr. Tony Price, was enjoyed by everybody, beginners having their full share.

A short business meeting was held in the ringing chamber, three new members being elected, Mr. H. Brooks (Isleworth), Mrs. A. R. Turley (St. John's, Hillingdon) and Mr. E. Pizzey (Sunbury).

Shepperton, the only ringable ring of five in Middlesex, was the next tower to be visited, a very warm welcome being accorded the Association by Mr. A. H. Reeve, the local captain, and an hour's ringing was thoroughly enjoyed, followed by a visit to Feltham, where some really well-struck Surprise Major was brought round.

Everybody agreed it was a most enjoyable meeting, with thanks due to all those who helped to make it so successful.

F. A. F.

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To perpetuate the mem-
ory of Mr. F. C. Lambert,
bellringer and verger at
St. Mary's Church, Halesworth, Suffolk, for
almost 60 years, the Parochial Church Council
and his friends propose to place a plaque in
the belfry and a piece of furniture in the
church he so dearly loved. Ringing friends
of the late Mr. F. C. Lambert who would like
to be associated with this memorial are asked
to send their contributions to Mr. C. B.
Vanstone, Rector's warden, Ancient House,
Halesworth, Suffolk.

There will be no ringing at St. Michael's,
Cornhill, during August.

Mr. Harold S. Peacock, by ringing the tenor
to the last peal at Holywell, Hunts, has com-
pleted the circle in that tower.

Melbury Osmond, where the bells are to be
augmented to eight, is in Dorset and not
Wiltshire as was erroneously stated last week.
We thank correspondents who have called our
attention to the error.

Mr. Bert Sutton, of 12, Highfield, Scar-
borough, writes asking those who ordered
records of St. Mary's, Scarborough, bells to
send the balance of cost to him. The order
has been placed and the records will be
despatched some time during August.

In Television Magazine last Friday, Mr.
Richard Dimbleby took as one of his themes,
'Oranges and Lemons, the bells of St.
Clement's.' The famous London churches in-
troduced in these verses were screened and
there was a visit to the Whitechapel Foundry
and a discussion with Mr. Albert Hughes and
his two sons on the tuning of bells. It was
of first-class interest to all ringers and was
most instructive to the general public on the
art of bell-founding.

BELFRY GOSSIP

With his 500th peal on
July 22nd, Mr. Clem
Glenn, of Cotgrave, Not-
tingham, pulled off a double, it being his 100th
peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. The
event was possible by the collaboration of
ringers from Nottingham, Derby, Leicester,
Melton Mowbray and Rotherham. Mr. Glenn's
record is: Tower bells 313 (conducted 219);
handbells 187 (166); Stedman Triples, tower
bells 110 (86), handbells 17 (14).

The Festival of Britain Committee are get-
ting busy. We hope to publish an interim re-
port next week.

Spalding Parish Church ringers are to be
congratulated on the splendid brochure they
produced on the occasion of their outing. The
frontispiece is a pen-and-ink drawing of their
parish church.

The 'Ringers' Guide' had a good mention
in 'The Times Literary Supplement' of July
14th. It is likely that it will soon be found
on the shelves of many public libraries.

By taking part in a peal of Cambridge Sur-
prise Major at Gilmorton on July 21st, Mrs.
H. J. Poole makes a very welcome return to
the peal columns after her indisposition. She
rang her last peal at Limerick, Eire, last
September.

For the second year in succession, eight boys
of Chichester High School rang the Cathedral
bells for their end-of-term service, which is
held annually at the Cathedral. The idea was
formed last year by Mr. Brian D. Price, who
was a master at the school, and it is hoped
that the practice will be kept up each year.
Up to the present, only rounds and call changes
have been rung, as the boys live in scattered
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ST. DAVID'S GUILD AND 'DRUNKENNESS IN THE BELFRY'

Emphatic Denial of Statement Attributed to the Archdeacon of Carmarthen Guild Secretary's Deep Concern 'False Witness Against our Best Friends' ... Sobriety of Welsh Ringers

'Very Wrong Misrepresentation'

Dear Sir,—As secretary of the St. David's Guild, I was shocked to read the front page news of 'The Ringing World' for last week.

I am afraid that our journalist, Mr. D. H. Betts, has given you a very wrong misinterpretation of what the Archdeacon of Carmarthen (the Ven. J. R. Pugh) said when he was asked if he would encourage the youth and clergy to take up the art.

The Archdeacon's reply was as follows: How could we expect the clergy to take an interest in the art when the ringers were ringing for the service and leaving by the west door and not stopping to the service themselves. He then made a quotation, and this is what he said: It was just like him preaching on temperance to-night and getting drunk to-morrow night.

I do not blame you, Mr. Editor, for publishing this report, but I think Mr. D. H. Betts should have been more careful and given you a correct report. It makes me shudder to think of what will happen when the Archdeacon will come to hear about this false statement and publicity, and I think a very grave injustice has been done to him.

I, who founded the St. David's Guild and have worked five years to bring it to the organisation it is to-day, feel that statements of this kind only hamper our progress and make things very difficult for me when I have to approach these gentlemen for further meetings at their towers. If there is any difference between the Archdeacon and his ringers, surely that is a matter for themselves and can be put right with a heart to heart talk, which is easily arranged.

I don't know what the future of our Guild will be after all this controversy. I know the standard of our ringing is poor, but at least I have got the bells of Llanstephan ringing again after 20 years' silence, and the bells of Pembroke are ringing again, and as far as I know all our bells ring for Sunday service either morning or evening or both, and I think it is a pity that after five years of appealing and hard work statements of this kind should be the means of disbanding the Guild. If this will be so all I can say is I have done my best for the Guild and our Exercise in the St. David's diocese.

Well, Mr. Editor, I should like you to give this statement your front page news in next week's 'Ringing World,' as I am rather perturbed about what the Archdeacon will do when he hears about the statement, and which may make things easier for me should the Guild survive. Thanking you.—Yours sincerely,

C. H. HAWKINS, Hon. Sec.
St. David's Diocesan Guild.

AN APOLOGY.

We deeply regret that the report that appeared in 'The Ringing World' of July 28th, 1950, regarding the statement attributed to the Archdeacon of Carmarthen (the Ven. J. R. Pugh) at the annual meeting of the St. David's Guild is found to be inaccurate and that our correspondent unwittingly and gravely misinterpreted the Archdeacon's speech.

Letters published on this page from those who were present at the meeting all indicate that the expression 'that many clergy were put off by the fact that so many ringers never attended service and many rang whilst drunk, so that he was half afraid to take anyone to such a belfry,' was an inaccurate summary of the Archdeacon's observations, and that the Ven. J. Richards Pugh never in any sense suggested that ringers rang whilst drunk.

We deeply regret the publication and tender our apologies to the Ven. J. Richards Pugh for the publication of a report which was entirely without foundation.

ARCHDEACON MISHEARD

Dear Sir,—I feel sure that your correspondent at the annual meeting of the St. David's Guild misheard the Archdeacon of Carmarthen's remarks.

My understanding of what he said was that 'He could remember when clergy were put off by the fact that ringers never attended services and sometimes rang when drunk.' He went on to add that at present the ringers at a certain church 'after ringing the people to church all left in a body by the west door, and he was half afraid to introduce his young people to this belfry in case they were influenced in the same way.'

I was impressed by the Archdeacon's sincerity and forthrightness.—Yours faithfully,

TREVOR M. RODERICK.

Porthcawl, Glam.

N.B.—The Guild secretary's report omits two points of Bob Major, both by unattached members: at Llanstephan on July 30th, and St. David's Cathedral on August 1st, 1949, conducted by Mr. Tony Price, of Feltham.—F.M.R.

NEVER SEEN INSOBRIETY IN SOUTH WALES CHURCH

Dear Sir.—You commenced your leading article last week with the words, 'Life is full of surprises.' When one reads of a church dignitary letting down his fellow-countrymen in the way Archdeacon Pugh did at the annual meeting at Carmarthen, one must add, 'Life is full of bitter disappointments.'

To state that 'ringers never attended service and many rang whilst drunk' is not only a grave injustice, but is questionable.

I have been a ringer in Wales for 40 years, and my father, still active, for over 60 years (in the 1880's and 90's in Bath). We hasten to assure our brethren on the other side of the Severn that we have never seen insobriety in any belfry in South Wales. With us, church bellringing is a grand leveller. One meets colliers, office workers, steelworkers, businessmen and industrial workers of many callings, and whilst in church (part of which is the belfry) there exists that atmosphere of reverence amongst us, the same as is found in England.—Yours faithfully,

Whitechurch, Cardiff. FRED BAILEY.

St. Peter's, Carmarthen, Protest

Dear Sir,—I have been instructed by the ringers of St. Peter's, Carmarthen, to draw your attention to the above-named subject, and to say that we consider your leading article a gross libel on the Vicar of our church. The Ven. J. Richards Pugh, Archdeacon of Carmarthen, did not speak about bellringers being beer drinkers or that many rang when drunk, and Mr. D. H. Betts or Mr. T. Griffiths did not speak on this subject.

I have challenged Mr. D. H. Betts on his own doorstep, namely, through the medium of 'The West Wales Guardian,' a paper printed in his own town, and his reply was non-committal and, to my mind, very childish, and would not get anybody anywhere. What the Archdeacon did say was that, as bellringers, when they rang bells, they called people to service, and he wanted to know how many ringers did attend.

The local Press sent a reporter to the meeting, and as the Archdeacon did not say what is in your report, it did not appear in their report of the meeting in their last issue.

The Archdeacon is a vice-president of the St. David's Guild. He has always given the use of the bells of his church and has given the Guild all the help that he could. How is the Guild going to flourish if we bear false witness against our best friends? You, Mr. Editor, have been given false news, and we hope that you will in next issue give the same prominence to this denial as to the offending news item.

EDWARD J. THOMAS, Sec.,

For and on behalf of the ringers
of St. Peter's.

'DISTORTED AND PURE FICTION'

Dear Sir,—The report which you have published of the annual meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild contains much that is untrue.

The Ven. J. Richards Pugh did not make the statement attributed to him regarding ringers 'ringing whilst drunk.'

He said that many ringers did not attend service after ringing the bells to call people to worship; he felt hesitant about introducing young people to bellringing for fear they too might follow the example of others.

He continued: 'What would the people of Carmarthen think of me if I preached a sermon on temperance and was then seen under the influence of drink?'

The report, from the sentence 'that so many ringers never attended service' down to the word 'altar,' is pure fiction, in so far as I can recollect.

This distorted report has appeared in one of the Pembrokeshire papers; it was sent in to 'The Carmarthen Journal' office; the Editor deleted the offensive part, knowing quite well that it was untrue.

You may rest assured sir, that the conduct of ringers in South Wales is equal to any other part of the country, both in and out of the belfry.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRED L. WILLIAMS,
Vice-Captain of St. Peter's, Carmarthen.

TRANSPORTATION OF GREAT PAUL

By ERNEST MORRIS, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S.

GREAT PAUL, the big bell of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, is still the heaviest bell in this country. It was cast in 1881, and in December of that year, when the bell was first seen and heard in the foundry at Loughborough, decision had not been made, either as to the conveyance of it to London, or indeed as to the actual place it was to occupy when it arrived at the Cathedral. One of the reasons of the itinerant castings of ancient days was doubtless the difficulty of transporting heavy bells over the roads of that time, which before the birth of Macadam were not comparable with our modern highways. The same reason was undoubtedly the cause of castings being actually made in churchyards, which practice occurred until very recent times. Even now the increased dimensions of modern great bells make their transport a subject of very anxious consideration; not indeed a matter of insuperable difficulty, for much heavier weights than 17 tons are handled every day by engineers.

By railroad there would have been some difficulties in the transmission of this great bell. The wideness of its mouth was sufficient to cause an overhanging laterally from the truck loaded with it of 2 feet 2 inches, thus there might be a possibility of other overhanging goods upon another train inflicting some damage in passing. The primary reason which militated against acceptance of the assistance of the locomotive engine was that the bell would have to be drawn from the foundry to the railway station at Loughborough; there it would have to be reloaded on to the railway trucks, and after conveyance by rail would—on arrival in London—have to be again lifted to a trolley or other carriage to be drawn by horse or traction engine to its final destination. It was, therefore, thought best to place it at once upon a suitable trolley, and so carry out the transport by road, as the liftings would be limited to putting on and taking off its carriage.

Everything having been prearranged, Great Paul left the Loughborough foundry for its journey to the Metropolis on May 11th, 1882. The contractors had supplied two traction engines, each provided with steel-wire rope and drum, such as are used in steam ploughing. One of these engines was attached to the special trolley prepared for the bell; the other drew a train consisting of a sleeping van, a cultivator upon which was placed ropes, jacks, iron plates and other gear which might be required in emergencies or difficulties on the road. The bell trolley was an ordinary boiler truck capable of carrying 20 tons, which had been strengthened and adapted for this work. Its length was 11 feet; width 6½ feet; and breadth of its tyres 10½ inches, on wheels 2½ feet diameter. The latter were of solid iron lightened by six holes, with axles 4½ inches diameter of Yorkshire iron and case hardened.

In order to provide against the upsetting of the trolley if its wheels should sink in the ground unevenly, an inverted T-shaped timber strut was attached to each side of the trolley frame; each strut being hinged by a neat contrivance in such a way that it would swing clear of stones and other obstructions on the

roadway, but would act as a vertical support to the trolley when needed. India-rubber buffers were applied to the drawpins by which the trolley was connected to the traction engine, to counteract the effects of sudden jerks whilst starting or travelling. The trolley weighed 6 tons, so that the load was roughly 23 tons.

As might be expected, a considerable crowd watched the departure of the bell on its long journey from Loughborough to London, and along the whole route thousands of people witnessed its progress. Travelling through Leicester (where its first set-back occurred through the trolley sinking into the ground, happily not seriously) via Kibworth, Market Harborough, Northampton, Fenny Stratford (where another 'sinking in' occurred), Dunstable, St. Albans, and so on to its final destination. Joyous peals rang out from every village church on the way, and the various town and city belfries contributed to the merry din. Thus did Great Paul travel up to London, witnessed by myriads of folks who thronged the wayside to see the bell; to discuss its proportions; its note and composition; and wherever possible to touch it. Its actual weight is 16 tons 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. Height 8 feet 10 inches. Diameter 9 feet 6½ inches.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL TO FALLEN RINGERS.

The annual meeting of the Guild was held at Brecon on July 1st. The weather was excellent and the attendance accordingly good.

The service in the Cathedral was of particular significance because it was also the occasion of the dedication of the memorial to the three members of the Guild who made the supreme sacrifice in the 1939-45 war. The dedication service was conducted, in the presence of the relatives of the fallen, by the Dean of Brecon (the Very Rev. W. E. Jones). The Dean also gave a very inspiring address.

The memorial takes the form of a servers' desk in the sanctuary. The names—J. Bloxham, A. Rose and A. Williams—are carved in the wood. All members of the Guild are grateful to the Dean and Chapter for allowing them to have such a memorial.

At the business meeting which followed, the Dean presided in the absence, through illness, of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The general secretary read the statement of accounts as the treasurer had left the district.

The officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. Gwyn Lewis; treasurer, the Very Rev. the Dean; general secretary, Mr. D. G. Williams; representative on the Central Council, Mr. Gwyn Lewis; hon. auditor, Mr. Rowlands.

Tea was kindly provided by the Dean, and he was warmly thanked by the Ringing Master on behalf of all present.

It was with concern that the members heard of the illness of the Bishop, and it was the expressed wish of all members that his lordship would soon be restored to complete health and again resume his work as the leader in all the diocesan matters.

After tea the members visited the towers of St. Mary's and St. David's, and the bells were rung until a late hour.

Record Length Attempt

Dear Sir,—On Monday, August 7th, starting at 10.30 a.m., at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, I have a band going to attempt 12,740 Bob Royal. Should this be successful it will be the longest length of Bob Royal rung.

The composition is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

FRANK B. LUFKIN.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH

Lane End, eleven names for tea, two dropped out on Friday, and a prospect of rain (it did!). However, some of the regulars made a start with Grand sire Doubles, this being eventually followed by a spate of methods and all present appeared to be catered for. At least 17 towers were represented besides some visitors from the North, and the tea party overflowed into another room.

The Old Sun rose to the occasion, or rather the landlady did, and when the huge teapot appeared, even the thirsty one was hopeful.

The Vicar looked in with a few cheery remarks, and also welcomed us at the church afterwards with some interesting details about it.

After a short discussion on meeting for the rest of the year, ringing was resumed until all had had enough.

A CHIME OF THREE

The Parish Church of St. Peter, Westhampnett, near Chichester, has recently had its chime of three bells returned from the Croydon Foundry. One of the bells, which was made in 1632, has been recast so that it agrees in tone with the other two, which date from 1581. These bells were dedicated at a special service on Sunday, July 23rd, conducted by the Venerable Lancelot Mason, Archdeacon of Chichester.

Sitting at the clavier, thumping out quick and slow sixes, there was, not a graduate from Malines, but none other than our old friend Peter Bond, who, keeping up the traditions of the 'National Union of Tower Snatchers,' had visited the tower on the previous Friday, and, with the Vicar's permission, tried his hand on this tiny chime.

The Vicar was so delighted on hearing Peter's first rendering of slow and quick sixes, that he asked for a copy of the music and engaged him for this occasion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proposed Coleridge Memorial

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to read the reports concerning the apparent lack of harmony within the Oxford Guild over the form of memorial to the late Canon Coleridge, as this would, I am sure, be most distasteful to him.

To shelve the matter for a year will have the obvious result of reducing, considerably, the subscription list.

I agree that a memorial tablet should be placed in the Cloisters of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, alongside those to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, two of the Canon's dearest ringing friends, and I hope that the Oxford Guild will do this without delay or that the Central Council will take the matter in hand, allocate some of the money voted and see that the work is carried out.

Why should Christ Church be chosen for any further memorial?

The late Canon was not a graduate of Christ Church College, and according to his ringing records, which I have, he rang only three peals there, these being as far back as 1880, 1882 and 1889. Berkshire, Devon, Cornwall and Somerset were his favourite ringing haunts.

The late Canon frequently told me that 'only the best is suitable for the House of God,' and to spend some £200 on only two bells (which appears to be really a domestic matter for the Cathedral authorities) is a poor sort of memorial and would be known to few outside the Oxford City boundary. It would be forgotten within six months.

If anything is to be done at Christ Church other than the memorial tablet, I would suggest that reports be obtained from the leading bellfounders for a job which would put all the bells (if necessary) in first-class condition and be a lasting memorial.

Your leading article in 'The Ringing World' dated July 21st states 'that the claim of Crowthorne is ludicrous.' The report of the Oxford Guild meeting never mentions a claim from Crowthorne, but 'a member suggested,' which is quite a different story, and it is quite likely that the member who spoke up for the parish which the Canon served so faithfully does not live in Crowthorne.

If sufficient money became available, it would be quite possible to provide Crowthorne with a tower and bells, should the parish so desire. Perhaps you, Mr. Editor, would attend the dedication and withdraw your 'ludicrous' statement!

In my own mind I am certain that the Canon would much prefer something which could and would be of some use to any ringers in the Oxford Guild who might fall upon bad times and need assistance.

The Canon enjoyed the company of all ringers, especially those who came from the humblest of homes, and frequently it was his pleasure, although a poor man himself, to give a ringer 'just that little extra' which would enable him to enjoy an outing or a possible attendance at a meeting far from home.

Would a fitting memorial, therefore, be the Oxford Diocesan Guild Benevolent Fund (Coleridge Memorial)? Money could be collected now and added to indefinitely.

It could be administered by a small committee within the Guild and disbursed when necessary to any deserving case amongst ringers in the Guild. This would be a form of memorial which would not be forgotten and it would be something of use.

You may ask what this is to do with me. Besides being one of the Canon's nearest relatives, I am a member of the Oxford Guild, and had I not been on duty at Bisley I would

have attended the meeting to state my views instead of taking up space in 'The Ringing World.'

I hope that the Oxford Guild will, in due course, state whether the fund will be open to anyone outside ringing circles, as some of his relatives might like to contribute towards something which would be in keeping with the late Canon's wishes.—Yours truly,

H. J. CANN, Major.
Corner Close, Kilve, Bridgwater, Somerset.

PEALS FOR TWO ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Sir,—In reply to an item in the 'Belfry Gossip' of this week's issue (July 28th) re a peal being ascribed to two associations, will your correspondent please identify himself and explain *why* this shouldn't be so. I have called a peal and ascribed it to two associations, and as long as the band belongs to the associations concerned, I shall continue to call peals for who and when I like, irrespective of who says otherwise.—Yours faithfully,

JACK CLEGG.
Fallowfield, Manchester 14.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE'S GUIDANCE

Dear Sir,—Respecting your paragraph in Belfry Gossip ('Ringing World,' page 472), for purposes of the Analysis the peal is credited to the *first-named* society, guild or association and the second one ignored.

W. AYRE,
For Peals Analysis Committee.

JACK WORRALL'S BEARD

Dear Sir,—It was with deep regret that I learned of the disappearance of Jack Worrall's beard. Being a member of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers, I know only too well that its passing will be received with loud lamentations (female!) on Jack's return to the fold in October.

At the beginning of last session, the membership (female once again!) of our Society increased by leaps and bounds, for what reason I do not know except that it coincided with the appearance of Jack, fresh from his sojourn in 'le gai Paris,' and proudly displaying his luxuriant facial growth!

Alas, what of the future? I can foresee a rapid decline in the membership of the fair sex, a most deplorable state of affairs which cannot, nay will not, be tolerated on our part. Therefore, Jack, grow that beard again—the Society's future is at stake!—Yours faithfully,

'SANS BARBE AUSSI.'

200 PEALS OR MORE IN ONE TOWER

Dear Sir,—Going through the Guild reports, I find that the late Mr. G. Williams rang 216 peals at North Stoneham.

I have taken part in 157 peals in the same tower.—Yours truly,
W. T. TUCKER.
Eastleigh, Hants.

DIRECTORY WANTED

Dear Sir,—Now that we have 'Church Bells of Britain,' which, in my opinion, is a very useful and interesting book, would it be possible to have a Directory of Church Bell Ringers, similar to the one published by the Bristol United Ringing Guilds in 1935?

The two books together would be invaluable to ringers on holiday and those who make a hobby of visiting other towers.—Yours faithfully,
ERNEST R. WARNER.
Woking.

A Question of Fees

Dear Sir,—Mr. Jarrett's letter makes very interesting reading, but in forming an opinion about the subject matter it is important to remember that we have heard only one side of the case. I do not question for one instant that Mr. Jarrett has stated the case fairly and factually as he sees it, but it very rarely happens that there is not at least something to be said on both sides. One cannot avoid forming an opinion, but one would like to know the incumbent's version as well.

I have discussed this matter with some clerical friends and with brother ringers, and it would seem that the experience is unique. I have examined also the scale of the charges authorised by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, a copy of which should be in every church. This scale, as probably most people know, is designed to cover every reasonably foreseeable circumstance under which a charge for the Church's services could be made; and also to ensure that charges are uniform throughout the country. Bells are only mentioned once, under the heading of 'Burials,' where a charge of five shillings is authorised, payable to the sexton, for 'tolling the bell at the time of death.'

I wonder if the Rev. J. M. Turner would maintain that it is quite possible for an incumbent to say to the relatives of the deceased, 'If you don't pay me three guineas for myself the bell will not be tolled.' I suggest that any incumbent who insisted, to put it bluntly, on a rake off for himself before allowing the bells to be rung at a wedding or tolled at the time of death is unworthy of his calling. If the three guineas was to be put to a fund for the maintenance of the bells, that, naturally, would be another matter.

Perhaps, all things considered, comment on Mr. Jarrett's experience is undesirable, although one is entitled to one's own opinion. If he wished to be aggressive in this matter there are several things he could do, but no doubt aggression is the last thing he has in mind.

There is, however, a very useful lesson to be learned from both his letter and that of Mr. Turner; namely, that if one undertakes to provide a band to ring for a wedding, then state the fee required definitely and firmly, and see to it that you have it before the ringing commences. In other words, trust nobody.—Yours faithfully,
T. V. LISTER.

Apperley, Glos.

A MATTER FOR THE K.C.A.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter that appeared in 'The Ringing World' of July 7th from Mr. V. A. Jarrett, of Chatham, I entirely agree that ringers should insist on a suitable fee for the ringing of church bells for a wedding ceremony, as the utmost care is needed so that the bells are not used for abuse.

I am aware that just as some people dislike the sound of bagpipes, there are also some who dislike the sound of bells, and the practical joker would be in his element if he could get the bells ringing free for a wedding of someone he knew who disliked the sound. A fee rules out this kind of abuse. Usually it is distributed among those who carry out the contract.

It is the first occasion I have heard of a Vicar taking possession of a fee of £3 3s. for the ringing of wedding bells, and such action does not recommend itself, but rather tends to destroy the ideal of the ringing of church bells.

I hope Mr. Jarrett has not overlooked the fact that he has been a member for many years of the Kent County Association, whose aim is not only for the ringing of the church bells, but also the welfare of the ringers, and I think as this case concerns ringers in general, it should be placed before the committee of the Kent Association for investigation.

CHARLES TURNER, Captain,
St. Mary's Ringers, Dover.

'BELL PRAVDA'

POINTS FOR DECISIONS COMMITTEE.

Sir,—Is 'The Ringing World' any longer to be claimed a democratic newspaper, or has it in the future to be looked upon as a sort of totalitarian gazette like 'Pravda' and a few more—publishing one line of thought only, which it wishes its readers to know?

I can quite well understand the question asked on this point at Eastbourne by Mr. Kippin and others. Certainly of late the outlook justifies it.

Everybody knows only too well that 'a state of oneness' has been the cry all along of the totalitarians—and it looks as if the same political flavour is creeping into ringing. But heaven save us, and ringing generally, from such disregard of others' views. We have just had a war to preserve the right of free speech and a free press.

When I sent for publication my letter which prompted your 'leader' of June 30th, I expected it would be something of a miracle if it found its way into print—proof surely of what's stated above.

Perhaps by the next Central Council meeting someone will come forward and suggest a change of title from 'The Ringing World' to 'Bell Pravda' or something like it!

Do we want 'oneness' in ringing any more than we want one political party in the government? Rigid rules or controls and the 'guillotine' can prove just as harmful in ringing as in any other form of life; contempt is bound to follow the Central Council's attitude to try and stop ringers pleasing themselves what they ring in the name of true changes, whether it be on seven bells or six, twelve bells or five.

But here I notice you take good care to side-step the issue and not let all the facts be published, which is typical of totalitarian minds. You instance the case of recognition of peals of Minor with a tenor covering, whereas on odd bell methods the same does not apply.

On all even bell methods, from six upwards, the Central Council has been consistent; but on odd bell methods it is *not*. While it says it won't recognise a peal of Triples without a covering bell (missing, say, the 2nd of the eight out, which I contend sounds very musical and see nothing wrong with if a band turns up one short), it says it *will* recognise a peal of Doubles on either five or six—and even on a *minor* five, as at Weston Favell, where I rang a peal recently, with no natural tenor or finishing note, sounding the first five notes of six instead of the last five.

Will some bold person come forward and call that 'a freak peal' and say that the treble ringer never earned his first peal certificate presented to him at a meeting later for the performance? If so, it means that all past peals at Weston Favell are to be declared null and void, and that in its turn will lead to general disinterest and eventual closure of many like towers—I can name 13 minor fives within a 40 miles radius of here.

To be *consistent* it means that the Central Council have either to recognise peals on seven bells or not on five, and sooner or later this point must give rise to contempt in one direction or the other. But, of course, I don't suppose, Mr. Editor, you will want readers to see that side to it.

I have referred to minor fives! There is an even more serious side to the issue, and that is—will someone try to be more thorough in time to come and press to its logical conclusion that if no peals on seven, no peals on five shall be recognised either? Some are voluntarily taking that attitude already. If that is ever to be made a hard and fast rule, it spells the end to any real interest in the thousands of five-bell towers up and down the country, and there's not much as it is! Five-bell towers need nourishment not punishment and snubs from the mighty eight, ten and twelve bell men, most of whom are represented

on the Central Council with little or no interest in five-bell towers. Either it means that or they have got to climb down on this rigid rule about no one shall ring a peal on seven without a covering bell.

In many ways it is like the Bankes James' Cambridge Minor controversy some years ago. Having recognised the 240's of Doubles, to be consistent they were bound to recognise Mr. James' arrangement of Cambridge Minor; and I contend the same applies to peals on five and peals on seven bells.

Personally, I intend to use my own discretion upon another point that is constantly under discussion—the recognition of April Day, Antelope, Orpheus, Chase and a number of similar methods, despite what the 'big guns' say that they shouldn't be rung; there is no repetition of changes in 120 of any of these methods, and that's all that matters to me. If the Central Council refused to publish them rung to peals, there's always the local Press, parish magazines, peal boards and other alternative means—the Central Council haven't 'nationalised' us yet.

P. AMOS.

30, Inkerman Terrace, Northampton.

MISS J. POOLE'S 200 PEALS

Rung for 14 guilds and associations in 38 towers, conducting 6.

TOWER BELLS.

Minor.—Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob spliced 1; Cambridge 2.

Triples.—Stedman 9; Grandsire 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 2; Cambridge 17 (conducted 1); Yorkshire 4; Superlative 5 (1); London 8; Bristol 11; New Cambridge 1; York 1; Rochester 1; Dublin 1; Lincolnshire 1; Leicestershire 1; four standard methods spliced 1; Double Norwich 2.

Caters.—Stedman 11.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1; Cambridge 9; Yorkshire 4; York 1; Pudsey 1; Rochester 2; Belgrave 1; Albanian 1; Leicestershire 1; Aldenham 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 5 (1); Grandsire 1.

Maximus.—Cambridge 9 (2); Yorkshire 9 (1); Superlative 3; Bristol 1; New Cambridge 3; York 1; Pudsey 1; Rochester 1; Lincolnshire 1; Belgrave 1; Albanian 1; Wigston 1; Leicestershire 1; Aldenham 1; Rutland 1; Bedford 1.

HANDBELLS.

Minor.—Cambridge 1.

Triples.—Stedman 5; Grandsire 1.
Major.—Plain Bob 2; Kent Treble Bob 2; Cambridge 2.

Caters.—Stedman 9; Grandsire 2.

Royal.—Plain Bob 4; Kent Treble Bob 3; Cambridge 2.

Cinques.—Stedman 16; Grandsire 1.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 3; Kent Treble Bob 2; Cambridge 1.

Tower bells 144, handbells 56, total 200.

Jill Poole is the only lady to have rung Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus on both tower and handbells.

WEDDING BELLS AT BITTON

On July 22nd, a party of ringers from the Bristol Rural Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association were present at Bitton to ring for the wedding of Mr. Raymond Harding and Miss Sheila Hicks.

Mr. Harding is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Harding, of Downend, Bristol, his father being the popular chairman of the Bristol Rural Branch. The bells were rung in proper wedding style.

A quarter peal of Stedman Triples, which was attempted after the wedding, unfortunately came to grief owing to a change course.

The ringers wish the bride and bridegroom the very best of luck and happiness in their future.

F. S.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

MID-DEVON BRANCH AT DEAN PRIOR.

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Dean Prior, near Buckfastleigh, on July 22nd, when despite adverse weather conditions, a very enjoyable time was spent by those who came from Dorchester, Honiton Clyst, Newton Abbot, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh, Dartington and Totnes. The president (the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox) also attended.

Some very good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung on the handy ring of six bells during the afternoon, this being later followed by a service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. B. Underwood, Vicar of Dean Prior.

After tea at Buckfastleigh, the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. Fifteen non-resident members were also elected.

Subject to the necessary permission being obtained, the branch agreed to the following meetings being arranged: Special meetings at Highweek and Teignmouth on Saturday, Aug. 19th, and Saturday, Sept. 9th, respectively, and a quarterly meeting at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, on Saturday, October 28th.

The president touched on the question of the bells at Kingsteignton Parish Church, which came up for discussion some months ago. On the motion of the chairman, it was decided to write to the B.B.C. regarding the advertising of bells being rung prior to broadcast services.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the business, and ringing took place at Buckfastleigh Parish Church in the evening. A. L. B.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Shropshire Association held their July meeting at Clive on July 8th, when brilliant sunshine greeted visitors to this beauty spot.

The modern church stands on the side of a hill famous for its walks, views, picnics and other rural delights. As the temperature rose some ringers thought the bells sounded better from outside than in the tower, and as the bells are a Taylor six with 25 cwt. tenor, this is certainly a point of view.

However, there was no lack of ringing, and most of it Minor, in methods up to Cambridge. Attendance totalled at least 30, the only criticism being that either two or four trebles would improve the ring.

CRANFORD'S NEW RECTOR WELCOMED

Ringers were very much in evidence at Cranford Church, Middlesex, on July 7th, when the Right Rev. Bishop of Kensington officiated at the induction of the Rev. Christopher Byron to the living. The local band was supported by members and officers of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

At a reception in the Rectory after the service, the visiting ringers were introduced to the Rector, and were very happy to know that the warm welcome always associated with Cranford, to visiting ringers and the Association, would continue.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung before evening service on July 16th, and is recorded as a welcome to the Rector, and an expression of the ringers' goodwill. All the ringers were members of the Cranford band with the exception of the vice-president of the Middlesex Association, who was invited to be associated with this expression of welcome and to conduct.

This was of excellent order, and the young band at Cranford are to be congratulated on their good striking. The ringers were W. H. Coles (conductor) 1, D. Hayward 2, Barbara Thrush 3, Joan Samson 4, P. Wodger 5, D. Fowler 6.

OBITUARY

MR. A. J. BEESLEY.

All Saints', Faringdon, lost their veteran ringer by the death of Mr. Arthur John Beesley on July 18th, at the grand age of 81.

He had been the most regular service ringer at Faringdon for well over thirty years, and previous to that at Longworth, where he learnt to ring. Although then in failing health he last rang a course of Grandsire Triples on his 80th birthday.

The funeral took place at Stanford-in-the-Vale on July 22nd. Ringers from Faringdon rang the bells half-muffled before the service, and, at 'Old John's' request, with the bells open immediately after the service. The secretary of the V.W.H. Branch, Mr. R. F. J. Gilling, played the organ.

As a final tribute a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at Faringdon on July 26th by the following: E. Walker 1, H. E. Taylor 2, F. Wheeler 3, F. C. Hughes 4, C. I. J. Pearce (conductor) 5, F. Whipp 6, M. J. Pryor 7, J. Belcher 8.

MR. H. CONNELL.

The death occurred on Saturday, July 15th, following a seizure earlier in the week, of Mr. H. Connell, at the age of 84. He was a native of Sleaford, and joined the Police Force when a young man and spent most of his time in Cambridgeshire. After his retirement as a police sergeant he went to live at Heckington, Lincs, and stayed there for over 20 years.

Mr. Connell was a very keen bowler. Bell-ringing was another interest of his, and for his regular attendance in the belfry for Sunday service ringing and on the weekly practice night he will be greatly missed in Heckington. He had a most cheery and helpful disposition.

The funeral took place on July 18th at Aslackby, a number of relatives and friends attending. The bells at Heckington Church were rung muffled during the evening at the old Parish Church of St. Andrew; the ringers being E. Cole, F. Mason, Mrs. D. Wray, W. Weston, W. Jackson, W. Asher, A. Dixon and H. Steel.

MR. ALFRED FULLICK.

The death occurred on July 16th of Mr. Alfred Fullick at Shrewsbury. He was 80 years of age and continued his great interest in ringing until his death, although for the past eight years he had been unable to make the journey to ring, except on one or two special occasions.

'Alf' learnt to ring at St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, in the first few years of the century, and became a regular member of the excellent band under the late Mr. George Byolin, whose first requirement was good striking. He rang in the first peal of Stedman in the town and at Market Drayton, and had rung a modest total of 39 peals in standard methods up to Maximus.

His chief interest was Sunday service ringing, and when St. Alkmund's bells could no longer be rung he joined St. Chad's company and soon became a most proficient heavy bell ringer, being found on the eleventh for many years, and ringing it to peals of Major, Royal and Maximus.

Following the funeral service at St. Chad's on July 19th, a half-muffled touch of Stedman Triples was rung by St. Chad's band, and during the evening an augmented company paid tribute to an old friend, whose punctuality, regular attendance and good striking will always be remembered.

'MORE HASTE, LESS SPEED'

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

WRITERS expect, even invite, criticism.

But lest this article provoke an unconsidered wisecrack of the 'wooden-spoon-stirring-up-trouble' variety, we may say at once that the genuine motive, in such articles as these, springs from a sincere desire to assist in avoiding trouble likely to arise. The publication in the journal dated July 14th, 1950, of the figures of a peal of Wembley Royal and of performances of Rutland Royal and Maximus has prompted this action.

Keeness to accomplish first peals in new methods is a healthy sign in the Exercise, and is to be encouraged, of course. But eager aspirants should proceed with caution, lest they be disappointed to find they have learnt and rung something quite different from the method they thought they were tackling.

The reason for this timely warning should be clear. After years of almost entirely futile argument, throughout the ringing fraternity, about 'extension,' the Methods Committee of to-day is getting down to the fundamental questions of method structure; and, sooner or later, their recommendations will be examined by the Central Council and will, in large measure no doubt, become 'law.'

Serious study of ringing theory from a mathematical standpoint has been confined to very few. One of the first was W. H. Thompson, who gave us our 'Q-sets.' Later, in 1946, we had from Dr. Rankin, of Cambridge, his paper on 'A Campanological Problem in Group Theory'; and, more recently (1949), we have W. Lederman's 'Introduction to the Theory of Finite Groups.' Yet, of all these, it is true to say their work lies rather in the field of method-employment or composition, than in that of structural design of methods or method analysis.

The particular aspect of structural design which concerns us now in method extension, a subject made topical by the publication of the excellent Corrigan Collection of Royal and Maximus methods. But an almost incredible feature of the present-day position is that, until quite recently, there has been no scientific statement of principles of this aspect; and arguments about extension have been conducted, in the main, by those better qualified to discuss composition. Studies over the past quarter of a century, however, have led to conclusions which provide a 'yardstick' by which the ordinary ringer can test extensions for himself. In other words, we now have the means of assessing the validity of extension in any given case, the process being standardised. But the form of growth (extension) in each method is individual; *though even these forms can be grouped.*

These means have been introduced under the general name of 'Grid Analysis,' which covers a subject by no means exhausted. Some of its principles have already been made known and are being used by ringers of note. It is hoped that its essential details may be published more fully in the near future.

In the meantime what is all this leading up to?

On page 448 of No. 2,049 of our journal are the figures of a peal rung at East Retford on May 13th last, under the title of 'Wembley Surprise Royal.' But is it the Royal of the method? If it were so then it would be beyond controversy that the 'London Royal, U.A. version,' published in February, 1949, was true London Royal; for this is no better (and no worse) than the Wembley Royal. Actually these methods are both what we call 'proximates,' i.e., the nearest obtainable to the true form. And it follows that nothing better in the method, in either case, can be produced. Here are the facts:—

Methods may be correctly analysed mathematically, in their basic forms, by a process that may be likened to that employed in examining geometrical figures for the properties of similarity. The process enables the investigator to produce at will the extension of any ringing method. The result is called *Theoretic*.

If the theoretic extension exhibits the requirements of the practical ringer, including the full range of the plain course, with basic coursing order (or 'Bob Major lead ends'), then it is said to be in the *Ideal* class of extension. The standard example of this class in Surprise methods is Cambridge.

But if, on the other hand, the theoretic form does not show these practical requirements, the method extender may set out to obtain them by introducing modifications into the design of the extension until he secures those features. The question of whether or not this is 'irregular' we may leave open for the moment.

The classic example of this modification process is found in 'London.' Here the Major is the ideal extension of the Minor. The extension to Royal was produced by Law James in 1908. It was in true mathematical form, and he called it, indeed, 'Theoretic.' But it was no more. It was not 'Ideal.' It produced a plain course two leads short of the requisite nine, since two of the bells, 5 and 6, are 'at home' every lead end. So what has happened?

Since then various 'modifiers,' in no less than 15 published versions, have attempted to convert this theoretic form into one showing the practical requirements. The modifications they introduced into the full lead vary in number from no less than 18 downwards; the least being as many as six! The object, in every case of course, was to get down to a form of extension differing from the theoretic by as few modifications as possible, and yet having the practical requirements.

Finally, in London Royal U.A., this was achieved with only two in the half lead, giving the proximate to the true London Royal.

The case of the 'Wembley' method is similar.

Its theoretic Royal produces a first lead-head row of 1634285079, giving, as in London's theoretic, 7 leads instead of 9 to its plain course; due, in this case, to 3 and 4 being 'home' at each lead. Since this is not in accordance with ringers' practical requirements, Wembley, like London, is not in the ideal class, i.e., it has no true Royal.

But to overcome the shortcoming, the extender of Wembley did as we did in London Royal, he introduced a modification into the half lead, i.e., at the treble's 9-10 section. Here, instead of a full lead in the 2nd and 3rd rows of the section, a bell makes thirds while those in 1-2 dodge. So this Wembley Royal version, given as No. 576 in the Corrigan Collection, is, like London Royal U.A., given as No. 565, proximate only.

And unless the Methods Committee recommend the recognition of such proximate, or even more remote, versions, those who ring them will ultimately have to find other names for them.

On the other hand, Wembley Maximus, given as No. 858 in the Corrigan Collection, is an extension in the ideal class, being true to mathematical form and therefore theoretic, and having also all practical requirements. So good luck to its peal attempters!

Now let us turn to the other methods mentioned, the Rutland extensions. Here we find a Surprise indeed!

(To be concluded)

RINGERS' OUTINGS

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

Abingdon, like so many other towns and villages, faced the post-war days with a band of only two or three ringers. It was, therefore, an occasion that had been much anticipated when the new band, supplemented by ringers from local towers, set out on their first outing on July 22nd.

A slightly late start caused a few anxious moments to those who were to be picked up en route for the first tower—Deddington. The coach and a heavy shower arrived here simultaneously, but if macintoshes were damp enthusiasm was not, and the bells were quickly into Stedman Triples. Adderbury was reached with time in hand, and the fine eight were soon off to the pace of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Major. Ringing was still in progress at 3 o'clock when a tune was due to be played on the bells, but the technical knowledge of a local ringer saved the situation, and the party left at 3.30 p.m. to the strains of a delayed but very melodious 'Home Sweet Home.'

At Banbury, the only ten-bell ring of the afternoon, Stedman Caters was attempted and successfully brought round. It was here that the sole mishap of the tour occurred—the loss of one of the party was discovered at tea. Two of the company, at the risk of missing their Banbury cakes, went in search, and it was the full complement that left for Great Tew. Here we were met by a ringer who had been such since the time of Queen Victoria, and who joined in a ring.

At the next stop, Combe, while the appetite of the Minor enthusiasts was being satisfied with Surprise Minor to Bob Doubles on a very pleasant six, an intrigued driver and others in the coach were enjoying listening to 'John Peel' and 'The Bluebells' expertly rung on handbells. The choice of Witney, with an eight that was a joy to ring, as the last call, ended the day, and the party left with a feeling of satisfaction that the Cambridge and Double Norwich had been well done.

The co-operation given by all connected with this, our first tour, made the arrangements completely smooth-running, and we would like to extend our thanks to those ringers who braved the St. Swithun storms and turned up so punctually to make us welcome at their towers. M. A. C.

GRAPPENHALL BRANCH.

The Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held their annual outing on July 15th, when ringers, wives and friends had a coach tour of Cheshire and Shropshire.

Runcorn was represented by 31 passengers, each of whom enjoyed the wonderful countryside and the churches with their ancient surroundings, many dating back hundreds of years. The churches visited were St. Oswald's, Malpas, The Blessed Virgin, Ellesmere, St. Oswald's, Oswestry, St. Mary's, Welshpool, St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, and St. Bartholomew's, Moreton-Corbet.

Many of the visitors had never seen bells rung or in motion. Opportunity was taken by them at Ellesmere to climb the many steps to the tower roof, and while passing the bell chamber to see the bells revolving.

Lunch was served at Oswestry and tea at Shrewsbury. The last call was the country parish of Moreton-Corbet, which even the coach drivers had not heard of. Here the Vicar waited to receive the party—and how nice those bells sounded in the countryside.

On our way a young lady dismounts from her horse as the coaches approach. The drivers halt and she thanks them for their courtesy. These country lanes were just wide enough for a coach.

Arriving at Frodsham the party broke up. Runcorn was reached at 11 p.m., the inclement weather making no difference to the success of the trip. Arrangements were in the hands of

Mr. Cecil Raddon, of Stockton Heath; his organisation was worthy of the many thanks he received from the visitors and colleagues of the Grappenhall ringers.

LYME REGIS.

For the first post-war outing of the St. Michael's, Lyme Regis, Guild, a visit was paid to towers in the Isle of Purbeck and Poole area.

Starting from Lyme at 8.30 a.m., other ringing friends were picked up at Bridport, Dorchester and Wareham. Corfe Castle, of historic interest, was reached a bit in front of schedule allowing time for 'elevenses' before tackling the back-handed six in the old tower. Once the tricks of the wheels and frame had been mastered some expenditure of energy produced fair striking in Doubles and Minor, but bell-hangers could well be invited here. After a stiff ascent from which a lovely panorama of Dorset revealed itself, Kingston, with its magnificent modern church and bells, provided a splendid contrast and some excellent touches of Triples and Major were rung.

A halt was made for picnic lunch on the high ground above Worth Matravers while the weather was still clear, and then on to Swanage where Mr. F. Haysom had everything in readiness at the tower. Here a good course of London Surprise Major was rung and time slipped away all too quickly on these enjoyable bells. Steady rain began and unfortunately persisted through the remainder of the tour, but the road to Studland Ferry provided some interest, and at the ferry itself, where a wait was inevitable, the handbells were brought into play for a course of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, the latter being rung—after a fashion—during the crossing.

That delay upset the time table a little, but Mr. H. Mitchell was patiently awaiting the party at St. John's, Bournemouth, and after some good touches came on in the coach to Poole. There Mr. A. R. Macdonald had kindly arranged for an ample and very welcome meat tea, he and Mr. I. Davis piloting the ringers afterwards to the tower for some Caters and Royal. Wareham was reached again about 6.45 p.m., where Dr. Cunningham joined in a touch. Notwithstanding conditions here, some very satisfactory striking resulted, especially in Cambridge Major.

The coach then headed homewards for the final tower of the day, a pretty little light six at Lytchett Matravers, requiring no effort even from those who were by this time happily weary, and with a final halt at Bere Regis for much needed refreshments Lyme Regis was safely reached about 11 p.m. The methods rung during the day included the four standard, Double Norwich Major, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

The party greatly appreciated the kindly welcome awaiting them at every tower, as well as the various incumbents' permission to use their bells.

Ringer's Notebook & Diary, 1951

The 1951 Ringer's Notebook and Diary will shortly be going to press. Will Association Secretaries please forward as quickly as possible:—

- Dates of Annual Meetings, Dinners, etc., for inclusion in the Diary section
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BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT.

The annual outing of the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association was held on July 22nd in the Woodbridge district of Suffolk.

Leaving Maulden at 6.30 a.m. and picking up ringers and friends on the route to Eaton Socon, the party arrived at Stowmarket well on time, and the bells were soon going to rounds, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Double Norwich.

Debenham was the next tower, but on leaving Stowmarket the engine of the coach backfired and set light to the carburettor and some of the party thought they had had it! Debenham was reached ten minutes late, but this grand ring was soon going to Stedman and the standard Major methods, finishing with a course of Cambridge Major and an almost perfect ring down.

After lunch at the Bridge House the party went on to Framdsen and were met by Messrs. L. C. Brett and L. Wightman. Here Cambridge, rounds, Stedman and a course of Bristol with local help was rung on this pleasing eight. Helmingham was the next tower and the bells were made good use of, the usual methods being rung.

After tea at Woodbridge, Ufford was visited and this good eight were rung to Superlative, finishing up with a course of Yorkshire. Saying good-bye to Mr. F. L. Fisher, the party then went to Grundisburgh, as Woodbridge bells were not available owing to repairs to the tower.

No difficulty was experienced in handling this light ring of ten, and Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung in good style, some ringing their first changes on ten. A course of Bristol on the back eight and a course of Cambridge Minor on the front six brought the day's ringing to an end. The party congratulated Mr. C. W. Pipe on his efforts in obtaining a light ring of ten, which all admired for its easy handling and tone. Home was reached at 1.30 a.m. L. H. B.

ST. ANDREW'S, HORNBURCH.

The customary course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the lych gate at 7.15 a.m. (albeit rather hurried owing to the late arrival of one of the band) set the Hornchurch ringers off to an excellent outing on July 15th.

A pleasant ride, with the usual 'pick-ups' (no offence to the female fraternity), saw the company in Saffron Walden well on time. Caters was reasonably well struck, but beyond this the standard methods were rung on the back eight. Coffee was served at the Abbey Hotel, and, with the local constable watching, some good handbell ringing was enjoyed in the Market Place. However, with the traffic piling up and not wishing to tax the tolerance of the constable, a move was made to Clare. This majestic eight were soon going and the highlight was a well-struck touch of Double Norwich. Thence to Long Melford and lunch. Sad to relate, a very pleasant lunch resulted in some poor striking, and justice was not done to these merry eight bells.

Foxearth was next and this novel eight were thoroughly enjoyed by the more experienced, who still talk of the contortions required to see through and round the clock case. Hadleigh, tea, and some of the best ringing of the day, with Double Norwich the highlight again. What a grand eight!

Lastly to Witham, with an almost perfect course of Cambridge and some well-struck Little Bob, and so in golfing parlance to the '19th'—Margaretting. Here an excellent hour was spent with the handbells—tune ringing by the folks from Dagenham, and to the surprise many, Grandsire Cinques.

Ten o'clock and time for the 'homing course,' and so with the younger members singing the usual community songs and old 'Dick' volunteering a solo, Hornchurch was reached once again on time, with a general vote, 'A jolly good day.' F. V. G.

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sundridge on Aug. 5th at 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. 7356

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, St. Mary's, Holloway Road, N.7, on Saturday, Aug. 5th, 4 p.m., not Bell Foundry.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 7382

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Hunts Districts.—A joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7362

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Newton-in-the-Isle, Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7371

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Elstree (6), Aug. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 6.—S. Hoare, 56, Aame Road, Watford. 7355

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fletching (8), Saturday, Aug. 5th, at 3 p.m. No tea available.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 7366

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Meeting at Rotherham Parish Church on Bank Holiday Monday. Bells (10) 3 p.m.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 7364

SURREY ASSOCIATION and GUILDFORD GUILD.—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 7th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. 7347

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Hartlip (6) on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, Aug. 9th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, Kent. 7383

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S. and W. District) and ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting at Acton on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Rectory garden. Further ringing until 8.30. Names for tea by Aug. 9th to F. Finch, 14, Lancaster Gardens, W.13.—H. Matthews and F. Finch, Hon. Secs. 7386

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting, Ashover (8), Aug. 12th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable.—A. B. Cooper and D. J. Dunn. 7377

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Braughing, Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—A. S. Carter, Sec. 7368

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Harthill (8), Saturday, Aug. 12th. Names for tea to Mr. T. Laking, 46, Main Street, Harthill, Kiverton Park, Sheffield, by 7th.—H. Denman. 7374

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Aug. 12th, at Wath-on-Dearne, 2.30 p.m. Bring own food.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 7405

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Meeting at Kelston, Aug. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—L. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 7398

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Bridlington, Aug. 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Institute for all who notify by Aug. 9th (first post) Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington. 7393

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday, Aug. 12th, Newburn St. Michael. Please bring own food. Tea provided.—C. T. Lamb, Dis. Sec. 7389

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fairwarp (8), Aug. 12th. Tea at the Foresters Arms. Names to me by Aug. 10th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 7403

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Lydiard Millicent (6), Aug. 12th. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—W. B. Kynaston. 7392

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Marden, Aug. 12th. Names for tea by Aug. 8th.—J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 7400

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Sefton (8) on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells 3. Tea (2s. 6d.) for those notifying, by Tuesday, 8th, Mr. W. H. Deacon, 10, Cooks Road, Crosby, Liverpool 23.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 7396

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Leyland, Saturday, Aug. 12th. Light refreshments provided.—L. Walmsley. 7341

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Ringing at 3. Business meeting at 6.30, including election of secretary.—V. Wilson Sykes, Hon. Sec. 7404

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting, Rauceby, Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (5) available 2.30. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—A. Wray, Hon. Sec. 7394

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Abbotsbury, Aug. 12th. Usual arrangements. Names by Aug. 8th, please.—J. H. Hayne, West Street, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 7401

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—A service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells will be held on Saturday, Aug. 12th, at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Right. Rev. Fabian Jackson (Rector of Batcombe with Upton Noble and Assistant Bishop of Bath and Wells). Names for tea, 4.15 p.m., essential to R. Beale, Corner House, Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset, not later than Thursday, Aug. 10th. 7387

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Fressingfield, Aug. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Fox and Goose 5. Notify L. E. Etheridge, Fressingfield, Diss, Norfolk. 7395

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gulbrough Branch.—Meeting at Welford, Aug. 12th. Names for tea to Rev. Elcock, The Vicarage, Welford, Rugby, before Aug. 8th, please. Note, no name no tea. 7409

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Summer meeting, Checkendon, Aug. 12th. Bells 3. Service 4. Committee meeting 3.30. Names for tea by Aug. 10th.—Thos. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 7407

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Stotfold on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7408

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—A ringers' day will be held on Sunday, Aug. 13th. Tower open 2.30. Tea readily obtained. Evensong 6 p.m. Ringers on holiday welcomed. 7399

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Aug. 19th, Chelmsford Cathedral. Bells (12) 3.30 to 4.30 and after tea, 6 to 8 p.m. Handbells in the Rectory garden if desired. 7385

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whaplode, on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Oliver, 2, Council House, High Road, Whaplode, Spalding, before Aug. 12th. 7373

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Goudhurst, Aug. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Names, tea, by 16th, please, to Miss H. Gorrings, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 7390

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Aberdare, Aug. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea (small charge) and business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 7391

GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—A fete on behalf of the Bell Fund will be held in Great Brington on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 16th. Sideshows and attractions. Ringing from 2 p.m. onwards and all ringers welcome. Numbers for tea, please, by Sept. 11th to the Rector. 7410

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary.—The annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Tickets shortly available and obtainable from branch secs. or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 7397

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