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THE COST OF A PEAL

IT IS STRANGE that ringers generally so seldom discuss a matter that concerns all of us so closely as the cost of peal-ringing. Admittedly much of the cost is indirect, and some does not fall on the Exercise; but there is enough directly referable to individual peals to make harassed treasurers wonder if the three-thousand-a-year total now so close ahead apparently will be an occasion of congratulation.

Since rings of bells are much more apt to decay than wear out, it is certainly true that peal-ringing helps to keep bells in good condition, not only by adding to the total of use, but chiefly by keeping enthusiasm alive and adding to the number of skilled ringers.

So far most of us are agreed, but about ropes there is much argument. The question of how many peals a set of new ropes will stand was asked of many peal-ringers by the writer. There was a tendency among heavy-enders to consider twenty-five or thirty as the average, especially with heavy rings, but no one went above about sixty. The data on this important matter are available in many towers and should be collected. But it seems fair to assume a figure round about fifty, which means that the rope-money for a peal should be around a shilling a rope at to-day's costs. In 'The Ringing World' some time ago there were some adverse comments on a vicar who charged ten shillings a peal for rope-money. Was he so far wrong?

After a peal has been rung there are several direct costs to be faced. As we were reminded by Mr. Smallwood in the issue of August 3rd, the announcement of a successful attempt costs the Exercise something. At the present cost of roughly £3 a page of 'The Ringing World,' and twelve peals to a page in the present format, it is easy to see that it costs five shillings to print a peal notice. The more ringers there are in a peal the less each name costs. It is sixpence a name for Royal, fivepence for Maximus, ninepence for Major and over a shilling for handbell peals. This is because the heading, etc., for normal peals on all numbers is about the same depth.

If, as Mr. A. H. Pulling said without reported contradiction in the Central Council at York two years ago, peals **are** the chief news, then peal-ringers are the Editor's best friends. But there are peals and peals, and a very large number are decidedly not news.

The Associations' peal-books, being direct charges on their funds, are provided for in some Associations by direct contributions levied on the ringers of peals. One of these, which collects an increased levy of sixpence a rope, has a much smaller balance now on a larger number of peals than it had on a twopenny levy before the war. The explanation here again is the increased expense in every direction. The majority of peal books, however, are kept up out of general funds.

One further item of direct expense is the record of a peal in the annual report. Owing to the slavish adherence of the Exercise to the tablet form of notice (tombstone form one well-known ringer calls it), which is a survival from the long-defunct 'Bell News,' many of our Association reports print only three peals to a page, and as it is impossible nowadays to produce a report under £1 a page—indeed, there are few at that price—it is easy to see that a peal notice in the annual report is more expensive than in 'The Ringing World,' being about a penny a name more all round, without taking the compositions into account, which vary within very wide limits.

There are other stray items that figure among the costs of peal-ringing, but enough has been said to indicate that the most prominent members of the Exercise are not necessarily the treasurer's friends. Considering how many ropes they have worn out, they can scarcely be regarded as churchwardens' friends either!

On the other hand, the services rendered by ringers and the Exercise in general are not inconsiderable, and bell-ropes are used for other purposes besides the ringing of peals. Many bands—more perhaps than is usually realised—find their own ropes.

It would take a wise man to weigh up the pros and cons here, and a brave one to suggest anything that could be done about it.

A. J. C.

TEN BELL PEALS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

JOHN D. ROCK Treble	J. WILLIAM PETTIGREW .. 6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 2	*EDRIC J. FRANKLIN .. 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM .. 3	GEORGE DAVIS .. 8
*FREDK. W. RISHWORTH .. 4	LESLIE EVANS .. 9
*JAMES L. GRAY .. 5	†HARRY DICKENS .. Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS (No. 32). Conducted by G. DAVIS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal. First peal of Grandsire and on ten bells as conductor. Mr. F. W. Rishworth has now rung peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Dickens. Rung as a welcome home to Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh from their Canadian tour.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	JOHN M. STALLARD 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 7
RONALD G. BECK 3	F. CECIL MOGFORD .. 8
ALBERT M. TYLER 4	WILLIAM H. PARKER .. 9
GEORGE PRESCOTT 5	A. ALAN HILLIAR .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

The conductor's 100th peal of Stedman Caters.

Rung as an anniversary peal on Charter Day of the Antient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, and to the memory of Stephen H. Wood, who was an active member of the Antient Society.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREWS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DUFFIELD ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JACK BAILEY Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 2	SIDNEY H. JONES .. 7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 8
FRANCES R. LOWE 4	MARK J. BARKER .. 9
HAROLD TAYLOR 5	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

First peal of Duffield Royal for all the band, first on the bells and for the Association. Rung in honour of the Princess Royal on her visit to Derby, also for the home-coming of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Treble	JACK BAILEY 6
KATHLEEN I. TIVEY .. 2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	*HAROLD TAYLOR .. 8
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 4	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 9
*MARK J. BARKER .. 5	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 6th. Also as a compliment to Mr. J. A. and Mrs. Constant on the birth of a daughter. Mr. Jack Bailey has now completed the circle.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. Treble	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN .. 6
ARTHUR HUBBLE 2	FRANK C. MAY .. 7
WILLIAM S. MAY 3	PHILLIP SADLER .. 8
DONALD COOMBS 4	GERALD FROST .. 9
BRIAN J. HOWARD 5	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5104 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

MISS M. RIDYARD Treble	PETER CROOK 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	RONALD KENRICK .. 6
CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. 3	FRED DUNKERLEY .. 7
CHARLES CLEGG 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GLENYS BODYCOTE .. Treble	JOHN COOK 5
LEONARD TREVOR 2	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE .. 6
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. 3	FREDK. E. WILSON .. 7
HAROLD KILBY 4	JOHN J. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

BALLYMENNA, CO. ANTRIM.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

*ANN MERCER (17) .. Treble	†TOM SMELTZER (17) .. 5
WILLIAM PRATT 2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 6
†JEAN STEWART (17) .. 3	†GEORGE SKINNER .. 7
†WILMA HOEY (16) .. 4	HARRY BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and two. Festival of Britain peal No. 14.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. Treble	*WILLIAM P. GARNER .. 5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 6
PERCY PAGE 3	HARRY PARKES .. 7
WILFRED W. RING 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Major.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

*JEAN A. BROOKES .. Treble	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5
JOHN J. MORRIS 2	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 6
*MARY A. CARPENTER .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. 7
ERNEST F. PAYNE .. 4	JOHN BRAMLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Plain Bob Major 'inside'. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Mary A. Carpenter.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation).	Tenor 24 cwt.
JOSEPH GADEN Treble	ALBERT J. HUBBLE .. 5
DEREK K. KNOWLES .. 2	ARTHUR H. HINGLEY .. 6
DEREK J. TRANTER .. 3	KENNETH W. KNOWLES .. 7
GEORGE DARLINGTON .. 4	JOSEPH W. HINGLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. HINGLEY.

All ringers are members of the local band.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*NORA TOMLIN Treble	REGINALD H. HOWSON .. 5
FREDERICK C. CASE .. 2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. 6
GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 3	WILLIAM YATES .. 7
†EDWIN R. LAMBERT .. 4	PETER COWLEY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. ROBERTS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*MARY I. KENNELLY .. Treble	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 5
*B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 2	EMLYN F. HANCOCK .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES .. 3	*IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. 7
*ROYSTON G. BRYANT .. 4	JACK R. WORRALL Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

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

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
SYDNEY T. HOLT Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 5
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 6
ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. 3	GEOFFREY HEMMING .. 7
REGINALD WOODYATT .. 4	JAMES NASH Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

Rung half-muffled on the occasion of the dedication of a war memorial tablet in the church. 300th peal by the conductor for the Worcestershire Association. T. W. Lewis has completed the 'circle' of the tower.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	WILLIAM ALLMAN 5
HENRY PARKER 2	ALFRED WILKINSON 6
HENRY O. BAKER 3	WALTER ALLMAN 7
HAROLD WORRALL 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

HENRY PARKER Treble	*WALTER ALLMAN 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 2	HARRY A. HOWARD .. 6
HENRY O. BAKER 3	†BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
FRANCES A. EDGAR .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* 300th peal. † 50th peal of Surprise. A 16th birthday compliment to Miss Shirley Golding, a ringer at the above tower.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

RUSSELL PARKER Treble	WALTER RUFFLES 5
LESLIE G. BRETT 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. 6
*ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	WALTER W. MILLER .. 7
*HARRY D. LISTER 4	ALBERT E. WHITING .. . Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise. The conductor has now called a Surprise peal from each bell in this tower.

ALPHINGTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*HARRY J. GAYLARD .. Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY 5
ROGER KEELEY 2	†NORMAN MALLETT 6
†E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 3	*JACK W. DREW 7
†ARTHUR J. SCOTT 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. . Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of New Cambridge.

CLEMENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

DEREK H. WATSON .. Treble	NORMAN G. GOODMAN .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	WM. B. CARTWRIGHT .. 6
SYDNEY T. HOLT 3	CYRIL TANSELL 7
REGINALD WOODYATT .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by SYDNEY T. HOLT.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

GEOFFREY WM. HAIR .. Treble	MAURICE BAILEY 5
MRS. S. H. JONES 2	WALTER G. SOAR 6
ERNEST BEADSMOORE .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 7
*PETER MARRIOTT 4	SIDNEY H. JONES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to Miss Sheila Jones, daughter of the conductor.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Treble	JOHN W. BEST 5
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
*DENIS MADDOCK 3	GEORGE H. HANDLES .. 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES (47).

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in the method.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT SCOTT Treble	GEORGE S. BUSH 5
CECIL WADE 2	RONALD RUSSELL 6
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN .. 7
J. GEOFFREY GEARY .. 4	JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

Rung to welcome home H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh from their Canadian tour.



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HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUNNYMEDE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

DAPHNE M. WAIN Treble	JOHN WALDEN 5
FREDERICK W. STOKES 2	H. LESLIE PASK 6
WALTER TOMLINSON 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS 4	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 300th peal for the Guild. The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5280 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Worcester Variation.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART 5
VALERIE WILLARD 2	HENRY D. BUTLER 6
*SIDNEY A. WARWICK 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
WILLIAM WENBAN 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal. First peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob by all the band. To wish Godspeed to the Rev. N. A. Tuddenham, late lay reader to the parish and recently ordained deacon. Also to the ringer of the second, who sailed for Australia on November 22nd.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALAN A. PRICE .. Treble	SYDNEY C. DRIVER .. 5
C. ALFRED LEVETT .. 2	†R. GEORGE ROBERTS .. 6
BERYL R. COWLIN .. 3	JOHN F. PENNELLS .. 7
ALBERT A. EASTON .. 4	JOHN A. DOWNING .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. A silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Levett.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*FRED KINSEY .. Treble	JOHN MUNNINGS 5
PALMER WHITTILL .. 2	CHARLES WOODCOCK .. 6
ERNEST BLOOMFIELD .. 3	CLAUDE WOODARD .. 7
KEITH WHITTILL .. 4	SIDNEY ARBON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by SIDNEY ARBON.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

KIRKLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. Treble	L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 5
WILLIAM COLLETT .. 2	*DAVID A. CARPENTER .. 6
LEONARD TREVOR .. 3	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD .. 7
FRANK E. PERVIN .. 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Major. Rung to welcome home Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Three-part, No. 5.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*LEONARD B. SCOOT .. Treble	JOHN CHURCH 5
EDWIN G. BUCK .. 2	JOHN WELCH 6
*MAURICE A. COLLINGS .. 3	WALTER D. POOLEY .. 7
HORACE E. WERRETT .. 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JACK S. DEAR.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS .. Treble	EDWIN T. NEWBURY .. 5
*GEORGE MORRIS .. 2	RALPH HARRIS 6
JOHN THOMAS .. 3	PATRICK HARRIS 7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN .. 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* 50th peal.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

M. J. Morris's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. Treble	*RICHARD E. MANTON .. 5
*JOHN HAWTIN .. 2	*SAMUEL A. MARTIN .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 7
CHARLES W. HALL .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

THAXTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, OUR LADY AND ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT C. HEAZEL .. Treble	FREDK. W. HOUSDEN .. 5
JOHN G. NASH .. 2	*JOHN F. GROVE 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL .. 3	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON .. 7
FRANK V. GANT .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 38½ cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE .. Treble	*THOMAS J. LOCK 5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
FRANK MATTHEWS .. 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 4	REUBEN SANDERS .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

* 150th peal on the bells. A welcome home to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS Treble	*ERIC SUTTON 5
*ALAN P. CAVE .. 2	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 6
†ROYSTON G. BRYANT .. 3	†ERIC J. TAYLOR 7
†REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 4	JACK R. WORRALL .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ 25th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WALTER FORD .. Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
*HERBERT J. LASKEY .. 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 3	HENRY TOOKE 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed by JAMES TANN. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon W. L. E. Parsons, for 28 years Rector of Salle.

SIX BELL PEALS

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

MISS H. WINTER Treble	A. DRAPER 4
R. LARKEY 2	E. ASHCROFT 5
MISS A. ABRAHAM 3	W. DEACON Tenor

Conducted by W. DEACON.

A farewell peal to Miss A. Abraham, who has since been married.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

P. E. PARRY Treble	B. HARRIS 4
W. L. ROBINSON 2	D. OGDEN 5
P. P. CARTER 3	E. NIXON Tenor

Conducted by E. NIXON.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

PHILLIP EASTLAND Treble	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 4
JOAN SMITH 2	FREDERICK FLINT .. 5
FRANK BRADLEY 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

First peal of St. Clement's Minor by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Nov. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*CLIVE M. SMITH Treble	*BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY.. 4
*J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5
ERNEST STITCH 3	HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal in four Minor methods. First peal in four methods as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the fallen in the two world wars.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 17 methods, with 81 changes of method, viz. (1) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Horsmonden, (2) Cambridge Surprise, Primrose Surprise, (3) Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob, Plain Bob, (4) Hereward, Single Oxford, (5) Double Oxford, St. Clement's, (6) Thelwall, Childwall, (7) Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*CYRIL H. KINCH Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 5
†EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in 17 Minor methods. † First peal 'inside' in 17 Minor methods. First peal in more than nine methods on the bells.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREATER,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents of combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (no bobs). Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERNEST W. BEARDSMOORE Tenor	*ERNEST MORRIS 4
*PETER MARRIOTT 2	*JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in this composition.



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BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College Single, Single Court, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

JOHN R. WORSALL .. Treble	GEORGE R. PARKER .. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	CHARLES E. BROWN .. 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 3	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Margaret A. Swann.

COPDOCK, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.)

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	MAX P. PAGE .. 4
*PATRICIA CLARKE (14) .. 2	GEORGE W. WATERMAN .. 5
CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells since being rehung in new (ball) bearings, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two different 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and one 720 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD .. 4
*GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 5
*DORIS G. DOBBIE .. 3	ERIC NAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* 25th peal together. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. R. A. F. Parsons, and Mrs. Parsons on the birth of a son, Richard Barnabas.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CLIVE M. SMITH .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH .. 4
ALFRED W. GLAZZARD .. 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 3	*HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* 50th peal during 1951.

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*†ANN MERCER (18) .. Treble	*FRANK KING .. 4
*JEAN STEWART (17) .. 2	*TOM SMELTZER (17) .. 5
*WILMA HOEY (16) .. 3	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ First peal of Kent Minor. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor rung on tower bells in Ireland. Rung in honour of the 21st anniversary of the founding of St. Donard's Junior Church. Festival of Britain peal, No. 15.

COCKERHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

ANTHONY HORNBY .. Treble	SYDNEY JEFFERY .. 4
RICHARD RAINFORD .. 2	FRANK HORNBY .. 5
HERBERT RAINFORD .. 3	RICHARD HORNBY .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT RAINFORD.

First peal of Doubles for all the band except the ringer of the 2nd. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the third birthday of Prince Charles and the safe return of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip from their Canadian tour.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

ROBERT D. WILSON .. Treble	DONALD C. PRICE .. 4
*DAVID S. HARRIS .. 2	WM. THORNLEY, JUN. .. 5
JOHN HILL .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

KIRKHEATON, YORKSHIRE.
THE HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*WALTER BEAUMONT .. Treble	S. ALEC JAINE .. 4
FRANK LINFOOT .. 2	JOHN PEARSON .. 5
ARTHUR ROGERS .. 3	ALBERT W. BOND .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

* First peal. The first peal to be rung for this Association, reformed this year. Believed to be the first peal to be rung on the bells for 49 years.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS .. Treble	*PETER MASON .. 4
BERTIE BEE .. 2	†AMOS INGALL .. 5
RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 3	†LOUIS WILLDERS .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal together.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 29, 1951, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.
IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH BELFREY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, four different callings.

B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 1-2	GEORGE J. LOWE .. 3-4
ROYSTON WILMORE .. 5-6	

Conducted by ROYSTON WILMORE.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

No. 2. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. 7-8

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 9-10

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Rung on Remembrance Day.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Nov. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.
AT SALTLEY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1-2	†J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5-6
*WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3-4	†BRIAN R. SUTTON .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* 300th peal. † First peal of Major with an 'inside' pair. ‡ First peal on eight bells. Rung in honour of Prince Charles's birthday.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5112 SPLICED MAJOR

Being eight methods, comprising 1,504 Plain, 1,416 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 416 Reverse, 352 each of Double and St. Clement's, 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 208 Crayford Little Bob, with 403 changes of method.

ROY C. HURST .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JAMES.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. Stote 1, D. A. Carpenter (first in method) 2, Miss M. A. Bliss 3, H. C. Webb 4, F. W. Perrens 5, J. W. T. Taylor 6, H. G. Summers (first in method as cond.) 7, J. L. Garner-Heyward 8.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Hill 1, Miss B. Colver 2, J. L. Hough 3, A. A. Lucas 4, C. R. Belton 5, A. H. Hough (cond.) 6, G. P. Garner 7, T. K. Deacon 8.

BEDWELLY, MON.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Double, 7, 6, 8 covering: Miss H. Evans 1, G. Williams 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, Miss J. Powell 4, A. R. Price (cond.) 5, W. Bangund 6, G. Flower 7, N. Knight 8. Rung for the Diocesan Mission.

BOYNE HILL, BERKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. North (first quarter) 1, T. Goodchild 2, G. Martin 3, J. Eldridge 4, H. G. Lister 5, B. Lister 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, H. Baldwin 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of April Day and Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): A. Bird (first quarter) 1, Audrey Ewins 2, G. Herd 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, J. Brooks 5, C. H. Vitler 6.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Old Doubles and 780 Plain Bob): B. Wardale (first quarter) 1, A. Cozens 2, T. Baker 3, K. Perkins 4, I. Dickin (cond.) 5. Rung in celebration of Prince Charles' birthday.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Barratt 1, F. W. Stone 2, Miss E. Foulke 3, F. Lowe 4, H. Letts 5, M. J. Barker 6, G. Warrington (cond.) 7, W. Baker 8.

EARL STONHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. L. Allum 1, D. Mitson 2, W. Button 3, F. Sterry (cond.) 4, V. Lockwood 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Richardson 1, A. Warren 2, F. Barker 3, Mrs. D. Mayell 4, A. W. Coles (cond.) 5, D. G. Mayell 6, G. A. Spencer 7, K. Carling (first quarter) 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples on the bells. The treble ringer is totally blind.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Nov. 17th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: G. Vinters 1, H. Thorpe 2, S. Proctor (cond.) 3, R. Parker 4, F. Parsons 5, A. Ward 6, F. Proctor 7, H. R. Woods 8, T. Hall 9, W. Pacey 10. In memoriam W. G. Thorpe, who was a valuable member of St. Wulfram's band for many years and who died a year ago.

QUARTER PEALS

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, Miss B. Crossman (first 'inside') 2, S. Clark 3, L. Whitby 4, L. A. Cordell 5, W. Wheeler 6, E. Rochester 7, F. Hartman (cond.) 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Nov. 18th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: E. L. Taylor (first in method) 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell (first in method 'inside') 3, R. Keeley 4, H. G. Keeley 5, Canon C. C. Cox 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8.

PINNER, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Beeson 1, Miss V. Willard 2, J. R. Mayne 3, D. Burton 4, E. W. Thurlow 5, R. W. Wilkinson (cond.) 6, T. Collins 7, H. Sutcliffe 8. A farewell tribute to Miss V. Willard.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire and 720 Plain Bob): F. Galley (first quarter) 1, E. W. Roast 2, P. J. Came 3, E. G. Roast 4, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 5.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Eplett (first of Stedman Triples) 1, C. H. Drewett 2, Marion L. Lidgley 3, J. P. Blond 4, E. S. Seymour 5, H. C. Spencer 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, R. G. Clemens 8. Rung to mark the birth of a grand-daughter to P. R. C. Williams, captain of Redruth ringers.

RUISLIP, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss V. Willard 1, Miss B. Beeson 2, Mrs. E. Savory 3, G. M. Kilby 4, P. Thrift 5, W. Bunce (jun.) 6, Tom Collins (cond.) 7, W. Pichall 8. A birthday compliment to Prince Charles, and a farewell gesture to Miss Valerie Willard, who is leaving for Australia.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sidney Bull (first of Minor) 1, Hubert Kenyon 2, Joan Hills 3, Arthur Reeve 4, Arthur Howell (first as cond.) 5, Alex Hammond 6. Rung for Remembrance Sunday.

STANMORE, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Schofield (first quarter) 1, R. Stoddard 2, A. Wenban 3, E. C. S. Turner 4, H. Schofield (first 'inside') 5, C. Wenban 6, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 7, R. Lambert 8.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Spliced Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Minor: S. Saban 1, F. Blondell 2, W. Welling 3, K. Mackintosh 4, G. W. Morris 5, F. Blagrove (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Eve.

STAINES, MIDDLEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Harling 1, Mrs. D. E. Hiscock 2, W. C. Parker 3, J. Mitchelson 4, W. E. Butler 5, M. W. Harbott 6, W. A. Peck (cond.) 7, E. J. Greenough 8. Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Kensington.

TATTERSHALL, Lincs.—On Nov. 17th, 1,268 Plain Bob Minor: E. Flintham (first quarter) 1, J. R. Young 2, H. J. Yardley (first quarter of Minor) 3, A. Young 4, F. Bishop 5, L. H. Taylor (first quarter at cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Flintham on their wedding anniversary.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marion Skinner (first quarter) 1, C. Skinner 2, F. Brooks 3, Jean Horton 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, E. Foseberry (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Service.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each Place Bob, New, Stedman Slow Course, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse Bartholomew and 180 Grandsire): Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, W. G. Soar (cond.) 2, P. Marriott 3, T. J. Marriott 4, A. J. Marriott 5, W. Noble 6. First quarter in ten methods by all.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. H. May 1, F. Norrish 2, P. Mayne 3, W. H. Ware 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, E. Richards 6, J. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8. Rung for the civic Remembrance Day service.

TRENT, DORSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. A. Baker 1, H. J. Gaylard 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, C. Vowles 4, R. G. Field (cond.) 5. Rung in honour of Prince Charles' third birthday. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

VICTORIA, B.C.—On Oct. 21st, at Christ Church Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. V. Donaldson 1, Margaret Izard 2, G. White 3, D. Boniface 4, A. Izard 5, C. Millard 6, E. W. Izard (cond.) 7, T. Turner 8. Rung to welcome Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Eileen Sabin (first quarter) 1, R. G. Smith 2, P. Newing (R.A.F.) 3, S. H. Hoare 4, F. H. Crook 5, R. G. Bell (cond.) 6, G. W. Seaman 7, W. G. Paul 8.

WOOLWICH, S.E.18.—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Grove, jun., 1, A. Grove, sen., 2, R. Johnson 3, T. Culver 4, B. Aldridge (cond.) 5, C. Dann 6. Rung for civic service on Remembrance Day.

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SIXPENCE A ROPE

'I propose charging sixpence a rope for "The Ringing World" in all peals which I conduct until your financial difficulties are over,' writes a well-known conductor. Five other conductors took the same view this week. Thank you!

The opening of Liverpool Cathedral bells was described in the 'South Wales Evening Post' as follows:—'Big crowds lined the streets to see them drive to the Town Hall, and then the Cathedral, where new bulls were rung for the first time.' We now know why the representatives from St. Martin's, Birmingham, were invited. Their familiarity with the Bull Ring undoubtedly gave them added competence for the task in hand.

The Franklin memorial tablet is in Ecton Church and not Rushden, as stated in the report of the Peterborough Guild on page 730.

The Society of the Royal Cumberland Youths were invited to send a band for the opening of Liverpool Cathedral bells. Their inability to accept was much regretted.

The average age of the ringers in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at St. Donard's, Belfast, was 20. They believe they are the youngest band to ring a peal in Ireland.

After much striving in previous unsuccessful attempts, a peal of Duffield Royal has been rung at Derby. The band would like to know when the last peal of Royal in this method was rung.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Dallington, on November 11th, a peal of Doubles came to grief at the 41st 120 owing to a rope breaking. It was a five-method peal rung by the Sunday service band and conducted by Mr. Eric Nobles.

Friends in the Chester Guild of John and David Boutland will be pleased to learn that they are happy in their new Australian home. Mr. W. Smith, formerly of Long Clavison, Leicestershire, and now at 21, Merrivale Road, Pymble, Sydney, sends us news of their ringing at Parramatta and Turramurra.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Mr. W. H. Hewett has, with a peal on November 17th, rung Cambridge Major, Royal and Maximus on the bells of Waltham Abbey. This feat has also been shared by Mr. Reuben Sanders, now 77 years of age, who has rung the series from the 38½ cwt. tenor.

Mr. A. Waddington has written 'Beginner's Grandsire,' a handy booklet, for the Maidstone District.

The late Mr. Tom Groombridge was a member of the committee of the Kent County Association until his death. He attended at Rochester on April 10th, 1950, for the last time.

The peal at Macclesfield on November 5th published in our last issue, was Stedman Triples (Heywood's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part) and not Grandsire Triples. The error is regretted.

Mr. E. L. Humphriss, who trained the Liverpool Cathedral Cross ringers writes: 'My luck in never having a learner break or damage himself or a bell fitting of any sort still holds. I seem to have done nothing but teach people to ring since 1922.'

The attempt for a peal of Cambridge Major on the back eight at Wells Cathedral on November 17th was lost after 3½ hours with only four courses to ring. The ringers were:—Jack Mus-sell 1, Mrs. F. L. Harris 2, Frederick Savage 3, Reginald W. Rex 4, Roger O. Fry 5, Ronald N. Marlow 6, Frank L. Harris (conductor) 7, A. Patrick Cannon 8. (Tenor 56½ cwt.)

'Dumb-bell' in extending his congratulations to Mr. W. H. Duncombe on scoring his first peal of London Surprise in a record length for the Leicester Diocese, adds: 'I remember Mr. C. R. Belton, of Barwell, persevering with W. H. when more learned members of the world of ringing vowed that it was a waste of time. Another proof that patience is a virtue.'

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THE LIVERPOOL BROADCAST

Descriptive Story of the First Sounding of the Bells

The following descriptive account which was published in the 'Liverpool Daily Echo' gives a vivid pen picture of what took place when the Cathedral bells were first rung by the Liverpool Cathedral Cross Guild.

'The older ringers, assembled by the Ringing Master (Mr. George R. Newton, who has himself been ringing for half a century), were all men with not less than 30 years' belfry experience and they watched the boys with expert but benevolent eyes.

'The signal from the royal dais was sent by "walkie-talkie" radio to Artillery N.C.O.'s with a receiver up in the ringing chamber, close to the boys at the ropes.

'At once the youths ran their hands high up the ropes and all gave a pull together, thus producing an effect known to bell-ringers as "firing," which produces a cascade of merry sound, which came to those in the ringing chamber as a joyful sound mellowed by its distance above their heads and the muffling of the great damper chamber.

'The continued for a minute or two and then the boys dropped the ropes, sprang aside, and their places were taken by the more matured team who were to take on duty in their place.

'The team of 15 ringers specially chosen by Mr. Newton to follow the lads included a University lecturer, two police officers, two company directors, a joiner, a gardener, a chemist and a commercial traveller.

'The Princess and the Duke listened to the bells for over two minutes. When the bells stopped they left the dais and returned to the royal car. As they slowly drove away the bells rang out again.'

The Liverpool Cathedral Cross Guild ringers who were responsible for the first, 'the Short Touch,' on the bells were Roy Brennan, David Craine, Kelvin Lavelle, Donald Gadsby, John Elsworth, Roland Eveleigh and Peter Smith.

Women and Liverpool Cathedral

Dear Sir,—In the account of the ringing of Liverpool Cathedral bells following the dedication ceremony on November 17th it is stated that 'the Dean had ordered that no woman should be allowed in the tower because of its unfinished state, the tower being still in the hands of the builders.'

It is difficult to understand the reason for this decision, which seems to imply that it is safe for men to enter the tower, but unsafe for women. I wonder how many readers have gained the impression that it is in fact due to a feeling of prejudice on the part of the Cathedral authorities against women joining in this service for the Church.

No listener outside a tower could tell whether the bells were rung by men or by women; he could recognise only the standard of ringing. That a certain standard of ability should be demanded by ringers of the Cathedral bells is understandable.

Would it not help to clear a certain amount of misunderstanding if a fuller explanation regarding the exclusion of women from the tower could be given? I cannot believe that the discrimination rests solely on prejudice, which would be contrary to the very spirit of Christian teaching.—Yours faithfully,

CECILY C. ROBERTS.

An Opinion From York Minster

Dear Sir,—For some reason unknown to me my Society was not invited to be represented at the rededication of Liverpool Cathedral bells. This was rather surprising seeing that at York we had the third heaviest ring of twelve in the country and a twelve-bell history dating back to 1665. However, a letter to the Dean of Liverpool brought back a very nice reply and a ticket for admittance to the ringing chamber.

Twenty-five years ago I travelled to York to be present at the dedication and remember what a thrill I got when the bells rang out for the first time. What a marvellous crescendo of sound it was with the tenors doing full justice to a grand ring of bells. I went to Liverpool with the full expectation of getting an even greater thrill, but after waiting outside the Cathedral with what patience I could muster came the anti-climax. The light eight were 'fired'! I was very disappointed as, I imagine, were all ringers listening to the broadcast.

Then came rounds on the twelve. The front eight rang out loud and clear but the four tenors were so subdued as to be very difficult to hear. Again I was disappointed.

Up in the ringing chamber the sound of the bells was no better than outside but no doubt the founders will do something about the tenors in due course. The 'go' of the bells left nothing to be desired; I rang the eleventh (53 cwt. in B flat) and thought it went as well as York tenor.

Coming home by train I was joined in the compartment at Leeds by Monty Hind, the well-known broadcaster on Yorkshire dialect and railway subjects, and he told me he had heard the broadcast and thought the bells sounded very nice. Arriving home, my wife, who comes of Liverpool stock, greeted me with 'I hope you weren't ringing when the Liverpool bells were broadcast. It was an awful row.' This morning, waiting to go up to the tower, a lady who was coming from the early celebration asked if I had heard the broadcast, and remarked, 'The ringing was terrible.' So there you have three unsolicited opinions from non-ringers, and one wonders what their Royal Highnesses thought about it.

In conclusion, I wish the newly-formed Liverpool Cross Guild Ringers every success in their future activities and hope they are allowed to ring their bells every Sunday. If at any time they care to visit York and try their luck on the finest ring of twelve in the country I shall be only too happy to make the arrangements.—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD WALKER,

President, York Minster Society of Change Ringers.

NOTE.—Our report last week explained that the founders had no previous opportunity of hearing the tenors. Adjustments are to be made to enable their full glory to be heard.—ED.

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QUEEN MEETS MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL RINGERS

November 17th will be long remembered by the ringers at Manchester Cathedral, when the Chapel of the Manchester Regiment was dedicated in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen.

After the service the bells were rung whilst Her Majesty inspected the progress of the restoration of the war-damaged Cathedral.

Descending from the tower and expecting to find the ceremony over, the ringers were surprised to learn that the Queen was still in the Cathedral. Her Majesty was then being escorted towards the door to her car. The Dean saw the ringers below the tower. He then, contrary to all their expectations, led the Queen towards them and said, 'And here, Your Majesty, are my bellringers.'

Her Majesty shook hands with Mr. A. Ridyard, the leader, and rather surprised the band by asking some interesting questions regarding bells and ringing.

Then came a most delightful surprise. The Dean said to the Queen, 'I would like to present my lady bellringer,' and asked Miss Mary Walshaw to come forward. Miss Walshaw is to be complimented on the way she curtsied and chatted to the Queen. Her Majesty was delighted to hear all about the Ladies' Guild. As the Queen left, she said the bells sounded beautiful and thanked the company for ringing.

'She is certainly a very gracious lady,' comments our Manchester correspondent.

WEDDING

MR. G. H. BOOKER—MISS A. ABRAHAM

Many ringers attended the wedding at St. Michael's, Aughton, Lancs, on November 10th, of Miss Annie Abraham, a ringer and member of the choir, to Mr. G. H. Booker, of York-shire.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a blue two-piece costume. A guard of honour was formed by members of the choir as the bride and bridegroom left the church, while the bells rang out merrily.

At the reception the bride took part in hand-bell ringing with Miss H. Winter and Mr. R. Larkey. The honeymoon is being spent in Scotland.

RINGER'S NOTEBOOK & DIARY

The happy inspiration of Mr. W. Viggers and Mr. M. Hodgson to produce the Ringer's Notebook and Diary, now in its third year of publication, has provided the Exercise with a dual purpose pocket book. It provides that mass of technical details which can be easily found and consulted on any of those emergency occasions that occur in a ringer's travels and also the means of compiling personal records.

The experience gained by previous publications has enabled the publishers to produce a really attractive issue for 1952 which, while following the basic lines of other Ringer's Notebooks and Diaries, has been brought up-to-date.

The Diary is now ready. It can be obtained in two qualities:—Waterproof rexine, 5s. 6d., and best quality leather, 7s., from W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot.

RAILWAYMEN'S PEAL ?

Dear Sir,—During the last few months there has been quite a lot of letters in the Southern Region edition of 'The British Railways Magazine' about bellringing.

The outcome of this is that it is hoped that in the near future a peal can be attempted by a band of railwaymen. Anyone interested?—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. A. BASSETT.

3. Pendrill Place,
Wadhurst, Tunbridge Wells.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Doubles, being 360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 120 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob, 120 April Day, 180 Grand-sire: A. R. Agg 1, H. Wilson 2, J. A. Haile 3, S. Richardson 4, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 5.

WITHERLEY, LEICS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. H. Wilson (first quarter) 1, D. K. Lane 2, B. R. Cummings 3, W. G. Lane 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INSTRUCTION

Dear Sir,—May I heartily endorse J. T. D.'s remarks in your 'leader' of Nov. 16th? Obviously he belongs to 'the old school' for he doesn't hesitate to hurt those who can be hurt, whilst leaving untouched those who by their self-complacent and self-righteous attitude can never be touched by mere words. If we are honest with ourselves and do a little bit of personal examination where J. T. D. suggests, i.e., our striking, our behaviour in respect of others in the belfry, we shall see that only good can come from such honest, sound and constructive criticism that is offered. Be sure of this: others see in us our behaviour, our striking, the type of person who taught us.

RICHARD V. FULLER.

Farnham, Surrey

PULLING UP THE TENOR

Dear Sir,—Our bells are usually left up; only the treble and tenor being lowered; the tenor weighs 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. When these two bells are raised on Sunday morning or practice night, the tenor is sometimes raised single-handed and sometimes 'doubled up.'

On a recent evening it was raised single-handed and, observing the gusto with which the raiser set about it, I counted the number of pulls. I did not count the number of pulls at handstroke which, of course, were optional and very few, but the number of pulls on the tail end of backstroke was 23. To be more explicit, the bell was raised and set single handed, clapping right, with only 23 swings in one direction and 22 in the other.

I think that was a good performance and probably near the verge of what is possible single handed. It would be nice to know what accomplished ringers think.

If someone will cut something off our friend's pulls, say raise a bell known to exceed 25½ cwt with less than 20 pulls, he will be remembered for quite a long time, I feel sure of that.—Yours faithfully,

R. ALSOP

Ebbw Vale, Mon.

SENNEB BELLS

Dear Sir,—The statement in your issue of October 26th that Sennen bells have been silent for about 25 years is not strictly correct. In 1938 a band of holiday makers—Mr. and Mrs. W. Hibbert, Mr. S. C. Davis, my father and myself—visited the tower and rang some Grand-sire Doubles on the bells. Our efforts were very much appreciated by some of the villagers who were delighted to hear the sound of their bells.

I cannot now recall anything about their tone or 'go,' but I believe the tenor was cracked.—Yours faithfully,

E. J. TAYLOR.

Tiverton.

IN SOMERSET COUNTY LIBRARY

Dear Sir,—I beg to state that the following books are now in the Somerset County Library, Mount Street, Bridgwater:—

Ellacombe's 'Bells of Somerset': 'Church Bells of England' (Walters); 'Bells Through the Ages' (Nichols); 'Bells of the Isle' (Bob Major); 'Bellringer's Guide' (Dove); 'Ringer's Handbook' (Powell); 'Troyte's Handbook'; 'Ropesight', 1950; 'Grandsire', 1948; 'Stedman', 1938; 'Standard Methods'—Letterpress, 1949; Diagrams, 1947.

It was a difficult matter to get the above in the Library. Now they are there, I trust the ringers of Somerset will do their best to use them and by so doing we may get more ringing literature in the above Library.—Yours faithfully,

B. T. JEANES

Bridgwater

RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT

15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Dear Sir,—It is proposed to attempt 15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal on Saturday, December 15th, 1951, at the Church of St. Mark, Worsley, Lancs. Following is the composition:

15,480 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

By T. B. WORSLEY

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524367 2 —

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26543 — —

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35264 — 3 3

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23456 3 2 2 3

Yours faithfully,

JOHN WORTH.

Macclesfield.

BELL ROPE REPLACEMENTS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Newman, in his letter, has put his finger on something which peal ringers in these days must face up to, viz., the wear and tear of ropes, and be prepared to make some contribution towards either their repair or renewal.

I am able to speak with authority on this subject, having been for 19 years in charge of a tower in which 240 peals have been rung over that period.

Until 1939 there was no anxiety about repairs or renewals because a memorial to my father provided us with £1 per annum, representing practically one new rope a year.

Not only was this sufficient for our own needs but I was able to help other towers in the vicinity with ropes which we discarded on the first sign of wear, but with ropes now costing nearly £4 each, and the quality not as good (this is no reflection on the manufacturers who cannot help themselves), this is no longer possible.

We are all allowed some 25 peal attempts in a year and take advantage of perhaps 20 of them, consequently, since the war, even with our £1 from the fund, rope maintenance has created a problem.

Some two years ago, on the suggestion of Mr. Corby, a contribution of threepence per head, after a successful peal, towards repair was instituted and, with one exception, has been loyally accepted.—Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford.

SILENT PEALS

At the Cumberlands' annual dinner a speaker made mention of some silent peals as rung by Leicester ringers. Like Mr. A. H. Pulling, I have been waiting to hear or read something in reply by any member of those bands who took part in them but no reply has yet been received. What I wish to inform you is that no member of the Leicester Cathedral Society took part in this ringing, neither was the ringing rung on account of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. If any other Leicester ringers did take part, I do not remember.—Yours faithfully,

F. H. DEXTER.

Leicester.

BUXHALL BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I venture to bring before your readers some interesting historical facts and an appeal relating to the bells at Buxhall, Suffolk?

Bells have hung in our tower for at least four centuries and the oak frame placed there in 1550 is still in position. Our treble, 2 and 3, the work of the Thetford founder, John Draper, are dated 1632, 1632 and 1635 respectively, the treble and second both being made from a much more ancient bell of about 12 cwt. which was broken up for the purpose. The fourth was added in 1698, being cast by Charles Newman, at Blakeney, Norfolk, and our tenor was the work of the famous Sudbury founder, Thomas Gardiner, in 1739 (perhaps a recast). On the wall of our ringing chamber is scratched a section of a change-ringing chart. These scratchings dating as they do around 1700, are thought to be amongst the earliest evidence of change ringing in the country. It is a matter of historic interest that our bells are amongst the first on which change ringing was introduced.

A recent inspection by a firm of bellfounders has revealed that the tenor is badly cracked in three places, the frame is badly rotted and all the fittings are worn out. They warn us that to risk further ringing until a complete restoration has been effected may well involve very serious damage and even loss of life.

Unfortunately, a sum of £1,000 is involved in this work of restoration and our small village of 450 souls can hardly bear the burden alone. May we hope that some of your readers will be sufficiently interested in the preservation and restoration of our historic bells to send us what help they can?

Contributions will be most gratefully received and acknowledged by our Restoration Fund treasurer, Lt.-Col. J. E. B. Freeman, Buxhall Vale, Stowmarket.—Yours faithfully,

C. N. KENDALL.

Buxhall Rectory,
Stowmarket.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES AT WOOLWICH

Dear Sir,—The peal of Doubles rung at Woolwich on October 27th is unique in several respects. It was intended to be rung as a peal of welcome to H.R.H. Princess Margaret, as she entered the Borough to open the Woolwich Festival Week and Exhibition on October 20th but owing to unforeseen circumstances and sickness this was not possible. However, it was rung as a thanksgiving and commemoration peal on the following Saturday, before the Festival Week closed, by the local Sunday service band.

The first peal rung in this tower, after the bells had been rehung in a new frame, was one of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's Bob and Single), which was conducted by the late W. G. Grove, in 1894.

It is assumed that the band which rang that peal was the local Sunday service band. There is no record of a 'local' peal since then. There are many, however, which have been rung with assistance from neighbouring towers and also peals rung by visiting bands with, and without, one or two local ringers, 'standing in.'

It would appear, therefore, that we can claim this peal of October 27th to be the first peal at Woolwich to be rung by the local Sunday service band for well over 50 years.

Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, has a long memory, and no doubt remembers the Woolwich band of the '90's and the turn of the century very well, so perhaps he can substantiate or deny this claim.

It is interesting to note also that there is no record of a peal of Doubles or Minor ever being rung on the bells.

Can we claim, also, this peal to be the first six-bell peal to be rung in this tower?—Yours sincerely,

A. GROVE SEN.

Abbey Road, S.E.2.

THREE DEDICATIONS

SPARSHOLT, HAMPSHIRE

Sunday, November 18th, was a red-letter day for the Vicar, parishioners and ringers of St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt, Hampshire: in particular for the captain of the local band, Mr. T. R. West. At evensong the new tenor bell was rededicated by the Vicar, the Rev. W. D. Naundrell. After the second lesson the Vicar, churchwarden and choir went in procession to the belfry which is on the ground floor; here the prayers of dedication were said by the Vicar, and as the procession returned to the chancel the mellow tones of the new tenor were heard in the opening rounds rung by A. Golding 1. M. J. Brown 2. T. R. West 3. P. N. Bond 4. T. L. West 5.

In his address, the Vicar gave an interesting history of the 700-year-old church and its bells. In 1742 there were four bells in the tower; one of those cast in that year, the present second, is still in use. The third and fourth were recast in 1905, when a treble was added to complete, the present ring of five, and the prayers used at the dedication of the new tenor that evening were also used at the 1905 dedication. The Vicar stressed the point that money raised for the restoration of a church or for new bells was for the enrichment, to the greater glory of God, of a beautiful, old, material building, a great heritage for the parish; but that building was not merely a museum piece but the centre, in the parish, of the church, whose aim was to build a spiritual temple, not made with hands.

Besides a good muster of the local band, ringers from Winchester Cathedral and St. Maurice's were also present. After the service a quarter peal of Grandire Doubles was rung by four members of St. Maurice's band and one local ringer.

Lack of funds would not admit rehanging, but the frame has been tightened and strengthened by Mr. R. Smith, of Wonston, and the bells now 'go' like the proverbial tops. All agreed that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had made a grand job of the new bell, which now weighs 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Of the £124 required for the work, about £100 has been raised by local effort; the local captain, Mr. T. R. West, made a grand contribution towards the fund by personal canvassing! Should any ringer wish to contribute towards the outstanding balance, Mr. West would be pleased to receive contributions at Crab Wood, Sparsholt, near Winchester, Hants. P. N. B.

HEMSWORTH, YORKS

When a new clock was installed in the tower of Hemsworth Church, near Pontefract, to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of 1935, provision was made for the subsequent addition of chimers as there were then only three bells in the tower. Sixteen years elapsed before the envisaged ring of bells could be installed, and on Sunday morning, October 28th, the Bishop of Pontefract visited this mining village in South Yorkshire to dedicate a number of gifts. These included a new organ, an altar frontal, a ring of eight bells and electrically-driven Westminster chimers.

Of the three old bells, the 18th century treble has been recast, the two 500-year-old bells tuned to become the new seventh and tenor, and five new bells added by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who have produced a particularly handy and tuneful little eight with a tenor of only 7 cwt., rung from the ground floor. Hemsworth thus possesses the lightest ring of eight in Yorkshire, and the local company includes some promising youngsters of both sexes.

The opening ringing was carried out by local recruits who were joined by Mr. R. H. Dove (representing Messrs. Potts, of Leeds, the makers of the clock), while after evensong the company from St. Giles', Pontefract, rang a quarter peal of Bob Major.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS

The bells of St. Michael's Church, Highworth, Wilts, were rededicated by the Bishop of Malmesbury on November 17th. The second, third and tenor have been recast and the eight bells rehung in a new frame by John Taylor and Co., who were represented at the opening by Mr. John P. Fidler.

The Bishop, in his address, deprecated the modern tendency to replace bells with gramophone apparatus and hoped those in authority would take steps to prevent the easy way of avoiding the sacrifices and efforts necessary for the installation of real bells. A feature of the service was an anthem by the choir 'Ring Highworth bells, across the sky,' the words and music being composed by the organist, Mr. G. H. Harris.

The opening rounds following the dedication were rung by the local band and the bells were later open to visiting ringers, and various methods were rung by members of the Swindon and Vale of White Horse branches. The local ringers were also given a good drilling in round ringing.

The new tenor weighs 18 cwt. 2 lb. and Highworth now possesses a good eight in which old and new blend well to form a harmonious ring.

THE INSCRIPTIONS

Treble.—Cantato Domino Canticum Novum. 1689.

2nd.—Henricus Bagley Me Fecit. 1689. Recast 1951.

3rd.—Henry Bagley Made Mee. 1689. Recast 1951.

4th.—William Haggard & James Saunders, C. Wardens. R. Wells of Alborne Fecit. 1766. This bell recast 1898. Thomas Charles Master (Vicar). Thomas R. Ellwell, James J. Powell, Churchwardens.

5th.—Hump. Marsh. James Derby. Moses Akerman, Ch. Wardens. A.R. 1717. This bell recast 1898. Francis Charles Master (Vicar). Robert R. Elwel, James J. Powell, Churchwardens.

6th.—Henry Bagley Made Mee. 1689.

7th.—John Freeman, Thomas Hulls, Richard Humphrys, John Brind, Churchwardens. 1689.

Tenor (18 cwt.).—

Come when I call Make no delay.

To serve God all kneel down and pray.

A.R. 1718.

To the glory of God and Memory of Revd. John Sloper of West Woodhay, Berks 1798-1877. This bell was recast by his son G. D. Sloper. 1898.

This ring of bells was rehung and restored by John Warner and Sons, Ltd., London, 1898; again by John Taylor and Co., 1951. Recast 1951.

The 2nd, 3rd and tenor were recast, the peal retuned and rehung in a new frame by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1951.

F. R. Webb, M.A., Vicar.

Sir Noel Arkell.

Arnold W. Rees.

Churchwardens.

W. B. K.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Nov. 10th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. E. L. Fisher (first quarter) 1. L. Woodburn 2. W. Martin 3. H. Hill 4. H. V. Rowley 5. S. A. Martin (cond.) 6.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's, on Nov. 11th. 1,260 Grandire Triples: P. Whittell 1. K. Whittell 2. E. Blomfield 3. C. Woodard 4. J. Munnings 5. S. Arbon (cond.) 6. C. Woodcock 7. F. Kinsey 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On Nov. 11th. 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Kent and Plain Bob): D. W. Harding 1. Miss M. Gregory 2. W. G. Paternoster 3. E. E. Tidy 4. G. W. Tooth 5. L. A. Tidy (cond.) 6.

HAROLD PAILING MEMORIAL FUND

Dear Sir,—The response to the memorial fund sponsored by this Guild has been good and I append a list of subscribers to date.

The tragedy at Daybrook shocked the Exercise and much sympathy has been extended to the widow and two young sons.

Here is a chance for the fraternity to help the bereaved in a practical manner as the proceeds of the fund are to be handed to Mrs. Pailing.

There must be many ringers throughout the country who would like to contribute a little to this very worthy cause before the list is closed.

If anyone cares to make a donation to the fund, it can be sent to me as one of the joint treasurer.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. RAITHBY.

Hon. General Secretary,
Southwell Diocesan
Guild of Changeringers

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RINGERS' FORM OF SERVICE

Mr. G. Sidney Joyce informs us that the new form of service for use at ringers' meetings of the Guildford Guild and the Norwich Association will be 'tried out' at the Farnham District meeting at Aldershot on December 8th. (See Notice in this issue.)

All ringers are welcomed to the service and to the tea. A business meeting will follow at which the service will be discussed.

If general approval is forthcoming it is hoped to complete the printing order by the end of the year. This is being handled by Mr. W. Viggers on a non-profit basis.

Mr. G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants, is prepared to send a draft copy of the service to any Guild interested, after the Aldershot meeting, upon receipt of S.A.E. (postage 3d.). The desirability of Guilds joining the Norwich and Guildford Guilds, so as to reduce printing costs, was mentioned by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow at the last Central Council meeting, and is to be commended.

THE LADIES' GUILD Yorkshire District

The quarterly meeting of the Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Horbury, Wakefield, on November 10th. Lady ringers were present from Armley, Leeds Parish Church, Wakefield Cathedral, Crofton, East Ardsley, Sandal, Horbury and Handsworth, Sheffield.

Good use was made of the bells from 3 p.m. and an excellent tea was enjoyed, thanks to the arrangements of Mr. E. Atkinson. Two new members were elected to the Guild.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Western Division at Chichester**

A record attendance of 70, representing 19 towers, was established at a quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association at Chichester on November 17th.

The campanile was opened for ringing at 2.30, and at 4.15 the Association's form of service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Chichester (the Ven. Lancelot Mason) in the Cathedral. Singing was led by a men's choir and a ladies' choir of Bishop Otter College students and included an anthem. Mr. G. R. H. Smith was at the organ.

Tea followed in the Y.W.C.A. Hall. The business meeting was presided over by the Master (Mr. G. W. Cecil), whose attendance was appreciated. The meeting welcomed the affiliation to the Association of the tower of Westbourne, where a youthful band is making steady progress, and 17 other ringers became members.

It was agreed to support a request from the East Grinstead and District Guild to change the meeting Saturday with the Southern Division and to seek the A.G.M.'s sanction.

A programme of meetings for 1952 was approved, to include a dinner at Arundel in February. Half a guinea was voted to 'The Ringing World' to help in its present difficulty, and in case any in the Division had overlooked to forward the additional postage—though not to excuse them from doing so now.

Thanks were returned to the many who had helped in making the meeting so successful, in particular the local band. Ringing was resumed until 8.15.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**East Norfolk Branch**

The first meeting of the Association to be held at Catfield was held on November 10th and the visit was much appreciated by the Rector and the local band, who have just started to learn to ring. It was an occasion for much photographing by the local Press.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Wake, and a company of 35 sat down to tea. Business transacted at the meeting included the selection of Gorleston, if possible, for the annual meeting on February 16th. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and to Mr. Peter Nicholson for arranging the tea with the help of the Mothers' Union. Handbell ringing by members of the Association, tune ringing by the Catfield band and more ringing at the tower concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD**Launceston Branch**

The autumn festival and annual meeting of the Launceston Branch was held at St. Stephen's, Launceston, on November 3rd, and was attended by 60 ringers representing seven towers. The town's bells—St. Stephen's (8), St. Mary's (8) and St. Thomas's (6)—were rung during the afternoon and evening. It was a delight to see 13 ringers arrive from the other end of the Diocese, including the president (Miss E. Symons), the Ringing Master (Mr. W. H. Southard), the secretary (the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella) and the treasurer (Mr. S. Robinson). The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. P. W. Gendall, who also gave the address. The lessons were read by the former Branch secretary, Mr. E. R. Ransom.

Tea was served in the Church Hall. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and his helpers, including the hon. secretary, for making all the arrangements.

The business meeting followed. The statement of accounts showed a balance of £14 17s. 8d. All the returning officers were re-elected and thanks accorded for their past services, with best wishes for their success in the coming year.

It was agreed to donate £2 to the North Petherwyn Bell Fund. This small parish needs £1,000 to rehang the six bells and for work on the tower and any donations will be gratefully received by the Vicar, the Rev. S. T. Craddock, The Vicarage, North Petherwyn, Launceston.

Ringing, which included some well-struck Grandsire and call changes, was kept going until 9 p.m.

MEMORIES REVIVED AT PRESTON, SUFFOLK

The St. Mary's Ringers, Preston, spent an enjoyable evening on November 10th when they met at church for a special practice. Methods rung were Plain and Little Bob, Kent and Oxford, Reverse Bob, Cambridge and 'Little Kent'!

Afterwards the party adjourned to the 'Six Bells' inn and sat down to a sausage supper which was followed by musical items including several old airs by Mr. S. H. Symonds, of Lavenham, on his miniature bells, gramophone records of Lavenham bells, Plain Bob Minor on the piano and touches on the handbells.

Mr. F. Day, captain of St. Mary's ringers, thanked his company for their loyalty, and Mr. Symonds for all his past help.

In responding, the latter said that he and another hon. member present, Mr. T. Hollocks, could between them claim over 100 years' connection with St. Mary's. He also mentioned that five generations of the Symonds family (Jesse, Henry, Arthur, Stedman and Dennis) had helped to ring St. Mary's bells for well-nigh 130 years. 'Time, gents, please' then put paid to a very happy gathering.

MINIMUM CALLS

Dear Sir,—I noted with interest Mr. Hodgson's observation on B. D. Price's letter that 14 is the least number of calls in a 720 of Plain Bob Minor.

As I was reading an 1854 edition of Mr. H. Hubbard's 'Elements of Campanologia' I came across two such two-part 720's. The calling of one has already been supplied, the other I give below. According to Mr. Hubbard, they came from the collection of Mr. H. F. Wood, former secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths.—Yours faithfully,

MAX B. PAGE.

Ipswich.

S 24356
— 32456
S 23564
— 52364
S 53264
— 25364
— 43256

To be repeated.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,' December 1st, 1911
MR. E. PYE AND HIS 800 PEALS

A record of 800 peals is really a wonderful performance and members of the Exercise will join in congratulating Mr. Ernest Pye upon reaching a total which only three other ringers have equalled (the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Messrs. W. Pye and G. Williams). Singularly endowed with gifts as an exponent of our noble art, Mr. Pye comes of a ringing family whose fame is known throughout the Exercise. One has only to ring in peals with him to appreciate his great skill, both in the handling of a bell and in the ringing of a method, however complex. Indeed, even that is hardly necessary, for his list of peals is an eloquent tribute to his remarkable ability. As an all-round ringer and striker, Mr. Pye is the personification of perfection and is equally at home from treble to tenor on eight, ten or twelve bells. Of more than average height, he is blessed with abundant muscular strength, but he rings a bell without any apparent effort. He has a perfect style in handling a rope which is delightful to watch and which many of the present generation would do well to copy. One of the most memorable peals he ever took part in was the Stedman Caters at Exeter Cathedral, when he rang the ninth, and his brother William the tenor, single-handed. The previous day Ernest was so ill that he had to go to bed and was unable to take any food. Curiously enough, he has never taken calling very seriously, but he can always be depended upon to call a peal if required, while, in rectifying mistakes in any method on eight, ten or twelve bells, his equals could easily be counted on the fingers of one hand.

[Before his sudden death in December, 1915, at the age of 39, Ernest Pye had rung 1,007 peals. Some competent judges have expressed the view that he was, if anything, a more gifted all-round ringer than his famous brother William.]

HIS 129th LEICESTERSHIRE TOWER

After waiting well over 30 years, Mr. Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, scored a peal at Prestwold, near Loughborough. This very fine little church is situate in the grounds of a private estate, and although shortly after the bells were increased to eight in 1891 several peals were rung there, for the last 40 years they have not been available for peals and only on most rare occasions for meetings.

However, on November 18th permission was granted and the Copt Oak 'multi-method' boys with Arthur Rowley and Ernest assembled for a peal of Spliced Major.

It was not without its incidents, for apart from transport, the tower is without lights of any kind. 'Bill' Hall met Ernest at Loughborough and after taking his hat off and doubling him up to the accompaniment of many grunts and groans, got him tucked away in his side-car, and with 'Sam' on the back, whisked them off in quick time. Passing through the Hall grounds carriageway, deeply embedded with autumn leaves, they arrived at the precise time that the rest of the band got there with a paraffin lamp and sundry storm lanterns to light the ringing room.

The bells are not ideal for hearing and the weird lights and shadows did not tend to make things easy. The treble rope had a permanent tuck in it so John was detailed, as the tallest member of the band, to ring it, and even so he had to stand on a straw kneeler. The third also had a tuck back right up to the sally and Ernest had that.

After an hour, 'Spliced' Major did not go. As time was limited it was decided to trot out the 'old faithful' and a good peal of Grandsire Triples resulted. Thus Ernest Morris scores his 129th tower in the Leicester Diocese and 128th tower in Leicestershire for peals of 5,000 and upwards.

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SPLICING PLAIN & LITTLE BOB TO ADVANTAGE

By NORMAN CHADDOCK

THOUGH Treble Bob Major is a useful stepping stone to Surprise, it is often looked on with disfavour for service ringing because of its long courses, poor music when 7 or 8 is in slow, and the limited number of short touches available.

Little Bob Major has none of these faults and is more musical than Plain Bob because of the dodging hunt above 4ths and the short courses (56 changes).

Increased interest and good music can be obtained by splicing Plain Bob and Little Bob together, and any touch suitable for Plain Bob and Little Bob may be rung spliced. If such touches have bobs at W, M and H only, it is best to go off Plain Bob from rounds, change to Little Bob at the first lead end (wrong position) and back to Plain Bob at the following lead end (middle position) which brings the course-end up (home position) at the next lead end, thus giving three lead courses of 40 changes. The change of method is called immediately after the lead end.

When changing from Little Bob to Plain, it is only necessary to remember what dodge you have just done, and do the next Plain Bob dodge in the normal sequence or, alternatively, use treble as a guide.

When changing from Plain Bob to Little Bob the work is easily picked up. Remember that if you strike treble in 4ths on your way down you go straight in to lead; otherwise dodge 3-4 down.

Another advantage of splicing Plain and Little Bob is that touches designed to produce special musical qualities may be shortened by inserting leads of Little Bob to bring up more quickly the next position at which there is a call.

The following touch of Plain Bob Major containing Queen's and Whittington's may be shortened from 480 changes to 200 changes by ringing Little Bob where shown:—

480 PLAIN BOB MAJOR					
23456	W	5ths	B	IN	M H
23564	—	—	—	—	—
2753468	—	—	—	—	—
35724	S	—	—	—	S
2345678	S	S	—	—	—

Same touch rung as Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major:—

200 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR					
23456	W	5ths	B	IN	M H
-----	—	—	—	—	—
2753468	—	—	—	—	—
3572	S	—	—	—	S
2345678	S	S	—	—	—

* The changes of method cut out this course end.

In detail, the above touch is as follows:—
Go Plain, call bob **Wrong**, change to Little. (two leads), call bob **Before**, change to Plain (one lead), change to Little, call bob **5ths**; one more lead of Little brings up course end (2753468). Ring next course P.L.P. calling **Singles W and H**, brings up Queen's (3572468). Continue ringing Plain calling **Singles W and 5ths**, change to Little (two leads), call bob **IN**, change to Plain Bob calling bob **Middle** which puts bells in the Plain Course.

In Minor, changes of method may be arranged according to taste, but if the three lead course plan is used (32 changes per course), calls at W and H only are possible. Nevertheless several easy extents of 384 changes are possible.

Peals of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major. Royal or Maximus are available and Major.

particularly, calls for no mean ability on the part of the conductor.

For those who may be unfamiliar with Little Bob, the method is Plain Bob below 4ths and Treble Bob above. Treble Plain hunts to 4ths and back and bobs are as Plain Bob. The Ringer's Note Book and Diary contains the method, and a variety of touches.

5,088 SPLICED CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE, YORKSHIRE, PUDSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE, PAINSWICK AND ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT

23456	B	W	H	
45236	—	—	—	CC Pa C A Y C
24536	—	—	—	Y Pa Pu Pa C Pa S (1)
52436	—	—	—	S Pu Y C L C Y
43526	—	—	—	Pa Pu L Pu Pu L L (2)
54326	—	—	—	Pa L C L L C Y
35426	—	—	—	C Y A S Pa S Pu
35264	X	—	—	L L Pa S
23564	—	—	—	C S S Y S Pu S (3)
56234	—	—	—	C A A A A Y C
25634	—	—	—	As (1)
62534	—	—	—	Pu Pu Y C L C Y
53624	—	—	—	As (2)
65324	—	—	—	Pa L C L Y A A
36524	—	—	—	C Y A S Pa Pa Pa
36245	X	—	—	A L L S
23645	—	—	—	As (3)

Repeat the last eight courses.

This peal contains 864 changes of Cambridge. 800 Lincolnshire, 768 Painswick, 736 Superlative, 672 each Yorkshire and Pudsey, and 576 Aldenham, with 129 changes of method.

The first seven-method peal published with all bells doing all the work

MR. F. E. DUKES' FIRST 100 IN IRELAND

To ring his first 100 peals for the Irish Association, Mr F. E. Dukes, secretary of the Irish Association, travelled 15,800 miles, an average of 158 miles per peal. On one occasion he cycled 110 miles to call a peal at Arklow and on another occasion returned home by a cattle special train arriving at 3 a.m.

His first peal was rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, on August 1st, 1938, and his 100th on October 27th, 1951 at St. Macartan's Cathedral, Enniskillen. He is the first to ring 100 peals in Ireland. His list is appended:—

Doubles.—Tower bells: Grandsire 7 (cond. 7), Two methods 1 (1); total 8 (8). Handbells: Grandsire 12 (9), Plain Bob 6 (4), St. Colum 1 (1), Stedman 1 (1), Two methods 7 (5), Three methods 4 (4), Four methods 2 (1), Five methods 2 (2), Six methods 1 (1), Seven methods 1 (1), Eight methods 1 (1), Nine methods 1 (1), Ten methods 1 (1); total 40 (31).

Minor.—Tower bells: Plain Bob 3 (1), Seven methods 1; total 4 (1). Handbells: Plain Bob 9 (4), Reverse Canterbury Pleasure 2 (2), St. Clements 2 (2), Kent Treble Bob 1, Two methods 2 (1), Three methods 4 (2) Four methods 2 (1), Five methods 1; total 23 (12).

Triples.—Tower bells: Grandsire 8 (1), St. Clement's 1; total 9 (1). Handbells: Grandsire 2 Plain Bob 1 (1); total 3 (1).

Major.—Tower bells: Plain Bob 2, Double Norwich Court Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 3, Oxford Treble Bob 2, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 2, Little Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1, Dublin Surprise 1; total 13.

Total 100; conducted 54.

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OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE BROADHEAD

Mr. George Broadhead, of Darton, near Barnsley, died at Pinderfield Hospital, Wakefield, on November 5th, following an accident at North Gawber Colliery where he had worked for 56 years. He was cleaning a locomotive when the ladder he was standing on slipped and threw him on the concrete floor below. He was 70 years of age.

For many years Mr. Broadhead rang at Darton Church and his strong point was good striking. He took part in many contests and even assisted neighbouring towers who were short of a ringer. He rang with Cawthorne in 1928 when they won the Hoylandswaine Cup and was recalled in 1944 to help them win the Barnsley Shield. He figured in the Shelley band which won the Barnsley Shield in 1932. On one occasion he officiated as judge in a contest.

Mr. Broadhead did much good work in assisting young ringers; he was always pleasant and ready to help when called upon. He rang but one peal, at Cawthorne.

Ringers from Barnsley, Cawthorne and Silkstone rang the bells of Darton Church at the funeral.

N. F. M.

MR. MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT

An Appreciation

A mere list of the late Maurice F. R. Hibbert's peals does less than justice to a remarkable man. The list in itself is unique in that he had probably rung peals in more methods or combinations of methods than any other ringer but he was much more than just another peal ringer.

He had a bent for calling difficult compositions and it was enough for Maurice to be told that something was difficult to call, for him to want to call it. Ringers will remember his enquiries regarding Carter's Scientific Triples a year or two ago; no doubt he was hoping for an opportunity to call a peal in the method. Others will remember that it was he who called Dr. Slack's two-part peal of Stedman Triples about which so much controversy arose during the war years. One gathers that his system for such difficult compositions was to learn the calling and let the figures look after themselves except, perhaps, for once or twice during the peal. He was once asked what would happen if two bells shifted just after a milestone and he had to carry on a quarter peal or so before he knew that the bells were wrong. His reply was typical. In language much more picturesque than 'The Ringing World' could publish, he said it would serve the culprits right and teach them not to shift again.

He was a wonderful heavy-bell ringer. His rather cumbersome gait hardly suggested the artistry with a bell rope of which he was capable. No bell was too heavy for him or went too badly. If a bell represented an immovable object Maurice was just the irresistible force to ring it to a peal. It was enough to tell him that the bell was unpealable. One of his fine performances was to ring the eleventh at St. Paul's to a peal of Stedman Cinques which at least one ringer of very wide experience looks upon as a model of what Stedman Cinques can be. At that time Mr. Hibbert had never rung a bell as heavy in a peal.

He was an occasional contributor to the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World.' A working man, and proud of it, he was denied the opportunities of education and background with which some are favoured, but he wrote with a pungency and force that is often desired but not always obtained. He had a gift for clear and lucid expression both in speech and in writing. His last contribution to 'The Ringing World,' if memory serves, was regarding the size of parish churches.

Many almost legendary stories are told of him. Perhaps one of the best was of an incident during the war at a church where he was well known. Someone tugged at a rope on an Ellacombe apparatus to stop the bells because of an air raid warning. Maurice was only concerned with the damage that might have resulted to the bell and burst down the stairs upon the hapless intruder. Maurice finished his words of wisdom triumphantly '... and in any case we have got the Rector's permission to ring.' A weak voice replied, 'I am the Rector.'

He was a delightful companion and a great ringer. I shall never think of him without a chuckle. Such men are the salt of the earth. C.

MR. GEORGE WILLSHIRE

On November 15th Birchington, Kent, lost one of its oldest inhabitants and its oldest ringer, George Willshire, aged 90 years.

'Old George,' as he was always known throughout the county, will best be remembered for his long association with Quex Park tower.

The interment took place on November 17th at the Parish Church, members of the local band being present. The bells were rung half-muffled at intervals throughout the afternoon.

To deceased's memory 1,260 Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled at All Saints', Birchington, on November 18th by Miss Groves 1, Miss Reid 2, Miss Solly 3, T. Milsted 4, J. Russell (conductor) 5, H. Luck 6, L. Everest 7, T. Day 8. H. L.

AUSTRALIA'S WELCOME

Dear Sir,—'The Ringing World' of August 17th, just to hand, conveys, as an item of news, that two young ringers, John and David Boutland, of Chester, departed for Australia on August 8th. Your correspondent does not give the name of the ship or the port of destination, although he probably knew both.

You have published similar news items several times during the past five years. If ringers in Australia received this news early enough, they could contact the ship by letter at Freemantle and, if possible, meet the traveller when disembarking at one of the capital cities, with a friendly welcome.

Australia is a very big country. Perhaps your contributors do not realise that the distance from Perth to Sydney is roughly equal to London to Jerusalem or New York to San Francisco. The capital cities are large; the population of Sydney exceeds 1,250,000—which compares with Glasgow and Manchester.

W. SMITH,
Captain, St. James' Ringers.
Tarramurra.

PEAL CORRECTIONS

We have received the following corrections to three peals, the contents of which have been questioned:—

Mountsorrel, Leics, July 28th. Peal of Doubles. One extent each of April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Spliced (Reverse St. Bartholomew's, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire). 36 extents of Grandsire and 240 Morris' arrangement.

Barrow-on-Soar, Leics, August 2nd. Peal of Doubles: One extent each April Day, Place Bob, Spliced (St. Bartholomew's, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire), four extents Plain Bob, two extents Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, one extent Southrepps, 32 Grandsire.

Barrow-on-Soar, August 7th. Peal of Doubles: One extent each Spliced (April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew's, Grandsire and Morning Star), Spliced (Grandsire and St. Dunstan's), Spliced (Chase and Antelope), Place Bob, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, London No. 1, 34 extents of Grandsire).

NOTICES

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MEETINGS

DEVON GUILD—S.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Plymouth Emmanuel, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m.—T. G. Myers. 9760

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives, Saturday, December 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Also please note A.G.M., January 26th, Huntingdon.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9823

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Dorking, December 1st. Bells from 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Nomination of District officers for 1952 made at this meeting. 9822

HERTS and ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting will be held at Sawbridgworth (8) on Saturday, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. All welcome.—J. Kemp, Sec., 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford; G. Blake, Sec., 96, Burford Street Hoddesdon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting, Barming, Saturday, December 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, by kind invitation, in Church Hall, 5.—Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 9775

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport, Saturday, December 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea and meeting follow. 9800

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Great Cheverell (6) on Saturday, December 1st. Usual arrangements.—F. Slatford. 9841

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—Meeting at Wimbledon on Saturday, December 1st. St. Mary's bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.45; St. Mary's, Putney, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Nominations for District officers, 1952. Names for tea to Mr. Wicks, The Lodge, 10, Arthur Street, S.W.19.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9779

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turners Hill (8). Saturday, December 1st, 3.30 p.m.—G. T. Jennings. 9820

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, Monday, December 3rd, 7.15 p.m.. St. Mary's Lambeth. General meeting, January 7th, Fulham. Annual meeting, February 2nd, Southwark Cathedral. All welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 9874

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, on Monday, December 3rd, 7 p.m. Nearest station, Tottenham Court Road.—T. J. Lock. 9835

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hemsworth, December 8th. Bells (new ring, light eight) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify, not later than December 5th, Mr. C. Moxon, 13, Cemetery Road, Hemsworth, near Pontefract.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 9871

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Burrington, Saturday, December 8th, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Sec. 9863

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Annual, Dunster, December 8th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea at Memorial Hall 4.45.—G. Stacey, Park Street, Minchard. 9867

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Witton, Northwich, December 8th. Bells 2.30. Cafes nearby.—H. W. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham. 9867

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Polesworth, Saturday, December 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me not later than December 3rd.—A. J. Hinde, 15, Church Street, BULKINGTON, Nuneaton. 9862

CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Joint Branch practice meeting at Crosthwaite (8), December 8th. Bells from 2. Tea 4.30. Names, by December 5th, to J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec., 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick. 9837

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Annual meeting, Ilkeston, Saturday, December 8th. Meeting 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Ringing 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Shaw.—D. R. Carlisle, Hon. Sec. 9832

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley, Saturday, December 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by December 6th, to A. E. Parsons, Circular Road, Staveley.—A. B. Cooper. 9877

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst (8), December 8th. Tea opposite church. Names to Mr. E. Turley, Lower Farm, Speldhurst.—C. A. Bassett, hon. secretary. 9846

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Fulbourn, Saturday, December 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9859

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, December 8th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Baker, 31, Tobysfield Road, Bishops Cleeve. 9824

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Christ Church, Swindon (10), December 8th. For tea, advise W. Daniell, 14, Union Street, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 9840

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Dursley (8), December 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea, by December 5th, Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9856

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, December 8th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30. The new Guild service as arranged between Norwich and Guildford Guilds will be used for the first time. Names for tea by December 5th, please.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 9834

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley (8), Saturday, December 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by December 6th, to Mrs. B. Barker 18, Vicarage Road, King's Langley.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9875

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Tenterden, December 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9818

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A social meeting will be held in Canterbury on Saturday, December 8th. Ringing during afternoon, from 2.30 p.m., at St. Dunstan's and St. Stephen's. Tea, St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, 4.45 p.m., to be followed by social evening. Tickets, including tea and refreshments, price 2s. 6d., may be obtained from the undersigned, not later than Wednesday, December 5th. Cash with order, please.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9819

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting on December 8th at St. Mary's, Lewisham (8). Ringing 3 till 8 p.m. Tea at Lyons.—Miss M. F. Jackson, Hon. Sec. 9873

LADIES' GUILD.—North West District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 8th, at St. Michael's, Flixton, Lancashire. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please notify by Wednesday, 5th. Miss E. Collier, c/o 258, Flixton Road, Flixton, Lancashire. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Frances M. Laffin, Dis. Hon. Sec. 9870

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol (8) on Saturday, December 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, British Restaurant, Castle Street, only if notification received by Miss A. Brown, 47, Hayward Road, Redfield, Bristol 5, before December 5th.—Mrs. Parfrey Hon. Sec. 9861

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Annual meeting at Woolton, December 8th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30 (orice 1s.). Names to Miss Hilda Price, 39, Woodrock Road Woolton. Followed by social, 8 to 11 p.m. Tickets from Miss Price 2s. 6d. each, include cost of tea at meeting. All welcome.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 9869

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—1951 annual meeting at Rochdale Parish Church December 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Election of Branch secretary. Cafes nearby.—F. Pritchard. 9849

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton, Saturday, December 8th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 9864

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, December 8th. St. Wilfrid's, Standish. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge to those who notify, by December 6th, Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish.—J. Burns. 9872

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Ibstock (6), December 8th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock in Church Room. Names, by December 5th, to Mr. R. Tonks, 86, High Street, Ibstock.—C. W. Hall. 9855

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Steeple Claydon, Saturday, December 8th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 9857

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Ifley, Saturday, December 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, December 4th, to Mr. L. Busby, 54, Littlemore Road, Cowley, Oxford.—M. R. Cross. 9865

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, St. Laurence's, Reading, Saturday, December 8th. Bells 6—9 p.m. 9843

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Blandford, December 8th, at 3. Visitors welcome. Write: Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 9854

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.—The Archdeacon of Bedford, the Ven. D. B. Harris, M.A., will dedicate the new treble bell and rededicate the restored five bells on Saturday, December 8th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to T. P. Harris, 26, High Street, Silsoe, Beds. 9852

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Rampton (6), Saturday, December 8th. Names for tea, by December 5th, to Mr. A. Crawford, Rampton, Retford. Please try to attend. Lincolnshire bus at 3 p.m. for East Retford Church. Brumptions bus at 2.15 and 3.45 from Anchor Inn.—H. Denman. 9852

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Burry Port, December 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by December 1st, to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly. 9836

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, December 8th. St. Mary's bells (8) at 3 p.m. Norman tower (10). Tea 5 p.m. Send names for tea, by 7th, to W. Goodship, 48, Southgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds. 9842

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Blythburgh, Saturday December 8th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by December 5th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold.—R. S. Payne. 9844

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Keymer (6), Saturday, December 8th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, by Thursday, December 6th, to R. F. Pomney, 21, Woodlands Road, Hasocks. 9853

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern District.—A combined practice at St. Mary's, Brecon, Saturday, December 8th, 6.30 p.m.—W. Smith, Hon. Sec. 9845

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, St. David's, Exeter, Saturday December 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Ringing, Cathedral 6.30 p.m. Names, by December 12th, to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road Exeter. 9798

DUDLEY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Paul's, Wood Green, Wednesday, Saturday, December 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Numbers by December 11th please, to F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 9847

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Upchurch (6) on Saturday, December 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea is by kind invitation and names should be sent to me by Wednesday, December 12th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 9876

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Rippingale, Saturday, December 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Grand tea provided, so do not forget your card by Monday, December 10th, please.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 9860

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Liversedge, Saturday, December 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea—apply, before December 12th, to F. Hodgson, 103, Union Road, Liversedge.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9839

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—'Coming of Age' Celebration Dinner at Leicester, Saturday, January 26th, 1952, 6 p.m., St. Philip's Hall, Evington Road. Tickets 10s. 6d., from C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna. Early application, with remittance, advised. No tickets after Wednesday, January 16th. Ringing arrangements later. 9851

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The annual ringing day and dinner of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers will be held on Saturday, January 26th, 1952.—Lance C. I. Watson, Hon. Sec. 9833

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