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MINOR AND THE YOUNG CONDUCTOR

CONDUCTORS of Minor seldom seem to reach the limelight to the extent of their foster-brothers on higher numbers. This is not surprising, seeing that they would probably be the first to admit that the mental effort involved in conducting a Minor peal is much simpler than that of conducting on higher numbers. Nevertheless, many conductors of note are themselves quite frequently 'mentioned in despatches' under the five and six-bell peal columns in 'The Ringing World,' showing at least that they consider Minor ringing and conducting a subject worthy of their attention. It is also well known that many excellent ringers and conductors first won their spurs in a six-bell tower.

To the young or inexperienced conductor who has not yet realised that conducting means more than calling bobs in the right place comes the revelation sooner or later that the job also includes the obligation to correct trips so far as is possible and to see that the ringing does not travel far with two bells occupying each other's positions.

To many conductors of modest Minor mental transposition of lead-ends and course-ends seems to involve the greatest difficulty, while ringing by following course bells is, possibly, neither as widely practised nor as widely understood as in ringing on higher numbers. Therefore the following suggestions on methods using the standard calling may prove useful, at least as a starting point, to the youthful Minor conductor.

Let us first consider the methods on the treble bob system using the standard calling. Once this has been thoroughly understood it is a comparatively simple matter to extend the principles to plain methods.

The 720's of Minor with regular lead-ends fall into two groups: those with 6ths place and those with 2nds place made when the treble is leading full. Use the tenor as observation, and in the former call 'In, Out, In,' and in the latter, 'Wrong, Right, Wrong.' Repeat twice. Notice that the 5th is brought 'home' at each part-end and so repeats the same work in each part. The work he does at each bob should be memorised.

Dealing first with the methods called 'In, Out, In,' we notice that the 5th is dodging 'down' at the first two bobs and subsequently makes the last one in each part. The bell working with him at the first two bobs is unaffected by the third, so that it will be then coming away from the front as the tenor goes in. This bell, which we will call the 'part-bell,' is of course different in each part and is the 3rd, 2nd and 4th in the first, second and third parts respectively.

Consider next the remaining two bells. It will be seen that they are both affected by the third bob working behind together, and that they make the first and second bobs in turn. The one that is not making the bob is unaffected by it, and is moving either 'out' or 'in' as the tenor moves 'in' or 'out.' A good way to memorise all this is to remember that, ignoring the 5th, which always makes the third bob in each part, the bells make the bobs in the following order: 2-4, 4-3 and 3-2. The bell which is not in these pairs must be the 'part-bell' working with the 5th.

With a little practice and this knowledge the conductor will be able to observe whether each bell is in the correct position at each bob throughout the 720, and as things often go wrong at this juncture it is an asset to be able to correct a trip with confidence by asserting: 'So and so make the bob—so and so dodge behind with so and so, etc.'

The student can easily make out for himself a scheme whereby the bells can be pin-pointed at the bobs when the tenor is called 'Wrong, Right, Wrong' in the second class of methods when seconds are made with the treble leading full. Two hints: the 5th makes the first bob in each part and the 'paired' bells are 2-3, 3-4 and 4-2.

It is, of course, impossible to go further into the subject in an article of this length, but it is hoped that what few grains of wisdom have been scattered, although common knowledge to many, will be acceptable to a few.

H. C.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*MAY LOMAS	*Treble*	DAVID VINCENT	6
†NEIL D. LOMAS	2	JOHN WORTH	7
ALAN A. POTTS	3	HARRY FARRER	8
†BASIL JONES	4	HEDLEY WOOD	9
†ANNE WORTH	5	WILFRED STEVENSON	*Tenor*

Composed by B. JEALOUS. Conducted by ALAN A. POTTS.
* First ten bell peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.
Rung for the Installation of Councillor Ivan Stanway as Mayor of Macclesfield, which took place the same day.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 30½ in C sharp.

FRED HAYES	*Treble*	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	6
RALPH COLES	2	ARTHUR CLUTTON	7
WILLIAM BUTLER	3	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	8
MRS. SYLVIA WILKINSON	4	EDWARD R. COLES	9
WILLIAM WELLING	5	REGINALD G. HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.
* 125th peal. Empire Day peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. CARTER	*Treble*	JOHN BEARDMORE	5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	*HARRY CARTER	6
JUNE M. HENSHAW	3	G. ARNOLD MOORE	7
*ANNE SHERRATT	4	CHARLES H. PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
* First peal of Bob Major. First in the method as conductor.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5136 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 96 lb. in G.

HENRY TOOKE	*Treble*	*RALPH SITCH	5
*CHARLES E. G. BANHAM	2	*JOHN S. BARNES	6
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Haywood's Transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	*Treble*	CHARLES BAKER	5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	CHARLES E. BROWN	6
LESLIE A. LUNN	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
JOHN FREEMAN	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
Rung in honour of the Ordination of Philip Michael Freeman, which took place at this church on March 23rd, 1952.

NORBURY HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	JAMES FERNLEY	5
NEIL D. LOMAS	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
ANNE WORTH	3	ALAN A. POTTS	7
*BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method away from treble. A 21st birthday compliment to Basil Jones.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN B. GUY	*Treble*	†O. MICHAEL SLANEY	5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	*FRANK P. WRIGHT	6
*RUTH M. K. HOW	3	*PETER BORDER	7
*SUSAN M. BROWN	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by RODNEY B. MEADOWS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 18, 1952, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN T. MEDHURST	*Treble*	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
SHEILA M. DOBBIE	2	ROY E. WOOD	6
KEVIN S. HOHL	3	WALTER H. DOBBIE	7
ERNEST J. LADD	4	*RICHARD LUCKHURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.
* First peal. First peal since rehanging of the bells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5
MRS. J. R. SMITH	2	JOHN B. BENNETT	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER	7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung for the festival of St. Dunstan, patron saint of bellringers. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 21, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED MAJOR
Being 2,304 changes of Plain Bob and 2,976 of Double Norwich Court; 66 changes of method; 63 course-ends with 4-5-6 only in 6ths.
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Treble*	†JAMES B. MORLEY	5
*ELIZABETH M. BIBBY	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
*WILLIAM LOVE	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Spliced Major. † First peal of Major.

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ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Ilkeston District.)
On Thurs., May 22, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

CECIL JOHN BAKER	*Treble*	DAVID J. MARSHALL	5
SAMUEL PINDER	2	GIRLING RIGBY	6
CLEMENT GLENN	3	ALBERT THOMPSON	7
EDWARD C. GOBEY	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

Rung in honour of the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the eight bells.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	MICHAEL E. BROWN	6
*JOHN B. BENNETT	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER	7
FRANK K. MEASURES	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. Specially arranged for Terry Thornber, home on leave from H.M. Forces in Germany.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

W. ALLMAN	*Treble*	†FRED JACKSON	5
*ALAN DUGDALE	2	WILLIAM ALLMAN	6
HAROLD WORRALL	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
CHARLES WARD	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by H ROSTRON. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

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

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., May 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A.

GEORGE A. FLEMING	*Treble*	RONALD W. STEWARD	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	GEORGE WATERMAN	6
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. G. J. BROWN. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of the opening of the present octave.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

RONALD BOYKETT	*Treble*	STANLEY BONES	5
*SHIRLEY BARINGER	2	*ALFRED LITTLE	6
*PETER WOOD	3	GEORGE SAUNDERS	7
*JACK BRETT	4	RONALD SUCKLING	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVE. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

BROADCLYST, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

STAFFORD H. GREEN	*Treble*	HENRY G. KEELEY	5
ELIZABETH BROWN	2	BRIAN PIDGEON	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	NORMAN MALLETT	7
ROGER KEELEY	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN MALLETT.

First peal as conductor. Rung on Empire Day. A wedding compliment to V. Betty Mallett and Robert Eveleigh.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*JILL HAFFENDEN	*Treble*	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
†BETTY M. VIDLER	3	THOMAS E. SONE	7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	4	WILLIAM GORRINGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside' and first peal of Triples. A wedding compliment to James Webb and Gwendoline Goldsmith, who were married at the above church this day.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT	*Treble*	ERNEST E. GRIMES	5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	2	WALTER W. MILLER	6
FRANK RUFFLES	3	ALBERT E. WHITING	7
WALTER RUFFLES	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 960 London, 960 Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
*NEIL D. LOMAS	2	JOHN WORTH	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
WILFRED STEVENSON	4	ALAN A. POTTS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (Reversed). Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

* First peal of Spliced. Rung for the 46th anniversary (May 26th) of Mr. Laflin's first peal.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	*Treble*	*ROBERT COLLINS	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	REGINALD L. SILLS	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
*DORIS E. COLGATE	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

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

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

*PATRICIA M. REEVES	*Treble*	CHARLES BARKER	5
SEDMAN H. STEEL	2	JOHN G. HOBSON	6
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	3	BARRY HOLLAND	7
†EDWARD HUDSON	4	HAROLD WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major away from treble. Rung on Empire Day and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss P. M. Reeves, first lady member of the York Minster Society.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Treble*	GEORGE A. ANDREWS	5
*KENNETH MITCHELL	2	*GEORGE N. ORMAN	6
*ROY DUESBURY	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	7
ALAN R. ANDREWS	4	WALTER A. SOUTHGATE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. J. G. BROWN. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Edward E. Davey has 'circled' this tower.

HARPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*FREDERICK C. JACKLIN	*Treble*	ARTHUR DAY	5
CHARLES F. SAYER	2	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	6
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	3	WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM	7
HAROLD V. FROST	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band. First peal in the method on tower bells by the Association.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	JAMES E. DANIELS	5
JOAN M. GRAY	2	JACK MUSSELL	6
JOHN HARTLESS	3	LESLIE A. PAGE	7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

IAN JONES	*Treble*	ALBERT GREENHALGH	5
CECIL RADDON	2	HAROLD WORRALL	6
HARRY PARKER	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	7
*KENNETH EDWARDS	4	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A compliment to Mr. Parker, father of the 3rd ringer, on his 84th birthday.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER	5
GEORGE W. PIPE	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	6
†LLEWELLYN ALLUM	3	MAX P. PAGE	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* 150th peal and has also 'circled' tower. † First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD MARCON	*Treble*	LESLIE W. STEVENS	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	*SAMUEL W. CHAPMAN	6
PAUL LEA TAYLOR	3	†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN...	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal 'inside' in method. † 75th peal.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Tues., May 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

SUSAN M. BROWN	*Treble*	†FRANK P. WRIGHT	5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	2	PHILIP WALKER	6
FRANCIS S. BEAUMONT	3	CHARLES COLES	7
*M. ELIZABETH ROE	4	†PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung for the induction of the new Rector, Rev. Basil C. Gough, M.A.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ANDREW J. SALISBURY	*Treble*	FRANK V. GANT	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	6
HENRY T. WILSON	3	HARRY TURNER	7
DAVID W. BEARD	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.
First peal of Surprise as conductor. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Freestone, towerkeeper at St. Andrew's and a life member of the Essex Association.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MUCH DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 10 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*CLIVE A. J. WHITE	*Treble*	REGINALD T. JONES	4
L. EVANS	2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
DOROTHY HUGHES	3	REGINALD BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
* First peal.

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

ANNE SHERRATT	*Treble*	G. ARNOLD MOORE	4
*ARTHUR GAUNT	2	CHARLES H. PAGE	5
*GRAHAM MARSH	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
* First peal of Bob Minor.

LONGDON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., May 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of St. Simon's, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER J. COPE	*Treble*	FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	3
CLIVE M. SMITH	2	PETER BERESFORD	4
DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
First peal in six methods by all the band. The first peal on the bells, cast 1727.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of:—Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	*Treble*	MICHAEL FULLER	4
A. PATRICK CANNON	2	RALPH BIRD	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* 75th peal. Quickest peal on the bells. A wedding compliment to Mr. H. Michael Howard and Miss Rosamond C. Phillips.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 21, 1952, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROY STEVENS	*Treble*	SIDNEY STEVENS	4
SIDNEY KING	2	HARRY KING	5
NORMAN KING	3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.
First peal in three methods by all except the conductor. Rung for Roy Stevens' 21st birthday.

SWEPSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., May 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

GEORGE W. RIDGWAY	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on the bells since augmentation from 4 to 6. The 131st tower in this Diocese in which the conductor has rung full peals.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	*Treble*	ERNEST BRITTAIN	4
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	FRED BRIGHTMAN	5
FREDA OLDERSHAW	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

All the band are members of the Civil Defence Corps.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

MICHAEL DYER	*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON	4
*MARGOT R. THOMPSON	2	JOHN W. C. BLYTHE	5
JOHN R. G. SPICER	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lack, of Great Staughton.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Fri., May 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES W. KNIGHT	*Treble*	GEORGE W. TOOTH	4
WILFRED L. TIDY	2	JOHN O. WELLER	5
RALPH BIRD	3	LEONARD A. TIDY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the installation of the bells, which were rung for the first time on May 23rd, 1902.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court, and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

CECIL W. MATHEWS	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
THOMAS F. CARFORD	2	BERNARD H. DALTON	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	*JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* 100th peal for the Guild. A birthday compliment to Her Majesty Queen Mary. Also to Mr. Percy D. Baldock.

HILLSBOROUGH. CO. DOWN, N. IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
(Northern District.)
On Sat., May 24, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MALACHI,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JACK CAMPBELL	*Treble*	JAMES LEWIS	4
MISS JEAN STEWART	2	FRED E. DUKES	5
*HARRY CHASTY	3	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor for all the band and in Ireland. Birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd. Rung in honour of visit to Northern Ireland of T.R.H. Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

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STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 April Day, 2,400 Plain Bob and 2,400 Grandsire (17 callings in all). Tenor 17 cwt. 15 lb.

*SYLVIA BISHOP	..Treble	FREDERICK WELCH	4
*BRIAN GRINTER	2	JACK W. DREW	5
MRS. E. S. POWELL	3	†HUBERT PESTER	..Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the Rev. Douglas Ballard, Vicar of Stoke-under-Ham.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY J. WRIGHT	..Treble	†JOHN H. SITCH	4
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	2	†‡DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
*CHARLES HARRINGTON	3	FRANK V. GANT	..Tenor

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.

* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal in seven methods. A 76th birthday compliment to A. Bradley, life member of the Essex Association.

TITCHFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

BLANCHE M. BALL	..Treble	PATRICK PAGE	4
*†S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	5
†JOHN W. MEADE	3	JOHN H. HUNT	..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

CARDIFF.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1952, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
AT 17, WELLFIELD PLACE, ROATH PARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

*MRS. A. R. PRICE	1—2	DILLYS HULBERT	3—4
A. RYAN PRICE	5—6		

Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal 'in hand' by all the band. First peal on the bells. First peal 'in hand' for the Association by a resident band.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., May 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 16 in B.

FRANK C. PRICE	1—2	WILFRID F. MORETON	5—6
JOHN R. MAYNE	3—4	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7—8
GEORGE E. FEARN	9—10		

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT 85, DERBY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

DENIS R. CARLISLE	1—2	JACK BAILEY	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	*RODNEY HARRISON	7—8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On May 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Disney 1, R. D. Wilson 2, Miss J. M. Simpson (first quarter in method 'inside') 3, G. H. Arguile 4, D. S. Harris 5, W. A. Lacey 6, J. B. Bennett 7, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 8. Rung for the birthday of Geoff Spencer, a ringer at this church.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On May 11th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Hill 1, Miss B. Colver 2, A. A. Lucas 3, J. L. Hough 4, A. H. Hough 5, C. R. Belton (cond.) 6, T. K. Deacon 7, G. P. Garner 8. A farewell to the Rev. S. C. Kipling on leaving the parish. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holt's original: J. Hill 1, A. H. Hough (cond.) 2, Miss B. Colver 3, J. L. Hough 4, C. R. Belton 5, T. K. Deacon 6, G. P. Garner 7, A. A. Lucas 8. A welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. P. Cryer).

BRADFORD PEVERELL, DORSET.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doris Walden (13) 1, N. B. Davis (14) 2, C. H. Smart 3, F. C. Davis 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First quarter without a cover bell for 1 and 4. Rung as a token of esteem to H.M. Queen Mary on her 85th birthday.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On May 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. T. Hume 1, D. L. Mills (first quarter as cond., aged 12) 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, E. Leggett 4, C. Bower 5, Joan Pell (first quarter 'inside') 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard 8. Rung for Ascension Day, and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Bower.

COPT OAK, LEICS.—On May 16th, 1,440 Spliced Minor in 19 methods: Joan Cooper 1, S. A. Martin 2, C. W. Hall 3, R. Beniston (cond.) 4, J. W. Bowley 5, J. A. Underwood 6. First quarter by a lady ringer at this tower.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob, 360 of Stedman and 420 of Grandsire): W. Yates (cond.) 1, Miss D. Spokes (first in 4 methods) 2, J. Higgins 3, E. R. Lambert 4, G. W. Holland 5, Miss M. Coleman 6.

CULHAM, OXON.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wright (first quarter, aged 71) 1, W. Webb 2, C. Batley 3, J. Greenwood 4, R. Broad (cond.) 5, B. Davis (first quarter) 6.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jill Roberts (first quarter Doubles) 1, J. Jones 2, Mrs. J. Seymour 3, Mrs. Wiggins 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, F. Hughes 6. For Ascension Day.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On May 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Tudball 1, Miss M. Burdge 2, A. Jones (first quarter) 3, H. Arscott 4, G. Maidment 5, I. Farmer (cond.) 6, H. W. Lloyd 7, J. Haydon 8.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Jemmett 1, H. Manuel 2, Miss E. S. Wyles 3, P. R. Jemmett 4, F. Pack 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, N. Tumber 8.

FINCHLEY, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on Ascension Day, a date touch of 1,952 Plain Bob Major: A. H. Richardson (totally blind, longest length) 1, A. Warren 2, F. Goodall 3, F. A. Barker 4, E. Pryor 5, W. Prockson 6, L. E. Tubb 7, F. C. W. Knight (comp. and cond.) 8.

FRAMPTON, DORSET.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cheeseman 1, R. Clothier 2, H. J. Gladwyn 3, E. T. P. Field (cond) 4, J. Coombes 5, H. J. Ford 6. The first quarter on the bells since before the war and possibly the first of all.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On May 11th, 1,269 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. Watts 1, J. Chilcott (cond.) 2, J. W. Stephenson 3, J. Phillips 4, K. W. Mackintosh 5, J. B. Sansom 6, M. V. Chilcott 7, H. M. Page 8, R. F. Deal 9, H. Belcher 10.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On May 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Green 1, H. Mansfield 2, H. T. Wilson 3, P. Claydon 4, H. W. Smith 5, J. Jennings 6, L. W. Wiffen (cond.) 7, Dr. Spencer Phillips 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Green on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Jarrett 1, W. H. Symonds 2, F. R. Harris 3, A. W. Davis 4, M. P. Moreton 5, A. T. Wingate 6, W. F. Morton (cond.) 7, L. L. Quartermain 8.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. O. Blackwell 1, O. Payne 2, E. E. Whitmore 3, W. Wilby (cond.) 4, G. Underwood 5, A. J. Wilson 6, G. D. Deighton 7, R. Whiting 8.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. B. Davis 1, J. Coombes 2, H. J. Gladwyn 3, R. Clothier 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, B. Cheeseman 6. A tribute of respect to the Ven. E. S. Daniell (Vicar of Litton Cheney), who was buried the previous day.

OVER, CAMBS.—On May 25th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Norman 1, A. Clements 2, E. J. Parish 3, W. Ransom 4, F. Warrington (cond.) 5, G. E. Crisp 6, A. Payne 8 covering.

PARRAMATTA, NORTH SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Mundy 1, G. Williamson 2, J. Boutland 3, A. R. Botting (cond.) 4, K. Stacey 5, L. Curian 6.

READING, BERKS.—On May 25th, at St. Laurence's, 1,261 Stedman Caters: Mrs. P. Lewington 1, Mrs. D. Catterall 2, C. Lewington (first quarter, aged 15) 3, A. D. Cullum 4, Miss P. Hart 5, T. Lanagan 6, E. Humfrey (cond.) 7, A. Wiggins 8, R. W. Rex 9, V. Cherrill 10. Rung for the conductor's 82nd birthday.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On May 26th, at All Saints', Hamer, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Leach 1, Beatrice Wood 2, Marjorie Leach 3, K. Abbott 4, Alwyn Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Queen Mary.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. F. Perry 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. Corney 4, N. Philips 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6. Rung for Rogation Sunday.

TAXAL, DERBYS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Dawson 1, D. Rowbotham 2, F. Wild 3, G. Shaw 4, S. Depledge 5, G. Ashmore 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. G. Cook, wife of one of the local ringers.

WEST HAM, LONDON.—On May 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, C. R. Smith 3, A. C. Chaplin 4, C. A. Hughes 5, C. W. Ottley 6, J. Bullock (cond.) 7, P. Devenish 8.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. Burton (first quarter) 1, G. E. Green 2, W. Yates 3, A. H. Hinton 4, Miss K. M. Cowley 5, T. E. Roberts 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, G. Cooper 8.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Empire Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. Crisp 1, F. Elsom (first quarter) 2, H. W. Pratt 3, O. Norman 4, E. J. Parish 5, W. Papworth 6. Conducted by F. Warrington, whose birthday was on this day.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Godwin (first quarter) 1, W. Godwin 2, M. Bushnell (first quarter 'inside') 3, K. White 4, D. Woodley (cond.) 5, Miss R. Chamberlain 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.

Gifts For Former Chairman

A fountain pen, a book token and an address containing the names of 87 subscribers were handed to Mr. W. L. Duffield, former chairman of the South Norfolk Branch, at a meeting of the branch at Redenhall on May 17th.

Over fifty ringers were present when the presentation was made by the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, after the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow had spoken of Mr. Duffield's qualities as a churchman, ringer and chairman. Tributes to Mr. Duffield were also paid by Mr. Nolan Golden, the Association Ringing Master, and Mr. A. G. Harrison, branch secretary. The Rev. F. E. Vokes presided. Also present were the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. E. Whiting) and Messrs. C. E. G. Banham, H. Moss, F. C. Roper and C. F. W. Phillippo, members of the committee.

Canon Pickering (Rector) conducted the service in Redenhall Parish Church in the afternoon.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The May meeting was held at Monk Bretton, when the following towers were represented: Barnsley, Badworth, Bolsterstone, Cawthorne, Crofton, Darfield, Felkirk, Horbury, Silkstone, Shelley and the local company.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Jubb) presided at the business meeting, and three new ringing members were elected—L. Myers, I. Scargill and Miss J. Williams, all of Monk Bretton. The shield contest will be held at Penistone on June 14th, and the next monthly meeting will be at Royston on July 12th.

The best thanks to the Vicar and to the local company brought the meeting to a close and further ringing followed.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The weather could not have been better for the Society's spring meeting at the pretty village of Hanbury, Staffs, on May 17th. Hanbury is situated on high ground, and from the top of the tower of St. Werburgh's extensive views are obtained away to the Cheshire Plain in the north-west, and the richly wooded Needwood Forest country and the distant spires of Lichfield Cathedral to the south.

An unusual feature of Hanbury Church is that a door leads direct from the ringing chamber on to the flat roof of the nave, and from which vantage point ringers were able to sit on the parapet and admire the views while awaiting their turn to ring. The bells, a handy ring of eight, were put to good use during the afternoon and evening under the direction of the Master, Mr. G. Oliver. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. R. Osborn, who also gave a most interesting address. Tea was served in the pleasant Memorial Hall, and the attendance of 51 was highly satisfactory, especially as Hanbury is not easy of access. Thanks were extended to the Rev. R. R. Osborn and his organist by the clerical secretary, the Rev. C. H. Barker.

The next meeting of the Society will be the 'annual' at Lichfield on June 21st.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

Fourteen towers were represented at the Northern District meeting held at Barkway on May 24th in glorious sunshine. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. followed by a short service, conducted by the Vicar, Canon H. F. Webb-Bowen. Tea was provided by Mrs. Gulham at the Three Horseshoes, at which 24 members partook. At the business meeting the Vicar was elected to the chair, and he was also elected an honorary member. The June meeting will be at St. Ippolyts and Gt. Wymondley on 28th. Methods ranged up to Yorkshire Surprise.

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By R. F. B. Chalk.

First rung at Edmonton on April 12th, 1952.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Presentation to Mr. W. C. Shute

The North Dorset Branch held a special meeting at Childe Okeford on May 24th for the purpose of recognising the long and valuable service for over 25 years rendered to the branch and change ringing generally by Mr. W. C. Shute, of Ferndown.

The Archdeacon of Dorset came to preach, and at the meeting afterwards presented Mr. Shute with a gold watch suitably inscribed and a cheque for £7 10s. Many letters from subscribers bore testimony to his fine record, especially in giving instruction to young ringers.

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At the annual meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers at Lincoln on Tuesday Mr. E. A. Barnett was elected secretary and treasurer of the Council by 76 votes to 52.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Trinity Sunday will be the 50th anniversary of the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards' ordination by the late Bishop Chavasse at Liverpool. We feel certain that his friends on the Central Council and in the Salisbury Diocesan Guild will think of him on that day. He invites all friends within reach of Kington Magna to assist him in celebrating this personal jubilee by coming to the Choral Communion at 11.5 and giving him the support of their prayers.

The Universities Association are holding their week this year at Nottingham from August 15th to 23rd.

In these days when recruiting for the Civil Defence Corps is slow in some areas, it is interesting to read of a peal by members of the Corps at Whaplode, Lincs.

We welcome back to the peal columns Mr. Stafford H. Green, of Sampford Peverell, Devon, who, having had a serious illness recently, had not anticipated any further peal ringing.

A badge of office of one horse brass with ribbons attached was provided for Mr. Barker, who acted as bus steward for the outing of the Wisbech Branch into Northamptonshire on May 21st.

The bells of Halifax Parish Church have been recast with a tenor 26 cwt. An imposing picture of hoisting the new tenor appeared in the 'Halifax Courier and Guardian.' The bells will be first rung again on the occasion of the church's patronal festival on June 26th.

On June 24th, 1952, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major is to be attempted at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the back eight. The celebrations will continue on Saturday, June 28th, in the form of an open day, when all ringers will be welcome.

Macclesfield had a special reason for ringing a peal for their new Mayor. He is Councillor Ivan Stanway, who was a regular service ringer at Christ Church, Macclesfield, from 1918 until the ban on ringing in 1939. When the ban was lifted he again joined the band until the remainder of the company returned from service with H.M. Forces. With a full company he reluctantly retired from the belfry because of the increased demand of public duties. For a time he was secretary of the Macclesfield Branch.

Congratulations to Mr. T. Wright, of Culham, near Abingdon, who at the age of 71 has rung his first quarter peal.

Mossley, Lancs, ringers were entertained by the new Mayor, Cclr. James Boardman, after ringing a quarter peal in his honour.

Will the ringer from Tunbridge Wells who was at Eling on May 17th send his name and address to the local secretary, who has a communication for him.

For the 50th anniversary of the opening of the present octave at Henley, Suffolk, the Rector arranged for the metal frame to be repainted and a new set of ropes to be provided. The first peal on the bells was 5,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major on May 17th, 1902, which was composed and conducted by the late Mr. James Motts. The anniversary peal was on May 23rd.

Mr. Frank Blondell's 82nd birthday was honoured by 1,259 Grandsire Caters at All Saints' Church, Kingston-on-Thames, on May 24th. The band was T. H. Francis 1, Jean Freer 2, Mrs. C. J. Mathews 3, Mrs. T. H. Francis 4, Miss M. Jackson 5, R. J. Sharpe 6, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 7, A. R. Ling 8, F. J. Mathews 9, A. House 10. This was the first quarter of Grandsire Caters by the ringers of 2, 4, 5, 8 and 9.

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A BETTER PRESS FOR RINGERS

Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee's Review

THE following report of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee was presented to the Central Council meeting at Lincoln last Tuesday:—

During the past twelve months two events have especially drawn the attention of the Press to the subject of church bells. One was the installation of the heaviest ring of bells in the kingdom at Liverpool Cathedral. The other was the lamented death of our beloved King. It was natural that in the reports of the national mourning and of His Majesty's burial frequent references were made to muffled bells paying solemn tribute to his memory. The continental Press likewise made mention of the 'mournful carillon' heard from the belfry of Westminster Abbey.

Many articles or paragraphs dealing with bells and the art of ringing have appeared in newspapers and magazines. Those published in the Midlands have included reports of lectures

THE REV. F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS, convener of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee, who celebrates the 50th anniversary of his ordination next Sunday. For 37 years he was hon. general secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

given by members of St. Martin's Guild and an interview with Mr. Ernest Morris, photographed above the tenor bell of St. Margaret's, Leicester, as well as instructive contributions from his fertile pen. Featured in a Southern journal is Mr. L. W. Andrews, 92 years of age and believed to be the oldest bell-ringer in Hampshire. Under the heading, 'These Happy Bell-ringers,' the 'Aberdare Leader' gives a detailed description of Christmas ringing at Aberdare, with a picture of the band in the belfry. Readers of the 'Daily Mirror' were enabled last July to see the familiar personality of Ruggles conversing with Mr. R. White, of Appleton, who was represented as explaining, among other things, how a single is made in Stedman Caters! The new 20 ton bell of Vienna has naturally figured in the daily Press.

The trade pamphlet, 'Kodak Bulletin,' published a most illuminating article on 'Ring the Changes' by Mr. R. G. Bell, of Watford, with an illustration of the author teaching his son to ring. Under the title, 'New Year harmony across the Sea,' the 'Children's Newspaper' of 5th January gave an illustrated account of young handbell ringers in Boston, U.S.A. The admirably produced 'Shropshire Magazine' continues to interest its readers in the bells of the county. Useful articles on the care and use of bells have appeared in diocesan publications. Mr. W. A. Osborn has contributed to the 'Bath and Wells Gazette' advice on the 'Care of Ancient Bells.' The Irish Press has continued to give prominence to news of bells and ringing.

LITERARY ENTERPRISE

The Exercise itself is showing marked enterprise in literary activity. In Kent, 'The Belfry' maintains its high standard, and besides furnishing news and practical instruction for ringers it publishes illustrated notes on churches and bells of the Maidstone District. Recent numbers have included verses written by the Rector of Snodland and dedicated to his ringers, and contributions from the president of the Central Council and Mr. A. York-Bramble. 'Ringing Towers,' of New South Wales, is now in its sixth year of publication and replete with interesting information. Its account of the competition and dinner at Sydney gives a delightful impression of cordial relations between the Anglican and Roman communities in the sphere of ringing. The death is recorded of Mr. R. H. McDonald, a former captain of the Sydney Cathedral ringers, at the age of 95. Useful hints are given on handbell ringing, and the Universities Association is reported to have rung the first peal in Australia of Bob Major 'in hand.' A new publication in this class is the 'Irish Bell News,' ably edited by Mr. F. E. Dukes, which records the rededication of Drogheda bells by the Archbishop of Armagh, and gives a most interesting account of a lady ringer's visit to America, where she was asked at a moment's notice to address the congregation on a Sunday morning and rose to the occasion with a talk on Irish church bells.

BROADCASTING

With regard to broadcasting, the bells of many churches have been broadcast before Sunday services, with varying standards of ringing. The admirable series of broadcasts from towers in the West was continued last summer and included a visit to Poole, where the principal speaker was Mr. A. Macdonald. The first broadcast from Liverpool Cathedral, on the occasion of a visit from our present Queen, was of historic interest, but for obvious reasons did not do justice to the bells.

The full grandeur of their tone was heard on Christmas morning, when all the ringing broadcast, from Stedman Cinques at Birmingham to set changes at North Tawton, was of a commendably high quality. We are glad to be able to give a similar report, with one unfortunate exception, of the broadcast on Easter Day. Letters received from different parts of the country furnished evidence that the slower pace adopted at Birmingham for this purpose enabled listeners to hear all the twelve bells quite distinctly. Ringing at a number of Irish churches has been recorded and broadcasts of bells have figured prominently in the 'Ulster Mirror' programme. Mr. J. T. Dunwoody has broadcast a talk on bell-ringing with handbell illustrations. In the Children's Hour of the B.B.C. school bands of handbell ringers have been introduced from time to time. The young band at Liverpool Cathedral have also broadcast a handbell performance.

Bell-ringing has again had a part in television. Notably successful transmissions of sight and sound came from Leeds Parish Church and Wickersley School, to the advantage of the Exercise.

(Signed) F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS.
A. PADDON SMITH.
ALBERT WALKER.

The Biographies Committee

The report of this committee, signed by Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, W. H. Viggers and E. A. Barnett, stated:—

The work of this committee has gone steadily forward; in fact, there is no 'close season.' To obtain even occasional details of Council members long since departed often requires searching many years of ringing papers, while current 'Ringing Worlds' have to be studied carefully for information regarding present members who have not co-operated by giving us the particulars asked for.

In accordance with the Council's decision at Chester, we have proceeded with the album for the safe keeping of records, and the completed cover containing a selection of biographies written up as specimens is on view. Our present hope is that a member of the Council who has the necessary time and skill will come forward and offer to continue with the writing up of the sheets. The task would not be onerous—perhaps 12 to 18 sheets annually once the accumulated arrears have been cleared. In 1950 eight and in 1951 nine deaths occurred of former members of the Council.

Once again we have to express our thanks to those ringers who have helped us. Although they are too numerous to mention individually, we must refer to a generous offer by Mr. L. Stilwell to undertake research work. He has, in fact, completed for us the records of the late Messrs. W. T. Cockerill and C. F. Winney, and this alone involved a critical examination of ringing periodicals over a period of some sixty years. We offer our thanks for an exceptional effort.

Analysis of our index of past and present members of the Council reveals that 518 were elected between 1891 and 1950. Of these, 155 are deceased, and their biographies record completed to the Council's requirements; a further 113 are known to be deceased, but their records often lack only one item, such as birthday, first peal date or, in 23 cases, a photograph. Many dates of birth, etc., could be ascertained by research at Somerset House, if the Council is prepared to sanction the expenditure of 3s. 6d. in each instance. Of a further 104 men who, at various times, have been members we know nothing; they appear in our books as names only. Some of them will be reading this report, and we appeal to them again to give us the few particulars we need.

The names of the 23 deceased members for whose records we require a photograph ONLY are given below, in the hope that members will help us to complete them:—

G. P. Burton, died Sept. 21st, 1948; W. Bibby, June 3rd, 1941; Rev. H. Courtney, January, 1929; J. Dillon, Feb. 9th, 1936; H. A. Heywood, July 20th, 1943; J. P. Hyett, June 23rd, 1944; W. H. Hollier, Dec. 29th, 1937; B. Keeble, April 14th, 1932; F. Knights, Nov. 27th, 1928; W. J. Nevard, Aug. 29th, 1942; D. J. Nichols, May 24th, 1929; F. G. Newman, Sept. 25th, 1933; G. T. Potter, March 2nd, 1934; E. E. Richards, Nov. 18th, 1935; E. F. Strange, April 14th, 1929; W. E. Wilson, Feb. 11th, 1943; S. Wood, April 16th, 1932; W. Walmsley, Feb. 14th, 1933; R. T. Woodley, Nov. 15th, 1943; J. Basden, Dec. 14th, 1911; S. J. Hector, Feb. 15th, 1952; T. H. Beams, Aug. 25th, 1930; W. Baron, July 19th, 1904.

5,184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

By NOLAN GOLDEN

(Composer's 12-part No. 8 in the method)

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Eleven times repeated, substituting bob for the single at 4 in the first course in all parts except the seventh. Contains extent of 5th and 6th in 6ths at course-ends.

Rung at St. Giles', Norwich, May 14th, 1952.

CLERICAL RINGING WEEK

Experiences in Suffolk

FOR the third successive year the Guild of Clerical Ringers has visited a Cathedral City —1950 Chester, 1951 Wells and now, 1952, Bury St. Edmunds. Headquarters were at the Angel Hotel, where the familiar features of Mr. Pickwick, a former distinguished guest, are on every plate. The ringing party consisted of Canon C. C. Cox (Lyme Regis), Prebendary E. V. Cox (Ottery St. Mary), Canon B. F. Sheppard (Somersham, Hunts), Canon R. F. Wilkinson (W. Bridgford), and the Revs. J. H. P. Andrews (Chittlehampton), K. C. Davis (Hawley), F. Ll. Edwards (Kington Magna), M. C. C. Melville (London), R. H. Palmer (Cogenhoe), I. J. Richards (Crumlin), A. S. Roberts (Carbis Bay), D. P. Roberts (Marston, Staffs), J. G. M. Scott (Exeter), R. D. St. John Smith (Crawshawbooth), W. H. R. Trewhella (St. Crantock), H. F. Warren (Weston-super-Mare) and E. S. Wood (Cheshunt). The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (Norwich) met the party for two days and the Rev. T. P. Hearn (Cirencester) for one day. Mrs. A. S. Roberts and Mrs. Andrews accompanied the party.

Seventeen assembled at St. Mary's, Bury, on Monday evening, April 21st, one having driven 353 miles from Newquay that day. The fine eight were rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge.

AN OPEN RINGING CHAMBER

Tuesday morning began with the Guild's corporate Communion in the Cathedral Canon Cox being the celebrant, and at 9.30 the party set off for Cotton, where they met with the first surprise of the tour, a ringing chamber open on its western side to the elements. The visitors much admired the hardihood of the local band but gravely remarked that this sort of thing would never do in Cornwall. It being a cold morning, your scribe kept his hat on. Here Yorkshire was attempted, and it was not the fault either of this new eight or of the airy ringing chamber that it did not succeed.

The next tower was Stowmarket, where Mr. Cecil Pipe met the band, and Master R. Pipe, aged just twelve called a touch of Stedman Triples. Here Yorkshire was achieved, and lunch followed in the Church Hall, the party being very kindly waited upon by local ringers. Two six-bell towers, Finborough Magna, a fine example of Victorian Gothic, and Monks Eleigh, one of the many churches faced with costly repairs, were visited in the afternoon, and the party proceeded to world-famous Lavenham, where tea was ready. The bells, unhappily, were not, and Preston bells were rung instead. Evensong was said after ringing.

After dinner the Norman tower of St. James', March, which in 1914 became the Cathedral Church of the new diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, was open, and the visitors were warmly welcomed by members of the local band. The splendid ten were rung to Stedman, Grandsire and Kent. Towards the end of the last touch a rope, which had been visibly fraying below the sally, eventually broke, leaving the bell to set itself gently at backstroke a tribute (it was felt) to the steady ringing of the band's senior member.

Wednesday morning was taken up with visits to three glorious churches—Clare, with its lovely sanctuary and many objects of interest, a capacious ringers' jug amongst them: Cavendish and Long Melford, the most glorious of all. At Clare one of the party met an inhabitant who reckoned that all ringers should have a rope round their necks, but soon had him tamed. The Vicar generously provided refreshment for the party. After ringing at Long Melford lunch was taken in the old almshouses next the church. The afternoon was spent in Sudbury, the town with three rings of eight each better than the last—St. Peter's, St. Gregory's and All Saints'. St. Gregory's had two surprises, an outstandingly beautiful font cover of the time of Henry VI, and the head of Archbishop Simon of Sudbury, barbarously beheaded in Wat Tyler's rebellion in 1381. For six days the head remained on London Bridge, and was sent back to the church which he loved when the Government regained control. Evensong was said at All Saints' at the conclusion of ringing, the organist kindly coming to provide music for canticles and hymn and to play a stirring voluntary at the close.

After dinner the Guild held its annual meeting. Canon C. C. Cox was re-elected president, and Prebendary E. V. Cox secretary, with very genuine expressions of appreciation for their devoted work. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Cecil Pipe and Mr. Stedman Symonds for their help, and to incumbents and local ringers for their unfailing kindness. West Cornwall was chosen as the place for next year's meeting. The secretary reported 53 members and healthy finances.

DIGNITY AND IMPUDENCE

On the Thursday, after ringing at Horringer, a beautifully-kept small church, where the Archdeacon of Sudbury met the members, the party moved on to Newmarket, the town inhabited by ten thousand persons and one thousand horses, ringing first at All Saints' and then on the beautiful six at St. Mary's. At both the clergy met the party and at the latter the Rector, the Rev. M. C. Russell, rang with them and afterwards provided coffee with lunch in the Church Hall. The dignitaries of the Guild —a prebendary of Exeter, honorary canons of Southwell, Salisbury and Ely, and the precentors of Norwich and All Saints', Margaret Street—rang a touch of Cambridge, the band being called by one of its members 'dignity and impudence' and by another 'two minor canons and four big guns.' Thereafter the programme was advanced by half an hour to allow time for ringing at Lavenham in the evening.

The party would gladly have stayed longer on the ten at Mildenhall, and in the modern Peace Tower at Elvedon, where the Rector most kindly entertained them all to tea. To have rung muffled would have fitted the mood of the parish for Elvedon had but recently felt the impact of foot-and-mouth disease, one of the best Guernsey herds in the country, 163 in number, having been slaughtered ten days previously. At St. Peter's, Thetford, the bells were muffled, but only to prevent nuisance to neighbours. After ringing here the party returned to an early dinner to learn that further trouble had been encountered in the rehanging at Lavenham, and that there would be no chance after all of ringing in this noted tower.

A very depleted band, at first seven, and then only six, concluded the 'week' on the Friday morning, St. Mark's Day, visiting the six-bell towers of Fornham St. Martin, Great Barton and Ixworth, and the five-bell tower at Fakenham. To ring well-struck Doubles on the splendid five in the Norman tower of this church gave as much pleasure to some of the band as any other ringing of the week.

This annual and unusual ringing meeting includes country and city, canons and curates. Age this year varied from 78 to 26. Ability also varies greatly. Some are in constant practice, others have little opportunity throughout the year and look forward to this week to give their annual course, say, of Cambridge Minor, or an attempt at Stedman Triples. From time to time attempts, notably of London or Superlative, failed, but the four standard methods and Cambridge, Yorkshire Double Norwich and Oxford were rung, and often rung well. The standard of ringing of the Guild is much higher than in the years just before the war. No peals were attempted, because it seemed when the programme was drawn up that numbers would be insufficient. For some members it is the only holiday of the year, and it is much to be hoped that rising costs of travel and accommodation will not further affect the attendance.

550 YEARS OF KNOWLE BELLS

In 1396 Canon Walter Cooke, an influential ecclesiastic with friends at Court and in Rome, founded the chapel at Knowle, where he was born. Six years later a Scottish bishop came to consecrate the building, and Sunday, Feb. 24th, 1952, marked the very day of the 550th anniversary of this event.

Walter Cooke was a great benefactor to Knowle, for in 1412 he founded the Guild which became famous throughout England, and in 1417 founded a college of ten priests. In 1423 the good canon died and was buried in the church which he had founded.

To-day the church is noted for its outstanding beauty. Its most precious possession is a delicately carved rood screen of the 15th century—the finest in Warwickshire and thought by many to be the finest in the country. However, it has been badly mutilated by modern 'restorers.' There is much old woodwork in this Arden church, including an ancient hourglass, eleven misericordes, and two very old dug-out chests, to mention but a few.

In 1396 the Pope issued a Bull which contained the first reference to the new chapel. It also mentions—and this is of interest to ringers—that the chapel must sustain a 'Chirchyarde Belferey or bellehouse and belles.' At that time there were but two bells, for in Walter Cooke's will he directed 'to two servants of the same church tolling the bells 6d. between them' at his funeral.

Mediæval records relating to the bells are lacking at Knowle, and it is not until the Chapel Wardens' Accounts begin in 1672 that the bells are again mentioned. The first entry with regard to the subject is found in this year when 2s. 6d. was given to the ringers (three at that time) on November 5th. After that, entries are numerous, mostly in the form of repairs to stays, gudgeons and wheels. There are the accounts for all the recastings of the bells, and in 1681 we see that 3s. was paid for ale 'when the bells weare in mending.' The bells were being recast, so perhaps the ale helped to console them for the dreadful silence!

The present ring of eight is housed in the topmost storey of the well-proportioned tower 500ft. above sea level. Inscriptions and weights are:—

Tenor.—10 cwt. 7 lb. In Nomine Dominii 1837 Victoria R.I. 1897. D.D. James Wakefield.

7th.—7 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. 1687, Bagley. 1897, Barwell. 1931, Taylor.

6th.—5 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. Made by Matthew Bagley, 1687. Recast by James Barwell, 1897. At the cast of the parishioners of Knowle. Fear God.

5th.—5 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. Recast 1897. The gift of B. Maria Christopherson. God save the Queen.

4th.—4 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. Te Deum Laudamus. 1837 Victoria R.I. 1897. D.D. Thomas Savage, M.D.

3rd.—4 cwt. 1 qr. In Nomine Domini. 1837 Victoria R.I. 1897. D.D. T. Hubertus Bower Et Fam.

2nd.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. In memory of my father and mother. A. E. Williams, Churchwarden (obverse) Taylor, 1931.

Treble.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. 1914, They died for us, 1918; (obverse) Taylor, 1931.

The curfew is rung annually from November 5th to December 24th on the tenor bell for five minutes, and the clock hours are also struck on this bell.

It is perhaps an honour indeed for the Knowle ringers that the village has taken, from the earliest days, two bells as its coat of arms. (Azure, two church bells or in fesse.) No doubt ringing has played an important part in the history of Knowle, and the ringers are not going to forget that behind them they have 550 years of ringing to their credit.

ANTHONY A. UPTON.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CRANBORNE PEAL

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Cranborne, Dorset, on Sunday, February 24th, 1952, I think that, in fairness to the rest of the band and myself, Mr. West should state the exact reasons for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild not being willing to accept it as being rung by them.

The facts of the matter are these: Eight of us spent a week-end in the West Country, and I was asked to call a peal at Cranborne on Sunday on the way back, being assured that permission had been obtained for the attempt to be made. This seemed to be confirmed when we were met at the church by one of the local band (we naturally assumed he was the captain !) who told us that everything was in order for us to go ahead. As it is our custom (as a matter of courtesy) to ring peals for the Association covering the area we are visiting when possible, those who were not members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild were duly proposed and seconded before the peal commenced, and when we arrived home the fees were sent on to the appropriate authority in the usual way, for the elections to be ratified at the next Guild meeting. After the peal was finished, we came down from the tower to find about half a dozen irate Cranborne ringers, who said they knew nothing of the proposed attempt. Since that time various garbled versions of the peal (jealousy-inspired, I suspect !) have been in circulation until it has made me heartily fed-up with the whole business.

It seems to me, therefore, that Mr. West has, in attempting to appease the Cranborne ringers and any other interested parties, tried to find some reason for the peal not being accepted by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and after nearly three months has come up with this trumped-up charge of a breach of the membership rule. Whether Mr. West's statement is the official ruling passed by a Guild annual meeting, or whether it is his own private opinion, so put as to appear to be official, I do not know, but it would be of interest to me to find out, as if it is the latter it is one of those dictatorial attitudes adopted by some guild officials which should be ruthlessly stamped out.

At any rate, sir, subject to the rest of the band agreeing, I intend to re-submit the peal to 'The Ringing World' as being rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully, JOHN H. HUNT.

Fareham, Hants.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter in this week's 'Ringing World' from the secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, I, as one of the band who rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Cranborne, Dorset, would like to ask Mr. West for further details as to why this peal is not recognised by his Guild.

The current report of the Guild does not contain a copy of the rules, so I am unable to verify the working of the rule in question, but all non-members of the Guild (of whom, I believe, there were three or four) were provisionally elected members prior to the attempt in the usual way. I have always understood that it is considered courteous to record a peal for the Guild or Association in whose area the tower is situated, and that belfry elections prior to peal attempts are quite in order. Is this not the case with the Salisbury Guild?

I am afraid that I am led to the conclusion that this non-recognition is the climax of much entirely unnecessary and uncalled-for bad feeling which has arisen around this peal in some quarters, but perhaps Mr. West will give further details of his objections. Bickering and bad feeling of this kind over peal attempts, all too frequently caused by jealousy, is not conducive

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HODSONS OF ST. MARY CRAY

Dear Sir,—Mr. I. Emery's letter in your issue of May 23rd interested me very much as a former churchwarden of St. Mary Cray. The Rev. R. F. Galer, M.A., a former Vicar, now in retirement, was a keen antiquarian and collector of old lore regarding the village, and I had it on his authority that Hodson's foundry stood on the site of the present Vicarage at the end of Blacksmith's Lane. This land formed part of the manor known as The Mount, which was owned by the Wotton family in the early part of the 17th century.

John and Christopher Hodson had a bell foundry in Whitechapel and started the Cray foundry in the second half of the 17th century. Many of their bells bear the name of their foreman, William Hull. The 4th, 5th and tenor bells of St. Mary Cray are dated A.D. 1655, having the inscription, 'John Hodson made me.'

It is recorded in the journal of John Masters, who resided at the nearby Kevington Manor: 'April 8th, A.D. 1656, given towards the casting of ye new bells at St. Mary Cray, £1.'—Yours faithfully, C. W. HANCOCK.

Tonbridge, Kent.

THE RINGER'S HUSBAND ?

Dear Sir,—Funny how interested in 'The Ringing World' the wife has become since May 2nd, something 26 years and nearly 250 peals has failed to create ! A few more Madeline Crofts and some of our old bachelor ringers might be talked into marriage and so share in this 'taxed entertainment'—grade 1.? Unmarried lady ringers may also 'take heart' and this is no 'gipsy's warning,' for:—

I know a ringer named Ted,
Who delights in making his bed.
At washin' and darnin' he's full of larnin'
And knows how a man should be fed.
To those who are easily led,
Try and alter his ways and so tread,
For at 'splicing' he's good, though unwed,
Cos he's never bin married—so it's said !
If ever he did see red, he too must have quickly fled,
For with no missus to pay he goes ringing ALL day,
And never seems to lose his head.
(Did Kate think he'd be far better dead?)

D.'C.'V. Also CHESHIRE.

P.S.—Should you fancy your chance as match-maker, beware of this small but great record breaker.

A PEAL QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—Proud as we are in Worcestershire of the almost complete absence of this type of thing, I am sorry to note the letter from Mr. P. C. Richards on the peal at Wollaston. Without prejudice to the rights or wrongs of his assertions, may I remind him of Rule 12—a rule which I had hoped never to have to quote—and to assure him that his reflections can be dealt with at the proper time and place.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. JOHNSON, Gen. Sec.,
Worcestershire Association.

Sedgeberrow.

[NOTE.—Rule 12 reads: 'That no member shall forward any communication to the public Press reflecting upon any company in union with the Association or any member thereof without the sanction of the secretary.'—ED.]

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to a fraternal spirit among ringers, and I do not write with any feelings of ill-will, but to protest against what I feel to be a quite unjustifiable action on the part of the secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Yours sincerely,

Winchester, Hants. PETER N. BOND.

DEDICATIONS

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE

The 14th century church at Ecclesfield was filled to capacity on the evening of Ascension Day, when the bells of this ancient church were rededicated. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. J. Hayes), who was assisted by the Rev. R. Page and the Rev. C. Whitfield.

The dedication was performed by the Archdeacon of Sheffield, the Ven. D. E. W. Harrison. Rounds were rung by the local company during the service, and afterwards touches in a variety of methods by eight members of the Sheffield District Society.

Damaged by the death-watch beetle, the old wooden frame has been replaced by a new steel structure.

The old bells, an anti-clockwise ring of eight, have been cleaned, retuned and hung in modern fittings, now running clockwise. The tenor, always reputed to be a bell of a little over 18 cwt., is now a good bell of 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston can be complimented on a good job of work and especially the fall of the ropes, which is a perfect circle. The firm was represented by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, who also assisted in the ringing. A. F.

STRETHAM, Nr. ELY

The Parish Church of St. James, Stretham, was filled with parishioners, visitors and ringers on the evening of April 29th for the dedication of the new treble by the Lord Bishop of Ely (the Rt. Rev. H. E. Wynn).

The original five bells have been hung with the treble in an iron frame by Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough. The fifth bell was recast.

The Rev. J. E. Cowgill (Rector of Stretham 1945–1951) conducted evensong. After the second lesson in evensong the Bishop moved in procession to the tower, where Mr. O. P. Drever, who gave the new bell in memory of his father, presented the treble rope to the Bishop. After the dedication the Bishop passed the rope to the churchwardens, charging them to see that the bells were set apart from 'all profane and unhallowed uses.' As the procession returned to the chancel rounds were rung by Miss M. Grain 1, I. M. Waters 2, J. P. Fidler 3, J. W. Pickett 4, H. Gibbons 5, R. H. Brooker 6.

After the service a variety of methods were rung on what is now a very fine ring of six bells.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of June 7th, 1912

BRISTOL.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.
On Tuesday, May 21st, 1912, in 3 hours and 5 minutes.
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr.
A Peal of Bristol Surprise Major, 5,088 changes.
Tenor 21 cwt.

Jesse B. Tyler	Treble	William Knight	5
Henry Brownjohn	2	Geo. Condick jun.	6
Richard Clark	3	John A. Burford	7
Henry Pring	4	Wm. A. Cave	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.
Conducted by William A. Cave.
[This was the first peal of Bristol in Bristol.]

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
The Winchester Diocesan Guild.
On Saturday, June 1st, 1912, in 7 hours and 3 minutes.
In the Ringing Chamber of Holy Trinity Church.
A Peal of Stedman Caters, 14,031 changes.

Arth. F. Shepherd	1–2	William Shepherd	5–6
Alfred H. Pulling	3–4	James Hunt	7–8
Frank Blondell	9–10		

Composed by G. Lindoff.
Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
[This was, at the time, the longest peal rung on handbells. The same band later accomplished one of 19,738 changes.]

BELLS IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 301)

In the belfry of Witchampton, Dorset, is preserved a large pitcher of yellow earthenware, roughly glazed inside and about six inches down the outside. It is inscribed: 'Witchampton Bellfrey.' It was bought by the ringers themselves and made of Verwood Pottery about the year 1800. At Christmas and on special occasions it was carried round to the farmers and others who might give, to be filled with beer or cider. Its capacity is six gallons and originally it had a pouring handle and two carrying handles, and when one of the latter was broken off, a piece of rope was tied round the neck for carrying. T. F. Thistleton-Dyer in his 'Church Lore Gleanings' (1891) says that Swansea ringers' jug had the following couplet:

'Come fill me with liquor sweet,
For that is good when friends do meet;
When I am full then, drink about,
I ne'er will fail till all is out.'

Kendal, Westmorland, had a ringers' jug, but this is either lost or broken. A view of it is to be seen on the sign of the Ring o' Bells. It had an inscription similar to that quoted above at Hadleigh. The inn sign shows the tower with ten ringers in shirt sleeves ringing the bells, several of which can be seen in the open louvres above. The jug appears on the floor of the ringers' room, with a glass or tankard beside it. A similar picture to this is that at Norwich where a quaint water-colour by Ninham shows the St. Peter Mancroft ringers in their chamber at their ropes, and the pitcher is placed on the floor in the midst of the circle. It is dated about 18th century. This pitcher originally had three handles, but now has one only. Its capacity is 35 pints, and it was presented to the parish of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1749 by John Dersley, a wealthy potter, who was Sheriff in 1759, Mayor in 1764 and who died the following year. It has been twice lost, but is now preserved in the church.

Stowmarket, Suffolk, ringers' pitcher is also preserved in the belfry. It has two handles and two lips, and is enclosed in wicker work. It holds 4½ gallons and is of stone pottery, and at the back where the wicker has broken away is the date 1780 and letters 'R.P.' In the Colchester and Essex Museum is a ringers' jug from Braintree. It bears the names of ringers and the date 1685. It has two handles and is ornamented with imprints of flowers. At Hornchurch, Essex, is preserved two pitchers and a note on their history says:—

'These pitchers were originally made for the use of the bellringers, and on certain occasions were filled with ale brewed at Hornchurch Hall for their refreshment. In the belfry was formerly a set of rules as follows:

If you ring with spur or hat
Three pints of beer you pay for that;
If you Swear or give the Lye,
A pot you pay immediately;
If a bell you overthrow,
A pint you pay before you go. T.S. 1798.'

The smaller of these pitchers is dated 1731 and bears the ringers' names, as does the larger one. This is dated 1815 and made of very dark burnt amber-coloured earthenware. At Witney, Oxon, is a ringers' jug of unknown date, capable of holding 16 quarts, of which the neck takes one! Having been broken it was repaired over a century ago by a tinker, who neatly placed three bands of iron round it and inserted eight brass rivets. A number of others might be quoted at Bungay, Tamworth and elsewhere. Perhaps the most unique one, however, is in possession of Cirencester ringers. It is described as a 'loving-cup' and was presented to the ringers in 1785. It is silver-mounted on double rams' horns, with a silver plate inscribed with a bell and the couplet:—

'Intactum sileo percute dulce cano,' meaning—

'Untouched I am a silent thing,
But strike me and I sweetly ring.'

This was a favourite inscription often found on ancient bells. This loving-cup, together with a chair which has a bell carved on its back, was given to Cirencester ringers by Mr. Blackwell, of Ampney Park nearby. Dorchester, Dorset, ringers have a flagon in pewter which has been handsomely restored and is now preserved in the Museum there. Its capacity is 1¼ gallons (1 pint each for 10 ringers) and is thus inscribed:—

'Feby
1676
The Guift of
Edward Lefter
wch is to remain for
ye ufe of ye ringers
of Dorchester for ever
(beneath the mantling) St. Peter.'

A similar pewter pot is preserved at Salisbury, Wilts, St. Paul's, previously called Fisherton Anger, and is inscribed:—

'The Pot of Fisherton Anger church.
George Heeley and John Marchant. Churchwardens 1660.'

It holds more than a gallon. Of leather jacks owned by ringers of old time, perhaps the best known is that at Lincoln and was presented to the ringers there in 1782. Its capacity is 11 quarts and it is adorned with the city arms on one side and a bell on the other. A similar leather jack dated 1786 belongs to Crowle, Worcs.; and a very interesting one is at Stafford. This bears the names of the ringers and was made in 1750. It holds 27 pints. Besides the pitchers already noticed in Suffolk there are others at Clare (with two handles and holding 17 quarts dated 1729) and one at Garboldisham, Norfolk, dated 1703. This holds 16 quarts and is inscribed:—

'Come jolly boys and drink your fills.
Let me not empty long remain
But if all out fill me again.'

Then follow the names of ringers and 'Joseph Hammond made me.' More modern jugs and pitchers are at Macclesfield where there are no less than three jugs and two pots, the former recording peals rung on these famous bells, and Church Lawton where they have a jug and six cups. The jug bears the names of the ringers and holds 11 quarts, while each cup holds a pint. Other instances of similar jugs are at Hyde, Cheshire; Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs; Barnsley, Yorks; and elsewhere.

A WARMLEY (BRISTOL) WEDDING

MR. A. D. MARSH—MISS M. H. POWELL

The St. Barnabas' Guild of Ringers rang a wedding peal at Warmley Parish Church on May 17th, when two of their members were married. They were Mr. Anthony David Marsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Marsh, of Brislington, Bristol, and Miss Moreen Hazell Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Powell, of Warmley. The Vicar (Preb. C. W. Francis) officiated, and Mr. H. James was at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beige costume with green accessories and carried an ivory prayer book. Matron of honour was Mrs. R. Powell, and the best man was Mr. Paul Marsh. Following a reception at the bride's home, the bridal pair left for Port Isaac for their honeymoon.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Marsh learned to ring at Warmley and are regular Sunday ringers. Mrs. Marsh gained her certificate at St. John's, Bristol. Mr. Marsh is chief server at Warmley and Mrs. Marsh is a Sunday School teacher.

The wedding presents included a chiming clock by the members of the church. C. J. T.

OUTINGS

ROMFORD, ESSEX

Augmented by friends, the ringers of St. Edward's, Romford, held their first outing for many years on May 17th, which was a tour of Essex and Suffolk.

Ringing took place at Potter Street, Harlow, Bishop's Stortford, Great Bardfield, Clare, Lavenham, Sudbury (All Saints' and St. Gregory's) and Halstead. The warm welcome at each tower and good companionship combined to make the tour a great success.

OUT IN LEICESTERSHIRE

On May 17th, twenty-two members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild travelled by various means to King's Norton in the afternoon. After greasing and oiling the bells, these rough going eight were raised and several Triples and Major methods attempted. After tea on the village green, Thurnby and Humberstone were visited. After making one more call! the party travelled homewards, everyone agreeing that it had been a grand day.

WISBECH BRANCH

Fifty-six members and friends of the Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association held an enjoyable day's ringing in Northampton and district on May 21st.

Ringing took place at Thrapston, Kettering, Northampton (St. Sepulchre's, St. Giles', All Saints' and St. Peter's), Wellingborough and Higham Ferrers. The more musical members of the party formed themselves into a choir under Mr. Barker for the homeward journey. Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal were rung at Kettering.

5,040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by HOWLETT

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MR. H. HOWARD'S 200 PEALS

Mr. H. Howard, of Davenham, Northwich, has rung 200 peals. His list is appended:—

Doubles, one to four methods 7 (conducted 2).

Minor, one to eight methods 89 (35): Kent Treble Bob Minor 5 (4); Oxford Treble Bob Minor 2 (1); Double Oxford Minor 1; Surprise Minor, one to four methods 7 (4).

Grandsire Triples 7; Stedman Triples 1.

Bob Major 24 (8); Kent Treble Bob Major 24 (1); Oxford Treble Bob Major 4 (1); Little Bob Major 11 (6); Oxford and Kent Major Spliced 1; Bristol Surprise Major 1; Yorkshire Surprise Major 2; Cambridge Surprise Major 7; Double Norwich Major 1.

Bob Royal 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal 2; Little Bob Royal 1; Grandsire Caters 1.

Total 200 (conducted 62).

THE RINGERS' PARADISE

An Easter Tour in Devon: Churches Worth Seeing

AMONG tours linked with the annual rally of the Devonshire Guild at Combe Martin on Easter Monday was one arranged with his usual efficiency by Mr. Wilf Panter—young and enthusiastic—for Sowton, Pinhoe, Exeter, Topsham and a few outlying ringers. It began at Kingsnympton (6 bells, tenor 15 cwt.), where the church has a copper covered spire, a porch with 41 bosses, and at the entrance part of a Celtic cross. The north wall is, probably, part of a former Saxon church dating back one thousand years. The chancel ceiling has a large golden cross in a sky of clouds and stars. A 15th century screen has no loft, but the tracery, fan vaulting and cornice carving (four rows) are exceedingly good. A tablet records a succession of John Furses, covering two centuries, belonging to the parish. The 'father' of the company, a ripe octogenarian, Mr. A. W. Searle, who has nearly 400 Devon towers to his credit, noted in the visitors' book that he rang at Kingsnympton 50 years ago.

North Molton (6, 22 cwt.) was the next stop. The place had in the past profitable mines—mostly silver, but with some gold and copper—but little or nothing is now done with them. The spacious church has screens with much fine carving and a font that is probably unique in Devon. The stem of this font has eight panels, on which are figures of a bishop with staff, St. Anthony with pig, St. Mark with lion, St. Sidwell with scythe and book, and St. Urith of Chittlehampton, who is shown carrying her decapitated head and as having another head in the normal position.

SOME ROMANCE

The road to Combe Martin brought acquaintance with Devon's truly rural roads, along which the coach just managed to scrape its way. Combe Martin (8, 10 cwt.) was at one time better known than North Molton for silver mining, but is now notable for horticultural productions and a street about two miles long. Service, lunch and meeting being over, the tour was continued to Berrynarbor (6, 12 cwt.). The travelling historian explained that the curious name was a compound of Berry and Narbor, by which families the manor was formerly held. John Jewel, who became Bishop of Salisbury and was the author of 'An apology for the English Church,' was born here in 1522.

A little romance associated with the place was recalled. It related to Sir Reginald Wolseley, the tenth baronet of his line. He was working in the United States when he succeeded to the baronetcy. His father, an Irish doctor, was cousin to the 9th baronet. Sir Reginald had been in the States and Canada a long time and, as all his friends were there, he gave little heed to the baronetcy. But a Devon lady who had nursed his mother promised the latter, when dying, that she would seek Sir Reginald. She found him and he came back with the lady as his wife. They lived at Berrynarbor. About three years later Sir Reginald died, and a year or so afterwards his wife was buried beside him.

A RARE EFFIGY

The next move was to West Down (6, 10 cwt.), where the Norman font was found during restoration work in 1874, and where there is also a rare specimen of a wooden effigy, dating from the 14th century, and still retaining a good deal of original colouring. The effigy is supposed to be that of Sir John Wyatt, Justice of the Common Pleas.

Mortehoe (6, 9 cwt.) for tea 'was the next objective, and on the way there were fine views of marine and cliff scenery. The church was originally cruciform, but has been much altered. The Tracey family was long associated with the parish, and the member of it who had a share in the murder of Thomas à Becket in Canterbury Cathedral is supposed to have later settled here as a recluse. A tomb in the south transept is that of Sir William Tracey, a 14th century priest.

CHURCHYARD GARDEN

The final call was at Georgeham (8, 14 cwt.), which has a beautiful churchyard, full of daffodils, narcissi, primroses and polyantha, with rose bushes on the graves to provide a wealth of blooms later in the year. It astonished visitors who saw the place for the first time. The church itself was to a large extent rebuilt during the 19th century. Then was found a stone carving of the Crucifixion. It may have been part of a reredos and has been placed in the north wall of the chancel. The eastern wall has fine paintings of St. Francis, St. George, the Virgin Mary and the Archangel Gabriel. At a distance the figures seem to be in relief, but they are flush with the wall surface. The artist was Margaret Kemp Welch, who attained considerable eminence and was sometime resident in the parish.

RINGING AWARDS

At all churches the bells were in good order, but the rings most appreciated were at North Molton, Combe Martin and Georgeham. The methods used were mainly Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, which enabled the tenors to be kept behind as big drums, a procedure that appeals very strongly to Devon country dwellers. There were also some Bob Doubles. At several churches there were displays of certificates awarded to local teams for skill in raising and lowering bells and excellence of striking in call changes. One church had a shield, obtained for special success, being on a wall. Everywhere there were welcomes and good wishes. The visitors were grateful for them and expressed admiration for the Easter decorations, in which many thousands of spring flowers were used with charming effect, especially at Combe Martin. If only the weather had been fine instead of wet until the afternoon was well advanced, the day would have been one to be remembered. P. S.

RINGING RHYMES

No. 11 — GRANDSIRE

Like Plain Bob, Grandsire's hunt-controlled,
But 'twin-hunt.' So it must be told
These methods both are built the same,
With 'Place and dodgings aft.' Each name
Shows whether ODD or EVEN bells
The method fits; and also tells
Where the place is made. On even rings,
Dodging in pairs to 'seconds' brings
Us back. On odds (Grandsire)—we find
The dodging pairs (count from behind!)
Bring us to 'thirds,' the place to make.
But now, especial notice take:

Between this 'thirds' and 'lead' is found
A second hunt-bell, working round
With Treble, 'till a call makes clear—
Exchange of 'second hunt' is near.

The 'work-cycle,' as in Plain Bob,
Becomes an equally clear-cut job.
But the dodging pairs are upwards moved
One place. Plain Bob's three/four is proved
As Grandsire's four/five. And so on
'Till ten/eleven, in Cinques, is won.

The Grandsire 'cyclics' now please learn.
BELL and POSITION you'll discern
Same as in Plain Bob, less the bell
That's in the hunt. Note it as well!

The Calls in Grandsire take effect
At Treble's first lead-blow. Correct
Will be the Bob, if 3rds is made,
With dodging aft. This 3rds is stayed
For two more blows at Single calls,
While 2nds over Treble falls. A. Y-B.

SOME LITTLE KNOWN CORNISH TOWERS

A Happy Easter Monday

On Easter Monday, six of the young Kenwyn (Truro) ringers met three from West Cornwall, including Miss E. Symons (president of the Truro Guild), at St. Samson (or Golant) on the west bank of the River Fowey to begin a day searching out new towers and bells in that area. The Kenwyn contingent had already got the bells going and this brought Mr. Thomas, of Emmanuel, Plymouth, to the tower to ring his first changes on the bells, although he had often rung there, for St. Samson is his birthplace. This little tower has five bells, tenor 4¾ cwt., in excellent going order, as Taylors rehung them in 1938.

The next tower, St. Veep, could be seen across the river on the east bank, but it was a journey of twelve miles to get to it. St. Veep bells are famous, being a complete ring of six cast in 1770 by John Pennington and Co., but of recent years completely rehung in a new frame by Taylors. When this was done the Advisory Committee would not allow any retuning, and the bells are said to be a maiden peal. They are pleasing to ring, and sound well both inside and outside the tower.

This must be an area in which the Penningtons had little or no competition in the 1770's, for we went on to Lanteglos-by-Fowey, knowing there was a ringing match in progress, for we chose a spot looking across a field to the church to settle to our picnic lunch, and to have a lesson in rising and falling if nothing more. It was well done and we heard several bands perform. Lanteglos bells were a complete Pennington ring of 1774 until 1909, when Taylors restored them and recast the treble. This is one of the Barron Bell Trust's most generous gifts. Until 1937 there were three old bells in this tower. One of these is preserved in the church. The Trust gave the back six and paid for almost everything except the two trebles, which were provided by the parish. They are a delightful modern eight, tenor 12½ cwt., and we could not resist knocking off a quarter of Grandsire Triples here amongst other things.

Next came Pelynt, until 1913 a ring of four, again some Penningtons of 1773, but Taylors added a treble and tenor (13½ cwt. in F), and these bells are one of Cornwall's heavier and mixed sixes. At this tower we received a surprise visit from Canon G. W. S. Harmer and one of his ringers from Bodmin.

Lanreath six are a complete ring of Pennington, 1773, and were rehung by Mears in 1913. They were much lighter, tenor about 8½ cwt. The Rector welcomed us and said he had just returned from the ringing match and that his ringers were still there.

As darkness drew near we arrived at Lanlivery, where much restoration is necessary. Scaffolding was keeping the roof up, much of which was gone, but we received a welcome from several local ringers, who had even lighted hurricane lanterns and placed them on the floor so we could evade the pond in the church. The bells, like the church, need repair, and must be the toughest proposition in Cornwall. The writer recalled he had rung a peal here 24 years previously with Mr. Alan Pink. We tackled the bells and rang a surprisingly good touch of Grandsire Triples, which gave joy to those who welcomed us. The fifth and tenor were cast in 1639 by Roger Purdue, and are from the original five. Three trebles were added in 1890 by Mears and Stainbank. We could not stay to do all we were expected to do here, especially when the locals produced a very fine set of twelve handbells, so we had to lower the bells and say good-bye to them and to each other. Maybe that when a new Vicar is appointed to Lanlivery and the church has a new roof, the bells will receive the attention they need. Our thanks are due to Mr. Alan Carveth for arranging this day out. A. S. R.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR ROBERTS

The death occurred on May 14th, following a long and painful illness, patiently borne, of Mr. Arthur Roberts, of Llandegai, Caerns. Mr. Roberts had been ringing at Llandegai from boyhood. He was a keen and regular service ringer and was very interested in the art of change ringing, but there was little scope for this locally and advancement was slow. Whatever ringing was done on this old Rudhall six was well done and always good to listen to, although the present condition of the bells is far from good. Mr. Roberts was a great friend of Mr. W. Wolstencroft, who used to visit this neighbourhood annually for many years. He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn his loss. The church has lost a good friend and worker. The interment was at Llandegai. Floral tributes were beautiful and numerous, including one from Lady Janet Douglas Pennent. Mr. Roberts was foreman in charge of Port Penrhyn on the Menai Straits.

A. J. H.

In an appreciation W. D. M. writes:—Grounded in the faith of the Church, Mr. Arthur Roberts was a most devoted worshipper, communicant and church worker as long as health permitted, very often an initiator of sacrificial church work, a great believer in direct giving. He took great delight in the art of campanology, was a faithful bell-ringer, believed it to be a most healthful and devout exercise for a church boy and did his best to influence in this direction. He was also a great believer in inter-parochial fellowship of bell-ringers. As long as health permitted he was also a faithful member of the Parochial Church Council, always ready to help. He was a very good friend to all, especially where there was need. The sympathies of the whole parish go out to Mrs. Roberts and the whole family.

'Whene'er the sweet church bell
Peals over hill and dell,
May Jesus Christ be praised.
O hark to what it sings,
As joyously it rings,
May Jesus Christ be praised.'

MR. ARTHUR MARTIN

Mr. Arthur Martin passed peacefully away at St. Mark's Hospital, Maidenhead, after a long illness, aged 68 years.

Mr. Martin (a younger brother of George) was a ringer at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, for 40 years. He reluctantly had to give up the ringing he loved in 1937 owing to ill-health. He rang 75 peals, his first being in 1901 and his last in 1937. These included a non-conducted peal of Stedman and many Surprise methods. His proudest achievement was in taking part in a peal of London, at Boyne Hill in 1930, rung by a local band, conducted by his brother George.

Mr. Martin was a postman in the Maidenhead district for 46 years, and on retirement in 1943 on account of ill-health he was awarded the Imperial Service Medal in recognition of his loyal service. He was an accomplished musician and an enthusiastic handbell ringer. In the 1914–1918 war he served in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Mr. Martin was buried on May 19th after a service in All Saints', conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Eric Perkins) and attended by relatives, friends and ringers at All Saints'. The bells were rung half-muffled before the service, and in the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by Mrs. D. Poole 1, J. Fowler 2, T. Goodchild 3, E. E. Gosling 4, W. Judd 5, D. Poole 6, J. Young (cond.) 7, H. Baldwin 8.

E. E. G.

MR. WILLIAM KEEBLE

Mr. G. Dawson writes:— I first remember the late Mr. William Keeble when I joined the Leytonstone Society in 1899. He was employed in Stratford works, G.E.R., and after ringing a good many Surprise Minor methods he became acquainted with the brothers Pye, with whom he did great things. I think I am right in saying he and the three Pyes were the first to ring Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise double-handed on handbells. He was in the then record peal of London, 14,114, at King's Norton, and many other notable peals about that period.

He afterwards went to Bacup, where he was a valuable asset to the Surprise band there. After a few years there he returned to his native place, Feering, Essex, where he rang many peals for the Essex Association and other societies. For many years he had been an inmate of Severals Hospital, Colchester, where he passed away after years of suffering. I cannot tell you how many peals he had rung, but it must be many hundreds. He was a very clever conductor, and I have heard the late W. Pye say he would give him best at conducting on eight bells.

QUARTER PEALS

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Chown 1, June Hill 2, S. Osborne 3, W. Kilsby 4, S. Ruddlesden 5, M. Chown (first quarter in the method as cond.) 6. First in method for 1 and 2. Rung for Evensong on Ascension Day.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Line 1, J. J. Partridge (cond.) 2, A. E. Partridge 3, E. Smart 4, H. Wooding 5. Rung half-muffled for the dedication of the new lych gates presented as a memorial to former church members.

FARNWORTH, NR. BOLTON, LANCS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Davies 1, N. Tompkins 2, Marjorie Brown (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Thornley 4, R. Johnson 5, A. Lomas 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung for the anniversary service.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. George 1, C. George 2, E. J. Walker (cond.) 3, H. Tourle 4, G. F. Gray 5, H. Stringer 6. Also on May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Martin 1, G. F. Gray 2, J. Chittenden 3, E. J. Walker 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, H. Stringer 6. First of Bob Doubles for all except 6.

GREAT NESS, SALOP.—On May 14th, 1 260 Minor (being 720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob): E. Willcox 1, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 2, C. A. Barron 3, F. Beddow 4, F. H. Bennett 5, C. Golding (first quarter Minor) 6.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—On May 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Harrison (first quarter on 8) 1, Miss E. Bate 2, J. J. L. Gilbert 3, F. Cardwell 4, B. Purslow 5, J. H. Brothwell 6, J. E. Turley 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On May 15th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Basford 1, D. K. Lane 2, B. R. Cummings 3, W. G. Lane 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. J. C. Harris.

MARSDEN, YORKS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Addy (first quarter) 1, D. B. Cater 2, F. D. Livesey 3, H. Clegg 4, S. A. Jaine (cond.) 5, J. S. Whitehead 6. Rung for the christening of Lynne Miller Jaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Jaine. Miss Addy and D. B. Cater were the god-parents.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, June 7th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards St. Stephen's, Clapham Park.—A. B. Peck. 802

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—East Budleigh, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 808

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Chippenham (6), Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 834

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Foxearth (8), Saturday, June 7th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 798

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting, June 7th, High Ongar (6), 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Impossible to make arrangements for tea. Cafes at Chipping Ongar, short walk or bus. To High Ongar by bus from Brentwood.—F. V. G. 781

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at Oatlands Park (8 bells) on Saturday, June 7th.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 824

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Aldenham (8). Saturday, June 7th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to R. G Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 840

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Quex Park, Saturday, June 7th, 2.30 p.m. Tour of museum during afternoon. Tea 2s. per head. Entrance is by the Farm Road, and **not** in front of the Mansion.—B. J. Luck. 794

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lydd, June 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 787

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting at Cowden (6), June 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 804

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Milton-next-Gravesend, June 7th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Everybody welcome. 792

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern. — Quarterly meeting. Fairwarp (8). Saturday, June 7th, 3 p.m.—G. T. Jennings. 839

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, June 9th, 7.15, general practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 807

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Milton Abbey, Thursday, June 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Meeting follows. Names, by June 9th, to Mr. Bolt, Ravensbourne, Milton Abbas, Blandford.—Hayne, Abbotsbury. 819

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch. — Meeting, Stoke-under-Ham, June 14th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea. —F. Farrant, Martock. 827

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Hon. Sec. 864

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Malton and Norton, June 14th. St. Leonard's, Malton, from 2.30 p.m. Service, St. Michael's, 4.30. Meeting in St. Leonard's Church Hall. St. Peter's, Norton, after meeting until 9. Tea, Talbot Hotel. Names to Mr. H. Long, 6, Burke Road, Malton. 873

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Frodsham, June 14th. If requiring tea please advise Mr. J. E. Bibby, Frodsham, by the 12th.—J. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 870

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, June 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea MUST be received by June 11th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 876

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting, Chester-le-Street, Saturday, June 14th (Gateshead not available that day). Bells 2.30. Committee meeting 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—D. A. Bayles, Hon. Gen. Sec. 860

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Lamberhurst (6), June 14th. Tea on Court Lodge lawn. Names to W. Morland, Court Lodge, Lamberhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 848

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS (1902–1952). — Golden jubilee commemoration meeting, Saturday, June 14th. Special evensong, Cathedral, 3 p.m. Tea 4.15, Holy Trinity Church Hall. Bells after tea to 8 p.m. Other Exeter towers 7.30–9 p.m. applied for. Names by June 9th to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 816

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. —South Eastern Division. — Meeting, Purleigh (6), Saturday, June 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 829

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Bishopstone (8), June 14th. Tea.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 812

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bentley (6) on Saturday, June 14th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notifications to C. W. Denyer, 115, West Street, Farnham, by previous Wednesday. —G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 853

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring (8). Saturday, June 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by June 11th, to Mr. D. Cartwright, 56, Longfield Road, Tring.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 831

LADIES' GUILD. — North-West District.—Annual meeting at St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire, June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea must be received by Tuesday, 10th, by the Secretary.—Miss Frances M. Laflin, 25, Hallam Street, Heaviley, Stockport. 865

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.— Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on June 14th at St. Thomas', St. Helens (8). Bells 2.45. Service 5. Tea 5.30. —J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 862

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Castle Donington, June 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Cafe. Names to Mr. K. Brown, 33, Eastway, C.D., Derby, by June 11th.—C. Hall. 846

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON GUILD. — Meeting at Barnet on Saturday, June 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 851

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch. — Annual branch meeting at Winslow, June 14th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—F. Gibbard, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 875

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—. Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Pattishall on Saturday, June 14th. Names for tea, by June 7th, to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 809

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch. — Summer meeting at Zeals, Wilts, on June 14th. Visitors welcome. Write Rev. W. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 845

SALISBURY GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Corfe Mullen, June 14th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify I. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole, by June 11th. Lytchett Matravers in evening. 869

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting Oswestry, June 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Hon. Sec. before June 10th.—G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec., 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge. 868

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by June 11th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 833

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham, June 14th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—D. M. Reeve. 837

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, June 14th, Slinfold (3–4.30), Rudgwick (6–8). Tea, Slinfold, 4.30. Names, please, by 10th to C. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 854

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Kingsclere (6), Saturday, June 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 872

THURNBY, LEICS. — Monday, June 16th, 7.30 p.m. Dedication of new treble bell. A cordial invitation to all ringers and friends. 857

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting at Albury for Saturday, June 21st, **cancelled.** —R. Kenward, Hon. Sec. 863

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Gainsborough District) and LADIES' GUILD. — Joint meeting at Willingham, Saturday, June 21st. Ringing afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623, by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn and Mrs. A. Richardson, Hon. Secs. 877

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting of East Norfolk Branch, Saturday, June 21st, at Ditchingham (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Bells at Bungay (8) available after tea. Names or numbers for tea to H. W. Barrett, Ferndale, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk, by Wednesday, June 18th. No notification no teas.—J. Harwood, Sec. 847

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 21st. Bells, Cathedral (10) 2.30–3.15 and 6–6.45, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 2.30 onwards. Service at St. Mary's 3.30. Tea 4.15 in St. Mary's Schoolroom, followed by annual meeting. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, June 17th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 861

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Bray, June 21st. Bells 3.30. Names for tea, please, Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, S.W.18. 852

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Meeting, Arley, Saturday, June 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Coach from Bell Street (Bell Hotel), Stourbridge, 2.15 p.m. Names by Thursday, 19th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 866

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Mirfield, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. A. Robinson, 17, Sackville Street, Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, by Tuesday, June 17th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 855

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HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting and prize contest at Saddleworth, July 5th. Entrance fee, 10s. per company, to secretary by June 21st, please. For teas and practice notify Mr. J. Hulme, 116, High Street, Uppermill, Oldham, Lancs, by June 28th. — A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancs. 874

QUARTER PEALS

MOSSLEY, LANCS.—On May 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Taylor (cond.) 1, H. Jackson 2, E. Garside 3, H. Pickles 4, J. Clayton 5, R. Walker 6, J. Radcliffe 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung in honour of the new Mayor (Councillor James Boardman).

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