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THE NEW PLAIN MAJOR METHODS COLLECTION

SINCE the ringing of new Surprise methods became popular among expert ringers the Plain and Treble Bob methods have been somewhat neglected. Most ringers, and especially those younger ones who were unable to obtain a copy of the earlier work, will, therefore, welcome the second edition of the Collection of Plain Major Methods. The book contains in its 60 pages a wealth of useful information, including compositions suitable for nearly 400 methods.

Two hundred of these methods are ingeniously compressed into a table of formulæ, the work of the late A. G. Driver, which looks very complicated at first, but is accompanied by so clear and lucid an explanation that most ringers will find it easy to use the table after a few minutes' study. Another very useful feature of the book is the table of first performances, which is complete up to the beginning of the year.

Few will disagree with the decision to omit the Caters methods, although the reason given for doing this, that none of the methods given in the first edition except Double Norwich has been rung since 1926, recalls a peal of St. Clement's Caters a few years ago which the band said was a very musical, interesting and enjoyable method to ring. The selection of peal compositions for the Major methods, containing as it does at least one musical composition which is easy to call for every method in the book, should prove very valuable to would-be conductors who do not wish to embark on composition themselves.

Although it is easy to criticise other people's work, it does seem a pity that the list of first performances does not give separate details of the first handbell and tower-bell peals in the various methods and that the table on pages 34–39 does not include all the methods with the bells behind in their natural coursing order instead of only those not given elsewhere. Space, however, while paper remains so expensive, is an urgent consideration and the book in its present form is so very useful and such excellent value for three shillings that any criticism seems out of place.

The committee has done a most excellent job and it is to be hoped that they will be rewarded by a revival of interest in some of the less usual Plain Major methods which are interesting to ring and should not be beyond the capabilities of many local bands in different parts of the country.

E. J. J.

THE RINGERS' OUTING

EVEN to the uninitiated it is obvious that some of the bus loads which disembark in the market square are the local Conservatives on their summer outing, others the regulars of the 'Pig and Whistle' on the spree, whilst a few present no difficulty and proclaim by their uniform that the passengers have come to challenge our protagonists on the bowling green. Such parties, and many which the amateur could not diagnose, do, one feels sure, present no difficulty to those connoisseurs, those almost professional judges of outings, who sit somnolently on the benches which surround our market places and city squares. But surely a ringers' outing must puzzle even these knowing ones—such a mixture of types—the young, the old, the decorous, the indecorous, those who visit the 'Brown Cow,' those who look in at the museum, those who concentrate on the ice-cream, and those who just sit in the bus studying little books—all bound together by some common bond in a gay camaraderie.

Surely it is this mixture of characters that gives a very special flavour to a ringers' outing. There are many other ingredients, perhaps not peculiar to a ringers' outing, but at least indispensable to it. The half-past six start, which finally becomes seven o'clock, because Bill, who was late last year, and the year before, so those of long memory aver, and about whom a firm line, it is said, must be taken next year, is late again. There is always one section which is never late, the young bloods, who have banked on the back seat and who are hoping that it runs the width of the bus and will hold five or, with a squeeze, six. This all day is the storm centre, the scene of practical jokes where new recruits to the belfry are put through their paces to discover whether they are good 'back-of-the-bus' types. The handbell enthusiasts are anxious that there should be side seats over the wheels so that they can ring facing each other, with greater ease. The elder statesmen and their wives occupy the seats towards the front and right at the fore is the secretary who, like an anxious navigator, consults with the driver in an attempt to recapture that lost half-hour.

Then there is the ringing on strange bells and the anxiety not to let the home tower down through too much clipping, or the failure to handle a long draught well. By tea time everyone has really captured the spirit of the day's outing and is ready for the evening ring at an isolated village, where some will also snatch a drink whilst others wait anxiously in a queue for fish and chips. Finally comes the long ride home, the sing-song, the good nights, as one by one the passengers are dropped off near their homes.

The ringers' outing is over for another year. M. M. C.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., June 19, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	*STANLEY PRESTIDGE	7
J. NORMAN HADLEY	2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
EDGAR T. SMITH	3	WALTER R. HUGHES	9
GEORGE W. HUGHES	4	ERNEST STITCH	10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	SAMUEL BIRCH	11
*WILLIAM DAVIES	6	MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal on twelve bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Howell for their 10th wedding anniversary.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

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

Composed by F. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal by all except the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 23, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5184 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

JOHN J. MORRIS	*Treble*	‡E. CHARLES TURNER	6
*ERNEST MORRIS	2	‡WILLIAM A. WOOD	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	3	†ROLAND BENISTON	8
ALAN CATTELL	4	§W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	9
†JOHN E. UNDERWOOD	5	†FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.
* 149th peal of Caters. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. § 150th peal. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. Rung for the occasion of the christening of Charles, baby grandson of E. Charles Turner.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 7, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD	*Treble*	NORMAN G. GOODMAN	5
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	*HAROLD V. COOPER	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	CYRIL TANSELL	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH PIGOTT. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Bristol.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	MICHAEL E. BROWN	5
JOHN HILL	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER	3	*NORMAN V. HARDING	7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
BASIL JONES	2	WILFRED STEVENSON	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
ALAN A. POTTS	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (63). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. Lawson.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Sun., June 15, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

*NORMAN J. E. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	*BARBARA J. BEESON	5
JOAN GRAY	2	†VALERIE WILLARD	6
*BRENDA L. SHEPPARD	3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	7
*JOHN J. F. ROPER	4	*CYRIL R. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the light eight.
This is the first peal on the bells since 1934 and the first peal by a local band since 1925.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 18, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

JOHN E. BIBBY	*Treble*	CECIL RADDON	5
*A. RONALD POCKLINGTON	2	JOHN ASHCROFT	6
HENRY PARKER	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
*GORDON HALL	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal of Surprise.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	MRS. H. J. POOLE	5
JOHN B. BENNETT	2	ERNEST W. RAWSON	6
ALFRED BALLARD	3	JOHN HILL	7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	4	DAVID C. VINCENT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD E. MANTON	*Treble*	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
JOHN R. SMITH	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	7
ROLAND BENISTON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

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WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*JOHN CRAWLEY	*Treble*	A. RONALD GROVES	5
JEAN M. HARRIS	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	6
PETER J. CAME	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	7
ARTHUR H. EDWARDS	4	WILLIAM GLOVER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Triples on a 'working bell.' First peal of Bob Triples for all except the conductor.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
DAVID G. JACKSON	2	ALFRED SMITH	6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON	3	GIBSON JACKSON	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON	*Treble*	SYDNEY JESSOP	5
ALBERT H. BENNETT	2	WILLIAM E. CLARK	6
ROBERT HOWARD	3	CYRIL WANDER	7
FRANK DEWEY	4	JACK PETCH	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

BISPHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Treble*	ROLAND F. EALES	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	FRANK POSTLETHWAITE	6
JOHN WOODS	3	*SIDNEY JEFFERY	7
JOHN HILL	4	JOHN H. FOSTER	*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES (five-part).
Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Todd, on holiday from Malaya.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*DAVID J. KING	*Treble*	THOMAS YEOMAN	5
†YVONNE PORTER	2	‡DAVID S. VOSS	6
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
FREDERICK J. BAILEY	4	†JOHN J. SIMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal of Stedman 'inside.' A birthday compliment to David S. Voss.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¾ cwt. in F.

DORIS E. COLEGATE	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
*ROBERT COLLINS	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

*WILLIAM O. NOBLE	*Treble*	*TREVOR A. BEVIS	5
†JOAN HARDING	2	FRANK W. LACK	6
FRANK WARRINGTON	3	†P. JOHN WILKIN	7
E. JACK PARISH	4	R. FRANK BAKER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung in the octave of the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

ST. LEONARDS, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	5
*ERNEST J. LADD	2	CHARLES A. BASSETT	6
ALBERT RELFE	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
SIDNEY H. V. BAILEY	4	*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* 50th peal together.

THAXTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, OUR LADY AND ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

DAVID KINGSTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	HARRY TURNER	6
FRANK V. GANT	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Cecilia Rosemary Putterill and Vernon John Curtis, and also Miss Sylvia Noel Putterill and Desmond Butterworth Heath, which had taken place a few hours earlier at the above church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Jack Putterill, Vicar of Thaxted, and father of the brides.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 22, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Five-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

NORMAN TOMPKINS	*Treble*	WILLIAM LANGHORNE	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	ALFRED LOMAS	6
ALAN PENDLEBURY	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
RAYMOND JOHNSON	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
Rung for the anniversary of this Church and as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. R. W. Jellie, who is leaving for another Lancashire parish.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

ANDREW J. SALISBURY	*Treble*	FRANK V. GANT	5
FREDERICK HARTMAN	2	STANLEY CLARK	6
DAVID W. BEARD	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
WILLIAM A. ALEY	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

HERBERT GATES	*Treble*	LESLIE S. BAINES	5
WALTER AYRE	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	6
MRS. G. DODDS	3	TERENCE G. MORTON	7
PAMELA A. MARTIN	4	DEREK E. LATCHFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by DEREK E. LATCHFORD.
First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the treble and a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

JOSEPH HANCOCK	*Treble*	CHARLES H. PAGE	4
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
ARTHUR WINDSOR	3	*JOHN BEARDMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

*25th peal. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hancock.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Mon., June 16, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

ERNEST F. SHEARN	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESCOTT	4
HERBERT W. KNIGHT	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS	5
MARJORIE LEGG	3	LEONARD DERRICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD DERRICK.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

In memoriam William Frederick Webb, ringer, interred at Compton Martin the same day.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., June 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt. (approx.) in B flat.

*ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	BRIAN R. SUTTON	4
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	*GEORGE E. FEARN	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in seven methods.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of four six-scores each of Stedman, St. Martin, St. Simon, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Kennington, April Day, and Plain Bob, and six six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	RONALD C. NOON	3
*BRYAN S. COPE	2	*HARRY WOODING	4
*ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Doubles in ten methods. First peal on the bells since 1930. Rung for the Feast of the Translation of St. Edward, King and Martyr.

ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of two six-scores each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Martin, St. Leonard, St. Peter, St. Simon, Eynsham, Cassington, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Cliffords Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Columb, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old Doubles, April Day, and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

ALAN C. COZENS	*Treble*	KENNETH D. PERKINS	3
IVOR J. DICKIN	2	BERNARD E. FROST	4
ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

25th peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal of Doubles in 21 methods by all the band and for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD	4
PETER J. THOMAS	2	E. CHARLES TURNER	5
HAROLD KILBY	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

First peal in three methods as conductor. Specially arranged and rung for the occasion of the wedding of Miss Mary Eleanor Sime, daughter of the Vicar of this parish, to the Rev. Roy Harris, curate-in-charge of the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Chipping Barnet, Hertfordshire.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents Plain Bob (four callings), ten different extents of Grandsire, and three 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

*BERNARD R. CUMMINGS	*Treble*	DONALD L. HOOPER	3
WILLIAM C. RHODES	2	†WALTER G. LANE	4
GORDON H. LANE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. F. S. Wilmot, M.A.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. (rung on the front six).

GORDON HALLS	*Treble*	RALPH TAYLOR	4
JOHN MAWDESLEY, SEN.	2	KENNETH EDWARDS	5
HAROLD WORRALL	3	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

*BRYAN E. CARSON	*Treble*	MICHAEL W. FAIREY	3
DAVID W. BARR	2	JOHN R. JOYNER	4
CLIVE M. SMITH	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal of Plain Bob Doubles by all the band and on the bells. The average age of the band is 16½ years.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	*Treble*	VICTOR A. JARRETT	4
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 24, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

*L. KENNETH DAWE	*Treble*	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON	4
*FREDA M. BURBRIDGE	2	*MARK H. COUCHMAN	5
*MARY TAPLEY	3	JAMES R. CRUMP	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER WADDINGTON

* First peal. Rung for the Patronal Festival. All members of the local band except the conductor.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven complete 720's, viz., Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham, Wells, Cambridge and London. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

RICHARD BUSBY	*Treble*	ROLAND PARK	4
FREDERICK W. COOKE ..	2	THOMAS COOKE..	5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ..	3	W. NORMAN PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Park.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT TRENTWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED MAJOR

In 31 methods: Chesterfield, Maidstone, Ashbourne, Spalding, Richmond, New London, Double, Reverse, Plain, Gainsborough, Wellington, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court, Kent Little Court, Little Oxford, Victoria. Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's and Crayford College. 359 changes of method. Tenor size 14¼ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY	1—2	JACK BRAY	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	PHILIP BARNES	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 15, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

No. 162. Tenor size 15 in C.

ROY C. HURST	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
WILLIAM G. YOUNG	3—4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ..	7—8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Rung as a compliment to Albert H. Ward, of Derby, who celebrated his 79th birthday on June 18th. The band hope that this veteran, who was ringing handbell peals nearly 60 years ago, will have many more years of good health and happiness.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., June 18, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT SALTLEY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

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

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
*First peal away from 7-8.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., June 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	*WILFRID F. MORETON ..	5—6
J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	3—4	†ERIC E. SPEAKE	7—8

†BRIAN R. SUTTON .. .. 9—10

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 50th peal this year. † First peal on ten handbells. Composition contains 5 and 6 each 12 times in 6th place, with 2 alternately in 2nds and 4ths place at course-ends.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising: 1,456 Plain Bob; 1,380 Gainsborough Little Bob: 576 Little Bob: 464 Reverse Bob; 304 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob; 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 232 Crayford Little Bob, with 397 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG.. ..	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY..	3—4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ..	7—8

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BELLS IN ENGLISH LIFE

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 364)

THE ancient method of summoning the local parliaments of the land, whether ward meetings, guild meetings, municipal or Vestry Councils, was by the sound of a bell; and for the obvious reason that the parish church alone usually possessed bells large and loud enough to be heard at any distance, one of them was generally used. A bell was ordered by Edward the Confessor to be sounded in cases of danger to convene the people. Even Bucer, who strongly objected to much ringing, was willing to allow, as a common and necessary thing, the ringing of a bell to call the people 'to come to public meeting for the affairs of the Commonwealth' (Cosin's Works, v. p. 417). In some instances a handbell was used for the purpose; sometimes a 'common bell' hanging in the bell chamber of the town churches; or sometimes a bell suspended over the Guild Hall.

A handbell appears to have been used at Spalding, Lincs, Leicester, Lynn, Norwich and other places, where the 'common bellman,' a Corporation official, went through the town to call not only the corporation magistrates, but the guild brethren together ('Antiquary,' i. p. 252). Ruffhead, in his preface to 'The Statutes at Large,' speaking of the Fole-Mote Comitatus or Shire-Mote, and the Fole-Mote Civitatis Vel Burgi, or Burg-Mote, says, 'Besides these annual meetings, if any sudden contingency happened, it was the duty of the Aldermen of cities and boroughs to ring the bell called in English Mot-bell, in order to bring together the people to the Burg-Mote, etc. (see Blount's 'Law Dictionary,' v., Mot-bell). The bells in the clochard of old St. Paul's were used to summon the people to folk-motes in the churchyard. A large bell hanging in the chamber of St. Nicholas' Church and known as the 'Common bell' was so used at an early date at Newcastle-on-Tyne. Nottingham had its 'common bell' in 1315; and at St. Chad's, Stafford, was 'a grette bell which is accustomed to call parishioners together to all things pertaining to the towne of Stafford.' At Worcester the 'grete belle of the parisshe of Seint Androwe' was used to summon the 24 and the 48 to the 'Counselle house of the seid cite.' The Inventory of Church Goods belonging to the parish of Moulton, Northants, in 1552, shows that even small villages had, occasionally, their common-bell. It says:—

> 'Itm. One other great bell hangyng in one frame by it selfe bought by Thomas Colls and Thomas Lucke and by ye consent of ye hooll pyshe for theyse causes folowyng (yt is to say) to be ye clock bell and to have it ronge when any casualtyes shall chaunce. And for ye gatheryng togyther ye Inhabitants of ye sayd towne for ye courte and other theyr necessaryes. And not gyven to ye sayd churche.'

The people of Thetford, Norfolk, claimed in the same year a bell then hanging in their steeple for the same uses. The seventh bell at St. Mary's, Stamford, is the 'Common Bell' of that municipality. Many entries referring to it are found in the town records; it was used to call the townspeople together, and until recently it was tolled to summon the members of the Corporation to attend the chief magistrate to church. Until 1840, when the 'sport' was discontinued, the Common-bell was tolled at 'a quarter before eleven o'clock in the forenoon of the 13th of November in each year' to give warning that the Annual Bull Running, which had from time immemorial taken place at Stamford that day, was about to begin. The thoroughfares were then cleared of children and infirm people. At 11 o'clock a bull was turned into a street and then the sport began, the great object being to 'bridge the bull,' i.e., by main force to tumble him over the bridge which spans the Welland into the river beneath. When the bell was recast in 1626, care was taken to insure its ownership being lodged in the town and not the parish. It is inscribed:

+ IESVS SPEDE VS
STANFORDIENSIBVS INSERVIENS IPSA CONTEROR
TOBIE MORRIS CAST ME 1626
(Royal arms)

This bell is now tolled for a quarter of an hour at Quarter Sessions to summons the jury and others. The inscription, referring to its ancient use, appears to mean: 'I am myself worn out (or bruised) while serving for the men of Stamford.'

Newcastle had its Common Bell for over three centuries. It 'was casten' according to the Carr MSS. in 1593-4, but it is not unlikely that it was the old bell recast that year. In 1594 the churchwardens of St. Nicholas', in whose belfry the bell hung, received five shillings for 'knellinge on Guild day'—that refers to the ancient custom of tolling on the day of the election of Mayor from 9 o'clock in the morning, with little intermission, until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at which hour the election took place. The long tolling appears to have been a summons to the various guilds to assemble at their different halls, but the popular impression was that it was the retiring Mayor's passing bell! Instead of the Common Bell, a large bell known as the Major, given to the town under the will of Major George Anderson (proved in 1831), now sounds from 8 to 9 o'clock in the morning, the summons for Christmas, Easter and Michaelmas Guilds of the Freemen. The Common Bell of Newcastle was also called the Great or Thief and Reiver Bell. 'The last name was applied to it,' writes Mr. Ventress, in consequence of its taking the place of (or accompanying) the Curfew or eight o'clock bell on the occasion of each of the fairs of the town—at which, by a custom widely dispersed, none but the greatest malefactors were liable to arrest.' It was also rung on Shrove Tuesdays at 11.45 a.m. as the Pancake Bell. The bell 'casten' in 1593-4 weighed about 17 cwt. and was recast in 1615 when it weighed 33 cwt., and again in 1622 when it was found about the same weight, and yet again in 1754 when it was sent to Whitechapel foundry in September of that year. The new bell, which weighed 36 cwt., arrived from London on December 20th, 1754, and first rung on January 1st, 1755. It was still called the 'Common Bell' and was inscribed:—

CUTHBERT SMITHESON ESQR. MAYOR.
WILLIAM ROWELL, ESQR. SHERIFF 1754.
THOS. LESTER & THOS. PACK FECIT.

However, in 1892 the whole ring was restored and recast by J. Taylor and Co., and the above bell (the tenor) is now 37 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. and inscribed, 'This peal of ten bells is the joint gift of the Corporation of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and John Hall, Esq., J.P., of the same city,' and bears the names of officials and clergy. Later (1914) two additional bells were installed and later still a semitone added. At Oakham, Rutland, the 7th bell is called 'the meeting bell' and is rung to call town meetings. In the Market Tower of Lewes hangs a bell now called from its inscription, 'Old Gabriel,' which is thus referred to in the town book under the date 1555: 'The Common bell was cast this year.' Although the erection of clock towers to town halls and the hanging therein of a bell or bells is now quite an ordinary occurrence, it is believed that ancient Mote-bells remaining in their original position over guild halls in England are very rare. An interesting example is preserved at Lincoln, where it hangs in a wooden frame, protected from the weather, on the top of the roof of the Guild Hall. It is 20½ inches in diameter, has a rope and wheel and has an inscription which not only tells its use but also gives the date thus:—

'CVM QVIS CAMPANAM RESERET SACCVM BONUS AVDIT ET CVRIAM PLANAM FORE CVM SCITOTE REPLAVDIT TEMPORE VVILII BEELE MAIORIS LINCOLNIE CIVITATIS.'

This inscription shows that the bell was cast in the Mayoralty of William Beale (1371), was rung at the opening and again at the closing of the Court. Freely translated it runs:—

> 'When first a good man hears this bell,
> Let him with speed his bag untie;
> When next it rings, he'll know full well,
> The hall is cleared, and homeward hie.'

The Court being a Law Court, the reference is to the bag in which those interested in the case about to be tried carried their papers, in the same way as is still common with lawyers. This curious bell is now only rung to give warning of a meeting of the Council. At Kidderminster a singular custom used to prevail. 'On the election of a bailiff the inhabitants assemble in the principal streets and throw cabbage-stalks at each other. The town-house bell gives the signal for the affray. This is called the lawless hour' ('Gent,' May, 1791). There is a town hall bell at Colchester dating from about 1400.

In many parishes notice of vestry meetings were given by ringing one or more of the church bells. At Rothwell, Northants, two bells are chimed; at Epworth, Lincs, two and sometimes three are chimed; at Louth the third bell is tolled thirty strokes—thrice, a quarter of an hour before meeting time. At St. Martin's, Leicester—now the Cathedral—all the bells are rung in peal on Easter Tuesday for this purpose. The custom, however, like many other usages, is dying out, and probably the new system of parochial councils, by rendering all vestry meetings, except that of Easter, unnecessary, will lead still further to its decline. At Doncaster the sixth bell was used of old to summon a meeting of the Corporation, the fifth the Highway Board, and the treble for the Vestry.

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54632		—	—		A
43526	x			3	
25634		—	—	3	B
53246	x				
42635		—	—	3	
42356	x			—	
32546		B			
52436		A			
34625		—	—		
23645			—	3	
23456	x			—	

ARKSEY, YORKS.—On June 20th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Oxford): E. Cooper 1, G. Arrand 2, Miss D. E. Smyth 3, Mrs. I. Somerville 4, R. J. Sanderson 5, D. A. Chapman (first quarter as cond.) 6.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. D. Mosley 1, J. W. Pettigrew 2, F. W. Rishworth 3, G. H. Williams 4, J. L. Gray 5, T. R. Hampton 6, A. Allen 7, G. Davis (cond.) 8, B. D. A. Woolley 9, A. Short 10.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On June 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Joyce Fishlock (first in method) 1, G. P. Smerdon 2, E. J. Lindley 3, M. F. Layton 4, R. C. Spittle 5, N. Hobden 6, A. J. Adams (cond.) 7, D. N. Layton 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. D. J. Pitstow and Miss D. Jones.

BOOTLE, LANCS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Crolley 1, W. T. Hilton 2, C. Alexander 3, F. H. Hayes 4, C. Byard (first quarter as cond.) 5, C. H. Knowles 6. First quarter for all except conductor. Rung by the Sunday service band before evening service on the occasion of the Sunday School festival. Four of the band are Sunday School teachers.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On June 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Brian 1, Nancie Swann 2, Lorna Briggs 3, R. Brown 4, S. Jessop 5, A. Freeston 6, D. White 7, W. E. Clarke 8, F. Dewey (cond.) 9, J. Petch 10. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Fowell 1, A. E. Barker 2, G. Bradbury (cond.) 3, A. Armstrong 4, W. Benton 5, H. Bailey 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman (Vicar) on his leaving to be Vicar of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: H. Rogers 1, Miss M. G. Brockman 2, J. Walter 3, Miss J. Roberts 4, G. E. Ruck 5, P. J. Rye 6, S. Walter 7, J. W. Unwin 8, T. H. Holmes 9, B. J. Luck (cond.) 10. First quarter on 10 bells by 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

DURHAM.—On June 7th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Williams 1, C. McGuiness 2, W. E. Robinson 3, K. W. Cheeseman 4, E. P. Crowdy 5, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 6, F. E. Collins 7, W. N. Park 8. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gallimore.

FULHAM.—On June 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. E. Davis 2, R. Mackerill 3, J. Stephenson 4, C. Watts 5, H. Ellis 6, A. J. Phillips 7, J. Phillips (cond.) 8, R. F. Deal 9, H. M. Page 10.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT PONTON, LINCS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Pizer (first quarter) 1, P. Nicholson (first quarter) 2, J. Pearson 3, H. R. Woods 4, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 5. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stableford.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On June 8th, 1,272 Ipswich Surprise Minor: G. L. Perkins 1, E. J. Parish (first quarter Ipswich) 2, F. R. Nichols 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6. Also on June 22nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. W. Pratt 1, G. L. Perkins 2, E. J. Parish 3, F. R. Nichols 4, A. Clements 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

HATFIELD, YORKS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Waddington (first quarter) 1, D. G. Jackson 2, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 3, A. H. Shaw 4, G. Jackson 5, A. Shaw 6.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: D. Hatfield 1, D. Tune 2, G. Burt 3, J. J. Tune 4, R. Grice 5, T. W. Tune (cond.) 6. Also on June 7th, 1,260 Minor (being 720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob): R. B. Smith 1, D. Tune 2, G. Burt 3, G. F. Terry 4, E. Phillpot 5, T. W. Tune (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of E. Bernice Tune to Clifford Kingsley.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 7th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: D. M. Salisbury 1, A. H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, S. Meadows 4, S. Penfold 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. Rung for Trinity Sunday.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.—On June 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Walford 1, Miss J. Tattersall 2, G. Gammon 3, F. W. Slocombe 4, D. North (first as cond.) 5, F. Burton 6. First quarter of Stedman for 2, 3, 4 and 6.

POPLAR, LONDON.—At All Saints, on June 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. J. Coles 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, A. W. Coles 3, W. D. Prockson (first 'inside' of Grandsire Caters) 4, G. A. Parsons 5, G. A. Spenser 6, R. H. Begrie (first quarter of Caters as cond.) 7, T. J. Lock 8, J. Euston 9, H. W. Clark 10.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 each of April Day and Old and 300 of Plain Bob): J. Harrold 1, A. Cozens 2, T. Baker 3, K. Perkins 4, I. Dickin (cond.) 5. Rung at the christening of Kevin Robinson, nephew of the ringer of the fourth.

RUGBY.—At St. Andrew's, on June 20th, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: G. A. Peck (cond.) 1, J. G. Underwood 2, C. Underwood 3, D. J. Pitstow 4, E. G. Orland 5. Rung for Festival Evensong.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.—On June 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. T. Wilson 1, J. Pidgeon (first in method 'inside') 2, R. Pitman 3, H. J. Oliver 4, D. G. Mayell (first in method as cond.) 5, H. Turner 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Mayell on the birth of a daughter.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On June 14th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. J. Wakeling 1, Geoff Carter (first quarter Cambridge Minor) 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, A. Clements 4, H. S. Peacock 5, W. Ransom 6.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Rowley 1, D. Cattel 2, W. J. Nudds 3, R. Stoddard 4, T. Clark 5, J. Rootes 6, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 7, E. J. Leversuch 8.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 480 Little Bob and 60 Hereward Bob): Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, P. Marriott 2, L. Warren 3, T. J. Marriott 4, W. G. Soar 5, A. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Minor (720 Double Oxford and 540 St. Clement's): Band and conductor as above. Both rung on choir and ringers' festival Sunday.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On June 21st, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Hobbs 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, W. R. Manser 3, J. E. Lyddiard 4, M. Fuller 5, J. L. Morris 6, R. L. Sills 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8.

WEST HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—On June 22nd, a quarter peal of Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. Manchip 1, A. R. Turley 2, Mrs. A. R. Turley 3, P. E. Jones 4, T. G. Bunnster 5, H. Impey 6, F. Corke (cond.) 7, W. S. Childs 8. First quarter in the above spliced methods by all the band.

WILBY, NORTHANTS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. King 1, Mrs. C. W. Partridge 2, C. W. Partridge 3, W. Drage 4, D. King (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. Wykes 6. An 84th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Fowler.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 20th, 1,680 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Newton 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, R. Newton 3, M. S. Lancefield 4, R. J. Carlton 5, E. S. Ruck (cond.) 6. To celebrate the 85th birthday of the conductor and his 73rd year as a ringer.

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This issue contains the first of a series of about 36 articles designed to help beginners and those who find difficulties in mastering elementary ringing and conducting. We ask conductors to bring this series to the notice of young members in the towers. New subscribers enrolled to-day will start with a new half-year. For subscription rates see above.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Grandsire Doubles at Harrietsham was a stepping-stone in the progress of the local band. Mr. Alexander Waddington, their instructor, had the satisfaction of seeing five of the band score their first peal. Among them was Mr. James R. Crump, aged 66. Harrietsham ringers, through our columns, desire to thank Mr. Waddington for his patience and the time he has devoted to their instruction.

Mr. Trevor A. Cross, who rang the second in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Upchurch, Kent, on June 21st, had not previously made a bob in the method.

The band which rang the peal at Rugeley, Staffordshire, on June 21st, would like to express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Joyner for their hospitality after the peal.

The peal at Milland on Trinity Sunday marks the closing of a very pleasant association between ringers in West Sussex and Mr. G. R. H. Smith, who has been a student at Chichester Theological College. His help and inspiration have been much appreciated by the many ringers with whom he has come in contact. Mr. Smith was ordained deacon to serve in the Parish of St. Stephen, Gloucester.

We are asked to state that the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major reported on page 371 was rung at Gilmorton and not Claybrooke. The correction reminds us of the well-known College Youth who arrived home in the early hours. 'Where have you been?' was the question that greeted him from the anxious spouse. 'Peal ringing,' was the reply. 'I said 'where?' 'I don't know,' he somewhat embarrassingly replied. 'I was met at the railway station, motored five miles, rang a peal of Stedman Triples and then motored back to the railway station.' A fortnight later with the publication of the peal he was able to satisfy his own curiosity and provide his wife with the answer.

Very favourable comment was passed at the annual meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild at some members wearing blazers with the Guild badge attached. The secretary expressed the hope that the fashion would extend to all members attending Guild meetings.

Mr. J. F. Milner informs us that the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Southwell Minster was rung by an eminent band on December 26th, 1950, and not as published in our peal column last week.

Further Cornish rings in the hands of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. for varying schemes of recasting and rehanging are the sixes at North Petherwyn, Padstow and St. Endellion and the eight at Stokeclimsland.

Congratulations to Mr. Philip M. J. Gray on calling the first peal on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, since 1934. The last peal was scored by the Australian tourists. There was a local peal on the bells in 1925.

Mr. W. H. Pickett is the president of the Scottish Association of Change Ringers and he presided at the annual meeting of the Association reported in our last issue. Professor Street retired from the presidency the previous year.

Mr. Aubrey L. Bennett informs us that the last peal of Major on Crediton bells was rung on August 12th, 1939. The method was Bob Major and it was conducted by the late Mr. C. R. Lilley. The tenor was turned in by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon.

A handbell peal of Major was rung at Bath Abbey on Friday, June 13th, as a farewell to Mr. Jack R. Worrall, who is leaving the area shortly. A thunderstorm and organ recital provided a background to the peal, during which the band were treated to three verses of a hymn tune by the Abbey carillon.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT LINCOLN

EARLIER START AT FUTURE MEETINGS — APPRECIATION OF MR. & MRS. G. W. FLETCHER'S SERVICES — MAYOR AND CORPORATION'S HOSPITALITY

(Continued from page 410)

TIME OF MEETINGS

The Secretary reported that the Standing Committee had considered the matter of the time of meetings, and recommended that in future the Council meet at 10 a.m. instead of 11 a.m.

VOTES OF THANKS

The President, from the chair, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Bishop of Lincoln, the Dean and Chapter for all they had done for the Council, and particularly to the Dean for conducting them round the Cathedral the previous day and celebrating Holy Communion that morning. They would also like to thank the members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and particularly the Master, Mr. J. W. Freeman, and the secretary, Mr. Bray. He would also like to thank all incumbents where they had access to bells and to the tower keepers for getting those bells ready. Finally, he would like to thank the Mayor and Corporation of Lincoln for their hospitality.

RETIREMENT OF MR. G. W. FLETCHER

The President: This is the end of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher's combined service as hon. secretary and treasurer, and we cannot possibly let them go without expressing our very sincere thanks to them for all they have done for us over these rather more than 20 years. They have brought the status of the Council and its business to a very high standard, very much different from what it was in the very old days. I feel it is impossible sufficiently to express in words what we owe to them. I should like to say more, but we are very pressed for time. I hope that the arrangements which have been started to express our gratitude in a more tangible form will be accomplished.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, in seconding, said he had worked with Mr. Fletcher for many years, and it was only by working with him that one realised all the work he had put in. He knew in business he was a very busy man, and rarely got through his ordinary work before 9 p.m.

The resolution was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Fletcher, in reply, said it was somewhat difficult to realise that it was probably the last time he would occupy that place. He thanked the President and the Council for their co-operation over a very long period, and he hoped they would extend to his successor the same support as they had given him. He was sure the secretaryship would be in safe hands, but it would not be in safe hands unless the members of the Council played their part. If they had any new ideas he was sure he would consider them. He hoped to be present at Council meetings for many years to come.

Mr. R. S. Anderson proposed a vote of thanks to the President for presiding.

CORPORATION'S GENEROSITY

The Council meeting was followed by a tea, given by the Mayor and Corporation, held in the Co-operative Hall, and attended by 214 members and their wives.

The Mayor of Lincoln (Cclr. J. W. Giles) presided, supported by the Lord Bishop, the Dean and the Archdeacon of Lindsey.

The Mayor, in his welcome, said he understood that it was 30 years since the Council last visited Lincoln. He knew they were a national body, and as such were expected to hold their meetings at different centres. He should imagine that the Diocese of Lincoln was where the art of change ringing was practised as widely as anywhere, as they in Lincolnshire thought very highly of their churches and their bells.

Although he knew nothing about change ringing, many years ago his father was a bell-ringer at St. Botolph's in Lincoln. He had in his possession a letter written by the Town Clerk of Lincoln in 1887 which read: 'I herewith send you a cheque for £4 10s. in discharge of your account for bell ringing for Queen Victoria's Jubilee.' He trusted they had had a profitable meeting.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, in reply, said: I am sure all the guests to-night wish to thank the Mayor and Corporation for their very generous hospitality. Ringers, as you know, ring for State occasions as well as ecclesiastical occasions, and we always like to know we are in touch with Mayors and Corporations as well as the ecclesiastical authorities. We passed formally in the Chapter House a vote of thanks to the Bishop and the Dean for what they had done for us, and I would like to express our thanks personally to the Bishop for coming to welcome us. We would like to thank the Dean for a most interesting trip around the Cathedral and for his explanation of that wonderful building, for allowing us to ring the Cathedral bells, and for taking the celebration this morning, which was well attended. We also want to thank the Lincoln Diocesan Guild for all they have done. When I last visited Lincoln for your Jubilee I tried to think of my connection with Lincolnshire. The only one I could think of was that my dining room chairs were made from the wood taken from a Grantham bell frame. Since I have been here I have thought of a much better connection, because, having been born in Nottingham, I was born in the Diocese of Lincoln, as that was before the Diocese of Southwell was created. Mr. Mayor, I thank you for your hospitality and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild for making this week-end so enjoyable.

The Dean, who is president of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, disclaimed any hard work in connection with the visit, and said the hard work had been done by Mr. J. Bray and Mr. J. A. Freeman.

A social evening was afterwards held at the Saracen's Head.

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THYSELF

Dear Sir,—The greatest enemies of change ringing are change ringers.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

Brockley, S.E.4.

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

1—Giving the 'Youngsters' a Start

[Note: This is the first of a series of articles which will, we believe, be of assistance to young ringers, providing they are prepared to take note of what is said. The substance of these articles appeared in 'The Ringing World' during 1937–38.]

Firstly, a word to instructors: What about giving those youngsters who as yet know nothing about change ringing a little more encouragement and help? They, or others like them, have got to take your place one day, so they ought to be helped along. Besides, the quicker they move forward the sooner you will get their assistance in things which you would like to do, but cannot for want of others to help you. If you find teaching difficult, encourage these youngsters to follow up the articles in this column. The learners can, we think, help themselves a great deal from what appears, and, with your assistance, the stumbling-blocks to change ringing ought to be overcome fairly easily.

With a complete novice, we always think it is essential that he should first understand something of what change ringing is, before he is made to do something in the tower which he doesn't really grasp. We have heard ringers say to the veriest tyro, 'Now, come on, see if you can hunt the treble.'

Except that he knows he has got to do something different from striking over the same bell all the time—which is probably all he has done up to this stage—he has only the foggiest notion of what is required of him. So the instructor stands behind him and every pull tells him to follow this, that, or the other bell, or to lead, and at the end the beginner is often more bewildered than when he started.

A little preliminary explanation with pencil and paper, or by some other means of illustration, is well worth while. It is not a bad idea to start with a few playing cards. The 'object' of changes can be explained with three; the 'movement' of the bells in changes can quite well be illustrated with the ace, two, three, four and five. The ace, as the treble, can indicate how the bells hunt up and down, and with careful manipulation the work of the other bells can be made plain.

It will give your beginner an interesting exercise to manipulate the cards accurately enough to produce rounds at the end of a given number of changes. Make it plain to him that two pairs of cards must be changed each time, and that each pair that is changed must be two adjoining cards. Start him first of all changing the two front and the two back pairs alternately and let him see how the 'bells' come round after ten changes.

Next show him that he can extend this ten to thirty, if after number one has appeared twice at the beginning of the line, he changes the front and the back pairs instead of the two front pairs. Don't forget to remind him he must do this immediately he starts, for number one has already been in the appropriate position.

An exercise like this on the table will go a long way towards showing the beginner what he has to do in the tower, and it is helpful if, when he can manipulate the cards successfully, he will copy down in a column on paper the rows as he produces them.

The manipulation of the cards will show him the 'movement' of the bells in changes, the record on paper will enable him to examine the detailed effect of that movement. A process that will give the beginner something that he can see and understand from the first will give him an interest in applying it in the belfry and enable him all the quicker to grasp what he is required to do when he is at the rope end.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Watkins 1, C. Pocock 2, L. Fogg 3, Miss M. Hart 4, C. Smith (first as cond.) 5, R. Hutt 6.

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS

Golden Jubilee of Restoration and Re-dedication

A REPRESENTATIVE and goodly number attended the special evensong at Exeter Cathedral on June 14th in connection with the golden jubilee of the restoration and re-dedication of the Cathedral bells. Among the robed clergy was the Bishop of Crediton, vice-president of the Devon Guild, who read the lesson.

The Dean (the Very Rev. A. R. Wallace) in an excellent address based on Psalm 29, 'O, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,' said: 'When we have a church, we like to beautify it to the glory of God by having the best masons, artists, etc., and when we have the building ready, we have to summon the people to come, and so we have bells and ringers. It is possible to imagine other ways of announcing that the services are about to begin. We might have someone to fire a cannon at the west end five minutes before the service. We might have a man with a megaphone as they do at country fairs. We might have a siren which would sound far and wide. But there is, we all think, something so beautifully appropriate in the sound of our church bells ringing out over the city roofs and over the hills and dales of the countryside sounding to the faithful the summons to come and do their duty of worship.

'During the year we celebrate various festivals and to-day it is ringing and the 50th anniversary of the beautiful bells of this, our mother church, and so the church calendar goes round marking the seasons and collecting the contributions to the great work and worship in fellowship and co-operation, and that is why to-day, on behalf of the Chapter and the whole Cathedral stall, I offer you ringers a very warm welcome to this, our mother church. We thank you for your services and remind you that there are two amounts of contributions you can make.

FELLOW CHRISTIANS

'One is purely a business, a cash transaction for services rendered, and the other is in addition, on a Christian basis, to come to summon the congregation on this and other high occasions and festivals, as fellow Christians, not forgetting, I hope, as ringers are apt to forget that they are fellow Christians first and ringers second. Some fail to respond to the summons of worship which they themselves send out from their church belfries, and are depriving their fellow members of the church of something which is of very great value. The clergy and congregation downstairs in the church are poorer for their absence and it is not only we the clergy, who rejoice when they come down from the belfry to join us, but there is, we may be sure, gladness in the heart of God.'

At the tea and meeting following the service the hon. secretary introduced the main object for the gathering—the golden jubilee of the restoration of the bells, which are the pride and joy of the Diocese, and the whole ringing fraternity, and of which the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe said were 'unsurpassed in the kingdom for weight of metal and sweetness of tone.' The former honour has now eluded us but we feel sure that the noble bells of Exeter are second to none for their sweetness and mellowness.

THE GREATEST FEAT

Mr. Oldham, of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., thanked the meeting for the kind invitation to say a few words. He spoke of the bell-hanging feat accomplished in those days, 50 years ago, and suggested it certainly surpassed anything that was being done to-day.

To have spanned 32 feet of tower space with the nine steel girders which supported the cage was a masterpiece in itself. It is the frame that makes the bells go well, and with all modesty we claim that this was the greatest feat of all in hanging the bells of Exeter Cathedral.

It is common knowledge that the tenor, Grandison, is 72¼ cwt—the old bell was 62 cwt. Mr. J. W. Taylor came to inspect the bells in 1885 but it was not until 1902 that the work was completed. On the old ring it took 16 men to ring a course of Caters and they were much distressed even after this short touch. After restoration the great William Pye rang Grandison for four hours single-handed. Such was the perfection in bell-hanging.

SUCCESSFUL PRESS APPEALS

Mr. A. W. Searle, the last surviving member of the bells restoration committee and G.O.M. of the Devon Guild—self-styled 'ripe old octogenarian'—gave some reminiscences of those days of 1902 and after. Mr. Searle said: 'At the time I was a journalist and my editor spoke to me about the commencement of a subscribers' list, and with the support of the Press the appeal was soon successful.

'It was also through the support of the Press that the bells were augmented to twelve in 1923. I personally appealed, on behalf of the Church of England, in the light of Buckfast Abbey having twelve and the Cathedral only ten bells. It was not long before a citizen, Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Exeter, gave the trebles as a personal thankoffering.' Mr. Searle also referred to the first peal on the bells and later the peal of Grandsire Cinques by resident members of the Guild. Until this year (1952) Mr. Searle was the only man who conducted a peal of Triples on the bells; anyway the only peal ever by Exeter men!

Mr. C. G. Glass, a former Ringing Master of the Cathedral band, spoke a few words and recalled the late Mr. J. W. Taylor's comments on the 11th (Stafford) when it was suggested to him that this was the finest bell in the country —'Maybe the finest old bell.'

Apologies for absence were received from the president of the Devon Guild, Preb. E. V. Cox, and from Mr. William Shepherd, a native of Exeter, who was president at the dedication service in 1902.

The Cathedral bells were kept going with some very good ringing until 8 p.m. During this period a grand touch of Caters was brought round by some members of the Society of Roving Ringers and 'under 30's.' Permission was also taken advantage of at Heavitree and St. David's, Exeter.

All concerned were more than pleased with the arrangements and all contributed to what was indeed a truly memorable day. F. W.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

Jubilee Meeting To Be Held At Wrexham

The 49th annual general meeting of the North Wales Association was held at St. David's, Bangor, on June 8th. Towers represented were Portmadoc, Llandudno, Rhyl, Buckley, Wrexham and Gresford, and members were welcomed by the president (the Rev. E. G. Wright), who is also the Vicar of St. David's. After an hour's ringing on this fine ring of eight, a short service was held and conducted by the Vicar who said it was very appropriate for the meeting to be in Bangor at the same time as celebrations were being held to commemorate the 1,400th anniversary of the founding by St. Deiniol of the first church in the diocese.

After an excellent tea provided by the local ladies, who were thanked by Mr. G. H. Randles, the business meeting was held, at which the president took the chair, supported by the secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. Cathrall).

The statement of accounts, which was adopted, showed a balance of £18 4s. 4d., an increase of £3 over last year.

In the election of officers Mr. L. S. Griffiths was elected instructor for the Bangor and Rhyl districts, with Mr. John Roberts (Llandudno) and Miss Wallace (Rhyl) as secretaries.

It was decided to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Bodelwyddan on September 6th and Wrexham was chosen for the annual meeting next year, on which day the Association will also celebrate its Jubilee. In place of the quarterly meetings, which were cancelled owing to the long distance members would have to travel to attend, it was thought that district meetings would suffice.

A committee was elected to make the necessary arrangements for the Jubilee celebrations comprising:—Messrs. D. Millward, A. Lea, F. R. Evans, G. H. Randles, Miss N. Bibby and the secretary.

Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Bangor, tendered his resignation, owing to ill health, as the Central Council representative and district instructor. This was accepted with very much regret, and the secretary was requested to send him their best wishes for a speedy return to better health. Mr. W. Cathrall was elected to attend as representative the next Central Council meeting.

New members elected were Miss G. Davies (Llandudno), Miss D. Window and Messrs. G. Davies, D. Window and M. Chadwick (Bangor).

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. D. Millward and seconded by Mr. F. R. Evans, to which the chairman suitably responded.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT BRIDLINGTON

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at Bridlington on June 7th at the special invitation of the Rector (Canon Lamb) to celebrate the golden jubilee of the dedication of the fine ring of eight bells (tenor 26¼ cwt.) which took place on June 7th, 1902.

A special service was conducted by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. G. Steer, Vicar of Hutton Cranswick, a good friend of the ringers. A large congregation of parishioners and ringers was present, the address being given by the Archdeacon of Leeds, the Venerable C. C. Ellison, M.A., president of the Yorkshire Association. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells during the service by L. Rodmell 1-2, P. Speck 3-4, H. S. Morley 5-6, H. Walker 7-8.

Tea was served in Priory Institute, after which the Rector gave an interesting account of the history of Bridlington Priory Church and the bells, and welcomed the Archdeacon and the ringers to Bridlington

The Archdeacon, in reply, thanked the Rector for his remarks and for his kindly inviting the Association and himself to Bridlington to celebrate the occasion of the golden jubilee of the bells.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. A. E. Sellers, and Miss Susan Harrop of Hutton Cranswick was elected a member.

Mr. S. Steel, Ringing Master, and Messrs. A. B. Cook, R. B. Smith and J. J. Taylor, committee, were re-elected for a further period of three years. Howden was selected as the next place of meeting with Patrington as an alternative.

The usual votes of thanks were passed with acclamation, and Mr. Parker, of Bridlington, in reply, gave all present a very hearty welcome and expressed the hope that they would come again soon.

Over 60 ringers and friends were present, representing 18 towers.

The bells were kept ringing till nine o'clock, everyone having a most enjoyable time on a lovely day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—In his history of 'Stedman,' Jasper Snowdon said that 'the earliest known peal of Stedman' was that composed by Thomas Edwards in 1792 and rung by the College Youths in 1803 at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington.

Trollope, with more enthusiasm, in the more recent edition refers to this as 'the first peal composed which we know to be true.' This enthusiasm is, however, completely misplaced as the peal on even a cursory examination is seen to be riddled with falseness and must now have its distinction altered to 'the peal whose falseness remained undetected for the longest time.' —Yours sincerely,

G. W. SLACK.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.

RINGING AT BECKENHAM

Dear Sir,—As late towerkeeper and secretary of the band at this tower, I feel that some explanation of my recent withdrawal from the tower is necessary to the many friends who have visited Beckenham.

Some monthts ago the Rector took exception to visitors who came along on Thursday for practice but could not attend the Sunday service ringing, the latter difficulty being caused by indifferent attendance by the local ringers and consequently only chiming was possible. Despite my overtures to get the position cleared up, the Rector maintained his attitude and I therefore considered it desirable to sever my service for the church after 27 years.

I am, therefore, surprised to see the announcement that visitors are now welcome. It is also a matter of interest that the new towerkeeper or leader, although previously a member of the band, found it necessary to withdraw from the band on his removal to Forest Hill.

The world is full of surprises, even for an Association officer.—Yours truly,

W. J. RAWLINGS.

Beckenham, Kent.

MR. W. KEEBLE'S PEAL BOOK

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. A. H. Pulling's letter in 'The Ringing World' of June 13th, Mr. Keeble's peal book was handed to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths by Mr. W. H. Fussell at a meeting at Shoreditch in May, 1944. At the time Mr. Pulling expressed regret that the peal book did not include Mr. Keeble's compositions.—Yours sincerely,

KITTY MATTHEWS.
Hon. Sec., The Society of
Royal Cumberland Youths.

ARTIFICIAL MUSIC-MAKERS

Dear Sir,—Last Sunday I visited one of Devon's notable towers, whose lovely bells will shortly be competing with two artificial music-makers for the ears of the townspeople. At the morning service the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter was read, dealing with the need for a higher entry into the Ministry.

Some clergy seem ready enough, though one appreciates their difficulties, to replace absent ringers by a machine. I hope ringers, in turn, will never suggest that in the church below, where there is also a certain amount of repetition, records could also do duty for the missing parson.

If the acceptance of sham were thus logically extended, we might find ourselves trying to deceive the Almighty Himself with records made in King's College Chapel and played twice a Sunday in England's every empty church.—Yours.

GRAHAM WATT.

Bristol.

THINGS THAT MATTER

Sir,—What a contrast between the splendid leading article by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and the report of the proceedings of the Central Council meeting's debate on Method Extension in a recent 'Ringing World.' In the entire report on pages 393 and 394 there is not one single mention of Sunday service ringing.

What does it matter which methods are rung or what their titles are so long as striking as near perfect as possible is obtained when church bells are rung for services? Who can deny that Plain Bob or a good 'rise,' well-struck call changes followed by a good 'fall' in peal, are more pleasant sounds to the man-in-the-street than a conglomeration of sound produced by a supposed extension of some complicated method.

It would be difficult to a non-ringer chancing to read the Council report to see how method extension affects the ringing of bells which the average citizen loves to hear.

The meeting of the Council could much more profitably be spent in discussing at greater length means of obtaining and retaining recruits, publicity, ringers' relations with the clergy, means of safeguarding the future of the 'Ringing World,' to mention only a few subjects, instead of the few individuals bickering about a matter which concerns but a few of the great fraternity of Church bellringers.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR HIBBERT.

Chapel-en-le-Frith.

TO JACK WORRALL

Dear Sir,—The handbell peal on Sunday, June 15th, by members of the St. Ambrose Guild, Bristol, was rung as a farewell to one of the Guild's honorary members in the person of Jack Worrall, who is leaving Bristol after completing his studies at Bristol University.

The handbell team will miss both the genial company and the expert help which Jack has been pleased to extend to them, enabling two peals of Royal to be scored.

F. J. S., R. G. H., E. S., J. P.

ABC OF CONDUCTING

Dear Sir,—In the literature of ringing there seems to be lacking a thesis on the art of conducting and composition that the would-be conductor can understand. There is 'Ropesight,' of course, which gives easily assimilable information up to Plain Bob Major, and at the other end of the scale there is 'Variation and Transposition,' which contains, I feel sure, a great deal of sound logic, but which is considerably above my head and, I venture to say, above the heads of the vast majority of Sunday service conductors.

I suggest that perhaps one of the hierarchy, whose names are familiar to all readers of your peal columns, might be invited to contribute a series of articles either in your columns or for publication by the Central Council, setting forth the ABC of conducting, composition and proof in such a manner as to be intelligible to the rank and file.—Yours faithfully,

Liverpool. V. BOASE.

NOTE.—The new series of articles for beginners, starting with this issue, contains valuable guidance for those just starting conducting.—ED.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary's-on-the-Hill, on June 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Stella M. Kingdon 1, H. Lewis 2, Betty Griffiths 3, Shirley Golding 4, H. Worrall 5, H. O. Baker (cond.) 6, C. Raddon 7, F. T. Parry 8.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.—On June 9th, 1,760 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Benson 1, A. Cairns 2, F. R. Williams 3, H. Reynolds 4, J. Heap 5, B. Walshaw 6, F. Johnson 7, J. Clegg (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mrs. H. V. Greenwood on her 70th birthday and her many interests in the church and local organisations.

CRANBORNE PEAL

Dear Sir,—I cannot let the Rev. W. F. Bond's letter go unchallenged. It is a distortion of the fact to appease a few local ringers, and there is no question of piracy, as he claims. He said nothing about finishing at 4 p.m., otherwise we should not have started as we could not ring a quarter peal in the time. Not one of our party knew a single ringer at Cranborne and did not even know if they had a local band and nobody told the Vicar that they had seen the captain who gave permission which he accuses us of.

We were met at the church by a ringer with the keys of the tower, and after the children's service was over, we all had a chat with the Vicar about the peal attempt and he raised no objection whatever; in fact he was rather pleased.

The local ringer then took us to the tower and said as we were ringing for at least three hours and would not finish much before evensong, the local team would not bother to turn up.

We rang a good peal and finished at 6.25 p.m. and were met outside by a hostile party of ringers.

I apologised for any inconvenience we may have caused but they said they did not mind the peal being rung if they had known beforehand, but objected to it being arranged over their heads, and the Vicar is entirely to blame for this, not us.

There are two sides to everything and Mr. West would do much better if he listened to both versions before jumping to conclusions. He could have contacted one of our party before it came up at the Bridport meeting and heard their version.

F. W. BURNETT.

Portsmouth.

WINCHESTER GUILD MOTION

Dear Sir,—We are once again witnessing one of those unfortunate happenings that set the Exercise back in its relations with Church and Man. For many years there has existed a little discord in the area of this Guild and the Salisbury Guild on the Hants-Dorset borders. Strenuous efforts by Messrs. Davis, Mitchell and Pullinger of this Guild patched things up a few years ago by effecting an alteration to this Guild's rules and harmony had been reached; now the fat is in the fire again in the same area.

I am suggesting to the conductor of this peal that he publishes it as a non-Association peal and not for the Winchester Guild as I for one (and I am not the only one) do not wish the Guild to be credited with it, in fact if it is, I shall, at the next Executive Committee meeting, put forward a resolution deprecating such action. I don't think we can refuse to take it as a Winchester Guild peal, but it carries too much with it to make it a desirable credit.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. HILL,
Hon. Sec., Andover District,
Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

COMMON COURTESY DEMANDS A LETTER

Dear Sir,—Recent correspondence regarding the peal at Cranborne and the peal at Hawkley this week make very sorry reading and one is inevitably led to conclude that the general decline in good manners among the rising generation has reached the belfry.

Surely, when asking permission to ring, whether it be for a peal or short touches, common courtesy demands a letter (and in these days of dear postage, a stamped envelope for a reply) not simply a ring on the telephone.—Yours,

E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close, Crayford.

OUTINGS IN BRIEF

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, WILMSLOW

The outing of St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow, Cheshire, on May 31st, was into 'them thar 'ills,' or, in other words, glorious Derbyshire.

Bakewell was reached shortly before 10 o'clock and an hour's ringing enjoyed to the full on this magnificent eight. Then on to Edensor, in Chatsworth Park, where the merry six were soon in use, the non-ringers being 'conducted' by the Vicar (round the church, of course) to see the fine works in Derbyshire marble which evidenced the interior.

After a very welcome lunch at Matlock, the octave in the loftily situated Church of St. Giles was visited and ringing enjoyed throughout the afternoon. The route taken was via Gellia, with its exceptionally beautiful scenery, to the final tower, Youlgreave. Before ringing, justice was done to an excellent salad tea, in which the tourists were joined by the branch chairman, who had made the journey independently by car. With reluctance the party bade farewell to a very pleasant district.

During a halt at Buxton, thanks were expressed to the 'shepherd' of the party, who in turn would like to thank all who helped, especially the district secretary of the Derbyshire Association.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS

On June 7th the ringers of Holy Trinity Church held their first annual outing, when about 30 ringers and friends travelled by coach to North Wales. The first 'ringing stop' was made at Shrewsbury, where rounds were soon rung on the twelve bells of St. Chad's. Various methods were then attempted on eight and ten bells. The next stop was Llangollen, where the visitors toured the town before raising and ringing the recently rehung eight of St. Collen's Church.

Methods rung during the day were Bob Royal and Major, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Little Bob and Stedman Triples.

On the long homeward journey handbells were rung in between items by 'the back-seat choir.'

HUNTS DISTRICT

A delightful day was spent in West Suffolk by members of the Hunts District on June 14th.

Ringing took place during the morning at Cavendish and Sudbury All Saints', followed by lunch at the Four Swans Hotel, Sudbury.

Everyone looked forward to the next tower, Lavenham, and the beautiful ring here and the majesty of the church left a deep impression on the party. Monks Eleigh, Stowmarket and the Norman tower at Bury St. Edmunds completed the ringing programme. Home was reached shortly after 10 p.m.

CIRENCESTER

On Whit Monday, Cirencester ringers with their wives and ringing friends had their annual outing by motor-coach to Swanage. Ringing took place at Melksham and Wincanton on the way down—two good rings of eight. On reaching Swanage the party split up to enjoy themselves in various ways. Tea was had at 5 o'clock and afterwards ringing took place on the fine ring at the Parish Church. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the day, not forgetting rounds for the learners.

Best thanks are due to Messrs. W. C. West, J. H. Chilcott, A. J. Clarke and J. T. Dyke for the arrangements they made, which enabled us to have a very enjoyable day. F. J. L.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET

Chewton Mendip ringers and friends had their annual outing on May 24th. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung at Salisbury, Southampton, Andover and Devizes. A stop was made at Winchester to inspect the beautiful Cathedral. The homeward journey was much enjoyed coming over Salisbury Plain. H. B.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK

Preston St. Mary's ringers with their wives and friends had their annual outing on June 14th. Touring Norfolk, the following towers were visited: Attleborough, Hethersett, St. George's, Norwich, Winterton and Somerleyton. The methods rung were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Bourne. At Norwich the party were met by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, who joined them at lunch. Tea was partaken of at Winterton, where the party were welcomed by the jovial Vicar of that place, who escorted some of the youngsters (and elders) to the tower summit to enjoy the very pretty surroundings.

The ringers wish to express their thanks to the incumbents for use of the bells, also the kind friends who met them.

FARNHAM, SURREY

A programme embracing ringing in eleven towers was planned by the ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, for their outing on June 14th. There was, however, one disappointment, West Wycombe, where a locked church greeted the visitors, although prior permission had been obtained for the ringing.

The first tower was Slough, where some of the ringers had their first experience of ten bells. Other towers visited were Farnham Royal, Beaconsfield, High Wycombe (with a welcome from Mr. Fred Hayes), Lane End, Watlington, Nettlebed, Henley-on-Thames, Shiplake and St. Mary's, Reading (where the best ringing of the day was heard). Finally refreshments were taken at Eversley, and Farnham was reached at 9.40 p.m.

STONY STRATFORD

Stony Stratford ringers, joined by friends from Newport Pagnell and Cosgrove, had a very enjoyable outing to Lincolnshire on June 14th.

An hour was spent on the musical eight at Edenham, where the party was met by Mr. Arthur Holmes. Lunch at Lincoln had been arranged by Mr. J. A. Freeman, who met the visitors on arrival, and then came the great privilege of ringing on the Cathedral bells.

After tea at Grantham, where a welcome was extended by Mr. S. Proctor, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung on the grand bells at the Parish Church. The party was accompanied by the Rev. C. L. G. Hutchings, Vicar of St. Giles', Stony Stratford, who was formerly a curate at Grantham.

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THE PROFESSOR'S STORY

Of Rain, Youth Hostels and Elusive Stedman

Over Whitsun, for the third year running, a small party of ringers from Sussex spent a week-end youth hostelling and ringing in Surrey. There were ten of us representing Chichester, Cowfold, Buxted, Twineham, Aldrington and S.S. Cos. and Dam., Keymer!

On the Saturday morning we all met at Warnham, our first tower. The next stop was at Capel, where we enjoyed ringing the light ring of six. Here we encountered the first of many heavy showers when, on leaving the church, we got soaked in riding a few hundred yards down the road for dinner. The next tower was Ockley, where the six bells have a tenor of 15 cwt.

We arrived at Ewhurst in drizzling rain and had a picnic tea before ringing at the church. We stayed at the local youth hostel for the evening and considerable interest was shown in our attempts at handbell ringing—which, incidentally, were carried round during the week-end wrapped in pyjamas and suchlike! Two people were duly instructed in the principles of change ringing. These two also came into the tower the following morning and chose to go and watch the bells ringing, just as we were ringing down! Everyone enjoyed his stay at the hostel except perhaps the two who had to clean out the chicken run in the morning!

We joined the local band at Cranleigh in ringing for morning service on Whit Sunday and we thank them for their tolerance. In the afternoon we snatched two towers that were not on the list, and they certainly would have been missed! These were Bramley and Wonersh. We have our suspicions that someone on the way to Bramley mistook the cemetery for the church—we disown them! For evening service we rang at Albury. The evening was spent at Tillingbourne Youth Hostel, but the less said about that the better.

We were all up early in the morning—we had to be to stand any chance of getting a wash (oh yes, we were a very hygienic lot)—and left, after breakfast, for Dorking. After half an hour of ringing we left for Betchworth to sample the ring of eight there. In the afternoon we visited Leigh (where a touch of 20 changes was quite enough), Newdigate and Charlwood. After tea came our last tower—Rusper.

A vague system of electing Ringing Masters (and Mistresses) was employed for the first time this year, and that, together with attempts for Stedman Triples, was not particularly successful. At Dorking the Ringing Master called for Stedman, and about half-way through his rope slipped the wheel and that course was finished. At another tower there was a further mix-up and all the bells stood except one—the conductor found herself trying to ring Stedman with herself! Another of our Ringing Masters found that his attempt to get Stedman was to be thwarted. He shouted, 'Hang on for Stedman,' and the local ringer who had met us said, 'Yes, all right, thank you very much, I don't mind ringing a bit of Grandsire with you'!

Our thanks for the success of the tour are due to the incumbents of the towers visited and to the ringers who came and met us; lastly, but by no means least, to Miss Durrant (I call her by that name because I will not be able to do so for much longer), who arranged everything.

THE 'PROFESSOR.'

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist, on May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Lodge 1, Mrs. W. Oatway 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, C. Parks 4, E. Razzell 5, J. E. Cooper 6, D. D. Cooper (cond.) 7, G. H. Humphries 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. D. Oyanne (chorister and secretary) and Miss J. Reeve (Sunday School worker) of this parish.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival

MEMBERS of the St. David's Guild held their seventh annual festival at St. David's Cathedral on June 14th. The bells were available at 2 p.m. and the Dean of St. David's (the Very Rev. C. Witton Davies) was there to greet the ringers as they arrived, and being a campanologist himself, assisted in raising the bells in peal ready for ringing. Although the Cathedral is situated in the most westerly point of the Diocese, members from all over the Diocese gradually congregated together at the bell tower, and there were 70 present.

The Archdeacon of St. David's (the Ven. C. Gwynne Lewis) also visited the bell tower and his presence was greatly appreciated by all members.

The service was held in the choir stalls of the Cathedral, at which the Dean officiated, assisted by the Archdeacon of Carmarthen (the Ven. J. R. Pugh) and by the Archdeacon of St. David's. Minor Canon V. Jones was the organist.

Members were afterwards entertained to a very nice tea which was very welcome after the long journeys undertaken by some of them, and which was given free of charge by the bellringers of St. David's Cathedral.

Before the business meeting started the secretary, Mr. C. H. Hawkins, extended a very hearty welcome to all the members, and the customary touch on the handbells which opens the proceedings was rung by Mr. A. Hoare, Mr. E. Morris, Mr. D. Brian Price and Mr. R. Scudamore.

The Dean presided and apologised for the absence of the president, the Lord Bishop of St. David's, who was attending the 14th centenary celebrations at Bangor.

In a hearty welcome to the members the Dean expressed the wish that the time would not be far distant when the Guild would come to St. David's again. The secretary then read the minutes of the last annual meeting, which were adopted as a true and correct record, and the treasurer, Mr. E. P. Sage, of Burry Port, gave a very satisfactory statement of accounts for the year ending 1951. Mr. A. Hoare, of Swansea, who represented the Guild at the Central Council meeting at Lincoln, gave a very satisfactory report of the meeting.

The secretary in his report stated that the membership was 126 compared with 116 for 1950, but some of the members had not paid their subscriptions for 1951. The financial side of the Guild was good and they were paying their way, and the Bell Restoration Fund was accumulating.

There were one peal of Bob Minor, one peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, two peals of Grandsire Doubles and four quarter peals, and one handbell peal of Bob Minor, rung at Lampeter College.

Appealing for better attendance at quarterly and monthly meetings, Mr. Hawkins said: 'I realise that our churches that contain bells are very scattered in the Diocese and that travelling to these places incurs a lot of expense, but when we think of the expenses paid for other pleasures of life to-day, I think we ought to do a little more for our churches by keeping the bells ringing and for the furtherance of change-ringing by attending our quarterly and monthly meetings to practise the art. I believe that much more can be done by the captains of various towers if they would only take bellringing more seriously. I should like to see the ringers of Tenby, St. David's, Pembroke and Haverfordwest getting together at various dates to practise the art so that we might have a better standard of ringing in the Diocese.'

The election of officers for the next 12 months was as follows:—Ringing Master, Mr. Harry Jenkins (Tenby); secretary, Mr. C. H. Hawkins (Llanelly); treasurer, Mr. E. Sage (Burry Port); Ringing Master, Mr. R. Scudamore (Llandilo); auditor, Mr. B. Rees (Burry Port).

The place of competition for 1953 is at Llandovery and a collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £1 12s. 6d. The secretary then stated that his Vicar (Canon Dr. Islwyn Davies) had invited the Guild to hold its next annual festival in 1953 at Llanelly. He felt that they should share the burden with Carmarthen and it was unanimously agreed that the Festival for 1953 be held at Llanelly.

A very pleasing feature of the meeting was to see some of the members wearing blazers with their badge attached, the secretary stating that he hoped every member would be able to have one and that they would be worn at all the meetings.

Before closing the meeting the secretary extended a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean for having the Guild at St. David's, for officiating at the service and presiding at the meeting. The secretary also thanked the ringers of St. David's for providing such a nice tea, Minor Canon V. Jones for playing the organ, and the ladies who waited at the tea.

The Dean responded to the vote of thanks and closed the meeting with a prayer. The ringers then returned to the bell tower to finish off a very successful meeting.

DEDICATIONS

LELANT, CORNWALL

The bells of Lelant Parish Church, Cornwall, among the sand dunes of the Hayle Estuary, rang out again on May 31st, after they had been re-dedicated by the Bishop of Truro.

They are a light ring of six bells cast by Taylor's in 1836. The same firm has now recast the treble and the fourth bell and has rehung all the bells with new fittings at a cost of £610, this amount having been met by public subscription during the past two years.

The large congregation at the dedication service included the Mayor and Mayoress of St. Ives, accompanied by the Town Clerk, the Mayor and Mayoress of Penzance and Mrs. Greville Howard, wife of the M.P. for the division.

The service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. T. Davies-Freme, included prayers, psalms and hymns stirringly appropriate to the occasion, and the augmented junior choir sang the carol 'Ding-dong, Merrily on High.'

The lesson was read by the Rural Dean (Canon C. H. J. Buckley) and a number of other robed clergy from West Cornwall took part in the service.

After the Bishop had dedicated the bells, a selected band of ringers from the Mid-Cornwall Branch, the Truro Branch and the Penzance Branch rang rounds for a few moments.

Immediately after the service the bells were made available to visiting ringers, and those who took advantage of this opportunity came from Kenwyn, Camborne, Ludgvan, Penzance, Gulval, Sennen, Paul, St. Mawgan, Madron, St. Gluvias, Redruth, Stithians and Mabe.

THURNBY, LEICS.

On June 16th a new treble bell was dedicated at St. Luke's Parish Church, Thurnby, by the Provost of Leicester Cathedral, the Very Rev. H. A. Jones, B.Sc. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. J. Cooper.

The bell is to commemorate the victory in the last war, and the eighth centenary of the church, in 1950. The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and is a perfect splice. The Loughborough Foundry was represented at the service by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

Thurnby has now a good-going ring of six with tenor of 12¼ cwt. which will bear comparison with any six in the Leicester Diocese.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Disappointment at Non-Acceptance of Newcastle For C.C. Meeting

In its programme for 1951-52 the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association had planned to hold its half-yearly meeting at Gateshead on June 14th, but this did not fit in with the local arrangements and the meeting was switched to Chester-le-Street at short notice. The attendance of some 37 members and visitors at tea was disappointing for a general meeting held in a central and readily-accessible tower. Nevertheless, those present made good use of the bells and seemed to enjoy themselves.

A service was conducted by the senior curate (the Rev. N. W. A. Marley), in the absence of the Rector on holiday. A collection at this service raised 24s. for the War Memorial Fund. Tea was provided in the Church Institute and was followed by the business meeting.

Mr. W. N. Park presided in the absence of Canon Stephenson. He welcomed back Mr. G. A. Pickering after his long absence through illness but was sorry to have to report that Mr. J. T. Titt was in poor health. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. Titt expressing hopes for his speedy recovery. The usual votes of thanks were accorded for the use of the bells, the service, to the organist, and the ladies for providing the tea. Mr. Park said that the last of these had seemed to him a very important task and he felt that it should be undertaken by the member with the largest appetite. He had quickly compiled a short list and then after much deliberation, Mr. E. N. Harrison, of Fenham, was finally chosen. In spite of his youth he seemed to 'know the calling' and just lacked practice. This deficiency will no doubt be remedied at future District meetings!

The decision of the committee to proceed with the War Memorial on the lines of the modified design was explained. This new design was on view and an appeal was made to members to support the fund and raise the money necessary for completion of the scheme. The committee had also decided to modify the annual report for 1951-52 in order to reduce expenditure.

The secretary reported the discussion of the committee on the policy for the annual meeting. It was felt that an alternative to Durham City was required for the years when the annual meeting was not held in Newcastle and notice of motion would be submitted for the revision of Rule 10.

Mr. Park gave a report on the Central Council meeting at Lincoln. He had gone to Lincoln with full authority to repeat his invitation to the Central Council to visit Newcastle in 1953 and it was a great disappointment that this was heavily defeated on a vote in favour of Bournemouth. Mr. J. Anderson pointed out that it was 40 years since the Council had visited Newcastle and in Newcastle and its surroundings there were all the facilities that were required for such a meeting and plenty of excellent rings of bells. He hoped that the report of the meeting would emphasise the feeling of disappointment, and this was endorsed by the meeting.

The efforts of the ladies at the tea resulted in the handing over of 22s. to the War Memorial Fund.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Daphne A. Lodge 1, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 2, D. G. Mayell 3, D. J. Crouchman 4, H. G. Goddard 6. A birthday compliment to Desmond G. Mayell.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Sandford 1, W. Seldon 2, A. Tapley 3, W. Eveleigh 4, J. Salway 5, A. G. Betts 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. A compliment to the ringer of the 6th on his birthday.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN MARSHALL

One of the best-known ringers in Scotland, Mr. John Marshall, a past Master of the Scottish Association, died suddenly on June 20th.

He was a ringer at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, for over 40 years and was for some years conductor of the Cathedral band. Mr. Marshall always took a great interest in the ringing at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church and became conductor at that tower about two years ago. Between the wars business took him to England for lengthy periods and on these visits south of the border he made many friends and rang many peals.

MR. EDWIN CURRY

Mr. Edwin Curry, who died at Bayswater, Auckland, New Zealand, a month after passing his 100th birthday, was a Somerset man who went to New Zealand in 1880 as a soldier and was afterwards a farmer. A keen bellringer, he was one of the first team to ring the bells at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of July 5th, 1912

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 29th, 1912, in 3 hours and 10 minutes

At the Church of St. Saviour

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5,024 changes

Tenor 16 cwt.

Geo. B. Lucas, jun.	Treble
Geo. B. Lucas, sen.	2
Geo. F. Margetson	3
Geo. F. Jaye	4
Geo. R. Pye	5
Geo. Dent	6
Geo. A. Card	7
Geo. Paice	Tenor

Composed by Geo. Conyard. Conducted by Geo. R. Pye

HUNSDON, HERTS

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, June 30th, 1912, in 2 hours and 54 minutes

At the Church of St. Dunstan

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5,040 changes

Thurstans' 4-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

Geo. Black	Treble
Geo. Radley	2
Geo. F. Margetson	3
Geo. R. Pye	4
Geo. Faulkner	5
Geo. Dent	6
Geo. B. Lucas, sen.	7
Geo. Carter	Tenor

Conducted by Geo. R. Pye.

[Doubtless the only occasion on which 'name' peals have been rung on consecutive days. In all, twelve 'Georges' took part.]

WEOBLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE

An enjoyable tour of Gloucestershire was spent by Weobley, Herefordshire, ringers and their wives and friends on Whit Monday.

Whitminster, whose bells had not been rung for some time, was first visited, and although they were in need of repair, this did not mar some good ringing.

After lunch at Bristol, the Lord Mayor's Chapel was visited and here the best bells of the day were met. The congratulations of a Bristol ringer on the 'sink' was a feather in the cap of all concerned. Ringing followed at St. Werburgh's which has a perfect 'go.' On the homeward journey an hour was spent at Hardwicke, bells which every ringer longed for.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Whitsun Tour, 1952

THE Society this year spent Whitsun in the Bedford area and visited many of the towers it had originally planned to ring at on the summer tour two years ago. The party stayed in Bedford, just south of the river, and transported itself between towers by means of one car, four motor cycles and five pedal cycles. In spite of this diversity of mechanical aid, a considerable degree of coherence was maintained. Most people arrived in time to ring at Elstow on Friday evening. This church is particularly famous because John Bunyan once rang there, though there is much else of interest about it. The bells are in a tower separate from the austerely dignified church which is nearly all that is left of the former Benedictine Abbey. Everyone was in time to ring on the six bells at Wootton afterwards.

All five towers on Saturday had eight bells. Newport Pagnell and Olney—where the church stands on the very banks of the Ouse and posseses a fine stone-pinnacled broach spire—were visited in the morning. After lunch at the Three Cranes, Turvey, the party rang at All Saints' Church, and then at Bromham. The evening was spent ringing at Kempston, and later in other pursuits on other premises further up the road.

On Sunday morning five brave people were up early to complete the band for a quarter peal at Kempston before the seven o'clock service. Later the party split for ringing at St. Peter's, Bedford, and Biddenham—most people managed to ring at both places. In the afternoon an enjoyable hour was spent on the very pleasant bells at Cardington. By then the weather had cleared and everyone repaired to the river. Evening service ringing was at St. Paul's, Bedford.

On Monday morning the party set off for Tempsford complete with all baggage. During the course of this journey one of the motorcycles lost its gear lever but the owner managed to ride in third for the rest of the day—a triumph of modern engineering. Tempsford was followed by Blunham, where the five bells fully compensated for any deficiency of physical exercise from which those with motor transport might have been suffering. At Northill, the Rector showed us some of the interesting features of the church, including the painted glass, formerly in the east window, which is probably the finest example of its sort extant. Thomas Tompion, the 'father' of English clock-making, was born in this parish, and the museum over the porch of the church is well worth a visit. Ringing at Old Warden, where the church is filled with a collection of carving from various European countries, and at Southill, occupied the afternoon. An excellent tea at the White Horse, Southill, had a mellowing effect on everyone and this process was subsequently assisted still further by some good draught cider. After tea some of the cyclists set off for London by road leaving the motorised party and those who preferred to travel home by train to ring at Biggleswade.

Although the weather might have been warmer and drier, the rain was not continuous and no one got really wet apart from one intentional swimmer on Sunday afternoon. The Society thanks everyone whose co-operation made the tour so enjoyable, and especially Richard Stephens for his competent but unobtrusive organisation. D. N. L.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On June 9th, 1 260 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Pike (first quarter away from tenor) 1, S. A. Guppy 2, Mrs. G. H. Pike 3, Miss R. Eason (first quarter) 4, W. H. Poole (cond.) 5, H. Pike 6.

DUBLIN.—At Christ Church Cathedral, on June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Fielding 1, H. Richardson 2, H. W. Jones 3, T. McMorran (cond.) 4, J. A. Atkinson 5, F. Stephen 6, W. E. Lynch 7, A. G. Cooke 8.

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DEATH

MARSHALL.—At the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, suddenly, on June 20th, 1952, John Marshall (stone carver), beloved husband of Mary Lawrence, 24, Deanpath Buildings, Edinburgh. 996

HOLIDAY RINGING

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON, ST. MICHAEL'S BY THE SEA.—Ringing every Sunday evening during the summer at 8.40 p.m. for the 9 p.m. special holiday-makers' service. Visitors very welcome. 998

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MISCELLANEOUS

HELMINGHAM HALL GARDENS.—Open Saturday, July 12th, 2 p.m. onwards, also St. Mary's bells. Tea 5. Service 6.30. In aid church repairs. Names, please, to L. Brett, Framsden. 1011

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel. July 5th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate 970

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Youlgrave (8) on Saturday, July 5th, 3 p.m. Tea at the Bull's Head. 940

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 5th, at Bottisham. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Vicarage. Swaffham Prior (6) after tea.—H. L. Martin. 979

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 5th Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 977

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bobbingworth (6), July 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Presentation. Epping-Ongar bus service to Blake Hall Lane, 10 mins. walk. Names for tea to F. Pavitt, 3, Council Houses, Bobbingworth, Ongar. 936

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting at Tendring July 5th. Ringing from 2.30 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —R. Duesbury. 867

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Next meeting, Horsell (not Old Woking) on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. Simmonds. 986

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, July 5th, Stanmore (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 974

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Lyminge, Saturday, July 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck. 976

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, July 5th. This will now take place at Marden (8) instead of Sevenoaks or Cranbrook. 983

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, London, Saturday, July 5th. Towers available: St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30–3.30; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 3.30–5; St. Margaret's, Westminster, 7.30–9. Tea 5 p.m. Service, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 6 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Jackson, 34, Old Devonshire Road, Balham, S.W.12. 923

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Wymondham, Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Ed. Huddlestone, Wymondham, by the 10th.—J. H. Cook. 1013

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Knowle, July 5th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. —G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 955

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Rusper (8), Saturday, July 5th, 3 p.m. 985

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Annual general meeting, Basingstoke, Saturday, July 5th. Meeting 2.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Cottage. Service, St. Michael's, 4.15. All ringers welcome. Towers available: All Saints' (9), St. Michael's (8), Bramley (8), Oakley (6) and Deane (6) from 11.30 till 1.30 and after tea.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 939

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.1, on Monday, July 7th.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 1002

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Royston, July 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. F. Mitchell, Stafford House, Church Street, Royston, near Barnsley, not later than July 9th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 1016

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Deanery. — Quarterly meeting, Curry Rivel, Saturday, July 12th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea. — J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 1010

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Doulting, July 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. G. Kingston, Fairview, Doulting, Shepton Mallet. 997

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Corston (8) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, The Bungalow, Cranwells, Weston Park, Bath. 1019

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at the White Horse 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 1005

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Hutton Cranswick, July 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for all who notify by first post Wednesday, July 9th, the Rev. G. Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick. 1020

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Meeting, Brancepeth, Saturday, July 12th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Ringers bring own food.—Dennis R. Airey. 1015

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fletching (8), July 12th. Tea at The Griffin. Names to me by July 10th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 1007

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting, Saturday, July 12th, at Great Gransden (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock. 1022

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Badgeworth, July 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 999

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead (6), Saturday, July 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 9th, to Mr. E. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead, near St. Albans.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 975

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Harrietsham (8), Saturday, July 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 1006

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Goosnargh, Saturday, July 12th. Bring own food. Whittingham buses 142 and 145 from Preston, frequent service, alight Stag's Head.—L. Walmsley. 989

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, July 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Please send names for tea by Wednesday, 9th, to K. Abbott, 109, Greenbank Road, Rochdale. 1001

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Langdale on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names to F. Birkett, Brae Garth, Elterwater, nr. Ambleside.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 1021

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Cole Orton, July 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 in Hall. Names, by Tuesday, July 8th, to Mr. A. J. Lord, 55, Gracedieu Road, Whitwick. Tea not guaranteed without.—C. W. Hall and J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs. 961

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, July 12th, All Hallows', Twickenham (10) 3—5 p.m. Service and tea **for those who notify** Mr. G. Ingham, 145, Staines Road East, Sunbury-on-Thames, by Wednesday previous. All Saints', Isleworth (10), after tea. Also Church Fete, Isleworth Vicarage, 3 p.m.—H. W. Rogers and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs. 963

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Northaw on Saturday, July 12th, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Business meeting to follow. Cheshunt bells also available in evening. Both churches on bus route between Potters Bar and Waltham Cross.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 1003

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Biddulph, Saturday, July 12th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Stanway, School House, Congleton Road, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent. — W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 992

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reminder. Festival, July 12th, Oxford. Service 11 a.m. Meeting 12 noon. Luncheon 1.30 p.m. Towers open: St. Thomas', 3.15–4.15; St. Giles, 3.15–4.15; St. Aldate's, 3–4; St. Cross', 4.15–5.15; St. Mary Magdalen's, 5.15–6.15; Carfax, 6–7; All Saints', 5.30–6.30; St. Ebbe's, 5–6. Also Colleges, Magdalen, New and Merton. — W. Hibbert. 902

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Elton (5 bells), July 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, South Road, Oundle. 1012

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Wrockwardine (6), July 12th. Names for tea to Hon. Sec., G. C. Bagley, 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge. 1017

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Harworth (6), Saturday, July 12th. Names for tea, by 8th, to Mr. A. Lister, The Glen, Harworth, Doncaster.—H. Denman. 971

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Clare District.—Meeting, Kedington (6), July 12th, 3 p.m. Names to Mr. F. Bensley, Stoke-by-Clare, by 10th.—L. D. Mills. 994

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Knighton on Saturday, July 12th. Service at 3 p.m., meeting to follow. Numbers for tea at earliest.—D. G. Williams, 8, Capel Buildings, Clydach, Swansea. 969

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Thakeham, July 12th, 2.30. Names for tea, please, by July 8th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 995

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting, July 12th, Pickering (8). Tea 5. Names to Mr. C. Hartley, 76, Westgate, Pickering, before July 10th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 1018

EAST DERBYS AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Alfreton (8), Saturday, July 19th. Own tea arrangements, cafes nearby. 1009

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting, Castle Hedingham (6), July 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Sible Hedingham (8) available in the evening. Names for tea if possible to H. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 1000

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District), LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Merrow, July 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford.—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec. 1023

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Hoo (6) on Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 10th, to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, or phone Newington 350. 1008

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Penyfai (near Bridgend), July 19th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 991

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Long Stratton, Saturday, July 19th. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall for those who notify Mr. W. L. Duffield, Corfe Cottage, Long Stratton, Norwich, by July 14th, at 5 p.m. Forncett bells available after meeting.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 1014

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Amesbury (8), July 19th. Service 3.30, followed by quarterly meeting and tea. Woodford (6) also available afterwards. Names for tea by 15th, please.—Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 1004

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Orston, Saturday, July 19th, 3 p.m. Light tea for those who notify Mrs. Lewis, Yew Tree Farm, Orston, Nottingham, by the previous Tuesday. 990

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Ringing meeting at Blaxhall (6) on July 19th at 2.30 p.m. Tea at Blaxhall Ship at 5 p.m. Names for tea by 14th to P. S. Bedford, 37, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh. 993

SURREY CHURCH'S ANNIVERSARY

The evening congregation of St. Mary's, Send, Surrey, enjoyed a real feast of ringing at the ringers' special service arranged for the fourth anniversary of the dedication of their bells on Sunday, June 22nd.

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