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RAMBLINGS

PROBABLY the wisest thing the Central Council decided at Lincoln was to depart from the 11 o'clock starting of the annual meeting in favour of 10 a.m. The welter of technical discussion gave a wrong balance to the proceedings. There were a number of subjects which could with profit have been debated had time permitted and among them was the report on 'The Ringing World.' Living with 'The Ringing World' seven days a week an editor naturally likes to hear the viewpoint of the representatives.

Perhaps the most common observation he receives is, 'I should not have published this or that article or letter.' Some of our readers would like us to ignore anything that savours of a controversy or a criticism; others beseech us not to fill our pages with technical theories; another school of thought openly declares 'who wants to read about ringers' outings or peal tours?' One irate correspondent writes this week: 'It would be the best service you could render the ringing exercise to resign "The Ringing World" editorship altogether, and I am by no means the only person who thinks so, though many probably are too modest and lack the necessary courage to tell you it.' We have given the phraseology unabridged. It is obvious from these comments that an editor cannot please everybody. His function is week by week to make the best of the material at his disposal. If it so happens that his learned body of front page specialists let him down it is his duty to fill the gap. An editor is really happy when he has a quiverful of manuscripts, articles, reports, outings, tours, etc. Then a selective choice can be made with a little of something to please everybody.

We do not intend this editorial to be a grouse; there are things that come to our notice that give us pleasure. Writing of the arrival of visitors on their outing, one correspondent gives this happy picture. 'They arrived within a minute of the time fixed. First up the belfry stairs (in full control of the tidal wave from two coaches) was Mr. 'X,' who shook hands as though he really meant it, and not absentmindedly as though entirely wrapped up in bells! When the belfry looked like bursting, the belfry prayer started things off, somehow completely on the right foot; hard to describe, but like a moment out of our service last year in —— cathedral (and not like a mere interruption of the real proceedings). Everything left in order before they went; and heaps of people have been asking since who was ringing, saying how nice it sounded—this is quite unheard of, as long as I can remember! (Something more than just good striking.) Anyway, they will be remembered for a long time as the perfect visitors.'

Purposely we have placed a cloak of anonymity over this delightful picture of a ringers' outing. The story is factual and the outing took place last month, although when it appears in 'The Ringing World' it will be so shorn of humanities as not to be recognised. But some of our readers will be able to see through the picture, and if the cap fits well, wear it; you have something to be proud of.

Our next ramble is far distant New Zealand with a chatty letter from Mr. George H. Claydon, of Christchurch. In expressing his deep regret at the sad accident last year, he states that they had a simple safety catch on their bells. 'In Christchurch,' he writes, 'we always keep the bells up as the Cathedral is right in the square with hotels all round it, so ringing up and down is out of the question. These bells have been up for 70 years. The front six have never been touched and go quite well, but the four heavy bells were rehung in Hoffman bearings and they go really well. The catch is really an angle iron clip secured on the spoke of the tipping side of the wheel. This is hinged to the frame with a 3in. butt hinge, turned up under clip to fix the bell and turned down on the frame for ringing. It is absolutely safe; one could break the rope before the bell came off. Mr. J. Baker, one of our members, thought of this. In New Zealand it is also useful when there is an earthquake shock, as some of the bells always used to come off.'

On the subject of bell mechanism Mr. E. C. Gobey informs us of an ingenious little contrivance at Ilkeston Parish Church for turning the clapper over when it has gone up on the wrong side. By pulling a wire in the ringing chamber a small chain attached to a gadget, normally at rest on the H frame, travels along two guide wires and catches under the flight of the clapper, which can be easily pulled over. When the operation is completed the wire is allowed to run back clear of the bell on its own by having a weight at the other end. Perhaps when our finances permit we shall be able to publish a photograph of this simple and useful device.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL 5280 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	S ANTHONY JESSON	7
DOROTHY M. UDALE	2	HARRY G. WAYNE	8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	3	E. ALAN JACQUES	9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	J. R. SMITH	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	11
HAROLD J. POOLE	6	*WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal to be rung in this method. * 50th peal of Surprise Maximus. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wayne on their silver wedding.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON, S.E.1.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 4 Hours,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

DAVID E. PARSONS	*Treble*	JOHN B. SANSOM	7
JOHN CHILCOTT	2	JOHN HILL	8
JOHN PHILLIPS	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	9
KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	4	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	10
RICHARD E. PRICE	5	FRANK E. DARBY	11
HERBERT LANGDON	6	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*JOHN MCDONALD	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	6
FRANK E. HAYNES	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
MURIEL REAY	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	HENRY H. FEARN	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	HAROLD V. COOPER	6
ALLEN MORGAN	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	3	JOHN LLOYD	8
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	4	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	9
*MOLLY P. FLYNN	5	SIDNEY T. HOLT	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt.

*HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	JOHN E. BROUGH	6
*MAURICE G. TURNER	2	HAROLD WORRALL	7
GEORGE A. PACKER	3	CECIL RADDON	8
RICHARD D. LANGFORD	4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE	9
IVOR R. NICHOLS	5	†HENRY PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 150th peal together. † First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Langford.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society).
On Mon., May 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	*Treble*	PHILIP COOTE	5
ARTHUR FIRTH	2	ERNEST THORPE	6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	3	GORDON C. BRIGGS	7
FRANK REED	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 19, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5,184 PLYMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
The first peal ever rung in this method.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 21, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WILLIAM WELLING	*Treble*	*ROBERT G. LAY	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	JOHN THOMAS	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
*JANET S. BAILEY	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., June 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	†BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
*JOHN PINFOLD	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
MURIEL REAY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	†ERIC O. DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* 400th peal together. † First peal of Stedman Triples. In memoriam, Monsignor John Canon Roskell.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 24, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
ON THE VICTORIA MEMORIAL BELLS AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

*GEORGE H. HEBBORN	*Treble*	†SIDNEY HARRISON	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	*TERENCE BOLINGBROKE	6
*EILEEN M. BURTON	3	†GORDON A. OLLIFFE	7
†ALAN CATTELL	4	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of these bells.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

HARRY G. WAYNE	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
PETER J. STANIFORTH	2	MRS. H. J. POOLE	6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
A compliment to Mrs. H. J. Poole on her birthday.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

HUBERT E. ASHLEY	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
*FRANK C. PRICE	2	ALFRED BALLARD	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

SOUTH MOLTON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., June 27, 1952, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24¼ cwt. in D.

STAFFORD H. GREEN	*Treble*	E. MAURICE ATKINS	5
ELIZABETH BROWN	2	ARTHUR T. TRUMAN	6
*RENATE BUCHTHAL	3	FREDERICK WREFORD	7
*REV. J. H. B. ANDREWS	4	*REV JOHN G. M. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. FLEMING. Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

MRS. J. D. NIBLETT	*Treble*	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	5
F. BERNARD DITCHER	2	JAMES P. BLOND	6
JOHN D. NIBLETT	3	*A. HUBERT EPLETT	7
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	4	REV A. S. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* First peal of Major. Rung on the eve of St. Peter's Day and to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the consecration and enthronement of the first Bishop of Truro.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood"s Five-part No. 1. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
LEONARD H. BOWLER	4	MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

EDWARD C. GOBEY	*Treble*	*BRIAN BUSWELL	5
MRS. J. E. TURLEY	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	6
SAMUEL PINDER	3	EDWARD F. GOBEY	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED MAJOR
Consisting of 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 672 Superlative and 135 Changes of Method. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

WALTER ALLMAN	*Treble*	ALAN A. POTTS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

BERNARD H. DALTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM OLDMAN	5
JAMES H. MUSSON	2	*HAROLD HUXLEY	6
CECIL WADE	3	ALBERT E. SCOTT	7
DENIS A. FRITH	4	C. ARTHUR MANNING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. The peal was specially arranged for Mr. Manning and Mr. Huxley, who hail from Warwickshire.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WILLIAM GEOFFREY HAIR	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	HAROLD TAYLOR	5
*ERNEST W. BEADSMORE	2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	3	JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal in the method.

PATRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST PATRICK,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb.

LEONARD RODMELL	*Treble*	JOHN G. HOBSON	5
HARRY RODMELL	2	†RONALD DUCKER	6
*C. THOMAS BARKER	3	CHARLES BARKER	7
†JOHN M. HARROP	4	PHILIP H. SPECK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PHILIP H. SPECK.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Ronald Ducker.

TADCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

PATRICIA REEVES	*Treble*	FRED TERRY	5
SEDMAN H. STEEL	2	*ALAN SHEPPARD	6
MISS D. M. HAWLEY	3	BERT SUTTON	7
EDWARD BRADLEY	4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by HOWLETT. Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 1, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

*TONY J. V. SEARCH	*Treble*	ALAN R. PINK	5
HARRY P. FLOYD	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	6
PETER ANGER	3	WILLIAM J. DIXON	7
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT	4	GEORGE MILES	*Tenor*

Composed by BRUERTON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal. Specially arranged for and rung within the octave of the Feast of the Nativity of St. John-the-Baptist.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., July 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5
ALFRED C. BOXLEY	2	MAURICE G. TURNER	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	*HARRY GRIF	7
*SAMUEL BIRCH	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TEMPSFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 9, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different callings, 66 Singles, 78 Bobs. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*FRANK WARRINGTON	*Treble*	FRANK W. LACK	4
†JEAN PELL	2	*HAROLD S. PEACOCK	5
‡JOAN HARDING	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* 50th peal together. † First of Minor. ‡ First of Minor 'inside.' Rung for the Patronal Festival.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven methods—one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK A. JAINE	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
LESLIE EVANS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

BACKFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

*E. C. CREWE	*Treble*	PETER E. PARRY	4
PHILIP P. CARTER	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	3	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal.

EDITH-WESTON, RUTLANDSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 2,520 Changes each of Plain Bob and Single Oxford Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

CECIL MATTHEWS	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
GEORGE SLAUGHTER	2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
The conductor's 50th peal of Minor. First peal rung on the bells. Rung to commemorate the birth of a granddaughter to ringers of 5 and 6.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 360 April Day, 480 each of Canterbury, Plain Bob and Old Doubles, 1,200 Grandsire, 1,800 London Single, and 240 of Morris's' Arrangement. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

DICK EDMONDS	*Treble*	JACK MALLOWS	3
JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE	2	FRED HOLLY	4
HARRY WOODING	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Walter Fern, aged 87, who was a ringer at the above church for over 40 years; also chorister since the age of nine.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., June 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY	4
GEORGE WATERMAN	2	*JOSEPH W. H. PREASTNER	5
FRANK L. FISHER	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal in seven methods.

CASTLEACRE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

HELEN BRAY (b6)	*Treble*	SIDNEY MARSHALL	4
STEPHEN K. WHEELER	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
TOM GREENACRE	3	GEORGE T. BUNNING	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.
First peal on the bells.

HIGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

EMILY B. P. WALKER	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	4
VICTOR A. JARRETT	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	*PETER F. BORER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung as a farewell to Miss Gladys K. Jarrett, who is leaving for Jamaica.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E.

*PETER L. ELLIOTT	*Treble*	JOSEPH ELLIOTT	4
JOSEPH PAPWORTH	2	CHARLES BURTON	5
ERNEST BRIGHT	3	*ALAN R. ELLIOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH ELLIOTT.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal on the bells since the 'Festival of Britain' bell was hung in place of the old tenor. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Elliott.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

MAURICE F. H. LACEY	*Treble*	ALBERT J. DUNK	3
*JOHN R. RAYMENT	2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	4
GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. J. Dunk, wife of the ringer of the third bell.

SEND, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: Four of Plain Bob (each called differently), two of Oxford Plain Bob and one of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*RONALD WALLIS	*Treble*	†G. BRIAN GROVER	4
WINIFRED OLIVER	2	†J. OLIVER GLANVILLE	5
†ROLAND W. MORANT	3	GEORGE L. GROVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE L. GROVER.

* First peal containing Treble Bob. † First peal of Minor. Rung to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

CARLTON MAGNA, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 lb. in G sharp.

*LESLIE MASON	*Treble*	*H. CECIL CAUNT	3
*TERENCE J. ASQUITH	2	GEORGE E. MANSER	4
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE WYCHE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4
MURIEL REAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
ANTHONY AGER	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 30, 1952, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

HAROLD KILBY	*Treble*	ROLAND BENISTON	4
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	2	ALAN CATTELL	5
SAMUEL A. MARTIN	3	JOHN J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and of Beverley Surprise Minor for the Guild. A birthday compliment to W. Arthur Riddington, who has now doubly circled this tower.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 22, 1952, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,
AT ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents called differently. Tenor size 11 in G.

ERNEST MORRIS	1—2	JOHN J. MORRIS	3—4
*ALAN CATTELL	5—6		

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* First peal of Bob Minor 'in hand.'

A 30th anniversary wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morris.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT 'THE WAYSIDE,' 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3—4	HAROLD J. POOLE	7—8
JOSIAH MORRIS	9—10		

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

A compliment to Josiah Morris on his 85th birthday.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 2, 1952, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
AT SALTLEY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

*PETER C. RIDGWAY	1—2	HARRY POYNER	5—6
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3—4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Major on handbells. An 85th birthday compliment to Josiah Morris.

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FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

II.—THE IMPORTANCE OF BELL CONTROL

We hope the 'five-card trick' which we endeavoured to explain to beginners last week may have interested those who are just starting change ringing. It was designed to show how changes are formed and the 'movement' of the bells among each other—that is the varying positions they take in relation to each other in the succession of 'changes.'

To do this in the tower with real bells, the ringer has to learn to 'place' his bell in the required position, by pulling his rope at the exact moment which, allowing for the longer or shorter period of the revolution of the bell, according to its size, will result in its striking at the proper interval after the one immediately in front of it. The beginner, therefore, will realise that to pull just 'somewhere' after the other man is not sufficient, if there is to be good ringing—and good ringing by which we mean keeping time and rhythm, is the first essential.

The larger the bell, the longer it takes to revolve and consequently the longer it takes for the clapper to strike. If two bells of approximately the same size are pulled off together they will, assuming they are properly hung and in good order, strike simultaneously. You can hear the effect of this if you will pull off together the treble and second in your tower. Having done so—and set them again as quickly as possible, for the sake of the public, if nothing else—pull off the treble and tenor together. Unless the bells belong to a very small ring, you will find there is a very perceptible interval between the striking of the two bells.

In actual ringing this difference in the period of revolution must be allowed for and it is necessary to allow more space in striking over a big bell than over a little bell. Two things are essential to perfecting your striking. First you must have complete control over your bell, and secondly, you must 'use your ears.'

To begin with, you cannot control your bell unless you hold your rope properly and pull correctly. Keep your hands close together, whether at rope end or on the sally, and grasp both with all four fingers of both hands. Let your hands go well above your head every time, and don't snatch. A steady pull and a long one is the effective way of ringing a bell. Ring with your arms and not with your waist, and if you want a little extra weight occasionally, get it by bending the knees.

Before you begin change ringing, which, to be well struck, needs perfect bell control, get some practice with call changes so that you will learn how much 'space' to give each bell as you pull over it. Use your ears. Listen for the sound of your own bell among the rest. It may not be easy to pick it out at first, but if you will count the bells round as they strike, beginning when they are in 'rounds,' you will soon know which is yours; then make sure that it is striking at the right interval—that is, with the same interval as between the other bells. Nothing is more irritating than to have the bells going round with a 'jazz' effect; some 'close,' others 'wide.'

The only point at which there should be a break in the 'periods' between the blows is at the 'hand-stroke' lead. Then there should be the space of an extra bell between the last bell at backstroke and the first at the next handstroke. On six bells you should have twelve even blows, and then a one-bell interval. On eight there should be 16 even blows and a one-bell interval, and so on.

I do not recommend any beginner to attempt change ringing, much as he may be anxious to do so, until he has obtained complete mastery of his bell in rounds and call changes. It is useless to think he can concentrate on changes until he can, practically without conscious effort, 'put' his bell where he wants to without 'dropping' or 'over-pulling' it. Apart from creating bad ringing, the beginner who cannot 'place' his bell where it ought to go has little chance of finding his way among the others in changes. Better take a little longer in mastering the fundamentals than pushing on eventually to become a 'poor striker.' There is no greater compliment that can be paid to a ringer than to have it said of him that he is a 'perfect striker.'

Do not be anxious, then, to run before you can walk. If you first learn to strike your bell properly that essential part of your ringing equipment is never likely to desert you, but you will find it difficult to become a 'good' ringer if you attempt change ringing before you can completely control your bell. Many bad ringers have been made in that way.

STEDMAN CATERS

Dear Sir,—It is usually considered that the extent of any one bell behind the ninth in the tittums is forty courses in Stedman Caters and it does not appear to have been noticed that this can be increased by seven sixes if the position is entered and left at suitable points. I enclose a peal of Caters to illustrate this point, and also a peal of Cinques to show that in this case the 'extent' can be increased by nine sixes; the illustrative peal in this case gives the extent of the out of course position only because of the limitation imposed by limiting the number to approximately 5,000.

In both these peals the block used is not a round block and it is interesting to note that this allows the calling positions which must be employed to be reduced from four to three.—Yours sincerely,

G. W. SLACK.

Waltham Abbey.

5,007 STEDMAN CATERS

231456789		6	15	16
(413265978)	A			
425163			—	—
512563			—	
154362		—	—	—
135462			—	
341265		—	—	—
324165			—	
213564		—	—	—
251364			—	
532461		—	—	—
543261			—	
521463			—	—
245361		—	—	—
234561			—	
352164		—	—	—
315264			—	
123465		—	—	—
142365			—	
431562		—	—	—
453162			—	
514263		—	—	—
123564	S		—	—

The above calling repeated from the C.E. 425163 and omitting the last course produces:—

351264978					
413265879		10	14	17	22
314562	5			16	
312465				16	
213564	5			16	
214365				16	

A' is produced by 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13 21s, the last call giving the third six of 413265978.

Contains the full extent of the 6th behind the 9th in the tittums in a single block and is believed to be the first produced with this quality. It is also thought to be the first produced with a forty course block with a single bell in fifths in which calls are only used in three positions.

5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES

2314567890E		7	18	19
(32416578E90)	A			
315264			—	—
321564			—	
253461		—	—	—
245361			—	
432165		—	—	—
413265			—	
124563		—	—	—
152463			—	
541362		—	—	—
534162			—	
512364			—	—
135462		—	—	—
143562			—	
451263		—	—	—
425163			—	
214365		—	—	—
231465			—	
342561		—	—	—
354261			—	
523164		—	—	—
(5231648709E)	B			
315264		6	18	19

Contains the 6th the **full** out of course extent in 5ths in a single block and has duplicate course ends in handstroke.

Repeat calling as from this course end in tittum block. Rounds occur after the C.E. 214365.

'A' 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13s, 17s, 18, 21, 22, 25s, or 1, 3, 4, 6s, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13s, 17s, 18, 21, 22, 25, the last call in each case producing the third six of 324165.

'B' 12s, 14, 16s, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, or 12, 13, 14, 16s, 17, 18, 19, 21s, 22 or 12s, 13, 14, 16s, 17, 18, 19, 21, the 22nd six in each case being the second six of 523164.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' July 12th, 1912

LONDON

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, July 7th, 1912, in 4 hours and 17 minutes.

At 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS

8,099 changes

Tenor Size 11 in G

Miss Elsie L. Bennett	1-2
William Shepherd	3-4
Arthur F. Shepherd	5-6
Frank I. Hairs	7-8
Frank Bennett	9-10

Composed by John Nelms and conducted by William Shepherd

This is the longest length in the method rung on handbells and the longest peal in which a lady has taken part.

[Neither record has been surpassed, if memory serves. Miss Bennett is now Mrs. F. I. Hairs.]

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APSLEY END, HERTS.—On June 15th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (576 Cambridge, 720 London): Miss J. Plumbe 1, E. Upton 2, A. V. Good 3, F. Tompkins 4, W. Hughes 5, W. Ayre (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. J. Kaye.

BADSEY, WORCS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Brazier 1, R. Jelfs 2, G. A. King 3, T. W. Hardiman 4, A. Worthington 5, A. J. Taylor 6, R. R. Savory (cond.) 7, E. Mitchell 8. Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Reeves, the oldest inhabitant of the parish.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's, on June 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Grover 1, Miss J. Gorton 2, Mrs. J. Weaver 3, B. Story 4, A. Smith 5, J. Weaver 6, R. Story 7, S. Webb (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7. A 21st birthday compliment to A. Smith.

BENENDEN, KENT.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Hannington 1, W. Gorringe 2, A. Hannington (Margam, S. Wales) 3, H. Baker 4, A. H. Kemp 5, G. Bilbenness (cond.) 6, J. Brown 7, C. Baker 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on June 25th, 1,280 Bob Major: I. Emery (cond.) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, A. G. Mason 3, F. J. Hurrell 4, A. G. Hill 5, W. H. Hewitt 6, W. J. Rawlings 7, F. E. Collins 8. Arranged and conducted by the conductor on his 81st birthday. First quarter peal of Major on the new bells.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On June 29th, at the Cathedral, 1,264 Bob Major: A. E. Moore 1, W. Stannard 2, C. Stannard 3, P. C. Wright (cond.) 4, J. A. Acres 5, P. G. Everett 6, W. Goodship 7, F. J. Buckle 8.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Parish Church on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hayes 1, R. W. Pankhurst 2, F. Waymark 3, L. Baldock 4, P. H. Rollison 5, F. H. Dallaway 6, H. G. F. Reynolds (cond.) 7, R. Conling 8. In honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hayes.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: Miss A. M. Rhodes 1, W. J. Meers (cond.) 2, J. Graves 3, C. Smalley 4, F. H. W. Bird 5, B. Atkins 6, G. Pemberton 7, W. T. Shelton 8. First quarter for 4, 6, 7 and 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. N. Hailstone, wife of the churchwarden.

QUARTER PEALS

HAMBLEDEN, BUCKS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Stedman, 780 Grandsire): S. Wilkinson 1, F. D. Boreham 2, E. D. Poole 3, J. Young 4, R. Biggs (cond.) 5, C. Wilkinson 6. Believed to be first quarter on bells. Rung to commemorate the first 100th birthday recorded in the parish.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, H. W. Bishop 3, C. J. Gardner 4, T. Townsend 5, E. J. Berry 6, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 7, W. W. T. Daniell 8. Arranged for J. S. H., of London.

HUNTINGDON.—On June 29th, at St. Mary's, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. W. Pratt 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, E. J. Parish 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, W. Ransom 6, A. Clements 7, S. Gilbert 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Stella R. Livings (first quarter) 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, B. E. Shedel 3, W. T. Hill 4, C. E. Hill 5. Also on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Hill 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, E. M. Baker 3, Gwenda A. Davies (first quarter) 4, W. T. Hill 5. Both quarters rung as a farewell tribute to the retiring Rector (Canon C. B. H. Knight).

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On June 1st, 1,280 Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Smart 1, A. H. Winch 2, Alan Smith 3, B. Hawkins 4, G. Peters 5, G. Marriner 6, A. Smith 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.

LAVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Sanders 1, Mrs. J. Weaver 2, Miss M. Garrett 3, P. Holmes 4, B. Garrett (cond.) 5, J. Weaver 6. First quarter for 1 and 3. Rung after the institution and induction of the Rev. F. A. Sanders to the united benefice of Overton with Laverstoke and Freefolk, father of the ringer of the treble.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Arscott 1, R. Keeley 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. S. Morris 5, A. Scott 6, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 7, C. W. Powell 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of John Davy Hodder, for many years a ringer and sidesman of the Parish Church. Also on June 29th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: N. Mallett 1, Miss E. Brown (first in the method) 2, C. W. Powell 3, Canon C. C. Cox 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, R. Keeley 6, H. G. Keeley 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. Rung for the Feast of St. Peter.

MARKET OVERTON, RUTLAND.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. E. Gibson (first quarter) 1, R. Scott (cond.) 2, H. Wand 3, F. G. Vickers 4, H. R. Woods 5. Rung for the installation by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough of the Rev. F. C. MacDonald as Rural Dean.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Morris (first quarter) 1, R. Soars 2, F. K. Thompson 3, G. Harrold 4, R. Wilmore 5, J. Cunnington 6. Rung for the Sunday School anniversary and Patronal Festival of St. Peter.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On June 14th, 1,260 Doubles (3 extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Stedman and Plain with 180 Grandsire): Miss S. Booth 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, A. R. Chapman 3, L. W. Bullock 4, C. E. Brown 5, W. J. Carter 6.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Jeanes 1, N. B. Davis 2, C. H. Smart 3, W. Riggs (first quarter) 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, B. Cheeseman 6. A farewell compliment to the tenor ringer on his departure to join H.M. Forces on the 30th.

POWICK, WORCS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. A. Lewis 1, K. W. Smith 2, D. J. Trumper 3, G. J. Lewis (cond.) 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Cornelius 1, R. Beale 2, R. C. Beale 3, D. R. Best 4, J. W. Drew (cond.) 5, R. Welch 6, F. Welch 7, J. Stenner 8. A farewell to R. C. Beale, who is leaving for Egypt.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. C. Hide 1, O. Wood (first quarter of Stedman) 2, F. G. Waymark 3, F. A. Dallaway 4, H. S. James 5, C. Norris (Chatham) 6, R. W. E. Dave (cond.) 7, J. E. A. Wilmshurst 8.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bromfield 1, P. Davis 2, Betty Smith 3, Marion Davis 4, R. Woodley (cond.) 5, E. Rowe 6, C. C. Turner 7, R. Pike 8.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss D. Spokes 1, G. W. Holland (cond.) 2, W. J. Chester 3, J. Steel 4, W. Yates 5, Miss M. Coleman 6. First quarter of Stedman for 1 and 4.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Smith 1, Miss W. Oliver 2, R. Wallis 3, G. B. Grover 4, R. W. Morant 5, J. O. Glanville 6, G. L. Grover (cond.) 7, D. Clarry 8. First quarter 1 and 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

This issue contains the second 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 can be enrolled to-day. For subscription rates see above.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mr. E. W. Beadsmore, the grand old man of the Midland Counties Guild, who recently celebrated his 79th birthday, upon ringing his first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Overseale without having previously rung a course in the method. Suffering from lumbago pains, he completed the band at the last moment and rang his bell extremely well throughout the peal. Thanks are extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodward for refreshments after the peal.

Until repairs are carried out there will be no ringing at Wivelsfield, Sussex.

Mr. Jack Phillips completed the circle of Southwark Cathedral with a peal on June 28th.

Mr. Joshua J. Partridge has called a peal from each bell at Bozeat, Northants.

St. Andrew's, Cobham, Surrey, has an honorary membership of 32, thus eclipsing Christ Church, Wanstead's, record of 20.

Amid the heat on June 28th a peal was rung at Stockbury, Kent. The kind thought of Mrs. A. J. Dunk in entertaining the ringers to tea was much appreciated.

Two new Surprise peals are recorded this week — Buckingham Surprise Maximus by Leicester Cathedral band and Plymouth Surprise Major by the Middlesex County Association at Willesden.

At a recent practice in St. Crantock tower, Cornwall, the ringers consisted of the secretary, peal secretary and treasurer of the Truro Diocesan Guild, three churchwardens, the secretary of a parochial church council, a treasurer of a parochial church council, a sidesman, two choirmen, two organists, a vicar and one schoolboy. How many ringers were present? Answer, nine. The methods rung were Bob Minor, Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, Plain Hunting, Rounds, Rising and Falling.

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher was re-elected president and Miss D. Colgate hon. secretary at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields last Saturday. The next annual meeting will be at Whitby, Yorks, on the first Saturday in July. The meeting was well attended.

The ringer of the 5th in the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Bispham on June 21st and published in your edition of July 4th was R. F. Eccles and not R. F. Eales as published.

In connection with the joint meeting of the London and Middlesex County Associations tomorrow (Saturday), the bells of St. Mary's, Twickenham, will also be available. For non-ringers there is the church fete at Isleworth Vicarage.

The many ringing friends of Mr. Trevor Newbury, a popular member of the Cheltenham, Glos., Parish Church band, will be very pleased to learn that he has almost fully recovered from his recent operation for appendicitis and quite expects to be able to resume his ringing activities at an early date.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Harry Brooks (69), of 211, Worton Road, Isleworth, on June 24th. He had recently fractured his leg during a fall when attempting to board a trolley-bus. He made good progress and death was sudden and unexpected. We hope to publish a memoir in our next issue.

The thirteenth peal has been rung on the post-war bells at Carbis Bay. The Vicar, who has rung in twelve, has circled the tower, and it is the first time this has been done in Cornwall. Mrs. Roberts has rung in all the peals, but has to ring the third and tenor. The seventh only remains for Mr. Geoffrey Taysom. It looks as if 'circling' may become fashionable at this tower.

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REDEDICATION OF HALIFAX BELLS

An Asset to Yorkshire

THE recast ring of 13 bells at Halifax Parish Church were re-dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Roger P. Wilson, D.D., Lord Bishop of Wakefield, on June 28th, the contract including entirely new fittings and framework. The service was conducted by the Rev. Eric Treacy, M.B.E., R.D., Vicar and Archdeacon of Halifax, the lessons being read by the Rev. C. Tremayne. Mr. Shackleton Pollard, Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O., was at the organ.

The procession of choir and clergy entered the church by the south door to the singing of the hymn 'Praise my soul the King of Heaven.'

The Vicar, from the chancel step, then called upon the congregation to offer in concert praise and thanksgiving and to thank God for the ready response of the citizens of the town whose gifts had made possible the recasting and rehanging of the bells, and who have given of their substance that this ancient church might be strengthened for the years to come.

Considerable repairs have been carried out on the fabric of church and tower and this dedication rounds off work amounting to £8,000 or £9,000 in the last four years.

The simple and impressive service proceeded, the anthem being an arrangement by Purcell of 'Rejoice in the Lord,' the glorious organ introduction to which contained an impression of an octave in 'rounds.'

To the singing of the hymn 'When morning gilds the skies,' the second verse of which is particularly apt among the hills and dells of Halifax district, the choir, clergy and Bishop moved to the tower. There, in front of the west door, the Bishop re-dedicated the bells and struck the flat sixth nine times, once for each century of the 900 years which have recorded the offering of Christian worship in this ancient church.

The procession then returned to the chancel to the music of rounds rung by the ringers of Leeds Parish Church, captained by Mr. R. H. Dove. As soon as choir and clergy were back in their stalls the rounds ceased—a bit of beautiful timing.

GOD IN THE MIDST OF INDUSTRY

In his sermon the Lord Bishop said at the outset how appropriate it was that the bells themselves should ring out the 'amen' to the dedication. He asked the congregation to pause to think of what had gone into the building of the ancient churches. Each church told the history of the town or village in which it was situated in addition to recording the progress of architecture. It linked the present with the past.

Halifax Parish Church was somewhat of a surprise in the middle of a modern town. It was something of God in the midst of all the wealth and industry. How well, went on the Bishop, did this Parish Church set forth the glory of God in this place. Its presence would now also be made known by the sound of the bells which had proclaimed to the people all great occasions, national and local, in addition to the week by week call to prayer. Long may they ring for that purpose, concluded the Bishop. The service concluded with the singing of the hymn 'Ye watchers and ye holy ones' and the congregation left the church to the accompaniment of Grandsire Cinques.

The bellfounders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, were represented at the service by Mr. Michael Howard, who, with Mrs. Howard, walked in procession with choir and clergy. Mr. P. A. Cannon also attended.

The assembly in the belfry after the service numbered 40 and a course of Cambridge Royal by Messrs. J. Worth, E. Jenkins, L. W. G. Morris and other members of the famous Cheshire band. This was followed by a long touch of Stedman Caters and then the back eight were lowered in peal.

The unanimous opinion is that the bells are not only an asset to Halifax, but indeed, to the whole of Yorkshire. The writer's opinion of them can be expressed in one word— beautiful.

W. G. T.

THE INSCRIPTIONS

The following wording appears on each of the bells:—Recast 1951 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Eric Treacy, M.B.E., Vicar and Archdeacon of Halifax, A. E. Gladhill, vicar's warden, C. H. Thomas, people's warden. Also the reproductions of the original individual inscriptions as below:—

Treble, Note A.—C. and G. Mears, founders, London. Augmented to 12 A.D. 1857. Charles Musgrave, Archdeacon of Craven and Vicar of Halifax. John Whitworth, Mayor. Weight 5 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

Second, Note G.—C. and G. Mears, founders, London, A.D. 1857. Augmentation Committee, James Smith, William Hardcastle, Richard Jenkinson, Thos. Heap, John Holdsworth, chairman, John Tolroyd, secretary. Weight 6 cwt. 4 lb.

Third, Note F sharp.—C. and G. Mears, founders, London. This bell was recast A.D. 1857. Christopher Taylor Rigge, James Mallinson, churchwardens. Weight 6 cwt. 14 lbs.

Fourth, Note E.—C. and G. Mears, founders, London, cast A.D. 1814. John Waterhouse, William Emmett, churchwardens. Recast A.D. 1857. Weight 6 cwt. 17 lb.

Fifth, Note D.—With sweetest voices we will sing and loudly cry God Save Our King. W. and T. Mears, late Lester, Pack and Chapman, London, fecit., 1787. Weight 6 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lbs.

Sixth, Note C sharp.—Mortals with us your voices raise and shout abroad Jehovah's praise. W. and T. Mears, late Lester, Pack and Chapman, London, fecit, 1787. Weight 7 cwt. 11 lb.

Flat Sixth, Note C.—C. and G. Mears, founders. The gift of A. E. Royston, of West Parade, Halifax. A.D. 1857. Royston's noble gift and hence to future ages I'll proclaim. Weight 7 cwt. 16 lb.

Seventh, Note B.—Let Parker's liberal deeds be known to future ages yet unborn. W. and T. Mears, late Lester, Pack and Chapman, London, fecit, 1787. Weight 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.

Eighth, Note A.—Ye Ringers who would happy be in concord love and unity. W. and T. Mears, late Lester, Pack and Chapman, London, fecit, 1787. Weight 8 cwt. 3 qr.

Ninth, Note G.—When Britons are with laurels crown'd we'll make the hills and vales resound. W. T. Mears, late Lester, Pack and Chapman, London, fecit, 1787. Weight 10 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Tenth, Note F. sharp.—These bells recast in 1787 by subscription. W. and T. Mears, late Lester, Pack and Chapman, London, fecit. Weight 13 cwt. 6 lb.

Eleventh, Note E.—Attend ye sons for worship bent, your prayers put up your sins lament. W. and T. Mears, late Lester, Pack and Chapman, London. Weight 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Tenor, Note D. — All ye who hear my mournfull sound repent before ye lie in ground. Thomas Holden, William Birkby, churchwardens. 1787. W. and T. Mears, late Lester, Pack and Chapman, London, fecit. Weight 28 cwt. 14 lb.

The total weight of the 13 bells is 131 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

LEEDS RINGERS AT OPENING CEREMONIES

Leeds ringers have opened the following rings of bells:—

1779.—The new ring of eight at the Old Church, Wakefield, with a peal of Bob Triples.

1781.—Ditto at Sowerby.

1782.—Ditto at Otley.

1787.—Ditto at Halifax

1798.—The new ten at Leeds, with a peal of Grandsire Caters.

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PRESERVATION OF OLD BELLS

Central Council for the Care of Churches' Guidance

We are asked by the Central Council for the Care of Churches to bring to the notice of our readers the following resolutions of the committee of that body dealing with the preservation of old bells. The matter has recently been brought to a head by the melting down of the bells of Boughton Aluph, Kent.

The resolutions are appended:—

(1). Bells earlier than 1600 should not be recast but preserved in the church, and no bells older than 1750 should be recast unless cracked. If bells of 1750 and onwards are permitted to be recast, the old inscription should be reproduced in facsimile on the new bell, with the date of recasting added.

(2). When estimating for major work on bells, the firms tendering should give the date and founder of each bell in the ring, and any points of special interest, including inscriptions, and the approximate age of the frame.

(3). No bells should be rehung, or frame altered, in ancient towers, save under an architect skilled in handling such buildings.

(4). The Council adheres to the advice they have already given on many occasions in former reports, especially as regards the retention of canons.

MR. JOSIAH MORRIS IS 85

To mark the 85th birthday of the Leicester veteran, Mr. Josiah Morris, a handbell peal was arranged and rung (see peal columns) in which he rang the tenor perfectly. A peal was also attempted at Seaton, Devon, composed by Ernest and conducted by George Stedman, his two sons, but unfortunately this was lost through a change course. Time not allowing another attempt, a quarter peal (1,280) Double Norwich was rung by: J. L. S. Glanville 1, B. Pidgeon 2, G. S. Morris 3, J. T. Barratt 4, H. Keeley 5, N. Mallett 6, Ernest Morris (conductor) 7, R. Keeley tenor.

'Old Joe' the 'Rhythm King,' as he is affectionately called, is one of the old school of William Willson regime, and took part in many notable peals, including 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major called by W. Willson, and 10,912 of the same, conducted by his son Ernest.

Mr. T. Taffender, of London, and he are the only two survivors of the record peals of 11,008 and 17,104 Double Norwich, rung at South Wigston in 1904. His total peals are nearly 400, which he hopes to complete 'ere long.

Sunday by Sunday he takes his place at St. Margaret's, Leicester, where he served 30 years as verger, and where his son Ernest now officiates in the same capacity.

LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY

The 141st ringing anniversary held on June 21st was attended by upwards of 60 ringers. Included in the 27 places represented were Acton, W., Bradford Yorks, Croydon, Guildford, Ipswich, Wanstead, Walthamstow and Kingston-on-Thames.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Duffield, Double Norwich, London, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise.

(Continued from previous column)

1817.—Rang 2,519 changes at opening of new ten at Wakefield.

1819.—Took part in prize ringing at opening of new eight at Birstall.

1845.—Opened the new six at Wetherby on Christmas Day. Rang four peals of 720.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

A Record Year for Peals

THE annual meeting of the Society was held at Lichfield on June 21st and attracted an attendance of 90 ringers and friends. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at the Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Michael's and those present made full use of the facilities provided.

The service at St. Mary's was conducted, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar on a choir trip, by the Rev. G. H. Maydew, Vicar of Christ Church, Lichfield. Mr. C. Mitchell, a student at the Theological College, very kindly officiated at the organ. An observation from Mr. Maydew's address, which should give encouragement to all ringers, was 'that however few there might be in the congregation or if there were not always enough ringers present on a Sunday to make up the band, the individual ringer's service to the Church and all it stood for was always well worth while.'

After a good tea in St. Mary's Schools, the business meeting, with the Archdeacon of Stafford in the chair, took place. The accounts were presented and showed a loss on the year of 6s. 10d. The Committee's report was given by the Lay Secretary, Mr. Fred Bennett. This report recorded that the number of peals rung during the year, i.e., 80, was an all time record in the history of the Society and an increase of 19 compared with the previous year. The attendance at meetings during the year had been highly satisfactory, especially as some of these meeting had been held at places not easy of access. With five peals and numerous quarter peals, all rung half-muffled, the Society had paid its tribute to the memory of his late beloved majesty King George VI.

A NEW RINGING MASTER

The election of officers saw two changes. Mr. Maurice Turner, of West Bromwich, was appointed Ringing Master in place of Mr. George Oliver, and Mr. F. Brotherton took over the duties of hon. treasurer from the Rev. C. H. Barker, the latter, however, retaining his position as clerical secretary. Mr. Fred Bennett was re-elected as lay secretary, Messrs. H. Knight and C. Walleter as Central Council representatives and Mr. E. Speake as hon. auditor. All the officers were thanked for their services during the past year.

Meetings for the next twelve months were provisionally arranged as follows:—August, Enville; October, St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent; January, Wednesbury; March, St. Luke's, Wolverhampton; May, Mavesyn Ridgware; June, annual, Lichfield.

The Society's finances were then discussed at some length, Mr. Fred Bennett stating that if losses continued to be shown year after year there would soon be no funds left and that immediate steps must be taken to rectify the position. It was finally decided that the question of finance should be thoroughly gone into by the Committee at its next meeting.

An innovation was the decision by the Society to hold a dinner in Wolverhampton on November 15th next.

An apology had been received from the clerical secretary, the Rev. C. H. Barker, who is convalescing following a recent operation. The members of the Society asked Mr. Bennett to convey to Mr. Barker their best wishes for his speedy and complete recovery.

The meeting closed with Mr. Bennett proposing a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon of Stafford for taking the chair, the Rev. G. H. Maydew for conducting the service and the Rev. Prebendary H. Cresswell, of St. Mary's, for the use of the church and schools.

Subject to confirmation the next meeting of the Society will be at Enville on August 30th.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Repair of Shoreditch Bells

The pretty Thames-side village of Bray was the scene of the summer meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on June 7th. Whilst awaiting tea, an alfresco meeting was held on a lawn by the river, presided over by the Master, Mr. G. H. Cross.

The following new members were elected:—Betty Daysh and Dorothy Smith (Southampton), Mrs. Joyce Dodds (Hemel Hempstead), John and Hubert Schofield (Wembley), Norman Smith (Egham) Malcolm Upston (Maidenhead) The ratification of the following members was carried:—Muriel Reay (Birmingham), Warwick Munday (Parramatta) and Harry Short (Cabramatta N.S.W.).

Regarding Shoreditch bells, Mr. Cross said that the Society had agreed to raise £22 towards the cost of repairs. The ringers of St. Martin-in-the-Fields had contributed £13 1s. 6d., £3 5s. 6d. had been raised at a Kent County meeting at Ashford and £2 10s. at the March meeting at Bishopsgate. The members voted that the balance of £3 3s. be paid from the funds of the Society.

The next meeting, it was hoped, would be held at Eltham and Chislehurst on September 20th.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. F. Russell, who made the arrangements, and to the Vicar, for the use of the bells.

Before ringing began after the meeting, three local lady ringers were proposed as members—Audrey Smallbone, Diana Spice and Doreen Hague.

Ringing ranged from rounds to a well-struck course of London and a ladies' touch of Stedman Triples.

East Devon Ringers On Dartmoor

On Thursday, June 26th, a party of ringers from East Devon had a half-day trip on Dartmoor. The first tower visited was St. Michael's, Teignmouth, where they were joined by Mr. E. M. Atkins and Captain Poyntz. After a few touches of Grandsire and Stedman on the eight bells on this 'tower by the sea,' the route was along the River Teign to Kingsteignton where another hour was spent on this splendid ring of eight.

Bovey Tracey was the next stop and more ringing was enjoyed. A run over the moor brought the party to the 'Cathedral of the Moor,' Widecombe, with its very pleasant six. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung at the monument to Uncle Tom Cobley and all. The last call was to the musical eight at Buckland-in-the-Moor (tenor 7½ cwt.).

On the homeward journey Miss Jean Freer, of Kingston, who joined the trip, had engine trouble with her car, and arrived at her Devon holiday camp in the early hours of the morning, the other cars arriving home about midnight. All agreed it was a lovely trip and thanks are due to those who kindly gave permission and who met us at the various towers. E. W. R.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's June meeting was not an idle visit although it was, in fact, a visit to Idle. The bells were rung up in peal and various methods attempted before the tea interval, which was taken in the nearby school where the local company provided the liquid refreshment so eagerly sought on such a warm afternoon.

The business meeting was opened by the president (Mr. J. W. Benten) who gave a welcome to the Vicar of Idle and to Mr. M. J. Thurmott, of Ely (St. Mary's). Congratulations were offered to Mr. D. Marshall, of the Bradford Cathedral company, who recently completed the B.Sc. examinations at Glasgow University.

Three new members elected were: Messrs. S. Spencely, of Idle, and Leslie Cooper and Audrey Brough, of Otley.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. J. Gibson and seconded by Mr. F. Rayment, who referred to the genuine welcome offered by the local company, making the visit to Idle remembered. In Mr. Rayment's own case it was some 26 years since his first visit to Idle, and friendships were formed which had lasted to the present time.

The Vicar replied in a happy speech and he was supported by Mr. T. Hill, who said he was pleased to welcome the Society once again as it was thought that following his accident his ringing days were over, but by sticking to the tower his recovery had been aided considerably.

The next meeting will be at Drighlington on July 26th. All ringers are asked to book the date and send in their names to Mr. Barron. Further details in 'The Ringing World,' July 18th issue.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

The Northern District held their monthly meeting at St. Ippolyts on June 28th. It was a glorious day, bringing ringers from far and wide, with a very good sprinkling of young people.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. A. Symington) conducted a short service, which was followed by a proper ringers' tea provided by Mr. and Mrs. Alf Harris and their local band. At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, Peter Jackson, of St. Ippolyts, was elected a ringing member.

After tea Great Wymondley bells were available and both towers were kept going from rounds to London, York and Wells Surprise.

Awheel Around Winchester

Ringers from Chichester, Winchester and Itchingfield met at Tichborne (6) for the beginning of a cycling ringing week-end around Winchester on June 14th.

After ringing methods ranging to Kent, they went to Bishop's Sutton (5), where a ringer from Reading joined the party. Two quaint towers followed—Martyr Worthy (3) and Easton (3).

Supper at Winchester was followed by ringing on the fine six at St. Maurice's in methods up to Cambridge and an enjoyable ring at Kingsworthy (4), where we were welcomed by Mr. Street, concluded the day.

The party went their respective ways in Winchester, the youth hostellers going to bed at 12.30 on the common room tables, after taking part in the hostel's 21st birthday celebrations.

On Sunday morning the party went to King Alfred's College for matins, and in the afternoon rang the Cathedral bells with the regulars. Grandsire Caters, rounds and call changes being rung on this fine twelve.

The party would like to thank Messrs. P. N. Bond and Jack King for arranging everything, and Mr. Street for his kind co-operation.

W. L. W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE CRANBORNE PEAL

Dear Sir,—I am not a regular reader of your paper, but the correspondence in connection with the above peal has been brought to my notice, and reluctant though I am to be drawn in, I feel that the letters of Messrs. Smith and Bond, in your issue of June 27th, demand some reply. But I shall try to be brief and to confine myself to matters outside the 'one word against another' atmosphere, and independent of 'memories' long or short.

There never was, of course, any question of the fact that these visitors had my consent to use our tower; and, indeed, in the end (I refrain from explaining why, in a rush moment between two services, I gave it) to ring a peal. If my reluctance to give this latter consent was not obvious, I can only believe it was because the visitors did not wish to see it. But, technically, consent was given.

Now it seems to me that the best service that this letter can do is to provide a warning to all Incumbents who may be asked **over the telephone**, for the use of their towers. The request, which originated all this correspondence, was so made just five days before the proposed date of the visit. I have never given such consent in any of my churches without consulting my ringers; indeed, for a peal, such consultation has been very careful indeed.

These ringers purported to come (at least in part) from Chichester Cathedral. This was the Cathedral in which I was ordained. Chichester was my Diocese for many years. Consequently, over-ruled by sentiment perhaps, I agreed to the visit. No suggestion was made as to a peal.

After what seemed to me (I am bound to say, the 'thrustful' attitude of the visitors when it was pointed out that a peal had never been contemplated, I wrote to a friend in the Chichester Cathedral Chapter with a view to finding out something more of the status of these ringers. And I must confess to no little indignation when I was told that the Chichester 'steeple' disclaimed all knowledge of them.

If (in a letter which when written was not designed for publication) I described the visitors as 'pirates' it was because it seemed to me that they had been sailing in these waters under false colours. There may be some explanation for this, and I should be quite prepared to withdraw the implication; though I hardly think this can be of great importance.

I will only add in conclusion that in all my many requests from other towers I have never before had an experience like this. This seems to make quite clear what one's future attitude must be.—Yours, etc.,

W. F. BOND (REV.).

Cranborne Vicarage, Dorset.

REMEMBER THE LITANY

Dear Sir,—In recent issues of this journal so much has been written about a peal at Cranborne that the small scratch has become a poisoned wound and now, in this current issue, other people, I see, are becoming infected with what seems to be a desire to stir up trouble within the Exercise.

I cannot see how this rather vulgar display of back-biting fits in with the teaching of Christ or His Church, or with our knowledge of God, to Whose glory Church bells are dedicated. Let us remember the duty laid upon us as Christians, to show mercy and forgiveness.

It would be well if all concerned when next they make response 'Good Lord deliver us,' to the Litany's petition, 'From envy, hatred and malice and all uncharitableness,' to try much harder than they evidently do now, to show forth this spirit in their dealings with mankind in general and their fellow-bellringers in particular.—Yours faithfully.

JOHN A. H. BETTS.

Chichester.

ADVERTISE ALL PEAL ATTEMPTS

Sir,—May I enter a plea on behalf of the non-peal ringers among your readers, that 'The Ringing World' should cease to lend itself to the unpleasant recriminations about the peal at Cranborne, with which we are completely surfeited. It is most distasteful to many of us that so many petty altercations are allowed space for ventilation in your columns.

As a possible deterrent to occurrences such as that at Cranborne, may I suggest that all peal attempts which seek for recognition from any ringing authority be advertised in 'The Ringing World' at least two weeks previous to the attempt being made, giving the tower, date and dedication of the peal, if any. This, I think, would have three beneficial results:—

(1). It would prevent occurrences such as that at Cranborne.

(2). Many ringers in the vicinity of a tower where an attempt was to be made would probably be interested and listen in, and the knowledge that this probability exists might lead to a better standard of ringing than that passing muster in so many peals. Many bands get together in a tower where no one knows who they are or what they are attempting, knowing full well that there will be nobody to refute their claim to having rung 'a true and complete peal.'

(3). It would put an end to many of the ridiculous dedications of peals which one sees in your columns and which, if genuine, would in many cases constitute a gross misuse of church bells. Any strangers to the Exercise, reading your paper, must think us a queer lot, especially if they noted how seldom we dedicate a peal to the glory of God or His Church, for which purpose only were the bells originally provided.

Such a rule as I suggest might result in curtailing the total number of peals rung, but this would not be a bad thing in these days, when so much emphasis is placed on mere numbers, and so little on the standard of ringing.—Yours faithfully,

A. R. POYNTZ.

Shaldon, S. Devon.

THE PEAL AT HAWKLEY

Dear Sir,—I see that in your last issue there is a controversy on about a company or ringers from Chichester who recently rang at Cranborne and also here at Hawkley.

I write to support the letter of our captain of the Hawkley tower, Mr. Chas. Pound. The team of ringers is obviously very keen and for that they are to be highly commended, but their keenness has clearly been leading them into overpressing their requests to ring at church towers.

On three occasions I had been pressed to give permission for them to ring here where, it so happened, it was very inconvenient. The third request was an urgent one by phone with very little notice. I was left with the impression that transport had been arranged and that they would feel very cornered if the request was refused. As they wanted to ring a full peal, I not only went to see the captain of our tower but also telephoned to our District secretary. It was clear that neither of them wanted permission to be given and I was caught between two pressures. However, I obtained a reluctant agreement to admit the Chichester ringers. I much regret now that I did so.

This controversy will have done good if encourages those who are keen to visit other towers not to overpress their requests where it is obviously inconvenient.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. WRIGHT, Vicar.

Hawkley, Hants.

RINGING APPEALS TO YOUTH

An Example from Danbury

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read in the summer edition of 'The Countryman,' which is edited by John Cripps at Burford in Oxfordshire, a paragraph entitled 'Young Campanologists' which reads as under:—

'When I first came to live in the Essex village of Danbury, well over thirty years ago,' writes Dr. Armstrong Gibbs, 'two brothers, Dick and Ernest, sons of a local baker, were trebles in the church choir. Both were keen musicians and a few years later joined my village choral society.

They also learned bellringing and handbell ringing from our old sexton, but as he advanced in years both these arts fell into abeyance. Meanwhile the brothers grew to manhood and the elder became the father of two sons. Three years ago I found that Dick and Ernest had collected a team of youngsters—boys and girls—and were busy initiating them into the mysteries of campanology. Dick's elder boy was a member from the start, while the younger one, aged nine, attended all practices and was promoted to a bell as soon as he was tall enough to pull a rope when mounted on an orange box. Not only did our own steeple hum, but these youngsters were soon scouring the county, ringing peals in every belfry within reach of their bicycles. Scarcely a week passed without my hearing of some new feat of skill and endurance. In fact, only a few days ago, Dick announced to me with rueful pride that his team were advancing altogether beyond him. They have learned too, to ring the handbells; how well, may be gauged from the fact that they have collected close on £100 for church objects. When they visited us last December I noticed a remarkable advance in technical proficiency. At a guess I should put the average age of the team at about 15 years. It is clear from their behaviour that there is something in bellringing which appeals strongly to youth. They have also found a hobby which will probably last them all their lives, and are doing a grand bit of service for their church. To Dick and his brother Ernest I can only respectfully take off my hat.'—Yours sincerely.

C. H. KINCH.

PEALS AT ALFORD, LINCS

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, congratulate Mr. G. Musson on his recent peal at Alford, Lincs, rung in 2 hours and 34 minutes. I only hope, due to the time taken, he does not fall victim to the jealousy of some Eastern Branch members. After ringing a peal here in May, 1950, in 2 hours and 33 minutes, it was openly declared to be false due to the speed at which it had been rung. I feel that the recent peal, again including the tower captain, gives me the opportunity to declare the rumours unfounded, unwarranted and disproved by events. Although such conduct does not really merit or justify a letter it may help finally to silence some who would rather seek to criticise than further the cause of ringing and the friendship which exists within it.—Yours, etc.,

C. H. WHITTON.

Isleworth, Middx.

CORONATION, 1953

The Exercise will undoubtedly play a big part in the Coronation celebrations next year and I would like to suggest at this stage that the Central Council puts on its thinking cap and gets down to publishing in good time its recommendations as to procedure for this event. With the recent death of King George VI. the lead came too late due to the suddenness and many ringers were left wondering exactly what should be done. That they rose to the occasion is undoubted, but an official lead does help.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. HILL.

LETTERS—Continued

THE LATE A. J. CORRIGAN'S PUBLICATIONS

Having in mind the popularity and great usefulness of the late Mr. Corrigan's publications. I wonder whether the ringers of his district, or any other reader of 'The Ringing World,' can give any information as to the disposal of any unsold copies that may have been left.

It may well be that at some later date there would be a ready market for reprints of some of these books.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

Forest Hill, S.E.23.

DONCASTER'S S.S. BAND

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate the Doncaster Sunday Service Band and their conductor on ringing Carter's odd bob peal of Stedman Triples. This is a very creditable and worthwhile performance for an entirely local band. It would be a good sign to see more peals with the footnote 'Rung by the local company.'—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham, Yorks.

BIBLICAL SILVER TRUMPETS

Dear Sir,—Whenever I attend a ringers' service and hear the lesson read from Numbers, Chapter 10, I am intrigued by the direction in verse 2, about the making of the silver trumpets, 'Of a whole piece shalt thou make them.' What exactly does that mean? Were the craftsmen of that day able to make such an instrument from one piece? I suppose it can hardly mean that they were cast?

I have just turned up 'Josephus' to see if any light is thrown on it there, but 'Josephus' simply says that the trumpet invented by Moses was a little less than a cubit in length, with a suitable mouthpiece and the usual trumpet mouth. There is nothing about how it was made.

Perhaps some of our clerical ringers (or readers) have studied the musical instruments of the Bible and are able to tell us.—Yours faithfully,

'GWENT SASSENACH.'

South Wales.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District at Mirfield

The summer meeting of the Western District was held on June 21st at St. Mary's Church, Mirfield, with an attendance of about 50 members. Ringing during the afternoon ranged from Minor to Royal, and was followed by an excellent tea served in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting the resignation from the committee of Mr. F. Hodgson, due to his leaving the district, was accepted with regret. Mr. Hodgson was one of the mainstays of the District and his presence will be greatly missed by his many friends. Any nominations for the vacant seat should be sent to the District secretary.

Occasion was taken at this meeting to make a presentation to Mr. W. Ambler in appreciation of his past services as District secretary. Mr. Ambler was obliged to retire from office at the end of last year due to continuing ill-health. He had held this office for a period in all of some eleven years, during which time he spared no pains in making the Western District one of the most flourishing in the Yorkshire Association, whilst his reports and books left nothing to be desired. The presentation was made by the vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson) and took the form of an inscribed gold pocket watch.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting in September, at Oxenhope.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

Young Ringers' Cycling Tour

Young ringers of Newport, Bedwellty, Rumney and Cardiff set out from Newport for a day's ringing and cycling tour of towers between Newport and Chepstow on June 21st.

With a strong wind in their favour, they made speedy progress for their first destination, Mathern, where they were joined by ringers from Chepstow and Tiddenham. Here the bells were rung half-muffled for a funeral, the tenor being tolled shortly before the funeral service.

After lunch the ringers made for Caldicot, this time cycling into a strong head wind which considerably slowed down the pace. Caldicot reached, this fine octave was soon ringing, although the younger members of the party found difficulty in pulling off due to the deep setting of the bells.

Again into the wind, the next stop being at Penhow and here the light six were set going to call changes and change ringing. A pleasant ring and unusual in the fact that they are rung just inside the entrance to the church.

The next call was at Magor, where another unusual ring was met. Here the bells are rung from the chancel and to make room for the ringers the choir stalls have to be moved back which, as one can imagine, is not very convenient for service ringing. The bells do not go very well but, nevertheless, sound good.

The final ring was at Nash, which meant a hard ride over the moors into the wind. Dark clouds were gathering and the sky looked very ominous. Ringing on this pleasant light six had to be curtailed as a steady downpour of rain had set in and so the ringers made their way home—wet, tired but full of enthusiasm about the next tour.

Excluding the three 'old men,' the ages of the band ranged from 11 to 17 years, and methods rung during the day were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and April Day, with plenty of rounds and call changes.

Thanks are extended to the incumbents for the use of their bells and to the local ringers who met and welcomed the band.

Gloucester and Bristol Association

The half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Bishopstone on June 14th and visitors were welcomed from Bray, Charlbury, Dorchester, Fairford and Shrivenham. The bells are a good eight by Mears (1891) and they were rung in various methods up to London Surprise Major.

At the business meeting the Branch secretary (Mr. W. B. Knyaston) gave a report on the Central Council meeting at Lincoln and warned those present to be careful with London Royal and Bristol Maximus! It was proposed to hold meetings at Lydiard Millicent, Latton and Cricklade and Stratton-St. Margaret during the next three months.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

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COTTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. E. Grimes 1, B. Chilvers 2, L. Foster 3, R. Lester 4, J. Crapnell 5, E. Davey 6, R. Ward 7, S. Arbon (cond.) 8.

WHITSUN IN THE 'GARDEN OF ENGLAND'

Following the success of a tour of ten towers in the Romney Marsh area on Whit Monday, 1951, a Whitsun week-end was planned by an augmented party in the 'Garden of England' with headquarters at Hawkhurst.

The programme started with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Rolvenden on Saturday morning, accomplished with not a few blisters for the back-enders.

After lunch ringers from Marden, Sedlescombe, Hawkhurst and Folkestone joined the party and a tour of six Sussex towers followed—Bodiam (5), Northiam (6), Beckley (6) Breden (6), Sedlescombe (6) and Salehurst (8). Methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Stedman and Cambridge.

On Whit Sunday the party and two visitors from Hawkhurst rang and attended matins at St. Michael's and All Angels, Marden. The afternoon was spent in a farm walk conducted by Mr. Frank Day at Blue House Farm, Marden. Evening ringing for some of the party was at the bomb-stricken Church of St. Lawrence, Hawkhurst, where Mr. William Gorringe and his band keep the bells going.

A colossal programme of 16 towers was arranged for Whit Monday, the first being Ringwould at 7.55 a.m. where two ringers from Tunstall, Sittingbourne, who left home at 4.30 a.m., awaited the party. The list of towers visited was Walmer (8), Deal (6), Northbourne (6), Eastry (5), Ash (8), Wingham (8), Littlebourne (6), Wickhambreux (6), Sturry (6), Hackington (8) and Canterbury Cathedral (12, where rounds and original Royal were attempted with very good results, Grandsire and Double Norwich on the back eight and Cambridge Minor on the back six), Beckesbourne (6), Goodnestone (6), Barham (5, where the stay of the third had been previously broken, and Eythorne (5). Everybody was in bed by 2 a.m. after a good 20-hours' ringing day!

The party included the Misses A. M. Bailey, M. A. Carter, M. A. Wood, B. M. Vidler and J. Haffenden, Messrs. K. A. Holtom, J. Chillendon, C. Wralten, T. Barton, D. Bryder, J. Betts, R. Collins, K. Collins, G. B. Harris, M. S. Cloke and S. G. Waters.

There was not more than a five-minute hitch on the whole programme, which was no mean achievement, when 150 miles were travelled, 16 towers rung in by 16 people, whose average age was 22 years. S. G. W. thanks the tower representatives and the incumbents for their co-operation and welcome.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Joint Meeting in the Totnes Area

A successful joint meeting of the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches was held in the Totnes area on June 28th, when members and friends attended from Okehampton, Kenn, Newton Abbot, Buckfastleigh, Totnes, Paignton, Dartmouth, Plympton and Plymouth, as well as visitors from Erith (Kent) and Birmingham.

The bells of Berry Pomeroy Parish Church were made good use of throughout the afternoon and later a visit was made to the Central Hotel, Totnes, for tea, where Mr. J. E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot, welcomed the visitors and expressed thanks to the Vicars of Berry Pomeroy and Totnes for the use of their bells.

Ringing afterwards took place at Totnes Parish Church, the methods rung during the afternoon and evening being Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. The latter method was particularly well struck in both towers, even bell ringing being very pleasing to the ear on Totnes bells.

OUTINGS IN BRIEF

STREATHAM AND MITCHAM

The bellringers of St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, and Christ Church, Mitcham, together with their wives and a few old friends have spent two very enjoyable days in Sussex during the past two months. On Easter Monday ringing was enjoyed at Capel (Surrey), Warnham, Henfield and Billingshurst, lunch being taken at Horsham and tea at Henfield. On June 14th a full day's programme was arranged. The route chosen took us through Streatham, Croydon, Sanderstead, Limpsfield, Edenbridge, Hartfield, Uckfield, Eastbourne, Pevensey, Battle, Burwash, Fairwarp, East Grinstead, Godstone, Purley and Christ Church, Mitcham. Ringing was enjoyed at Hartfield, Uckfield, Christ Church, Eastbourne, Burwash and Fairwarp.

Lunch was taken in Eastbourne and we had as our guests the Rev. D. G. Matthews (Vicar of Southover) and his wife. The Rev. D. G. Matthews was Vicar of Christ Church, Mitcham, before moving to Southover some years ago. Tea was enjoyed at Burwash and here we had as our guest Mr. F. J. Lambert (captain of the Burwash ringers and a nephew of the late J. A. Lambert, of Mitcham Parish Church).

It was 39 years to the day since the Christ Church ringers made their first pilgrimage and with the company was Mr. G. Pidwell, who took part in that pilgrimage in 1913. Mr. W. H. Joiner also took part in it and it was with regret that the company learnt that he was not feeling well enough to join the party. He did, however, send a programme of the 1913 tour (which he had carefully preserved) to the secretary (Mr. S. Howard). This was passed round en route and aroused much interest. At tea the programme for June 14th was autographed by all present. This has been sent to Mr. Joiner with best wishes from all.

HAMER, ROCHDALE

An enjoyable day in the Lake District was spent by ringers and friends of All Saints' Church, Hamer, Rochdale, on June 14th.

A start was made at 7.30 a.m. and Kirby Lonsdale was reached at 9.30. Here the bells of St. Mary's were much to the liking of the company.

After lunch at Bowness on Windermere, a brief visit was made to the Lake previous to ringing at St. Martin's, Bowness (8). Later came an hour's ringing at S. Michael's, Hawkshead (6). Grange-over-Sands was reached at 5 p.m. for an enjoyable tea, and a stop on the return journey was made at Morecambe, Rochdale being reached at 11.20 p.m.

Methods rung during the day were Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Clement's and Stedman. Thanks were accorded vicars and ringers who met the party and arranged for the use of the bells.

HULTON, ESSEX

Tintinabulation in Excelsis was how the Hulton correspondent described their outing on Whit Monday, which was spent mainly in South Suffolk.

Visited by the party were the five big bells in the churchyard of East Bergholt; the massive tower at Kersey, a village which is a piece of Tudor England; the grand old tower of Monks Eleigh, with a welcome from Harry Whymark; Preston, the climb to the top of the tower is quite a gymnastic feat and Fred Day gave the friendliest of greetings; Lavenham where the three lads eagerly took turns on the 23-cwt. tenor that wonderful bell cast in 1625; Long Melford, where only a few minutes were available to see the inside of its elegant and spectacular church with its 97 windows. Thank you South Suffolk, for your warm welcome; like Renatus, we will return.

LEYTONSTONE

Despite very dull weather the ringers of St. John's, Leytonstone, and a few friends enjoyed a successful tour of Suffolk on June 14th.

The party met at Mildenhall and before ringing admired the interior of the church with its wonderful roof and a modern stained glass memorial to a local ringer. The ten bells in the high 15th century tower were set going to 'Stedman Caters. A course of Cambridge Royal and a touch of Grandsire Caters completed the ringing on these lovely bells.

After expressing thanks they then went on to Elveton, where the bell tower is attached to the Church of SS. Peter and Andrew by a cloistered walk. The visitors found the octave went very well, although not too easy to hear inside the tower. The ringing here included a touch of Spliced Surprise Major as well as Superlative, Bristol and Kent. Before leaving for Bury St. Edmunds most of the ringers were shown around the church by the incumbent.

The first ringing at Bury St. Edmunds was on the ten in the Norman tower. Stedman and Grandsire and a half course of Cambridge went very well on these grand bells. After tea the weighty octave of SS. Mary and Peter was rung to London, Stedman and Cambridge.

Lavenham was the last tower of the day and good use was made of its famous bells. Superlative, Rutland and Bristol were included in the methods rung.

It was a very enjoyable trip, ringing on very good bells and meeting friends, old and new. Thanks are due to the incumbents and ringers at the various churches and also to Mr. F. W. Housden, the organiser. T. G. F.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK

A start was made at 5.45 a.m. on June 14th by Stonham Aspal ringers for the first full outing of the new company, which was spent in Kent and Surrey.

Mr. Isaac Emery met the party on the new eight at Bromley and found the company so desirable that he remained with them the rest of the day. Mr. A. P. Cannon, who helped to arrange the towers, also joined the party. Ringing afterwards took place at Beddington, Westerham, Edenbridge and Wrotham. Home was reached at 1 a.m. Thanks are due to Mr. William Button for his hard work which contributed so much to the success of the outing.

RUSHMERE ST. ANDREW, IPSWICH

A tour of the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire borderland was enjoyed by Rushmere St. Andrew, Ipswich, band on June 14th, who were accompanied by friends from St. Clement's and St. Margaret's.

A start was made at 8 a.m. and ringing took place before lunch at Haverhill (6), Sawston (8), Stapleford (6) and Trumpington (6). At the last-named tower the ringers were met by a well-known lady ringer, who stood in for a well-struck touch of Ipswich Surprise.

Lunch was served at Cambridge, and while non-ringers visited the town the ringers proceeded to Old Chesterton (6), a church standing in ideal surroundings.

The journey home started after tea at Cambridge, the route being via Swaffham Prior, with its two churches in one churchyard, to Exning (5), where the party were welcomed by the Vicar, who while at Ipswich was a district secretary of the Suffolk Guild. The last tower was the heavy six at St. Mary's, Newmarket. Ipswich was reached at 11.30 p.m. Ringing included Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Single Court, Double Court and Bob Major.

WITHAM, ESSEX

Interesting parts of Cambridgeshire, Huntingdon and Herts were toured by Witham (Essex) ringers and friends from Kelvedon, Black Notley and Maldon on June 21st.

Ickleton was reached in good time and well-struck touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Grandsire Triples were rung on a well-going and tuneful eight.

At Huntingdon touches of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were rung at St. Mary's, a good eight in need of overhauling. Appetites were well satisfied at the Nickel Coin Restaurant, followed by a visit to the Parish Church, Godmanchester, where a considerable sum is being raised to put a fine-sounding octave into good running order. After enjoyable touches of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob the party returned to Huntingdon, where touches of Bob Minor, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob were rung on a well-going six at All Saints'.

Tea was taken at Royston at the Corner Cafe. At the conclusion Mr. J. Chalk thanked Miss W. Mellin Mrs. B. Godfrey and Mr. H. Evers for making the necessary arrangements for such an enjoyable outing with a special word of thanks to Mr. E. Bright (Witham) for his great work with his learners, two of whom had become 'first pealers,' and congratulations to the Kelvedon ringers on getting their bells in good-going order again, with the 'Festival Bell' as their grand new tenor.

The final tower was Barley, where touches of Bob Minor, Double Court, Grandsire Doubles and Cambridge Surprise were rung on a very tuneful and easy-going six. Sincere thanks were extended to the local ringers who met the visitors, and particularly to the three clergy who looked in at their respective towers to wish all a 'happy day.'

FRIEZLAND VISIT LOUGHBOROUGH

On June 7th an enjoyable and interesting outing was shared by the ringers of Christ Church, Friezland, Oldham, their wives and children and friends.

Travelling by way of Buxton to Matlock, the bells of the Parish Church were soon up and going well to two or three short touches of Oxford, whilst the non-ringing members rang the changes on tea and cakes. Journeying through the lovely Derwent Valley, Loughborough was reached at approximately 12.30 p.m.

After a good dinner a visit was paid to the Bell Foundry of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. and a most instructional afternoon was spent under the guidance of Mr. J. P. Fidler, who went to very great pains to try to show everyone everything, which is some job with a party of 34. His good humour and understanding ruled the day and none of the party went astray.

On being challenged to ring rounds within two whole pulls on the light six in the campanile without first trying for length, the contest team had a go with both hilarious and disastrous results, as the stay of the sixth 'went for a Burton.' However, Mr. Fidler retrieved the rope, the bell was raised, and some good short touches of Minor were rung on the heavy six by mixed teams.

The Parish Church was next visited and some good ringing was enjoyed by the nine ringing members of the party, on the front six until the rope of the second parted at the garter hole.

The 30-cwt. tenor was then raised and two or three touches were rung on the back six without further mishap.

After an excellent tea the return journey was via Leicester, Nottingham and Sheffield, passing on the way the noted Crooked Spire at Chesterfield, which was viewed with some awe by various members of the party who had not previously seen the spectacle.

A. F.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN MOTH

Captain of the Sandhurst, Berks, tower and a branch representative on the Oxford Guild Committee for many years, Mr. John Moth died at his home at Little Sandhurst on July 3rd after a long illness. He was 85 and had been unable to ring since the war.

He rang his first peal in 1900, but although his total was about 25 he made up for that by the 720's he rang, for in 1908 and 1909 at Sandhurst 297 720's in ten methods were rung, of which he took part in 293 and conducted 228.

MR. JOSEPH SLADE

With deep regret the death is announced of Mr. Joseph Slade at his home, 162, Oxford Road, Calne, on June 30th, aged 78 years.

He will be remembered by a number of the members of the Ringers' Guild, as for some years he was a member of St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent, ringing team, and in later years took an active part in ringing at Bremhill, Calne and District Churches. He leaves a wife and three daughters.

OUTING

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT

The Portsmouth District had an extremely enjoyable outing on June 21st into Somerset and Wiltshire. The coach left Portsmouth a little behind time bearing the contingents of ringers and friends from the towers in the Portsmouth and Fareham area and collected the remainder of the party at Southampton.

The first stop for refreshments, Wimborne, was reached on time, but owing to the precarious state of the tower pinnacles, no ringing was possible.

Despite a slight hold-up at Blandford owing to a traffic jam, we were only slightly late at Yeovil, where one of the local ringers was waiting to welcome us. Ringing on the fine ring of ten (tenor 40¼ cwt.) was much enjoyed before the party departed in search of lunch.

The highlight of the day was the grand six at Queen Camel (tenor 36¼ cwt.). Ringing here began after a welcome from Mr. Reeves, with a fair raise in peal, and the subsequent proceedings required careful organisation to enable all the keen 'heavy-enders' who so wished to 'turn in' the tenor. However, all were duly satisfied and ringing ended with a good 'settle,' many long-standing ambitions having been gratified by a visit to this justly famous tower.

The equally fine six at Bruton (tenor 26 cwt.) came next and again several local ringers met us at this magnificent tower, one of the finest of its type in a county famed for its towers. With invitations of 'come again' from the local ringers, the coach went on to Frome. Ringing on the heavy octave (tenor 31 cwt.) at the famous church, where the Rev. W. J. E. Bennett, one of the pioneers of the Oxford Movement, was once Vicar, included a good course of London. Next came a truly wonderful tea at a local cafe.

The party went on to Westbury, the last tower of the day, arriving a little late due to a slight loss of sense of direction! The grand eight here are probably the finest for their weight (tenor 35 cwt.) anywhere—no correspondence, please!—and good use was made of them. Ringing ended with a course of a favourite Portsmouth method, Double Norwich, and the stragglers having been collected from a local hostelry, the journey to Salisbury was enlivened by strains of (?) melodious voices!

A break for further refreshment was allowed at Salisbury, and amid further vocal efforts from the choir (!) the coach set out for Southampton, which was reached at 9.45.

Thanks are due to Mr. John Hunt for all his careful and excellent arrangements.

P. N. B.

OUTINGS

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Taking advantage of the long evenings the Society travelled to the boundary of the Riding to hold the June meeting at Malton and Norton. Poor weather marred the day for the wives and friends, who went to explore the town and old Malton Priory Church, but did not deter the ringers from trying out two good rings of eight.

The bells of St. Leonard's, Malton, were rung during the afternoon to standard methods. The bells, recently restored, are now a good ring of eight with a 13½ cwt. tenor. St. Leonard's Church is now closed for public worship so the ringers had their service in the Church of St. Michael, a well-kept church with beautiful Norman architecture, but without a historical background.

The Rev. J. Fisher, Vicar of St. Peter's, Church, Norton, conducted the service. He deputised for the Vicar of St. Michael's, who was away on a pilgrimage with Sunday School scholars, and for his own ringers, who were on an annual outing. Mr. Fisher gave an excellent sermon, joined the ringers at tea and was the genial host in his own belfry.

A company of 58 sat down to tea and joined in the meeting before going to the lovely ring at Norton. Standard methods were brought round, and others attempted, when time brought to an end a good day's outing among good bells.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX

Five towers in Surrey were visited by Braintree ringers and their friends on June 21st. The morning was spent at Beddington and Ewell and after a substantial lunch at Leatherhead, ringing took place at Dorking.

A valuable 30 minutes was lost at Dorking through some of the party having difficulty in finding the coach. In consequence, ringing at Holy Trinity, Guildford, the best tower of the day, had to be curtailed. Ringing concluded on the light eight at Esher with Bob Major, Double Norwich, London and Bristol Surprise.

Everyone agreed that it had been a pleasant day and the Surrey scenery was enjoyed by all.

HELMINGHAM

In glorious weather on June 28th Helmingham ringers spent a pleasant day in Northants. An early start was made and ringing took place at St. Neots (8, tenor 30 cwt.), Raunds (8), Kettering (10), Burton Latimer (8), Finedon (8) and Higham Ferrers (8).

Lunch was taken at Kettering and tea at Finedon, where a discussion ensued as to the relative merits of Finedon and Higham Ferrers bells.

At the tea table Mr. A. E. Whiting presented Mr. Les Brett with a leather writing case in recognition of his services in organising these social outings.

Rumours went round the coach of a long week-end next time as plenty of stationery would now be available.

HURST, BERKSHIRE

A visit to Sussex was paid by ringers of Hurst, Berkshire, for their annual outing. At Henfield ringing ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Major. Lunch was enjoyed at Lewis and then followed ringing at St. John's, Southover (with memories of the late J. S. Goldsmith), Rotherfield and East Grinstead. After tea, ringing took place at Crawley and the wooden tower of Horley, whose bells were a handful to strike and whose tower swayed gracefully as its bells were rung. Many thanks to the Sussex ringers who met the party and helped to make the day so enjoyable.

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BIRTH

HOLLINGWORTH.—On June 18th, 1952, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Hammersmith, to Doreen and Nevil Hollingworth—a daughter, Lesley. 1036

DEATH

SLADE.—On June 30th, 1952, at his home, 162, Oxford Road, Calne, Wilts, Joseph Slade, formerly of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, aged 78 years. 1030

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. JAMES BENNETT, of Beckenham, Kent, is now Hillcrest, Ipswich Road, Grundisburgh, near Woodbridge, Suffolk. 1035

HANDBELLS WANTED

Wanted, set of 12 handbells for boys' organisation.—L. C. Edwards, 7, Hangleton Gardens, Hove 4, Sussex. 1033

HOLIDAY RINGING

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON, ST. MICHAEL'S BY THE SEA.—Ringing every Sunday evening during the summer at 8.20 p.m. for the 9 p.m. special holiday-makers' service. Visitors very welcome. 998

PUBLICATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

BECKENHAM, KENT.—The bells are to undergo repairs by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Monday, July 7th, was the last practice until further notice. Sunday ringing may be possible once or twice more before the work commences, but intending visitors should enquire.—P. A. Corby, 83, Hurstbourne Road, Forest Hill, S.E.23 (FOR. 3683). 1037

ALDERSHOT.—There will be no ringing practices at Aldershot, Hants, on July 18th or July 25th, 1952. 1041

EXTRA COPIES.—It is an advantage if those requiring extra copies will send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter peals is submitted.

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

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

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fletching (8), July 12th. Tea at The Griffin.—C. A. Bassett. 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

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Combined practice at Cranleigh on Saturday, July 12th, commencing 6 p.m. This arrangement is in place of meeting that was to be held on this date.—R. Kenward, Hon. Sec. 1029

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.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Sefton, July 12th, 3 p.m. —J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 1053

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, July 12th, All Hallows', Twickenham (10) 3–5 p.m. St. Mary's, Twickenham, from 2–3.30 p.m. 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

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering District.—Weldon, July 12th. Bells (6) 3. Deene bells (6) 2.30–3.30 and later if required. Tea arranged.—G. E. Watson, 9, Cranford Road, Burton Latimer, Kettering. 1043

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

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, July 12th, at Wrockwardine (6).—G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec. 1054

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Clare District.—Meeting, Kedington (6), July 12th, 3 p.m.—L. D. Mills. 994

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Wookey, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3. Service 4 p.m. Notify tea by Tuesday, 15th. — W. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 1039

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Leighton Buzzard (10), on Saturday, July 19th, 3 p.m. Cafes available for tea.—Dennis Knox, Dis. Sec. 1046

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Northallerton on Saturday, July 19th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 1032

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Salford Priors, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m.– 9 p.m. Business 6 p.m. in church. Own tea arrangements (cafes in Bidford). Private bus leaves Pool Meadow, Coventry, 2.30, returns from Salford 8.30. Book seat with J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. Phone Coventry 64781 (office hours). — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 1047

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Calverleigh, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 1042

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

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Brightling not available. Meeting, Salehurst (8), July 19th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 16th to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 1031

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A combined practice, Leighton, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 1056

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Saturday, July 19th, Rushden 2.30. Sandon 3.45. Tea 5 p.m. Wallington 6 p.m. Special method, St. Nicholas.—E. Buck, District Sec. 1024

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. 1008

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Churchtown on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—J. H. Foster. 1051

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Whitefield on Saturday, July 19th. Bells free at 4 p.m. Snack bar nearby.—J. Porter. 1052

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Peckleton, July 19th. Bells (6) 3. Tea in Church Room 5. Please notify by July 16th Mr. E. Hall, Main Street, Peckleton, Leicester. 1044

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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Summer meeting, Goring, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) from 3 and after meeting. Service 4.30. Streatley bells (6) also available from 2.30 p.m. and in evening. Names for tea to L. G. Haines, Whyteleafe, Elvendon Road, Goring, near Reading.—A. Diserens, Branch Sec. 1026

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wilby on Saturday, July 19th. Names for tea to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough. 1027

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

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. — Meeting at Broadwindsor, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, by 15th.—C. H. Lathey, Malmaison, Bradpole, Bridport. 1028

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 ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—Meeting at Hawley, near Camberley, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Also invitation to all ringers of the Farnham District to join us. Notice for tea by 16th to Rev. Davis, Hawley Vicarage, Blackwater, Camberley. — R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec. 1049

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. —Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted (8), Saturday, July 19th, 3 p.m. Tea only for those who notify by July 16th to Mr. E. Eade, Beacon View, Buxted. 1038

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch—Meeting at Rock, Saturday, July 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. and tea. No business. Coach, Bell Hotel, Bell Street, Stourbridge, 2 p.m. Come and have a good time. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1050

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. Division.—Meeting at Hatching (6) on Saturday, July 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, July 23rd, to G. Blake, District Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland. 1025

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Bottesford on July 26th. Bells 2.45 to 4 and 6 to 8. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30 at Rutland Hotel for the first 50 names sent by July 19th to W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 1040

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—Meeting at Chelsfield (6), Saturday, July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Monday, July 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 1034

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. — Meeting, Burton-Stather (8), July 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by July 23rd to P. Barnes, Britannic, Tee Lane, Burton-Stather, Scunthorpe. 1048

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath, July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 1055

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern and North-Western Districts. — Joint meeting at Lingfield, July 26th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 23rd to J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshott, Oxted.—C. J. Champion, R. Lathbury, District Secs. 1045

GORING-BY-THE-SEA

From the Sussex coast to Gloucester was the ambitious programme of Goring-by-the-Sea ringers and friends from Heene and West Tarring for their outing on June 21st.

Punctually at 7 a.m. the party left Durrington for Hindhead as the first stop, when coffee and biscuits were in readiness. (We arrived here a quarter of an hour in front of schedule !) The first tower to be visited was Kintbury where good use was made of the bells, much to the delight of the locals, who agreed it was nice to hear their bells again.

Lunch was taken at Cirencester and the party afterwards left for Gloucester, where a tour of the Cathedral was enjoyed, the bells not being available that day. Newbury was the next call for tea. After Newbury the homeward journey was begun, with Goring-on-Thames as the next stop. Here a delightful stay of three quarters of an hour's ringing was thoroughly enjoyed.

A short break in the journey was made at Worplesdon for refreshment and Goring-by-Sea was reached at 11.40, everybody expressing their thanks to Mr. S. F. Haffenden for a very enjoyable and pleasant day's outing of nearly 300 miles.

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